THE STRUCTURE OF THE X-RAY AND OPTICAL EMITTING REGIONS OF THE LENSED QUASAR Q 2237+0305

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ABSTRACT

We use gravitational microlensing to determine the size of the X-ray and optical emission regions of the quadruple lens system Q 2237+0305. The optical half-light radius, $\log(R_{1/2,V}/cm) = 16.41 \pm 0.18$ (at $\lambda_{rest} = 2018$ Å), is significantly larger than the observed soft, $\log(R_{1/2,soft}/cm) = 15.76^{+0.41}_{-0.34}$ (1.1–3.5 keV in the rest frame), and hard, $\log(R_{1/2,hard}/cm) = 15.46^{+0.34}_{-0.29}$ (3.5–21.5 keV in the rest frame), band X-ray emission. There is weak evidence that the hard component is more compact than the soft, with $\log(R_{1/2,soft}/R_{1/2,hard}) \simeq 0.30^{+0.53}_{-0.45}$. This wavelengthdependent structure agrees with recent results found in other lens systems using microlensing techniques, and favors geometries in which the corona is concentrated near the inner edge of the accretion disk. While the available measurements are limited, the size of the X-ray emission region appears to be roughly proportional to the mass of the central black hole.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Active galactic nuclei (AGNs) play a crucial role in the evolution of the universe, but their internal structure remains poorly understood. The energy is generated by accretion onto a supermassive black hole (BH) through a disk, but the detailed structure of the disk (e.g., Blaes et al. 2004; Blaes 2007), the origin of the non-thermal emissions (Reynolds & Nowak 2003), and the source of any outflows (Elvis 2000) are all topics of debate. Although simple thin accretion disk models describe some of the observed behavior, they do not reproduce all the observed features (e.g., Blaes 2007 and references therein). Testing accretion disk models is challenging in large part because of our inability to resolve the emission regions. Reverberation mapping techniques (e.g., Peterson 1993) strongly constrain the structure of the distant emission line regions, but not the continuum emission regions beyond the limits already set by time variability (e.g., Kelly et al. 2009; Kozłowski et al. 2010; MacLeod et al. 2010 for modern models of optical variability). Fortunately, gravitationally lensed quasars provide us with a unique tool to zoom in on the structure of AGNs and explore their physics in more detail-a "telescope" that only becomes more powerful as the target source becomes smaller.

Microlensing magnification is caused by stars and white dwarfs in the lens galaxy close to the line of sight toward the lensed quasar images. It leads to uncorrelated flux variations due to the relative motions of the quasar, the lens, its stars, and the observer (see the review by Wambsganss 2006). The microlensing signal depends on the structural and dynamical properties of the source and the lens. Since the magnification depends upon the size of the source, the simplest application of quasar microlensing is to measure the size of quasar emission regions. In essence, the amplitude of the microlensing variability encodes the size of the emission region, with larger sources showing lower variability amplitudes. Given adequate light curves, this is now routine with studies of the scaling of size with BH mass (Morgan et al. 2010), wavelength (Anguita et al. 2008; Bate et al. 2008; Eigenbrod et al. 2008a; Poindexter et al. 2008; Floyd et al. 2009; Mosquera et al. 2009, 2011; Mediavilla et al. 2011; Blackburne et al. 2011b; Motta et al. 2012), and the nature of the emitting source (thermal or non-thermal X-ray emission; Pooley et al. 2007; Morgan et al. 2008, 2012; Chartas et al. 2009; Dai et al. 2010; Blackburne et al. 2011a, 2011b, J. A. Blackburne 2013, in preparation). Microlensing has also been used to explore the spatial structure of the broad-line region (BLR) of quasars (e.g., Lewis & Belle 1998; Abajas et al. 2002; Sluse et al. 2007, 2011; O'Dowd et al. 2011; Guerras et al. 2013), although the amplitudes of BLR lensing effects will be small due to its large size (see Mosquera & Kochanek 2011).

