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Abstract

We study the obscuring structure of circumnuclear disks (CNDs) by considering supernova (SN) feedbacks from nuclear starburst and the effect of anisotropic radiative pressure from active galactic nuclei (AGNs). We suppose that the mass accretion onto a central supermassive black hole (SMBH) is triggered by SN-driven turbulence within CNDs, and we explore how the structures of CNDs depend on the BH mass (M_{BH}) and AGN luminosity (L_{AGN}) . We find that the obscuring fraction (f_{obs}) peaks at ~10% of the Eddington luminosity (L_{Edd}) , and its maximal value is $f_{obs} \sim 0.6$ for less massive SMBHs (e.g., $M_{BH} < 10^8 M_{\odot}$). This is because the scale height of CNDs is determined by the SN-driven accretion for a smaller L_{AGN} , while the dusty molecular gas in CNDs is blown away by the radiation pressure from AGNs beyond the critical luminosity. On the other hand, for massive SMBHs (e.g., $M_{\rm BH} > 10^8 M_{\odot}$), $f_{\rm obs}$ is always smaller than 0.2, and it is almost independent of $L_{\rm AGN}$ because the scale height of CNDs is mainly controlled by the maximal star formation efficiency ($C_{*,max}$) in CNDs. In comparison with the obscuring fractions suggested from the mid-infrared observations of nearby AGNs, the SN plus radiative feedback model with $C_{*,\text{max}} = 10^{-7} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ reproduces the observations for $M_{BH} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$ well. We also find that the intense starburst or the existence of dust-free absorbers inside CNDs are necessary for explaining X-ray observations.

Unified Astronomy Thesaurus concepts: Active galaxies (17); Active galactic nuclei (16); Galaxy nuclei (609)

1. Introduction

In the unified model of active galactic nuclei (AGNs; e.g., Antonucci 1993; Urry & Padovani 1995), supermassive black holes (SMBHs) are obscured by optically and geometrically thick material, i.e., the dusty torus. Recently, the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) resolved molecular tori of a scale of tens of parsecs in nearby Seyfert galaxies (Gallimore et al. 2016; García-Burillo et al. 2016; Imanishi et al. 2016, 2018; Izumi et al. 2018; Combes et al. 2019; Garcia-Burillo et al. 2019; Impellizzeri et al. 2019). Because of the anisotropic structures of the tori, the radiation from the nucleus is obscured for particular solid angles. This obscuring fraction of AGNs (hereafter denoted as f_{obs}) should be related to the morphology, size, and clumpiness (or internal structure) of their circumnuclear disks (CNDs; e.g., Wada 2015). In other words, f_{obs} is a key quantity to understand the physical properties of CNDs in AGNs. It is also important to understand its cosmological evolution as a function of the BH mass and AGN luminosity (or the mass accretion rate) not only to interpret observations of high-z quasars (e.g., Glikman et al. 2011; Ikeda et al. 2011, 2012; Masters et al. 2012; McGreer et al. 2013, 2018; Yang et al. 2016; Matsuoka et al. 2018), but also to improve theoretical models for the evolution of AGNs (e.g., Fanidakis et al. 2012; Enoki et al. 2014; Lapi et al. 2014; Shirakata et al. 2019).

Statistical studies suggested that f_{obs} depends on AGN properties, such as the AGN luminosity (L_{Edd}), and the results are not fully consistent among studies using samples with different wavelengths. The fraction of Type-2 AGNs inferred from the infrared observations, or the infrared-to-bolometric

luminosity ratio, depends on the AGN luminosity (e.g., Maiolino et al. 2007; Alonso-Herrero et al. 2011; Lusso et al. 2013; Toba et al. 2013, 2014; Ichikawa et al. 2017, 2019). The obscuring fraction f_{obs} also affects on the classification of Seyfert galaxies as a Type 1 or Type 2 (e.g., Alonso-Herrero et al. 2011; Ramos Almeida et al. 2011; Ichikawa et al. 2015; Audibert et al. 2017). They found that Type-2 Seyfert galaxies require higher extinction values and larger covering factors than that for Type-1 Seyfert galaxies. X-ray observations also suggest that the fraction of obscured Compton-thin AGNs clearly decrease with the AGN luminosity (e.g., Ueda et al. 2003, 2014; La Franca et al. 2005; Hasinger 2008; Merloni et al. 2014; Ricci et al. 2014; Akylas et al. 2016), which may be interpreted as a simple receding torus model (e.g., Lawrence 1991; Simpson 2005). Recent X-ray studies suggested that f_{obs} is also smaller for less luminous AGNs, and the obscured properties could also be different in high-z AGNs (e.g., Burlon et al. 2011: Buchner et al. 2015; Kawamuro et al. 2016; Buchner & Bauer 2017). A more physics-motivated study based on radiation-hydrodynamic models succeed in explaining these observations to some extent (Wada 2015). On the other hand, Ricci et al. (2017) suggested that f_{obs} depends mostly on the Eddington luminosity ratio (L_{AGN}/L_{Edd}) , rather than the AGN luminosity, based on a survey using the all-sky hard X-ray Swift Burst Alert Telescope, where $L_{\rm Edd} = 4\pi c G M_{\rm BH} m_{\rm p} / \sigma_{\rm T}$. These observations indicate more complicated behavior in terms of the BH mass, AGN luminosity, and Eddington luminosity ratio, but the physical mechanisms behind them remain unclear.

A key physical phenomenon to understand the properties of the obscuration in the circumnuclear region is the effect of star

formation. In fact, prominent star formation has been observed in the central subkiloparsec regions of nearby AGNs (e.g., Imanishi & Wada 2004; Davies et al. 2007, 2014; Imanishi et al. 2011; Diamond-Stanic & Rieke 2012; Hicks et al. 2013; Alonso-Herrero et al. 2014; Esquej et al. 2014; Mallmann et al. 2018). Recently, Izumi et al. (2016) found a positive correlation between the mass of dense molecular gas in CNDs of the scale of $\sim 100 \,\mathrm{pc}$ and the mass accretion rate onto an SMBH. Thus, these findings suggest that nuclear star formation may be related to both the formation of the AGN obscuring structure and AGN activity. On the stellar population in the vicinity of AGNs, recent near-infrared integral field unit observations have revealed the presence of young to intermediate age stars (e.g., Riffel et al. 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011; Storchi-Bergmann et al. 2012; Ruschel-Dutra et al. 2017; Hennig et al. 2018; Diniz et al. 2019). It indicates the possibility of large numbers of Type-II supernovae (SNe) in the central region of AGNs. Along these lines, we proposed a simple model of a nuclear starburst disk supported by the turbulent pressure from SNe II explosions (Kawakatu & Wada 2008: hereafter KW08; Kawakatu & Wada 2009), because our main aim is to clarify how the obscuring structure depends on physical quantities of AGNs and CNDs by changing a wide range of physical parameters. There also exist numerous theoretical and numerical models of AGN obscuring structures; e.g., (1) radiation pressure from AGNs (e.g., Krolik 2007, Namekata et al. 2014, Namekata & Umemura 2016; Williamson et al. 2019), (2) radiation pressure from nuclear starburst (e.g., Ohsuga & Umemura 1999; Thompson et al. 2005), (3) high-velocity dispersion clouds/ clumps (e.g., Krolik & Begelman 1988; Vollmer et al. 2008), (4) turbulent pressure from SNe II explosions (e.g., Wada & Norman 2002; Wada et al. 2009), (5) disk winds (e.g., Elitzur & Shlosman 2006; Nomura et al. 2016, Nomura & Ohsuga 2017), (6) radiation-induced warping disks (e.g., Pringle 1997), and (7) outflows driven by AGN radiation pressure (Wada 2015; Chan & Krolik 2016, 2017; Dorodnitsyn et al. 2016; Wada et al. 2016). Herein, we study the effect of radiative feedback as a key physical phenomenon to determine the obscuring structure of AGNs.

