Chandra detection of a parsec scale wind in the Broad Line Radio Galaxy 3C 382

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ABSTRACT

We present unambiguous evidence for a parsec scale wind in the Broad-Line Radio Galaxy (BLRG) 3C 382, the first radio-loud AGN whereby an outflow has been measured with X-ray grating spectroscopy. A 118 ks Chandra grating (HETG) observation of 3C 382 has revealed the presence of several high ionization absorption lines in the soft X-ray band, from Fe, Ne, Mg and Si. The absorption lines are blue-shifted with respect to the systemic velocity of 3C 382 by $-840 \pm 60$ km s$^{-1}$ and are resolved by Chandra with a velocity width of $\sigma = 340 \pm 70$ km s$^{-1}$. The outflow appears to originate from a single zone of gas of column density $N_H = 1.3 \times 10^{21}$ cm$^{-2}$ and ionization parameter $\log(\xi/\text{erg cm s}^{-1}) = 2.45$. From the above measurements we calculate that the outflow is observed on parsec scales, within the likely range from $10 - 1000$ pc, i.e., consistent with an origin in the Narrow Line Region. Finally we also discuss the possibility of a much faster ($0.1c$) outflow component, based on a blue-shifted iron K$\alpha$ emission line in the Suzaku observation of 3C 382, which could have an origin in an accretion disk wind.

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1. Introduction

At least 50% of radio-quiet AGN exhibit evidence for photoionized outflows in their X-ray spectra (Reynolds 1997; George et al. 1998; Crenshaw et al. 2003; Porquet et al. 2004; Blustin et al. 2005; McKernan et al. 2007). The signatures of these winds consist of absorption and emission features at soft (0.4–2 keV) and hard (6–8 keV) X-ray energies, coincident with ionized O, N, Ne, Mg, Si and Fe lines blueshifted in the observer’s rest-frame. The inferred velocities of the winds are typically in the range \(100 - 1000\, \text{km}\, \text{s}^{-1}\), but can be as high as \(\sim 0.1c\) in some sources (Chartas et al. 2002, 2003; Pounds et al. 2003; Reeves et al. 2003, 2008). It is also possible that the energy budget of the outflows of some AGN can approach a significant fraction of the bolometric or even Eddington luminosity (King & Pounds 2003).

In stark contrast, the X-ray evidence for nuclear outflows is very scarce in Broad-Line Radio Galaxies (BLRGs) and in radio-loud AGN generally. Previously, the quasar 4C +74.26 showed weak absorption features at \(\sim 1\, \text{keV}\) with ASCA (Ballantyne 2005), while two radio galaxies, 3C 445 and 3C 33 (Sambruna et al. 2007; Evans et al. 2006) also exhibit soft X-ray emission lines below 2 keV, which could originate from spatially extended material (in 3C 33; Torresi et al. (2009a)). Disk winds are also expected in radio-loud AGN as ingredients for jet formation (Blandford & Payne 1982).

In this Letter we present direct evidence for outflowing gas from the nucleus of the nearby \((z = 0.05787)\), bright BLRG 3C 382. A re-analysis of our 118 ks Chandra HETG (High Energy Transmission Grating) observations (Gliozzi et al. 2007) revealed several blue-shifted absorption lines between 0.7 – 2.0 keV which suggest the presence of a large-scale \((10 - 1000\, \text{pc})\) outflow in this source with a velocity of \(800\, \text{km}\, \text{s}^{-1}\). Moreover, our 100 ks Suzaku spectrum of 3C 382 shows possible evidence for a blue-shifted Fe K emission line at 7.5 keV (object rest-frame), implying nuclear gas outflowing with velocities up to \(0.1c\).