The largest microlensing variability amplitudes are observed in the X-rays, as emphasized by Chartas et al. (2002), Dai et al. (2003), and Pooley et al. (2007), indicating that this emission must arise close to the inner edge of the disk. Quantitative microlensing X-ray size estimates are now available for several systems (Dai et al. 2010; Morgan et al. 2012; Blackburne et al. 2011a, J. A. Blackburne 2013, in preparation), although the sparse data mean that the measurements are largely upper limits because the likelihood distributions for the lower limits are prior dependent.

The well-known quadruple lensed quasar Q 2237+0305 (Huchra et al. 1985) remains the best system for studying microlensing phenomena. In this system, a $z_s = 1.69$ background quasar is lensed by a nearby spiral galaxy at $z_L = 0.039$ to form four images of the quasar. The images lie in the bulge of the galaxy, where the optical depth for microlensing is high and there is little dark matter. Furthermore, the low lens redshift leads to unusually short microlensing variability timescales (~months). Microlensing fluctuations were first detected by Irwin et al. (1989) and have now been monitored for well over a decade, principally by the Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment (OGLE; Woźniak et al. 2000; Udalski et al. 2006). Moreover, due to the symmetry of the system, and the proximity



Figure 1. Optical (*V* band, filled squares) and X-ray (0.4–8.0 keV, open squares) microlensing light curves for Q 2237+0305. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

of the lens galaxy, the time delays between the images are negligible (<1 day; Dai et al. 2003; Vakulik et al. 2006; Koptelova et al. 2006), so no interpolation is needed to temporally align the light curves. Because of these characteristics, Q 2237+0305 has been the object of many studies, and monitored in different bands (e.g., Woźniak et al. 2000; Dai et al. 2003; Vakulik et al. 2006; Anguita et al. 2008; Eigenbrod et al. 2008a; Mosquera et al. 2009; O'Dowd et al. 2011). Our X-ray studies (Chen et al. 2011, 2012), some of which were independently analyzed by Zimmer et al. (2011), not only found evidence for microlensing variability but also for a dependence upon the X-ray continuum energy.

In this paper, we present a complete analysis of the OGLE and Chen et al. (2011, 2012) *Chandra X-ray Observatory* (*Chandra*) data to set constraints on the structure of the optical and X-rayemitting regions. We also compare our X-ray size estimates to those obtained for HE 0435–1223 (Blackburne et al. 2011a), QJ 0158–4325 (Morgan et al. 2012), RXJ 1131–1231 (Dai et al. 2010), and HE 1104–1805 (J. A. Blackburne et al. 2013, in preparation) to explore possible correlations of the X-ray sizes with BH mass. A summary of the observations, a description of the light curve fitting method, and a discussion of the main results is presented in Section 2. In Section 3 we summarize the results and their implications. Throughout this work we assume $\Omega_m = 0.3$, $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.7$, and $H_0 = 72$ km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹.

2. DATA ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

2.1. Observations

Q 2237+0305 was observed in X-rays with ACIS (Garmire et al. 2003) on *Chandra* (Weisskopf et al. 2002). Combined

with archival data, we have a total of 20 epochs between JD (245) 2251 and JD 5529 taken during Cycles 1, 2, 7, and 11. The full band was defined as 0.4–8.0 keV (in the observers' frame). These were then divided into soft (0.4–1.3 keV) and hard (1.3–8 keV) bands, where the division at 1.3 keV was chosen to balance the counts between the bands. A detailed description of the X-ray observations and data reduction techniques can be found in Chen et al. (2011, 2012).

The optical data consist of the *V*-band observations from OGLE. The light curve for our analysis goes from JD 2085 (2001 June) to JD 4602 (2008 May), and consists of 247 epochs. Details of the OGLE data reduction and photometric techniques can be found in Udalski et al. (2006). We include the estimates of additional systematic errors in the photometry of 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, and 0.05 mag for images A, B, C, and D, respectively, following Poindexter & Kochanek (2010a, 2010b). Figures 1 and 2 show the flux ratios for the B, C, and D images relative to A. In Figure 3 we have zoomed in 2006 (Cycle 7), where the X-rays show a significant variation over a short period of time, possibly due to a caustic crossing event.