In this paper, we extend KW08 to investigate the obscuring fraction of AGNs f_{obs} due to the absorption of dusty gas in CNDs of the scale of 1–10 pc by taking account of the anisotropic radiation pressure from AGNs. In particular, we explore how f_{obs} depends on the BH mass, AGN luminosity, and physical properties of CNDs. We then compare the theoretical models with observationally suggested obscuring fractions.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we summarize both the SN-driven turbulence model and the radiative feedback model. We show the predicted AGN obscuring fraction f_{obs} and how f_{obs} depends on the BH mass, AGN luminosity, and other physical quantities of CNDs in Section 3. We compare these theoretical results with IR and X-ray observations in Section 4. Finally, a summary is presented in Section 5.

2. Models

Based on KW08, in which a CND supported by the turbulent pressure from SN explosions was studied, we evaluate the obscuring fraction f_{obs} (or covering angle $\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{CND}$). The



Figure 1. Schematic view of a circumnuclear disk (CND) and the effect of radiation pressure from the AGN. The angle between the line of sight and the normal to the accretion disk is defined as θ . The thickness of the CND is expressed by $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{CND}\right) \equiv h(r_{out})/r_{out}$.

obscuring fraction f_{obs} is defined as

$$f_{\rm obs} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{\theta_{\rm CND}}^{\pi/2} \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = \cos\theta_{\rm CND}.$$
 (1)

Here, θ_{CND} is the maximal thickness of CNDs, i.e., $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{\text{CND}}\right) = h(r_{\text{out}})/r_{\text{out}}$, as schematically shown in Figure 1, where *h* and r_{out} are the scale height and outer radius of CNDs, respectively. We here assume that the scale height is determined by SN-driven turbulence (Section 2.1), following the analytical study by KW08. In Section 2.2, we additionally consider the effect of anisotropic radiation pressure from AGNs.

2.1. SN-driven Turbulent Disk

We assume that the vertical structure of CNDs is in hydrostatic equilibrium (see details in Wada & Norman 2002). The turbulent pressure associated with SN explosions is balanced with gravitation in the vertical direction by

$$\rho_{\rm g} v_{\rm t}^2 = \rho_{\rm g} gh, \qquad (2)$$

where ρ_g , v_t , and h are the gas density, turbulent velocity, and scale height of the disk, respectively. In the region where the gravity of SMBH dominates, the z direction of gravity, g, is obtained as $g \equiv GM_{\rm BH}h/r^3$, where r is the radial distance from a central BH. We assume that the turbulence is driven by the energy input from SN explosions. The energy loss $E_{\rm out}$ due to the turbulent dissipation is given by

$$E_{\rm out} = \frac{\rho_{\rm g} v_{\rm t}^2}{t_{\rm dis}} = \frac{\rho_{\rm g} v_{\rm t}^3}{h},\tag{3}$$

where the dissipation timescale of the turbulence $t_{dis} = h/v_t$. The energy input from SN explosions, E_{in} , can be expressed as

$$E_{\rm in} = \epsilon_{\rm SN} f_{\rm SN} E_{\rm SN} S_*, \tag{4}$$

where $E_{\rm SN}$ is the total energy (10^{51} erg) injected by an SN; S_* is the star formation rate per unit volume and time; and $\epsilon_{\rm SN}$ and $f_{\rm SN}$ are the efficiency with which the SN energy is transferred to the gas in the CND and the number density of SNe per solar mass of the star formation, respectively. In this paper, we assume that $\eta \equiv \epsilon_{\rm SN} f_{\rm SN} = 10^{-3} M_{\odot}^{-1}$ with $\epsilon_{\rm SN} = 0.1$ (e.g., Thornton et al. 1998; Wada & Norman 2002; Wada et al. 2009), and $f_{\rm SN} = 10^{-2} M_{\odot}^{-1}$, which is expected for the Salpeter

initial mass function with the low-mass cutoff $m_1 = 0.1 M_{\odot}$ (e.g., Thompson et al. 2005).⁷

Under the energy balance $E_{in} = E_{out}$, we obtain

$$\frac{\rho_{\rm g} v_{\rm t}^3}{h} = \eta E_{\rm SN} C_* \rho_{\rm g}.$$
(5)

Here, we assume a star formation recipe $S_* = C_* \rho_g$, where C_* is the star formation efficiency. Using Equations (2), (3), and (5), the turbulent velocity v_t and scale height *h* are expressed as

$$v_{\rm t} = \left(\frac{GM_{\rm BH}}{r^3}\right)^{1/2} h,\tag{6}$$

$$h = \left(\frac{GM_{\rm BH}}{r^3}\right)^{-3/4} (\eta E_{\rm SN} C_*)^{1/2},$$

= 14 pc $\left(\frac{C_*}{10^{-8} \,{\rm yr}^{-1}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{M_{\rm BH}}{10^7 \,M_\odot}\right)^{-3/4} \left(\frac{r}{30 \,{\rm pc}}\right)^{9/4}.$ (7)

From Equation (7), the SN-driven turbulence model predicts a concave structure for CNDs, i.e., $h \propto r^{9/4}$ (see Figure 1). The turbulent velocity is rewritten as follows:

$$v_{\rm t} = \left(\frac{GM_{\rm BH}}{r^3}\right)^{-1/4} (\eta E_{\rm SN} C_*)^{1/2},$$

= 18 km s⁻¹ $\left(\frac{C_*}{10^{-8} \,{\rm yr}^{-1}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{M_{\rm BH}}{10^7 \,M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1/4} \left(\frac{r}{30 \,{\rm pc}}\right)^{3/4}.$ (8)

Thus, the turbulent velocity increases with the star formation efficiency and decreases with the BH mass for a given r. This trend is consistent with observations for nearby Seyfert galaxies (e.g., Hicks et al. 2009).