The organization of this Letter is as follows. In § 2 we describe the Chandra and Suzaku data reduction and analysis; in § 3 the results of the spectral analysis; Discussion and Conclusions follow in § 4. Throughout this paper, a concordance cosmology with \(H_0 = 71\, \text{km\, s}^{-1}\, \text{Mpc}^{-1}\), \(\Omega_L = 0.73\), and \(\Omega_m = 0.27\) (Spergel et al. 2003) is adopted. Errors are quoted to 90% confidence for 1 parameter of interest (i.e. \(\Delta \chi^2\) or \(\Delta C = 2.71\)).
2. The Data

2.1. The Chandra HETG

Chandra observed 3C 382 with the HETG for a net exposure of 118 ks between 27–30 November 2005. The ±1 order spectra were summed for the MEG (Medium Energy Grating) and HEG (High Energy Grating) respectively, along with their response files. The summed first order count rates for the MEG and HEG are 0.867 counts s$^{-1}$ and 0.379 counts s$^{-1}$ respectively, while the MEG data were fitted between 0.5–7.0 keV and the HEG from 1.0–9.0 keV.

2.2. The Suzaku XIS

Suzaku observed 3C 382 between 27 and 30 April 2007, with a total net exposure with the X-ray Imaging Spectrometer (XIS, Koyama et al. (2007)) of 116 ks. The observation was taken in the XIS nominal pointing position. The revision 2 pipeline data were used with standard screening, while source spectra were accumulated from a 2.9′ radius circle centered on the AGN, with a background spectrum taken from a region offset from the source. The front illuminated XIS 0 and XIS 3 were found to be consistent within 5% cross-normalization uncertainties and were subsequently combined, along with the response files, to maximize the signal to noise ratio. The total count rate of the co-added XIS 0+3 (hereafter XIS FI) spectrum is 5.10 counts s$^{-1}$. The spectrum was re-binned to 28.8 eV per energy channel. Data from the back illuminated XIS 1 were not considered here, as the spectra have lower signal in the Fe K band, but it was found to be consistent with the XIS FI. An analysis of the data taken from the Suzaku HXD (Hard X-ray Detector, Takahashi et al. (2007)) will be presented in a subsequent paper (Sambruna et al. 2009, in preparation).

3. Results

3.1. The warm absorber

The Chandra HETG data were first analyzed by Gliozzi et al. (2007), who focused on the continuum and its variability. Our results are in agreement with theirs. Specifically, the MEG and HEG data were fitted by an absorbed power law with photon index $\Gamma = 1.66 \pm 0.01$ plus a blackbody with $kT = 92 \pm 6$ eV to parameterize the soft excess below 1 keV (Gliozzi et al. 2007), absorbed by a Galactic line of sight column of $N_{H,\text{Gal}} = 7.0 \times 10^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$ (Dickey & Lockman 1990). Figure 1 shows the broad-band HETG spectrum fitted with an absorbed power-law only, to illustrate that a soft excess is clearly present below 1 keV. The 0.5-9 keV
band flux is $6.4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Even upon adding a blackbody to parameterize the soft excess, the fit is still formally unacceptable ($\chi^2/\text{dof} = 632/477$, null probability $2.4 \times 10^{-6}$) as there are clear residuals around 1 keV that indicate the presence of a warm absorber.

To analyse the warm absorber in detail, the HEG and MEG spectra were binned more finely to sample the resolution of the detector, at approximately HWHM the spectral resolution (e.g. $\Delta \lambda = 0.01 \text{Å}$ bins for the MEG). For the fits, the C-statistic was used (Cash 1979), as there are fewer than 20 counts per resolution bin. The absorption lines were modelled with Gaussians and the continuum model was adopted from above. Table 1 lists the detected lines with their observed and inferred properties, and their significance as per the C-statistic. Figure 2 shows the portions of the HETG spectrum containing the strongest lines, with the model overlaid.

The seven absorption lines in Table 1 and Figure 2 are all detected at high confidence (corresponding to $\Delta C > 18$, or $> 99.9\%$ confidence for 2 parameters of interest). The lines likely arise from the $1s-2p$ transitions of Ne IX, Ne X, Si XIII, and Si XIV and the $2p-3d$ lines of Fe XIX-XXI. The two statistically weaker $1s-2p$ lines of Mg XI and Mg XII may also be present, which have outflow velocities consistent with the other lines.