2.2. Magnification Patterns and Light Curve Fitting

Early attempts to analyze microlensing light curves focused either on identifying and analyzing a single caustic crossing (e.g., Agol & Krolik 1999; Yonehara et al. 1998; Yonehara 2001; Shalyapin et al. 2002) or making some statistical test such as comparing light curve peak widths to simulated distributions (e.g., Webster et al. 1991; Wambsganss et al. 1990; Rauch & Blandford 1991; Jaroszynski et al. 1992). Because quasar microlensing is generally optically thick and sources are large there are no truly isolated caustics and statistical tests use only



Figure 2. Optical and X-ray microlensing light curves for Q 2237+0305. The filled squares represent the V band, and the open squares and triangles represent the soft (0.4–1.3 keV) and hard X-rays (1.3–8.0 keV), respectively.

a fraction of the information in the light curves and usually take no account of correlations. In our approach we simply fit the light curves.

We analyze the data using the Bayesian Monte Carlo method of Kochanek (2004) and its refinements in Poindexter & Kochanek (2010a) and Blackburne et al. (2011a). The basic idea is as follows. We build magnification patterns and convolve them with a source model to produce simulated light curves. We compare these light curves to the data using a χ^2 statistic and then use a Bayesian analysis to determine the parameters and their uncertainties. We make a sufficiently large number of trials to obtain a large number of solutions that fit the data well. When fitting multiple-wavelength data sets, we first fit the best sampled light curve (OGLE V band in our case), and use the same trials to sequentially fit the other bands (hard and soft X-rays here) assuming a new source size for each band. We next describe these steps in greater detail.

For the models of the optical data we generated magnification patterns for each image of 4096×4096 pixels, with an outer scale of $20 \times 20 R_E$, where for Q 2237+0305 the Einstein radius is $R_E = 1.8 \times 10^{17} \langle M/M_{\odot} \rangle^{1/2}$ cm. This gives a resolution of 0.005 R_E /pixel = $9.0 \times 10^{14} \langle M/M_{\odot} \rangle^{1/2}$ cm pixel⁻¹. For comparison, Morgan et al. (2010) estimated a single epoch C IV BH mass of $10^{8.95} M_{\odot}$ with some caveats about the quality of the spectrum, and Assef et al. (2011) estimated masses of $10^{9.1} M_{\odot}$ and $10^{9.4} M_{\odot}$ for H α and H β , respectively, so the gravitational radius of the BH is roughly $r_g = GM_{BH}/c^2 \approx$ $1.5 \times 10^{14} (M_{BH}/10^9 M_{\odot})$ cm, and in this paper we eventually find an optical disk scale length of $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{16}$ cm. We used the same surface density, κ , and shear, γ , values as were used by Poindexter & Kochanek (2010a), and fixed the mean microlensing mass to $\langle M \rangle = 0.3 M_{\odot}$, since this is roughly correct for older stellar populations, and any small variation in mass would only produce a constant shift $\propto \langle M \rangle^{1/2}$ in the marginalized distribution of the projected size. Since for this system the surface density is dominated by the stars rather than by dark matter, we assumed that all the surface mass density is in stars, with $\kappa_*/\kappa = 1$. In their earlier models of Q 2237+0305, varying these quantities Poindexter & Kochanek (2010a) found $\langle M \rangle \sim 0.3 M_{\odot}$, and Kochanek (2004) found $\kappa_*/\kappa \sim 1$, consistent with these expectations.

Since the configuration of the stars in the lens galaxy changes with time due to their random motions and the rotation of the galaxy, the magnification patterns evolve with time. We include this by assigning the stars random velocities with a onedimensional dispersion of 170 km s⁻¹, and galactic rotational velocities of 55 km s⁻¹ for images A and B, and of 20 km s⁻¹ for images C and D based on Trott et al. (2010). For each epoch, the magnification pattern is computed using the shifted stellar positions for that epoch relative to their initial random positions. In addition, due to the relative motions of the Earth, the lens, and the source, the quasar moves across the evolving patterns with an effective velocity calculated combining the heliocentric CMB dipole and Earth's orbital motion projected onto the lens plane, with random source and lens galaxy peculiar velocities estimated following Mosquera & Kochanek (2011).

