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TITLE OF THE TALK

Exploring the Changing-Look AGNs

ABSTRACT

Changing-look (CL) AGNs are the new subset of AGNs that challenges the current understanding of the unification model of AGNs. The optical CLAGNs or changing-state (CS) AGNs switch between type-1 and type-2 AGNs with the appearance/disappearance of the broad emission lines. Although the exact reason is debated, various models are proposed to explain the CS event. Diskinstability, tidal disruption event, changes in accretion rate, obscuration are thought to be the reason for CS events. Moreover, a different kind of changing-look event or changing-obscuration (CO) event is observed in the X-ray wavebands, when the line of sight hydrogen column density (NH) changes from the Compton-thin to Compton-thick state, or vice-versa. Obscuration in the line-of-sight is believed to be the cause for the CO-event. Here, we will discuss the changing-look phenomena (CL and CO events) and explore the possible reason.

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