Initially we assume that the lines have the same velocity width within the errors. The velocity width of the absorption lines is then $\sigma = 340 \pm 70 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (or $780 \pm 160 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ FWHM) and the lines are clearly resolved. Even at 99% confidence ($\Delta C = 9.2$ for 2 parameters), the velocity width is constrained to $\sigma = 340 \pm 140 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Upon allowing the velocity width of the individual lines to vary, then they are constrained to lie within the range $\sigma = 250 - 500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ as shown in Table 1. The mean outflow velocity is $-810 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The overall fit statistic is $C = 3804$ for 3811 bins.

We used the photoionization code xSTAR (Kallman et al. 2004) to derive the parameters of the absorber, assuming the baseline continuum described above, including the soft excess. Solar abundances are assumed throughout (Grevesse & Sauval 1998). An important input parameter is the turbulent velocity, which can effect the absorption line equivalent widths and hence the derived column density. We experimented with two different values of the turbulent velocity chosen to represent two likely extremes: (i) a lowest value of $v_{\text{turb}} = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and (ii) $v_{\text{turb}} = 300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, the latter being consistent with the measured width of the absorption lines. The fitted continuum parameters are $\Gamma = 1.68 \pm 0.02$ and for the blackbody, $kT = 110 \pm 8 \text{ eV}$. For case (i), then $N_H = (3.2 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, the ionization parameter is $\log \xi = 2.45^{+0.13}_{-0.08}$ and the outflow velocity is $v_{\text{out}} = -810^{+60}_{-55} \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The fit statistic is $C/\text{bins} = 3795/3811$. For case (ii), then $N_H = (1.30 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, $\log \xi = 2.45^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$.

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1The units of $\xi$ are $\text{ erg cm s}^{-1}$. 

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and the outflow velocity $v_{\text{out}} = -840^{+60}_{-50}$ km s$^{-1}$. The fit statistic is $C/\text{bins} = 3783/3811$. If the warm absorber is not included in the model, then the fit statistic is substantially worse by $\Delta C = 220$ (compared to model (ii)). Only a single outflowing layer of gas is required to model the warm absorber.

The higher turbulence velocity model is statistically preferred and is consistent with the measured $340\text{ km s}^{-1}$ widths of the lines. Either model yields an outflow velocity of $-800\text{ km s}^{-1}$ within a statistical error of $<10\%$. Hereafter we adopt the parameters from model (ii), as the turbulent velocity is consistent with widths of the individual absorption lines.

However in neither model is the fitted column density of the absorber as high as the value of $N_{\text{H}} \sim 3 \times 10^{22}\text{ cm}^{-2}$ reported by Torresi et al. (2009b) from an analysis of a short 34.5 ks XMM-Newton/RGS observation of 3C 382 on April 28, 2008. If the column density of the warm absorber is fixed to the value of $N_{\text{H}} = 3 \times 10^{22}\text{ cm}^{-2}$ in the HETG spectrum, then the fit statistic is considerably worse ($C/\text{bins} = 8390/3811$).

As a consistency check, we analyzed the archival RGS data of 3C 382 with model (ii) and the same continuum form as above. We found that the column density and ionization parameter were degenerate with each other, given the short exposure of the RGS spectrum. Thus for the RGS, $N_{\text{H}} = 1.4^{+1.4}_{-1.3} \times 10^{22}\text{ cm}^{-2}$, $\log \xi = 3.4 \pm 1.0$ and the outflow velocity $v_{\text{out}} = -1200^{+300}_{-500}\text{ km s}^{-1}$. The fit statistic improves only by $\Delta C = 25$ to $C/\text{bins} = 826/820$ upon adding the absorber. Thus within the larger errors, the parameters are consistent with those obtained from the HETG. The individual lines detected in the Chandra HETG observation were also compared to the absorption lines claimed by Torresi et al. (2009b) on the basis of the RGS data. With the higher statistics of the HETG compared to the RGS, we only confirm the detection of one line reported by Torresi et al. (2009b), the Fe xx line at a rest–frame energy of 1025 eV.