Finally, the magnification pattern for each image and epoch is convolved with a simple thin disk model (Shakura & Sunyaev



Figure 3. Closer view of the *Chandra* light curves during Cycle 7. The OGLE *V*-band data overlapping this period of time are also shown for comparison. The filled squares represent the *V* band, and the open triangles and squares represent the hard and soft X-ray bands, respectively. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

1973) without an inner edge. We adopted a simple profile since microlensing is much more sensitive to the source size than to the shape of the brightness profile, and we ignored the inner edge because it is generally small compared to the measured (optical) disk sizes. This insensitivity to the profile shape has been demonstrated statistically (Mortonson et al. 2005; Congdon et al. 2007) and can be demonstrated analytically for the case of a simple caustic crossing (Mosquera et al. 2009). Only in an ideal case with an isolated caustic, very high signal to noise and dense temporal sampling is it possible to distinguish among different profiles (see Agol & Krolik 1999). The optical disk scale length, R_{λ} , is defined by the radius at which $k_B T_{\text{eff}}(r) = hc/\lambda$, where λ is the observed wavelength. The X-rays, however, are better characterized by the half-light radius, $R_{1/2} = 2.44R_{\lambda}$, and for simplicity we used the same brightness profile since there seems no reason to change it based on Mortonson et al. (2005) and Congdon et al. (2007). While microlensing can constrain disk structure, it is generally achieved by measurements of size as a function of wavelength (e.g., Morgan et al. 2012; J. A. Blackburne et al. 2013, in preparation) rather than distinguishing between detailed structures at fixed wavelength.

Since the OGLE V-band light curve is the best sampled, consisting of 247 epochs from JD 2085 to JD 4602, we fit it first. We traced 10^5 random trajectories for each source structure, parameterizing the source models by choosing from projected areas covering $\log_{10}(\text{area/cm}^2) = 29.4$ to 34.6 in steps of 0.2, at each of 10 inclinations, *i*, with cos *i* values going from 0.1 to 1.0 (face-on), and 18 disk major axis position angles from 0° to 170° in steps of 10° . To account for differential dust

extinction (e.g., Falco et al. 1999; Eigenbrod et al. 2008b; Agol et al. 2009), undetected substructure (e.g., Mao & Schneider 1998; Metcalf & Madau 2001; Kochanek & Dalal 2004; Vegetti et al. 2010), uncertainties in the macro models, and any other contamination from the lens or host galaxy, the time-constant relative magnifications of the images were allowed to vary with a Gaussian prior set to a 1.0 mag dispersion. This value was adopted to cover uncertainties in the macro model, any substructures (satellites) perturbing the magnification, and extinction in the lens galaxy (e.g., Agol et al. 2009). As shown by Poindexter & Kochanek (2010a), the effects of the prior on the magnification offset seem to be negligible for the determination of any other model parameters.

We saved all the parameters for trials with $\chi^2/N_{dof} \leq 5$. For each of these trial parameters we recompute the light curves for the next band, hard X-rays, but again varying the source size (reduced to a $\log_{10}(\text{area/cm}^2)$ range of 28.8 to 34.2), inclination angle, and relative magnification offsets. Since the X-ray emission is more compact, we doubled the resolution of the patterns to 8192×8192 pixels while maintaining the outer scale of $20R_E$, following the procedures developed by Blackburne et al. (2011a). This gives a pixel scale of $2.4 \times$ 10¹⁴ cm pixel⁻¹, which is small enough to resolve the average sizes found in the runs. We choose to fit the hard band next because its variability amplitude, especially during 2006, appears to be larger than observed in the soft band. This reduces the computational time by reducing the number of solutions found at this stage, and therefore the number of initial conditions for the next band. In later runs of this band sequence we can be less "liberal"



Figure 4. Probability distributions for the half-light radii of the V-band (solid), soft X-ray (dash-dotted), and hard X-ray (dashed) emission. The gray area corresponds to predicted values of r_g , where the lower and upper limits are for $M_{\rm BH} = 0.9 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$ (C IV; Morgan et al. 2010) and $M_{\rm BH} = 2.4 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$ (H β ; Assef et al. 2011), respectively.

in keeping solutions. We keep hard X-ray fits with $\chi^2/N_{dof} \leq 4$ and then fit the soft X-ray band saving results with $\chi^2/N_{dof} \leq 3$. Dropped solutions would contribute to our Bayesian probability integrals as $\exp[-(\chi^2 - \chi^2_{min})/2]$, so the dropped cases should be exponentially unimportant to the final results.