The star formation efficiency C_* is related to the star formation mode (i.e., normal/starburst), formation redshift (low-*z*/high-*z*), and formation sites (bars and spiral arms), which are supported by numerous theoretical and observational studies (e.g., Komugi et al. 2005; Wada & Norman 2007; Bigiel et al. 2008; Dobbs & Pringle 2009; Krumholz et al. 2009; Daddi et al. 2010; Momose et al. 2010). Thus, we here consider a wide range of the star formation efficiency C_* , i.e., 10^{-10} yr⁻¹ $\leq C_* \leq 10^{-6}$ yr⁻¹ (see also Figure 5 in Kawakatu & Wada 2009). If the maximum star formation efficiency $C_{*,max}$ is assumed to be 10^{-7} yr⁻¹ as the fiducial case, the upper limit of the thickness of CNDs is obtained as

$$\frac{h(r_{\rm out})}{r_{\rm out}} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{\rm CND}\right) \simeq 1.5 \left(\frac{C_{*,\rm max}}{10^{-7} \,{\rm yr}^{-1}}\right)^{1/2} \\ \times \left(\frac{M_{\rm BH}}{10^7 \,M_{\odot}}\right)^{-3/4} \left(\frac{r_{\rm out}}{30 \,{\rm pc}}\right)^{5/4}.$$
(9)

This indicates that the CND thickness increases with the star formation efficiency and decreases with the BH mass. In Section 3.1, we will investigate the relation between the obscuring fraction (the thickness of CNDs) and the AGN luminosity.

For the inner radius of CNDs (r_{in}) , as the SN-turbulence model works as far as the star formation occurs in CNDs, r_{in} is not necessarily determined by the dust sublimation radius, r_{sub} . Considering anisotropic radiation from AGNs, r_{sub} is not sharp boundary and closer to the central black hole (e.g., Kawaguchi & Mori 2010). Izumi et al. (2016) estimated the inner radius as $r_{\rm in} = \max[r_{\rm X}, r_{\rm O}]$. Here, $r_{\rm X}$ is the radius at which the ratio of the X-ray energy-deposition rate (H_X) and gas number density (n_e) takes $\log(H_X/n_e) = -27.5$. Note that in the region with $\log(H_{\rm X}/n_{\rm e}) = -27.5$, the gas temperature is approximately 100 K (Maloney et al. 1996). On the other hand, r_0 is the radius which is determined by Toomre's stability criterion (Toomre & Toomre 1972), i.e., when the surface density of the gas in the CND, Σ_{g} , is higher than the critical surface density, Σ_{crit} , the CND is gravitationally unstable. Following KW08, the critical surface density at r_{in} is given by

$$\Sigma_{\rm g,crit}(r_{\rm in}) \simeq 3.4 \text{ g cm}^{-2} \left(\frac{c_{\rm s}}{1 \text{ km s}^{-1}}\right) \left(\frac{r_{\rm in}}{1 \text{ pc}}\right)^{-3/2} \left(\frac{M_{\rm BH}}{10^7 M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/2}$$
(10)

Because $c_{\rm s} = (5kT_{\rm g}/3m_{\rm p})^{1/2}$, where k and $m_{\rm p}$ are the Boltzmann constant and proton mass, respectively, the corresponding gas temperature is $T_{\rm g} = 100 \, {\rm K}$. Here, we assume that an isothermal cold gas dominates the mass $(T_{\rm g} = 50-100 \,\text{K})$ in CNDs, because the molecular and dust cooling is effective (e.g., Wada & Tomisaka 2005; Wada et al. 2009). Applying this concept to nearby Seyfert galaxies, Izumi et al. (2016) found that the range of r_{in} is 0.1–2 pc (see Table 4 in Izumi et al. 2016), which is consistent with the results derived by the comparison of the infrared nuclear spectral energy distributions (SEDs) with the CLUMPY torus model (e.g., Alonso-Herrero et al. 2011; Ramos Almeida et al. 2011; Ichikawa et al. 2015; Audibert et al. 2017). Thus, we here assume the inner radius of CNDs as $r_{in} = 1$ pc for the fiducial case. We will discuss the dependence of r_{in} in Section 3.4. The outer radius r_{out} is defined as the outer boundary inside which the potential of the BH dominates that of CNDs. Thus, r_{out} is given by

$$r_{\text{out}} = \left(\frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{\pi \Sigma_{\text{g}}}\right)^{1/2}$$

= 30 pc $\left(\frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{10^7 M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\Sigma_{\text{g}}}{1 \text{ g cm}^{-2}}\right)^{-1/2}$, (11)

where Σ_g is the surface density of CNDs. This radius is comparable with the radius of the dusty torus of NGC 1068 (García-Burillo et al. 2016; Imanishi et al. 2016, 2018; Garcia-Burillo et al. 2019) and the Circinus galaxy (Izumi et al. 2018).

2.2. Effect of AGN Radiative Feedbacks

To examine how the radiation pressure from AGNs (i.e., accretion disk) affects the structure of CNDs predicted by the SN-driven turbulent disk (Section 2.1), we consider anisotropic radiation from an AGN emitted by an accretion disk around a SMBH, following previous work (e.g., Netzer 1987; Kawaguchi & Mori 2010, 2011; Liu & Zhang 2011; Namekata & Umemura 2016). In this section, we evaluate the obscuring fraction, f_{obs} ,

 $[\]overline{7}$ Note that the detection of SNe at the center of galaxies is quite hard, because the huge column densities around AGNs cause enormous extinction, and a high angular resolution is needed to discern individual SNe. Thus far, the radial distribution of SNe in the central galactic region has been analyzed for only a few starburst galaxies (e.g., Herrero-Illana et al. 2012).

predicted by the model that takes into account not only the SN feedback but also the radiative feedback from the AGN (hereafter, we call it the hybrid model).

The radiation force from AGN, $F_{\rm rad}$, is obtained as

$$F_{\rm rad}(\theta) = \frac{\chi_{\rm d}}{c} \frac{6}{7} \frac{L_{\rm AGN}}{4\pi r^2} \frac{1 - e^{-\tau}}{\bar{\tau}} \cos\theta (1 + 2\cos\theta), \qquad (12)$$

where χ_d , $\bar{\tau}$, and θ are the mass extinction of dusty gas, the optical depth of clumpy clouds (i.e., the average optical depth of line of sight (LOS)), and the angle between the LOS and the normal of the accretion disk (see Figure 1). Here, we assume that the CND is alighted with the accretion disk. Note that the orientations of accretion disk may be possible independent of the CND (e.g., Kawaguchi & Mori 2010). If this is the case, θ -dependence of $F_{rad}(\theta)$ would be relatively weak but this effect does not change our main results (see Wada 2015).

3. Results

First, we derive the obscuring fraction f_{obs} predicted by the SN-driven turbulence model in Section 3.1. In Section 3.2, we also examine the effect of anisotropic radiation pressure from AGNs on f_{obs} , based on the model described in Section 3.1. In Section 3.3, we explore how the obscuring fraction depends on the BH mass and AGN luminosity. Finally, in Section 3.4, we discuss the dependence on the physical parameters of CNDs (the inner radius r_{in} , the surface density Σ_g and the average optical depth of LOS $\bar{\tau}$).

