Chandra identification of two AGN discovered by INTEGRAL

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ABSTRACT

Here, we report on observations of two hard X-ray sources that were originally discovered with the INTEGRAL satellite: IGR J04059+5416 and IGR J08297−4250. We use the Chandra X-ray Observatory to localize the sources and then archival near-IR images to identify the counterparts. Both sources have counterparts in the catalogue of extended 2 Micron All-Sky Survey sources, and the counterpart to IGR J04059+5416 has been previously identified as a galaxy. Thus, we place IGR J04059+5416 in the class of active galactic nuclei (AGN), and we suggest that IGR J08297−4250 is also an AGN. If this identification is correct, the near-IR images suggest that the host galaxy of IGR J08297−4250 may be merging with a smaller nearby galaxy. For IGR J04059+5416, the 0.3–86 keV spectrum from Chandra and INTEGRAL is consistent with an absorbed power-law with a column density of \( N_H = (3.1^{+2.0}_{-1.3}) \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2} \) and a photon index of \( \Gamma = 1.4 \pm 0.7 \), and we suggest that it is a Seyfert galaxy. For IGR J08297−4250, the photon index is similar, \( \Gamma = 1.5 \pm 0.8 \), but the source is highly absorbed \((N_H = (6.1^{+10.1}_{-4.3}) \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-2})\).

Key words: stars: individual: IGR J04059+5416 – stars: individual: IGR J08297−4250 – galaxies: active – galaxies: Seyfert – X-rays: galaxies – X-rays: general.

1 INTRODUCTION

The hard X-ray imaging by the INTERNATIONAL Gamma-Ray Astrophysics Laboratory (INTEGRAL) satellite (Winkler et al. 2003) has led to the discovery of a large number of new or previously poorly studied ‘IGR’ sources. The most recent published catalogues of 20–100 keV sources detected by the Imager on-board the INTEGRAL Satellite (IBIS; Ubertini et al. 2003) include more than 700 sources for the whole sky (Bird et al. 2010) and 402 sources within 17.5 of the Galactic plane1 (Krivonos et al. 2012). The current INTEGRAL source catalogue2 includes 954 sources detected by IBIS. The nature of \( \approx200 \) of the IGR sources is still unknown according to the most up-to-date list.3

While INTEGRAL has found many new sources, it only localizes them to 1 arcmin–5 arcmin, which is not nearly adequate for finding optical/IR counterparts. Short exposures of IGR sources with the Chandra X-ray Observatory allow for a major advance in understanding the nature of these sources by providing sub-arcsecond positions, leading to unique optical/IR counterparts, as well as 0.3–10 keV spectra that can be used to measure column densities and continuum shapes (see Tomsick et al. 2006, 2008, 2009, 2012; Bodaghee et al. 2012, for examples of our previous work on Chandra follow-up of IGR sources). Other groups have been carrying out similar investigations (e.g. Fiocchi et al. 2010; Ratti et al. 2010; Paizis et al. 2011, 2012; Nowak et al. 2012; Karasev et al. 2012).

Prior to this study, little was known about IGR J04059+5416 and IGR J08297−4250. They were discovered in the Krivonos et al. (2012) hard X-ray survey, which includes 9-years of INTEGRAL data. They are listed as being unidentified in the Krivonos et al. (2012) catalogue, and there have not been any more publications on these sources. A search of the SIMBAD data base does not suggest any likely counterparts. The Chandra observations that we made

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1 see http://hea.iki.rssi.ru/integral.
2 see http://isdc.unige.ch/integral/catalog/38/catalog.html.
3 see http://irfu.cea.fr/Sap/IGR-Sources/.

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to identify the sources are described in Section 2. Then, the results are presented in Section 3, including Chandra localizations, near-IR identifications, and an analysis of the Chandra and INTEGRAL energy spectra. Section 4 includes a discussion of the results and the conclusions.

2 OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

IGR J04059+5416 and IGR J08297−4250 were both observed with Chandra for 4.9 ks in late-2013 (see Table 1). We used the Advanced CCD Imaging Spectrometer (ACIS; Garmire et al. 2003) instrument, which has a 0.3–10 keV bandpass, and includes two arrays of CCDs: ACIS-I and ACIS-S. Our observations used ACIS-I, giving a 16.9 × 16.9 arcmin$^2$ field-of-view, which easily covers the INTEGRAL error circles. We obtained the data from the Chandra X-ray Center and processed it using the Chandra Interactive Analysis of Observations (CIAO) v4.6 software and the Calibration Data Base (CALDB) v4.6.2. We used chandra_repro to produce event lists that were used for further analysis.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Chandra counterpart identifications

We searched for Chandra sources by running wavdetect (Freeman et al. 2002) on the ACIS-I images. We used the same method described in Tomick et al. (2012), including binning the images to four different pixel sizes. In addition, we applied wavdetect to images in three different energy bands: 0.3–10 keV, 0.3–2 keV and 2–10 keV. Considering the different binnings and different energy bands, we obtained 12 source lists, which we merged into a single list for each observation. We considered all sources detected at a significance level of $\sigma$ or greater.