Once the initial set of trials has been "filtered" through the three bands, we use a Bayesian analysis to determine the parameters and their uncertainties. Figure 4 shows the probability distribution for the scale radii obtained with a logarithmic prior on the sizes. We found that the X-ray-emitting regions are significantly smaller than the optical, and found no significant difference between soft and hard bands, although the uncertainties are large. Between the different bands we found half-light radius ratios of $\log(R_{1/2,\text{soft}}/R_V) = -0.65^{+0.47}_{-0.55}$, $\log(R_{1/2,\text{hard}}/R_V) = -0.51^{+0.47}_{-0.57}$, and $\log(R_{1/2,\text{soft}}/R_{1/2,\text{hard}}) = -0.14^{+0.60}_{-0.72}$. We also ran a sequence considering only the OGLE V band and the full X-ray band, since the X-ray uncertainties are smaller when considering the complete energy range. We saved trials with full X-ray band fits with $\chi^2/N_{dof} \leq 5$ and found $\log(R_{X,\text{full}}/R_V) = -0.52^{+0.45}_{-0.54}$ (Figure 5). Thus the X-ray half-light radius is on scales of $\sim 10^{1.7\pm0.5} r_g$, while the optical half-light radius is on scales of $10^{2.2\pm0.2} r_g$ for $M_{\rm BH} = 10^{9.1} M_{\odot}$. We also examined the distributions of the projected area ratios between the different wavelengths to see if the structure of the X-ray-emitting region could be better defined (see Figure 6). These ratios have values of $\log(A_{X,\text{full}}/A_V) = -1.01^{+0.73}_{-0.86}$, $\log(A_{X,\text{soft}}/A_V) = -1.21^{+0.83}_{-1.07}$, $\log(A_{X,\text{hard}}/A_V) = -1.01^{+0.86}_{-1.12}$, and $\log(A_{X,\text{soft}}/A_{X,\text{hard}}) = -0.21^{+0.95}_{-0.91}$ that are consistent with the derived helf light radius ratios the derived half-light radius ratios.

Despite finding large numbers of good fits to the V-band data alone, when we included the X-ray data we had difficulty obtaining large numbers of trials that were good fits to the data.⁵



Figure 5. Probability distributions for the half-light radii of the V-band (solid) and full X-ray (dashed) emission. The gray area corresponds to predicted values of r_g , where the lower and upper limits are for $M_{\rm BH} = 0.9 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$ (CTV; Morgan et al. 2010) and $M_{\rm BH} = 2.4 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$ (H β ; Assef et al. 2011), respectively.

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Figure 6. Top panel: probability distributions for the logarithm of the halflight radius hard X-ray area to optical area ratio (solid), along with similar distributions for soft X-ray to optical (dashed) and hard to soft X-ray (dashdotted). Bottom panel: similar distribution for the full X-ray area to optical area ratio.

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Part of the problem is that it is probably exponentially harder to fit temporally longer light curves using the Monte Carlo approach (see Poindexter & Kochanek 2010a). But another problem could be that we do not have fully aligned optical and X-ray data because we have no extension of the OGLE light curves to the most recent X-ray epochs. We tested this hypothe-

⁵ Best $(\chi^2/N_{dof})_{hard} = 1.9$, and best $(\chi^2/N_{dof})_{soft} = 1.3$.