### 3.2. The Blue-shifted Iron K line

The Suzaku XIS FI data of 3C 382 were examined to measure any emission or absorption in the iron K band. The continuum model from the HETG analysis was adopted, while the warm absorber described above was also included in the analysis. A Compton reflection continuum produced via scattering off neutral matter also was included, using the PEXRAV

\[\text{The line reported at 1.356 keV by Torresi et al. (2009b) may also be associated with the 1s – 2p line of Mg xii, as noted in Table 1.}\]
model (Magdziarz & Zdziarski 1995), with a fixed reflection fraction of $R = 0.5^3$ for an inclination of $\cos \theta = 0.87$ and an exponential cut-off of 200 keV. The reflection parameters were determined from an analysis of the Suzaku XIS, HXD and Swift BAT broad-band spectrum from 0.6–100 keV, the details of which will be presented in a subsequent paper (Sambruna et al. 2009, in preparation). The continuum flux measured by the Suzaku XIS was at a similar level to the Chandra observation, of $6.5 \times 10^{-11}$ erg cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$ over the 0.6–10 keV band. The power-law photon index was a little steeper than in the Chandra observation, with $\Gamma = 1.85 \pm 0.01$, while for the blackbody component, $kT = 84 \pm 9$ eV.

While the above model provides an adequate description of the continuum in the XIS band from 0.6–10 keV, clear residuals are observed near 6.0 keV and 7.1 keV, as shown in Figure 3, while the fit statistic is unacceptable ($\chi^2$/dof = 490/306, null probability of $1.2 \times 10^{-10}$). These residuals correspond to 6.4 keV and 7.5 keV in the rest frame of 3C 382. The 6.4 keV line is at a rest-frame energy of 6.41 ± 0.01 keV and has an equivalent width of 48 ± 10 eV, while the line is resolved with a width of $\sigma = 98 \pm 30$ eV (corresponding to a FWHM of 10500 km s$^{-1}$). The weaker 7.5 keV line has a rest frame energy 7.51 ± 0.02 keV, blueshifted with respect to the iron K$\alpha$ band, with an equivalent width of 20 ± 7 eV and is unresolved ($\sigma < 0.1$ keV).

The fit statistic was significantly improved upon the addition of the two emission lines ($\chi^2$/dof = 355/301, null probability of $1.7 \times 10^{-2}$). However the improvement in $\chi^2$ was smaller ($\Delta \chi^2 = 21$) upon adding the weaker 7.5 keV emission line. We therefore tested its statistical significance by performing 1000 Monte Carlo simulations under the null hypothesis of there being no blue-shifted line, with initial input continuum parameters as above. The method used is identical to that described in Markowitz et al. (2006) or Reeves et al. (2009) and we conduct a blind trial allowing for line emission at any arbitrary energy over the energy range 4–9 keV. Only 1 out of 1000 trial spectra show a $\Delta \chi^2$ as high as $\Delta \chi^2 = 21$ hence the 7.5 keV emission is detected with a null probability of $1 \times 10^{-3}$.

The 6.4 keV line arises from near-neutral iron K$\alpha$ emission (i.e. Fe < XVII), with a velocity width of $\sim 10000$ km s$^{-1}$, implying an origin much closer than the warm absorbing gas (see below) of order 1000 gravitational radii. This is consistent with the outer accretion disk or Broad Line Region (BLR), noting that the H$\alpha$ FWHM for 3C 382 is 11800 km s$^{-1}$ (Eracleous & Halpern 1994).