3.1. Obscuring Fraction in an SN-driven Turbulent Disk

We assume a kinetic viscosity, expressed as follows, as a source of angular-momentum transfer in the gas: $\nu_t = \alpha_{SN} v_t h$, where α_{SN} (≤ 1) is a parameter. Hereafter, we assume that $\alpha_{SN} = 1$, which is supported by numerical simulations (e.g., Wada & Norman 2002). The mass accretion rate in a viscous accretion disk is then given by

$$\dot{M}_{\rm acc}(r) = 2\pi \nu_{\rm t} \Sigma_{\rm g}(r) \left| \frac{d \ln \Omega_{\rm K}(r)}{d \ln r} \right|,\tag{13}$$

where $\Omega_{\rm K}(r)$ is the angular velocity in the *Kepler* motion, i.e., $\Omega_{\rm K}(r) = (GM_{\rm BH}/r^3)^{1/2}$.

Assuming $\Sigma_{g} = \Sigma_{g,crit}$, i.e., marginally unstable, the mass accretion rate at the inner radius r_{in} can be expressed as

$$\dot{M}_{\rm acc}(r_{\rm in}) = 3\pi \ \eta \ E_{\rm SN} \ C_* \ \Sigma_{\rm g}(r_{\rm in}) \bigg(\frac{r_{\rm in}^3}{GM_{\rm BH}} \bigg), \tag{14}$$

$$= 0.005 \left(\frac{\gamma_{\rm in}}{1 \, {\rm pc}} \right) \left(\frac{c_{\rm x,max}}{10^{-7} \, {\rm yr}^{-1}} \right) \\ \times \left(\frac{\Sigma_{\rm g,crit}}{1 \, {\rm g} \, {\rm cm}^{-2}} \right) \left(\frac{M_{\rm BH}}{10^7 \, M_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} M_{\odot} \, {\rm yr}^{-1}.$$
(15)

Assuming $r_{out} = 10 \text{ pc}$, we obtain $\dot{M}_{acc}(r_{in})/\dot{M}_{*} \sim 0.1 (M_{BH}/10^7 M_{\odot})^{-1} (r_{out}/10 \text{ pc})^{-2}$, where the star formation rate is $\dot{M}_{*} = C_{*,max} \Sigma_{g,crit} r_{out}^2$. This is consistent with the observations that indicate a close connection between AGN and the nuclear starburst (e.g., Imanishi & Wada 2004; Diamond-Stanic & Rieke 2012; Alonso-Herrero et al. 2014; Esquej et al. 2014). Our model also explains the correlation between the dense gas mass of CNDs and the AGN luminosity for nearby



Figure 2. AGN-obscured fraction f_{obs} (right-hand axis of ordinate) and the covering angle $\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{\rm CND}$ (left-hand axis of ordinate) against the AGN luminosity $L_{\rm AGN}$ for $M_{\rm BH} = 10^7 \, M_{\odot}$. The blue dashed line shows f_{obs} obtained from the SN feedback only (Equation (17)), while the horizontal dashed line shows the obscuring fraction $f_{obs}(C_{*,\max})$ for the maximal star formation efficiency $C_{*,\max} = 10^{-7} \, {\rm yr}^{-1}$ (Equation (9)). The thick black line represents the obscuring fraction (f_{obs}) predicted by the SN-driven turbulence model. The maximal f_{obs} is ~0.8 at $L_{\rm AGN} \ge 0.1 L_{\rm Edd}$. The arrow shows the AGN Eddington luminosity $M_{\rm BH} = 10^7 \, M_{\odot}$.

Seyfert galaxies (Figure 3 in Izumi et al. 2016) and nearby radio galaxies NGC 1275 (Nagai et al. 2019).

Although the growth rate of SMBHs, i.e., $\dot{M}_{\rm BH}$, is not necessarily equal to the mass accretion rate at the inner boundary, $\dot{M}(r_{\rm in})$, we here assume the maximal mass accretion rate, i.e., $\dot{M}_{\rm acc}(r_{\rm in}) = \dot{M}_{\rm BH}$, we can estimate the AGN bolometric luminosity because $L_{\rm AGN}$ is given as a function of $\dot{M}_{\rm BH}/\dot{M}_{\rm Edd}$ (Watarai et al. 2000):

$$L_{\rm AGN} = \begin{cases} 2 \Big(1 + \ln \frac{\dot{M}_{\rm BH} / \dot{M}_{\rm Edd}}{20} \Big) L_{\rm Edd} ; \dot{M}_{\rm BH} / \dot{M}_{\rm Edd} \ge 20, \\ \Big(\frac{\dot{M}_{\rm BH} / \dot{M}_{\rm Edd}}{10} \Big) L_{\rm Edd} ; \dot{M}_{\rm BH} / \dot{M}_{\rm Edd} < 20, \end{cases}$$
(16)

where $\dot{M}_{\rm Edd} = L_{\rm Edd}/c^2$ is the Eddington mass accretion rate. $L_{\rm Edd} = 4\pi c G M_{\rm BH} m_{\rm p}/\sigma_{\rm T}$, where $m_{\rm p}$ and $\sigma_{\rm T}$ are the proton mass and Thomson cross section, respectively.

We rewrite Equation (9) using Equations (15) and (16) as

$$\frac{h(r_{\text{out}})}{r_{\text{out}}} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{\text{CND}}\right) = 1.0 \left(\frac{\dot{M}_{\text{BH}}}{\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}}\right)^{1/2} \\ \times \left(\frac{\Sigma_{\text{g}}(r_{\text{in}})}{\Sigma_{\text{g,crit}}(r_{\text{in}})}\right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{r_{\text{in}}}{1 \text{ pc}}\right)^{-3/4} \left(\frac{r_{\text{out}}}{30 \text{ pc}}\right)^{5/4}.$$
 (17)

Because f_{obs} depends on θ_{CND} (see Equation (1)), by combing with Equations (16) and (17), f_{obs} can be obtained as a function of the Eddington ratio L_{AGN}/L_{Edd} . Here, we note that the scale height (h/r) at the galactic scale $(r > r_{out})$ is smaller than that at the CND scale because $h/r \propto v_t/v_{\phi}$, where v_{ϕ} is the circular velocity (see Wada & Norman 2002).

In Figure 2, the blue dashed line shows the covering angle $(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{\rm CND})$ and $f_{\rm obs}$ as functions of $L_{\rm AGN}$ predicted by the SNdriven turbulence model for the typical BH mass of Seyfert galaxies with $M_{\rm BH} = 10^7 M_{\odot}$ (e.g., Wu & Han 2001). Given a BH mass, the horizontal dashed line is plotted as a covering angle (or $f_{\rm obs}$) for the maximal star formation efficiency $C_{*,\rm max} = 10^{-7} \, {\rm yr}^{-1}$ (see Equation (9)) . We find that the obscuring fraction $f_{\rm obs}$ monotonically increases with $L_{\rm AGN}$ because the covering angle increases as $\dot{M}_{\rm BH}$ increases (see



Figure 3. Same as Figure 2, but with the effect of anisotropic radiative pressure from AGNs. The red dashed line shows the required luminosity that can balance the gravitational force of SMBHs with $\bar{\tau} = 10$ (Equation (12)). The thick black line represents the obscuring fraction, f_{obs} , predicted by the hybrid model, which considers the SN feedback and the radiative feedback from the AGN. The maximal f_{obs} is approximately 0.6 at $L_{AGN,p}$.