Figure 7. Probability distributions of the half-light radii for the V-band (solid), soft X-ray (dash-dotted), and hard X-ray (dashed) emission considering different sections of the X-ray light curves. The top panel shows the results corresponding to the analysis of the 2006 data, the middle panel to the sparse long-term X-ray data, and the bottom panel shows the combined results. As in Figure 4, the gray area corresponds to predicted values of r_g .

sis by fitting the hard band alone. The number of good solutions we found was again small, although no significant change in the size estimate was observed when compared to the multi-band run. This suggests that the problem lies in the length of the X-ray light curves. One of the effects of finding small numbers of solutions is that the size at the V band is slightly shifted to larger values than found when fitting only the V-band data, because solutions with higher χ^2 values dominate the weight after the multi-band run. Moreover, in the hard X-rays, many of the "good" solutions ignore the presence of the probable caustic crossing during 2006, whether only in the X-ray data or in the multi-band fits.

To examine these questions, we considered all the parameters from the V-band-only fits (the complete OGLE light curve), but then separately analyzed different portions of the X-ray light curves. In one sequence we only fit the caustic crossing event occurring during 2006 (from JD 3745 to JD 4115), and in a second sequence we fit the points that characterize the long timescale changes between the *Chandra* cycles (JD 1793 and 2251 in 2000-2001, JD 3745 in 2006, and all the points in 2010, JD 5197 to 5527). Although analyzing them separately is less powerful in a statistical sense, we will not lose either the information encoded in the caustic crossing, or in the variability observed from cycle to cycle. Moreover, higher quality solutions (i.e., with lower χ^2) will be obtained for each multi-band run because we have decoupled the "global" statistics on long timescales from the "local" statistics of a particular caustic crossing event. We otherwise followed the same analysis procedures.

The probability distributions for the scale radii for the independent sequences are shown in Figure 7. From the caustic crossing fitting results (2006 data; Figure 7, top panel) good constraints can be set on the hard X-ray-emitting region⁶ (log($R_{1/2,hard}/cm$) = 15.41^{+0.35}_{-0.27}), and as expected, due to it flatness, the soft band data do not provide any information about the size of the emission region in this energy range. The sparse long-term X-ray data (Figure 7, middle panel) constrains both the soft and hard X-ray-emitting regions,⁷ although the uncertainties are large (log($R_{1/2,hard}/cm$) = $15.75^{+0.45}_{-0.48}$ and log($R_{1/2,soft}/cm$) = $15.70^{+0.43}_{-0.35}$). We can combine these results to improve our measurements by multiplying the probability distributions of the independent sequences (Figure 7, bottom panel). For logarithmic size priors we find log($R_{1/2,hard}/cm$) = $15.46^{+0.34}_{-0.29}$, log($R_{1/2,soft}/cm$) = $15.76^{+0.41}_{-0.34}$, and log($R_{1/2,V}/cm$) = 16.41 ± 0.18 . These results are consistent with the analysis of the full light curves, but we view them as more reliable given that we found a considerably higher number of good solutions for each sequence.

3. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Motivated by the recent detection of energy-dependent microlensing by Chen et al. (2011, 2012) in Q 2237+0305, we analyzed the OGLE V-band and Chen et al. (2011, 2012) Chandra data to study the structure of the optical and X-ray-emitting regions of this lensed quasar. We found that X-ray emission regions are significantly smaller than the optical, and considering two energy bands in the X-rays we estimated the half-light radii to be $\log(R_{1/2,hard}/cm) = 15.46^{+0.34}_{-0.29}$, $\log(R_{X,\text{soft}}/\text{cm}) = 15.76^{+0.41}_{-0.34}$, and $\log(R_{1/2,V}/\text{cm}) = 16.41 \pm$ 0.18. These results also suggest a structure for the X-ray emission region in which the hard component comes from a more compact region, although the statistical significance of this result is low. Since the geometry and extension of the disk depend upon the physics that triggers the X-ray emission, generally attributed to inverse Compton scattering of soft UV photons from the accretion disk by hot electrons in a corona surrounding the disk (e.g., Reynolds & Nowak 2003), the smaller X-ray extent favors geometrical configurations like the light bending (Fabian et al. 2005) or aborted jet models (Ghisellini et al. 2004), and also agrees with the general relativistic MHD models of Hirose et al. (2004) and Machida & Matsumoto (2003), where the estimated sizes range from few r_g to $\sim 10 r_g$. The results are also consistent with the advection-dominated accretion calculations $(10-20 r_g)$ Manmoto et al. 1997), although these models favor significantly sub-Eddington accretion and would probably be most common for Type 2 quasars rather than a Type 1 quasar like Q 2237+0305. On the other hand, the "sandwich" model (Haardt & Maraschi 1991, 1993) and its "patchy" extensions (Haardt et al. 1994) are not favored because they predict much more extended X-ray emission regions. This is also true of "flare" models where magnetic reconnection events generate the X-ray emission on scales of $50-200 r_g$ (e.g., Collin et al. 2003; Czerny et al. 2004; Torricelli-Ciamponi et al. 2005; Trzesniewski et al. 2011). One difficulty in making these comparisons is that models of the X-rays emission generally focus on the emergent spectrum rather than exploring the spatial structures in detail, presumably because the spatial structures were not directly observable until the advent of microlensing. We encourage future models of the X-ray emission to explicitly consider microlensing constraints on the spatial extent of the emission.