The origin of the 7.5 keV line, if real statistically speaking, is less clear. The closest likely atomic transition would be from neutral Ni K$\alpha$ at 7.45 keV, however given the expected Solar

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$^3$The reflection fraction $R$ is defined as $R = \Omega/2\pi$, where $\Omega$ is the solid angle subtended by the Compton-thick matter to the X-ray source. Thus $R = 1$ for a plane parallel slab.
abundance ratio of Fe/Ni of 25–30, it is unlikely that Ni Kα would contribute significantly. A more likely identification would be with Fe xxi or Fe xxi 1s – 2p at 6.70 keV and 6.97 keV respectively, although either case would require a blueshift of 0.08 – 0.12c.

4. Discussion and Conclusions

The Chandra HETG spectra have revealed an ionized outflow in the BLRG 3C 382. The outflow parameters are well determined, with $N_H = (1.30 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{21} \text{cm}^{-2}$, log $\xi = 2.45^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$ and $v_{\text{out}} = -840^{+60}_{-50} \text{km s}^{-1}$, while the absorption line widths are resolved with $\sigma = 340 \pm 70 \text{km s}^{-1}$.

To characterize the outflow, we define the (unabsorbed) ionizing luminosity $L_{\text{ion}}$, which in xstar is defined from 1 – 1000 Rydberg. This depends on the continuum model fitted to the data and it is important to take into account the soft excess. Using the best fit powerlaw plus blackbody continuum, then $L_{\text{ion}} = 1.2 \times 10^{45} \text{erg s}^{-1}$. We note that if a different continuum form is used to parameterize the soft excess, e.g. a broken power-law, then the ionizing luminosity can be a factor of ~ 2 higher; keeping this caveat in mind we adopt the more conservative lower luminosity value of $1.2 \times 10^{45} \text{erg s}^{-1}$.

4.1. The Location of the Absorber

The upper-bound to the wind radius ($R_{\text{out}}$) is determined by geometrical constraints, i.e. if the thickness of the absorber $\Delta R/R \ll 1$ (valid for a thin shell) and as $N_H = n\Delta R$, where $n$ is the electron number density. As the ionization parameter of the absorber is defined as $\xi = L_{\text{ion}}/nR^2$, then by substitution $R_{\text{out}} \ll L_{\text{ion}}/N_H\xi = 3.3 \times 10^{21} \text{cm}$ (or $\ll 1 \text{kpc}$). The lower bound is formed by the escape velocity, i.e. for the gas to escape the system as an outflow then $R_{\text{esc}} > c^2/v^2R_a$, where $R_a = 2GM/c^2$ is the black hole Schwarzschild radius and $v = 800 \text{km s}^{-1}$. If for 3C 382, $M = 1 \times 10^9 \text{M}_\odot$ (with a 40% uncertainty, see Marchesini et al. (2004)), then $R_{\text{esc}} > 1.4 \times 10^5 R_a > 4.2 \times 10^{19} \text{cm} > 13\text{pc}$. In other words the location of the soft X-ray outflow is likely bounded between 10 pc and 1 kpc.

Furthermore the outflow velocity and absorption line FWHM of $\sim 800 \text{km s}^{-1}$ is similar to the width of the narrow optical forbidden lines of [O iii], [O i] and [Si ii], which for 3C 382 lie in the range $400 – 600 \text{km s}^{-1}$, as measured from the spectra of Eracleous & Halpern (1994). Thus the origin of the X-ray absorption appears consistent with the optical Narrow.
Line Region (NLR). The coincidence between the soft X-ray absorbing gas and extended \[\text{[O III]}\] emission has also been noted in the radio-quiet quasar, MR2251-178 (Kaspi et al. 2004).