Equation (17)). On the other hand, the maximal value of $f_{\rm obs}$ follows the horizontal dashed line determined by the maximal star formation efficiency, $f_{\rm obs}$ ($C_{*,\rm max}$) (see Equation (9)). The maximum value of $f_{\rm obs}$ is ~0.8 for $L_{\rm AGN} \ge 0.1 L_{\rm Edd}$.

3.2. Obscuring Fraction with Radiative Feedback

When the gravitational force, $F_{\text{grav}} = GM_{\text{BH}}/r^2$, is balanced by the anisotropic radiation force, F_{rad} (see Equation (12)), we can obtain the critical angle θ_{crit} by using the total luminosity of the AGN, L_{AGN} , which is defined in Equation (15). A part of the dusty torus corresponding to $\theta_{\text{CND}} < \theta_{\text{crit}}$ is blown away by the radiation pressure. The critical angle θ_{crit} is obtained as

$$\cos \theta_{\rm crit} (1 + 2\cos \theta_{\rm crit}) = \frac{7}{6A} \left(\frac{L_{\rm AGN}}{L_{\rm Edd}}\right)^{-1},\tag{18}$$

where the boost factor $A = (\chi_d/\chi_T)(1 - e^{-\bar{\tau}}/\bar{\tau})$. $\chi_T = \sigma_T/m_p$, where σ_T and m_p are the Thomson cross-sectional area and proton mass, respectively. We assume $\chi_d = 100 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ and the optical depth of LOS with $\bar{\tau} = 10$ as a fiducial case, but we will examine the dependences of $\bar{\tau}$ on f_{obs} in Section 3.4.

In Figure 3, the red dashed line shows the effect of the radiation pressure on $f_{\rm obs}$ (see Equation (18)). The thick black line represents the obscuring fraction $f_{\rm obs}$ predicted by the hybrid model, which considers both the SN feedback and the radiative feedback from the AGN. As a result, the obscuring fraction $f_{\rm obs}$ peaks at approximately 10% of the Eddington luminosity, $L_{\rm AGN,p} \sim 0.1 L_{\rm Edd}$, and its maximum value is ~0.6, which is comparable with the Type-2 fraction of nearby Seyfert galaxies (e.g., Roseboom et al. 2013; Lusso et al. 2013; Shao et al. 2013). As $L_{\rm AGN} < L_{\rm AGN, p}$, the obscuring fraction increases with $L_{\rm AGN}$ because the SN feedback is more effective than the radiative feedback. On the other hand, when $L_{\rm AGN} > L_{\rm AGN, p}$, $f_{\rm obs}$ decreases with increasing $L_{\rm AGN}$ owing to the radiation pressure from AGNs.

3.3. Dependences on BH mass and AGN Luminosity

Here, we investigate the dependence of the obscuring fraction $f_{\rm obs}$ on $M_{\rm BH}$ and $L_{\rm AGN}$ by assuming $r_{\rm in} = 1 \text{ pc}$, $\Sigma_{\rm g} = \Sigma_{\rm g,crit}$, and $\bar{\tau} = 10$. Based on the argument in previous sections, the obscuring fraction $(f_{\rm obs})$ is plotted as a function of $M_{\rm BH}$ and



Figure 4. Contours of the obscuring fraction, $f_{\rm obs}$, of hybrid models (SN +radiative feedback models) for various $M_{\rm BH}$ and $L_{\rm AGN}$, assuming $r_{\rm in} = 1$ pc, $\Sigma_{\rm g} = \Sigma_{\rm g,crit}$, and $\bar{\tau} = 10$. The four dashed lines represent $L_{\rm AGN} = L_{\rm Edd}$, $10^{-1}L_{\rm Edd}$, $10^{-2}L_{\rm Edd}$, and $10^{-3}L_{\rm Edd}$, respectively.



Figure 5. AGN obscuring fraction $f_{\rm obs}$ against the Eddington ratios $\lambda_{\rm Edd} = L_{\rm AGN}/L_{\rm Edd}$ for $M_{\rm BH} = 10^6 M_{\odot}$, $10^7 M_{\odot}$, $10^8 M_{\odot}$ and $10^9 M_{\odot}$.

 $L_{\rm AGN}$ in Figure 4 and the Eddington ratios $\lambda_{\rm Edd} = L_{\rm AGN}/L_{\rm Edd}$ for various BH masses in Figure 5. These show that the obscuring fraction strongly depend on the Eddington ratio ($\lambda_{\rm Edd}$) for smaller BHs ($M_{\rm BH} < 10^8 M_{\odot}$); it is largest for $\lambda_{\rm Edd} \sim 0.1$. For more massive BHs ($M_{\rm BH} > 10^8 M_{\odot}$), $f_{\rm obs}$ weakly depends on the Eddington ratio. Thus, it seems that the behavior of $f_{\rm obs}$ changes around the typical BH mass, $M_{\rm BH,t} \simeq 10^8 M_{\odot}$. The typical BH mass is determined by the equations of the maximal obscuring fractions of the hybrid model, $f_{\rm obs}$ (Equations (17) and (18)) and $f_{\rm obs}$ ($C_{*,\rm max}$) (Equation (9)), as follows:

$$M_{\rm BH,t} \simeq 8 \times 10^7 \, M_{\odot} \left(\frac{C_{*,\rm max}}{10^{-7} \,\rm yr^{-1}} \right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{L_{\rm AGN,p}/L_{\rm Edd}}{0.03} \right)^{-2/3},$$
(19)

where $L_{AGN,p}/L_{Edd} \simeq 0.03$ for $\bar{\tau} = 10$, as shown in Figure 3. Note that $M_{BH, t}$ becomes smaller because $L_{AGN,p}/L_{Edd}$ increases with $\bar{\tau}$ (see Figure 8). Figures 4 and 5 also show that both AGNs with higher Eddington ratios ($L_{AGN}/L_{Edd} > 1$) and those with lower Eddington ratios ($L_{AGN}/L_{Edd} < 10^{-2}$) are surrounded by geometrically thin CNDs (small f_{obs}) owing to the strong outflow driven by the radiation pressure from AGNs and lower star formation efficiency C_* , respectively.