We now have enough measurements to consider correlations between the X-ray size and $M_{\rm BH}$. Figure 8 shows all the

⁶ For the caustic crossing sequence the best $(\chi^2/N_{dof})_{hard} = 0.9$.

⁷ For the sparse long-term sequence the best $(\chi^2/N_{dof})_{soft} = 1.02$, and the best $(\chi^2/N_{dof})_{hard} = 1.3$.



Figure 8. Emission region half-light radii as a function of black hole mass $M_{\rm BH}$ based in part on results from Chartas et al. (2009), Dai et al. (2010), Morgan et al. (2010, 2012), Blackburne et al. (2011a), and J. A. Blackburne et al. (2013, in preparation). The filled squares represent optical sizes corrected to a rest wavelength of $\lambda = 2500$ Å assuming $R_{\lambda} \propto \lambda^{4/3}$ for comparison. The correction is only significant for RXJ1131. Open triangles and squares are for the hard and soft X-ray sizes, respectively. Small offsets between the soft and X-ray size estimates. The upper limits are indicated by arrows. The dashed line corresponds the Morgan et al. (2010) fit to the optical data.

available optical and X-ray sizes following Morgan et al. (2010). Here the optical results (filled squares) are from Morgan et al. (2006, 2010, 2012), Fohlmeister et al. (2008), Dai et al. (2010), Blackburne et al. (2011a), and J. A. Blackburne et al. (2013, in preparation), the X-ray results (open symbols) are from Dai et al. (2010), Morgan et al. (2012), Blackburne et al. (2011a), and J. A. Blackburne et al. (2013, in preparation), and the BH mass estimates are from Peng et al. (2006), Morgan et al. (2010), Greene et al. (2010), and Assef et al. (2011). Although X-ray size measurements exist for only a small number of systems, the first inspection suggests that the size of the X-ray emission region is roughly proportional to the mass of the central BH. Since the optical sizes appear to scale as the $R_{\rm optical} \propto M_{\rm BH}^{2/3}$ predicted by thin disk theory (Morgan et al. 2010), while the X-ray sizes appear to scale as $R_X \propto M_{\rm BH}$, the differences between microlensing at X-ray and optical should be largest at low mass (e.g., RXJ 1131-1231; Dai et al. 2010) and modest at high mass (e.g., Q 2237+0305). However, the prevalence of upper limits on the X-ray sizes, as well as the large error bars, does not allow us to set strong constraints on the correlation. Because the X-ray emission is so compact, robust lower limits on sizes depend on having better sampled X-ray light curves than are typical of the existing data, although we are addressing this problem in a new set of Chandra observations. With additional and better measurements, we can not only better constrain the correlation with $M_{\rm BH}$ but also examine whether the spatial structure of the corona is correlated with the X-ray spectral index, and explore the origin of the reflected X-ray components, particularly the Fe K α lines, as we started to explore in Chartas et al. (2012).

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