The density of the outflow is then \(n = L_{\text{ion}}/\xi R^2\). For the parameters above, then \(n = 0.4 - 2400\, \text{cm}^{-3}\). While loosely constrained, this is consistent with typical expected NLR densities of \(\sim 10^3\, \text{cm}^{-3}\) in AGN (Koski 1978). Note the absorber thickness is then in the range \(\Delta R/R = 0.01 - 1\). The mass outflow rate for a uniform spherical flow is \(\dot{M}_{\text{out}} = 4\pi nR^2m_p v_{\text{out}}\), where \(nR^2 = L_{\text{ion}}/\xi\) and \(m_p\) is the proton mass. Hence for the measured warm absorber parameters for 3C382, \(\dot{M}_{\text{out}} = 7.2 \times 10^{27}\, \text{g s}^{-1}\) or \(\dot{M}_{\text{out}} = 100\, \text{M}_\odot\, \text{yr}^{-1}\). However this value may be considerably smaller if the gas covers \(< 4\pi\) steradians solid angle or if it is clumped.

Interestingly the mass outflow rate may be close to that measured in the high luminosity radio-quiet quasar PDS 456 (Reeves et al. 2009) which has a similar \(10^9\, \text{M}_\odot\) black hole mass, except in PDS 456 the outflow velocity is closer to \(v = 0.2c\). One possibility is that high velocity gas, launched from the innermost accretion disk is decelerated once it reaches pc to kpc scales. Intriguingly the putative blue-shifted Fe K emission detected in Suzaku could be evidence of a much faster \(0.1c\) outflow in 3C382, observed on the scale of the accretion disk (i.e. \(R_{\text{esc}} \sim 100R_g\)) Alternatively if very highly ionized outflowing gas exists, in order to produce blue-shifted Fe XXV or Fe XXVI emission in the Suzaku iron K band spectrum, then this gas may play a crucial role in collimating the jet (Königl & Kartje 1994).

The kinetic power of the outflow (for \(v_{\text{out}} = -800\, \text{km s}^{-1}\)) is then \(\dot{E} = 1/2\dot{M}_{\text{out}}v_{\text{out}}^2 < 2 \times 10^{43}\, \text{erg s}^{-1}\), which energetically is a fairly insignificant 2% of the ionizing luminosity and is unlikely to contribute significantly towards AGN feedback (King 2003). However this may not be the case if there is indeed a \(0.1c\) (disk–scale) wind closer in, as perhaps is suggested by the blueshifted iron K emission in the Suzaku data.

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Fig. 1.— Chandra HETG MEG (black) and HEG (red) spectra of 3C 382, binned coarsely at four times the resolution of the gratings, in order to show the broad-band continuum spectrum. The data is plotted as a ratio against an absorbed power-law, of photon index $\Gamma = 1.66$. A clear excess of counts is present in the soft X-ray band below 1 keV, while significant residuals below unity are also present between 0.7–1.0 keV, indicating that a warm absorber is present.
Fig. 2.— Fluxed HETG spectra showing the comparison between the data binned at HWHM resolution and the best-fit absorption line model (solid line) described in the text. Several absorption lines are present in the HETG spectrum, as labelled in the above figure and listed in Table 1.
Fig. 3.— The Suzaku XIS FI spectrum plotted as a ratio to the best-fit continuum model described in the text, shown over the iron K band. A clear excess of emission is present at 6.05 keV and 7.10 keV (observed frame), indicating emission lines at 6.40 keV and 7.50 keV in the rest-frame of 3C 382. The 6.4 keV line is the neutral emission from iron Kα, while the weaker 7.5 keV line might originate from Fe XXV or Fe XXVI, blueshifted by 0.08 — 0.12c.
Table 1. Summary of HETG absorption line parameters.

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aObserved energy of absorption line in eV.

bEnergy of absorption line in rest-frame of 3C 382, in units eV.

cLine identification and lab frame energy in eV in parenthesis. Atomic data are from http://physics.nist.gov

dEquivalent width, units eV.

eOutflow velocity of absorption line, in units km s\(^{-1}\).

f1σ velocity width of absorption line, in units km s\(^{-1}\).

gImprovement in C-statistic, upon adding line to model.

hParameter is fixed in the model.