XMM-Newton reveals extreme winds in ultraluminous X-ray sources

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Image credit: ESA – C. Carreau

NGC 6946 - Fireworks Galaxy (optical)

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NGC 6946 - Fireworks Galaxy (X-rays)

Off-nuclear point sources with $L_x \ge 10^{39}$ erg/s

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XMM-Newton/ESA

Ultraluminous X-ray source(s)

Accretion onto a compact object

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Above the Eddington limit for a standard 10M_o black hole



Mysterious compact objects

1) Up to ~ a few 10⁴⁰ erg/s : stellar-mass BH Radio jets, variability, and binary perdiods (Middleton+2011, Motch+2014, Cseh+2015)

At least one is a neutron star (Bachetti+14) $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ supercritical accretion (Poutanen+07) powerful winds?



2) Above 10^{41} erg/s : intermediate-mass BH (~ 10^{3-4} M_{\odot}) ? (e.g. Colbert & Mushotzky 1999, Pasham+2014, HLX X-1)

Limitations:

Difficult to detect the <u>counter part</u> (Heida+15)

The absence of X-ray spectral lines

Suspicious features in CCD spectra



1 keV emission / 0.1c absorber

No reflection, no diffuse emission, possibly L.O.S (Chandra as well, e.g. Sutton+2015)



RGS "magic"

NGC 1313 X-1 NGC 5408 X-1

- Longest (350 ks and 650ks) XMM exposures
- Bright, nearby, ULX "prototypes"
- Luminous soft states

NGC 1313 X-1: RGS spectral residuals



NGC 1313 X-1: physical model



SPEX fitting package

NGC 1313 X-1: physical model



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NGC 1313 X-1: spectral variability



Wind is changing \rightarrow L.O.S / precession ?

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Ultra-Fast Outflows in ULXs !



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Ultra-fast outflows imply *super-crictical* accretion ! (e.g. Poutanen+2007, King+2015)

Emission lines from slow-moving gasa) colliding wind (Cooke+78/Oskinova+05)b) photoionization of distant gas

Magic current & Next decade

• RGS confirms, amplifies, and resolves EPIC feature:

rest-frame emission + relativistic blueshifted absorption

- Consistent with super-Eddington accretion
- Variability suggests L.O.S origin
- \rightarrow Extend to more 10++ ULXs:

ULXs are various, Brand new science, missing "Rosetta Stone"

- \rightarrow Simultaneous XMM (soft) Chandra (hard) observations
- → Investigate Feedback

Thank you XMM-Newton, Thank you all community