For less massive BHs ($M_{\rm BH} < M_{\rm BH,t}$), the relation between $f_{\rm obs}$ and $L_{\rm AGN}$ is similar to that for $M_{\rm BH} = 10^7 M_{\odot}$. The only difference is that the maximal $f_{\rm obs}$ is slightly smaller because the outer radius decreases as the BH mass decreases (i.e.,



Figure 6. Same as Figure 3, but for $M_{\rm BH} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$ with $r_{\rm in} = 1 \, \rm pc$ and $r_{\rm out} = 53 \, \rm pc$.

 $r_{\rm out} \propto M_{\rm BH}^{1/2}$ (see Equation (11))). Thus, $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{\rm CND}\right)$ (or the maximal $f_{\rm obs}$) becomes small (see Equation (17)). In fact, we found that the maximal $f_{\rm obs} \simeq 0.4$ for $M_{\rm BH} = 10^6 M_{\odot}$ (see maximal $f_{\rm obs} \simeq 0.6$ for $M_{\rm BH} = 10^7 M_{\odot}$).

For more massive BHs ($M_{\rm BH} > M_{\rm BH,t}$), the behavior of $f_{\rm obs}$ with respect to L_{AGN} is different from that for the less massive BHs. Figure 4 shows that the obscuring fraction remains at a a low level (i.e., $f_{\rm obs} < 0.2$), and $f_{\rm obs}$ weekly depends on $L_{\rm AGN}$. To reveal the reason, in Figure 6, we examine how the obscuring fraction depends on L_{AGN} for AGNs with $M_{\rm BH} = 10^8 \, M_{\odot}$. We find that the maximal obscuring fraction is determined by $C_{*,\max}$, which is different from the case of $M_{\rm BH} < M_{\rm BH,t}$. This is because the upper limit of the obscuring fraction f_{obs} ($C_{*,max}$) decreases as the BH mass increases (see Equation (9)). Thus, the f_{obs} estimated using the hybrid model (blue and red dashed lines) can be greater than f_{obs} ($C_{*,max}$). In particular, as shown in Figure 4, the dependence on $M_{\rm BH}$ is conspicuous for $M_{\rm BH} = 10^9 M_{\odot}$ because $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{\rm CND}\right) \propto$ $M_{\rm BH}^{-3/4} r_{\rm out}^{5/4} \propto M_{\rm BH}^{-1/8}$ (see Equations (11) and (17)). Consequently, the dependence of f_{obs} on L_{AGN} is weak. Therefore, the present model could explain why the fraction of the Type-2 QSO is much smaller than that of Seyfert galaxies.

3.4. Dependences on Physical Parameters of CNDs

There are three free parameters that could affect $f_{\rm obs}$: $r_{\rm in}$, $\bar{\tau}$, and $\Sigma_{\rm g}$. First, we examine the effect of decreasing the inner radius, i.e., $r_{\rm in} \leq 1 \, {\rm pc}$. In the inner few hundred parsecs of ultraluminous infrared galaxies (ULIRGs), those ULIRGs with the infrared luminosity $L_{\rm IR} > 3.8 \times 10^{45} {\rm erg/s}$, the average gas number density reaches $10^4 {-}10^5 \, {\rm cm}^{-3}$, which is higher than that in normal AGNs (e.g., Thompson et al. 2005; Scoville et al. 2015). In this case, star formation may occur at a smaller inner radius. Figure 7 compares $f_{\rm obs}$ in two models with $r_{\rm in} = 1 \, {\rm pc}$ and 0.3 pc. For a smaller $r_{\rm in}$, $f_{\rm obs}$ is larger for any $L_{\rm AGN}$. Because $L_{\rm AGN,p}$ decreases as r is smaller, the SN feedback works effectively. Consequently, at the peak AGN luminosity ($L_{\rm AGN,p} \sim 0.03 L_{\rm Edd}$), the maximal obscuring fraction reaches $f_{\rm obs} \sim 0.8$, in contrast to 0.6 for $r_{\rm in} = 1 \, {\rm pc}$.

Second, we examine how a different $\bar{\tau}$ changes the present results. Figure 8 shows that the obscuring fraction f_{obs} is a function of L_{AGN} for $\bar{\tau} = 1$, 10, and 100. As shown in Figure 8, the peak AGN luminosity ($L_{AGN,p}$) increases and f_{obs} decreases as $\bar{\tau}$ increases because the effect of radiation pressure becomes weaker owing to the absorption of denser gas clouds (see Equation (18)). Thus, this effect changes the $f_{obs} - \lambda_{Edd}$



Figure 7. Same as Figure 3, but for a smaller inner radius $r_{\rm in} = 0.3$ pc (thick black line). The dotted black line corresponds to the case of $r_{\rm in} = 1$ pc.



Figure 8. Same as Figure 3, but for different optical depths of gas clouds $\bar{\tau} = 1, 10, \text{ and } 10^2$.

relation as seen in Figure 5, e.g., for $\bar{\tau} = 1$, the peak Eddington ratio $L_{\text{AGN},p}/L_{\text{Edd}} \simeq 0.01$ and the maximal $f_{\text{obs}} \simeq 0.3$ Interestingly, according to the model fitting of infrared AGN SEDs (e.g., Alonso-Herrero et al. 2011; Ramos Almeida et al. 2011; Ichikawa et al. 2015; Audibert et al. 2017), they found that Type-2 Seyfert galaxies (Sy2) require higher extinction values (i.e., higher $\bar{\tau}$) and larger covering factor (i.e., higher f_{obs}) than that for Type-1 Seyfert galaxies (Sy1). This is consistent with our predictions, i.e., $f_{\text{obs}} \simeq 0.6$ for $\bar{\tau} = 10$ and $f_{\text{obs}} \simeq 0.8$ for $\bar{\tau} = 10^2$ as seen in Figure 8. However, it is still under debate why some Sy2s possess intrinsically higher optical depth, $\bar{\tau}$. This is left for our future work.

Because the optical depth of clouds is $\bar{\tau} = \chi_d \rho_c r_c$, the column density along the LOS $N_{\rm H}$ is given by $N_{\rm H} = \bar{\tau}/(\chi_d m_{\rm p})$, where ρ_c and r_c are the density and size of clouds, respectively. The optical depth $\bar{\tau}$ is related with $N_{\rm H}$ by $N_{\rm H} \simeq 6 \times 10^{21} \bar{\tau} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. Thus, our model predicts that $f_{\rm obs}$ increases with increasing column density $N_{\rm H}$. Thus, our model indicates that $f_{\rm obs}$ becomes larger for higher column density, $N_{\rm H}$, e.g., $f_{\rm obs} \sim 0.4$, 0.6 and 0.8 for $N_{\rm H} = 6 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, $6 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and $6 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, respectively, which is consistent with X-ray observations (Mateos et al. 2016). In addition, because the peak AGN luminosity $L_{\rm AGN, p}$ increases as $N_{\rm H}$ increases, the typical BH mass $M_{\rm BH,t}$ decreases with increasing $N_{\rm H}$ (see Equation (19)). Note that the dependences of $\bar{\tau}$ is not significant for $M_{\rm BH} > M_{\rm BH,t}$ because the maximal $f_{\rm obs}$ is limited by $C_{*,\rm max}$ (see Figure 6).



Figure 9. Same as Figure 3, but for a higher surface density $\Sigma_g = 10\Sigma_{g,crit} \simeq 30 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$ (thick black line). The dotted black line corresponds to the case of $\Sigma_g = \Sigma_{g,crit} \simeq 3.0 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$.

Last, we investigate how $f_{\rm obs}$ depends on the surface density of CNDs ($\Sigma_{\rm g}$) for a given $M_{\rm BH}$. Figure 9 shows the case for a gravitationally unstable CND with $\Sigma_{\rm g} = 10\Sigma_{\rm g,crit} \simeq 30 {\rm g cm}^{-2}$ whose outer radius is $r_{\rm out} = 9.5 {\rm pc}$ obtained by Equation (11). The figure indicates that, when the surface density of CNDs increases, $f_{\rm obs}$ decreases (i.e., the maximal value of $f_{\rm obs}$ is 0.2), and $L_{\rm AGN,p}$ increases because a larger $\Sigma_{\rm g}$ results in a lower scale height of CNDs, $h(r_{\rm out})/r_{\rm out}$, owing to the strong gravitational field of CNDs. From Equations (11) and (17) we find $h(r_{\rm out})/r_{\rm out} \propto \Sigma_{\rm g}^{-9/8}$.

4. Discussion

4.1. Comparison with Infrared Observations

Our results on $f_{\rm obs}$ can be compared with the mid-infrared observations of AGNs to check if our predictions reflect the observed structures of the dusty CNDs at r = 1-10 pc. Recently, Ichikawa et al. (2019) examined the dust-covering factor of AGNs ($f_{\rm obs,IR}$) by using the IR (3–500 μ m) spectral energy distribution for nearby AGNs detected in the all-sky 70-month *Swift*/BAT ultrahard X-ray (E > 10 keV) survey. Their sample contains ~600 AGNs with a wide AGN luminosity range of 10^{41} erg s⁻¹ < $L_{\rm AGN} < 10^{47}$ erg s⁻¹ (the median value is $L_{\rm AGN} \sim 10^{44.7}$ erg s⁻¹) and with a BH mass range of $10^{6} M_{\odot} < M_{\rm BH} < 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ (the median is $M_{\rm BH} \sim 10^{8.1} M_{\odot}$); these values have been obtained from intensive X-ray and optical spectroscopic follow-up observations (Ricci et al. 2017; Koss et al. 2017). They found that the dust-covering factor is almost constant with the value $f_{\rm obs,IR} \sim 0.5$ in the AGN luminosity range of 10^{43} erg s⁻¹ < $L_{\rm AGN} < 10^{46}$ erg s⁻¹. Here, we select 179 AGNs with $M_{\rm BH} = 10^{7.5}$ – $10^{8.5} M_{\odot}$ from the total of 587 objects in Ichikawa et al. (2019).

Figure 10 compares the observed data with the hybrid model (red solid line) and SN-driven turbulence model (red dashed line) with $M_{\rm BH} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$, $C_{*,\rm max} = 10^{-7} \,{\rm yr}^{-1}$, $r_{\rm in} = 1 \,{\rm pc}$, $\bar{\tau} = 10 \,{\rm and} \, \Sigma_{\rm g} = \Sigma_{\rm g,criti} \simeq 1.0 \,{\rm g} \,{\rm cm}^{-2}$. The flat feature around $L_{\rm AGN} \simeq 10^{44} - 10^{45} \,{\rm erg} \,{\rm s}^{-1}$ is quantitatively consistent with both models. This is also the case for $r_{\rm in} = 0.3 \,{\rm pc}$ (dotted–dashed line in Figure 10) and $\bar{\tau} = 10^2$ (dashed line in Figure 10). In this case, the observed maximum value of $f_{\rm obs} \sim 0.5$ is determined by $C_{*,\rm max}$. In addition, as mentioned in Section 2.5, if $r_{\rm in}$ decreases, the low-luminosity end of the flat region becomes lower. When the optical depth $\bar{\tau}$ increases, the high-luminosity end of the flat feature becomes higher. The flat



Figure 10. Comparison with IR observational data (blue symbols) and X-ray data (black symbols) of nearby AGNs (both IR and X-ray data from Ichikawa et al. 2019) with the average BH mass $\simeq 10^8 M_{\odot}$. The red solid line represents the prediction of the hybrid model (SN + radiation pressure model) with $M_{\rm BH} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$, $C_{*,\rm max} = 10^{-7} \, {\rm yr}^{-1}$, $r_{\rm in} = 1 \, {\rm pc}$, $\bar{\tau} = 10$ and $\Sigma_{\rm g} = \Sigma_{\rm g,crit} \simeq 1.0 \, {\rm g} \, {\rm cm}^{-2}$. The SN-driven turbulence model is shown by the red dashed line (see also Figure 2). The black dashed line corresponds to a larger optical depth $\bar{\tau} = 10^2$, while the black dotted–dashed line corresponds to a smaller inner radius $r_{\rm in} = 0.3 \, {\rm pc}$.

feature does not change significantly, even if we change $r_{\rm in}$ and $\bar{\tau}$, as shown in Figure 10. Moreover, it seems that the hybrid model(SN + radiation pressure model) with $r_{\rm in} = 0.3$ pc well reproduces all data points, while the SN-driven turbulence model cannot explain the data of bright AGNs with $L_{\rm AGN} \sim 10^{46}$ erg s⁻¹. To distinguish between two models clearly, it would be important to reduce the error bars of data at the lowest and highest luminosity bins (two blue symbols with dashed lines) by increasing the number of objects.

Finally, we mention the covering factor of obscured quasar. Assef et al. (2015) reported that half of bright quasar seem to be obscured by investigating the nature of of hot dust-obscured galaxies selected with the *Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer*, which are selected hot dust-obscured galaxies. In the present model, the obscuring fraction is maximally 0.2 for the parameter range of bright quasars ($M_{\rm BH} \simeq 10^9 M_{\odot}$) and $L_{\rm AGN}/L_{\rm Edd} \simeq 10^{-2}$ – 10^{-1} (see Figure 3). This discrepancy implies that the obscuration of bright QSOs may be caused by the gas in their host galaxies (>100 pc) and/or highly disturbed <100 pc CNDs formed by major mergers. For confirmation, it is necessary to observe the dusty-gas distribution of these obscured quasars with ALMA.

4.2. Comparison with X-Ray Observations

We compared our results with the luminosity-dependent obscuration in X-ray observations. Recent X-ray spectral surveys based on large samples showed that the fraction of obscured AGNs peaks ($f_{obs,X} \sim 0.7$) around $L_X \sim 10^{43}$ erg s⁻¹ (e.g., Buchner et al. 2015; Buchner & Bauer 2017; Burlon et al. 2011). As shown in Figures 4 and 5, the observed f_{obs} for nearby AGNs is consistent with the theoretical predictions for $10^7 M_{\odot} < M_{BH} < 10^8 M_{\odot}$. Here, we assume $L_X = 0.01-0.1L_{AGN}$ (e.g., Marconi et al. 2004). In addition, Ricci et al. (2017) suggested that the obscuring fraction decreases with the Eddington ratio in the range $L_{AGN}/L_{Edd} > 10^{-2}$. This trend appears for a wide range of M_{BH} in Figures 4 and 5. Thus, these X-ray observations suggest that the obscuring structure is produced by the SN feedbacks at low AGN luminosities, i.e., low star formation efficiencies, while the geometry of the obscuring CND is regulated by the AGN radiative



Figure 11. Schematic pictures for two scenarios to explain the discrepancy between the X-ray observations and our theoretical model. Case (a) corresponds to the intense nuclear starburst with $C_* = 10^{-6} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ and multiphase CNDs. Case (b) describes that the dust-free absorbers inside the dust sublimation radius in the CNDs (<1 pc) contributes the X-ray observations, $f_{\text{obs},X}$.

feedback; in other words, the gas clouds at high altitude are expelled by the radiation pressure from AGNs in the regime of high Eddington ratio.

However, the covering factor observed in X-rays (Ichikawa et al. 2019) is larger $(f_{obs,X})$ than our predictions for any L_{AGN} , as shown in Figure 10. Ricci et al. (2017) also suggested the observed $f_{\rm obs}$ is almost constant ($f_{\rm obs,X} \sim 0.7$) between $L_{\rm AGN}/L_{\rm Edd} =$ 10^{-4} and 10^{-2} . This discrepancy could be solved if the star formation efficiency (C_*) assumed in our model is larger, because of $h(r_{out})/r_{out} \propto C_*^{1/2}$ (see Equation (9)). For example, the maximal f_{obs} becomes 0.65, compared with 0.5 in the fiducial case if we assume the high star formation efficiency ($C_* = 10^{-6} \text{ yr}^{-1}$) as observed in high-z luminous QSO hosts (e.g., Walter et al. 2004; Izumi et al. 2018). The difference between $f_{obs,IR}$ and $f_{obs,X}$ may suggest that there are multiple components in CNDs, i.e., the layer of the X-ray absorbers (gas+dust) is located above that of IR absorbers, because the IR absorbers with higher density is hard to puff up by the SN feedbacks as shown in Figure 11 (a) (see also Wada 2015; Wada et al. 2016). Using ALMA, Izumi et al. (2018) found that the torus in the Circinus galaxy has different scale heights in the atomic and molecular gas; The less dense atomic gas forms a thicker disk. This kind of stratified structure may explain the dust deficient absorber. An alternative possibility is that the obscuring structures at optical/IR and X-ray bands are intrinsically different as shown in Figure 11 (b), i.e., the covering angle of the dust-free gas structure inside the dust sublimation radius is larger than that of the dusty CND (e.g., Merloni et al. 2014; Davies et al. 2015; Ichikawa et al. 2019). If this is the case, the dust-free absorbers inside the dusty structure (<1 pc) would be an essential structure to determine the obscuring fraction $(f_{\rm obs,X})$ for AGNs with low Eddington ratios of $L_{AGN}/L_{Edd} < 10^{-2}$. However, the origin of that component is not clear.

5. Summary

We investigated the structure of 10 pc-scale obscuring CNDs by considering the SN feedbacks from nuclear starburst and the effect of anisotropic radiation pressure. We explored how structures of 1–10 pc dusty CNDs depend on the BH mass $(M_{\rm BH})$, AGN luminosity $(L_{\rm AGN})$, and physical properties of CNDs. Our findings are summarized as follows:

- 1. The obscuring fraction, f_{obs} , peaks at the luminosity $L_{AGN,p} \sim 10\%$ of the AGN Eddington luminosity (L_{Edd}) , and the maximal value of f_{obs} is ~0.6 for less massive SMBHs (e.g., $M_{BH} < 10^8 M_{\odot}$). For lower L_{AGN} , the obscuring fraction is determined by the SN feedback, while the radiative feedback is important for higher L_{AGN} . On the other hand, for massive SMBHs (e.g., $M_{BH} > 10^8 M_{\odot}$), the obscuring fraction f_{obs} is always low (<0.2), and it is independent of L_{AGN} because the scale height of CNDs is mainly regulated by the maximal star formation efficiency, $C_{*,max}$, in CNDs.
- 2. The maximal f_{obs} slightly increases as the inner radius of CNDs (r_{in}) decreases. This case may correspond to heavily obscured AGNs with relatively low-mass BHs ($M_{BH} < 10^8 M_{\odot}$). In addition, our model indicates that f_{obs} increases with the column density of LOS $N_{\rm H}$, which is consistent with recent X-ray observations (Mateos et al. 2016). Moreover, when the surface density of CNDs is larger, f_{obs} is smaller (i.e., the maximal value of f_{obs} being 0.2), and $L_{\rm AGN,p}$ becomes larger. We then predict that f_{obs} decreases with the surface density of the obscuring materials.
- 3. We compared the predicted obscuring fraction $f_{\rm obs}$ with mid-IR observations (Ichikawa et al. 2019). The SN + radiation pressure model is consistent with the IR obscuring fraction for massive BHs with $M_{\rm BH} = 10^8 M_{\odot}$. This implies that an intense nuclear starburst with $C_{*,\max} =$ 10^{-7} yr⁻¹ contributes to the obscuration in these objects. In addition, our model can qualitatively explain the observed behavior of $f_{\rm obs}$ as a function of the X-ray luminosity (e.g., Burlon et al. 2011). However, $f_{obs,X}$ is always greater than our theoretical predictions, especially for AGNs with low Eddington luminosity ratio $(L_{AGN}/L_{Edd} < 10^{-2})$. One solution is the high star formation efficiency $(C_* = 10^{-6} \text{ yr}^{-1})$ as observed in high-z luminous QSO hosts. The other option is the major contribution of the dustfree absorbers inside the dust sublimation radius in the CNDs (<1 pc).

As mentioned above, the current model cannot explain the dust-free obscuring structure for AGNs with low Eddington ratio, $L_{AGN}/L_{Edd} < 10^{-2}$. To resolve this issue, it might be important to take into account a failed dusty wind from the outer accretion disk (e.g., Czerny & Hryniewicz 2011; Baskin & Laor 2018) because this effect works at the dust-free region inside dusty CNDs. Furthermore, in this work, we considered how both the SN and radiative feedbacks from AGNs affect on the obscuring structure of AGNs. The mechanical feedbacks by strong AGN outflows (e.g., Nomura & Ohsuga 2017) may also be important for the obscuring fraction of AGNs, because high-velocity outflows with the velocity of 10% of speed of light are detected in almost half of Seyfert galaxies (e.g., Tombesi et al. 2010, 2011; Gofford et al. 2015). The effect of AGN winds on f_{obs} will be left to our future work.

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