For IGR J04059+5416, we detect 12 sources in the ACIS-I field, and they are listed in Table 2. The ACIS counts are determined using circular extraction regions with radii increasing with off-axis angle ($\theta$) in the same manner as described in Tomick et al. (2012). For the position uncertainties, we add the systematic and statistical errors in quadrature. For all sources, the systematic pointing error is 0.64 arcsec at 90 per cent confidence and 1 arcsec at 99 per cent confidence (Weisskopf 2005). The statistical uncertainty depends on the number of counts and the off-axis angle, and we use equation 5 from Hong et al. (2005) to calculate this quantity. The Hong et al. (2005) equation gives a 95 per cent confidence error, but we assume a normal distribution and convert it to a 90 per cent confidence error before adding it in quadrature with the 90 per cent confidence systematic error. Table 2 also includes an estimate of the hardness of each source. As detailed in Table 2 and Tomick et al. (2012), it is defined so that the maximum hardness is 1.0 (all the counts in the 2–10 keV bin) and the minimum hardness is −1.0 (all the counts in the 0.3–2 keV bin).

Source 2 has the highest count rate, is only 2.2 arcmin from the INTEGRAL position of IGR J04056+5416, and has a hard spectrum. Source 1 is closer to the INTEGRAL position, but Source 2 is well within the 2$\sigma$ INTEGRAL error circle (see Fig. 1). Considering that the count rate for Source 1 is an order of magnitude lower, we argue that Source 2 is a much more likely counterpart. The 2–10 keV image shown in Fig. 1 also shows a relatively bright and hard source to the southwest of the INTEGRAL position. This is Source 7, and its count rate and hardness are only slightly lower than Source 2. Although Source 7 was not previously known to be an X-ray source, a catalogue search shows that it is positionally coincident with a known radio source, 4C 54.04. However, it is

| Target | $l$ (deg) | $b$ (deg) | ObsID | Start time (UT) | End time (UT) | Exposure time (s) |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| IGR J04059+5416 | 148.93 | +1.54 | 15792 | 2013 Nov 22, 18.7 h | 2013 Nov 22, 20.9 h | 4910 |
| IGR J08297−4250 | 261.08 | −2.21 | 15793 | 2013 Dec 4, 20.3 h | 2013 Dec 4, 22.1 h | 4909 |

| Source number | $\theta^a$ (arcmin) | Chandra RA (J2000) | Chandra Dec. (J2000) | ACIS counts | Position uncertainty$^c$ (arcsec) | hardness$^d$ |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1             | 0.40                | +54°16’34”9’’       | 9.6                | 0.75        | +0.59 ± 0.14                    |                |
| 2             | 2.21                | +54°18’45”1’’       | 92.6               | 0.71        | +0.4 ± 0.01                     |                |
| 3             | 3.72                | +54°14’21”3’’       | 8.6                | 0.86        | <0.2                            |                |
| 4             | 3.64                | +54°19’29”7’’       | 6.6                | 1.11        | +0.1 ± 0.7                      |                |
| 5             | 4.04                | +54°16’38”9’’       | 14.3               | 0.94        | +0.4 ± 0.04                     |                |
| 6             | 5.60                | +54°13’38”6’’       | 7.3                | 1.85        | +0.0 ± 0.6                      |                |
| 7             | 6.22                | +54°11’51”8’’       | 84.3               | 0.87        | +0.37 ± 0.14                    |                |
| 8             | 6.44                | +54°10’09”7’’       | 6.3                | 2.87        | >0.3                            |                |
| 9             | 7.20                | +54°23’45”5’’       | 8.2                | 2.90        | >0.0                            |                |
| 10            | 7.51                | +54°23’26”5’’       | 15.2               | 2.03        | +0.5 ± 0.4                      |                |
| 11            | 7.64                | +54°23’52”1’’       | 7.2                | 3.76        | <0.3                            |                |
| 12            | 8.25                | +54°10’51”5’’       | 5.2                | 6.28        | <0.2                            |                |

Notes: $^a$ The angular distance between the centre of the INTEGRAL error circle, which is also the approximate Chandra aimpoint, and the source. $^b$ The number of ACIS-I counts detected (after background subtraction) in the 0.3–10 keV band. $^c$ The 90 per cent confidence uncertainty on the position, including statistical and systematic contributions. $^d$ The hardness is given by $(C_2 − C_1)/(C_2 + C_1)$, where $C_2$ is the number of counts in the 2–10 keV band and $C_1$ is the number of counts in the 0.3–2 keV band.

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Figure 1. Chandra/ACIS-I images in the 2–10 keV band for IGR J04059+5416 (left) and IGR J08297–4250 (right). In each image, the larger circle has a 4.2 arcmin radius and is the 2σ INTEGRAL error circle. The smaller circles indicate the locations of the Chandra counterparts of the two IGR sources: CXOU J040557.6+541845 and CXOU J082941.0–425158. The images have been binned and smoothed.

Table 3. Chandra sources in IGR J08297–4250 field.

| Source number | θ\(^a\) (arcmin) | Chandra RA (J2000) | Chandra Dec. (J2000) | ACIS counts\(^b\) | Position uncertainty\(^c\) (arcsec) | hardness\(^d\) |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1             | 1.58             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)40\(^s\)70 | −42\(^\circ\)51′43″3 | 4.2                | 0.88                                | −0.4           |
| 2             | 1.67             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)41′09″ | −42\(^\circ\)51′58″5 | 22.2               | 0.73                                | +0.6           |
| 3             | 1.79             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)57′73″ | −42\(^\circ\)50′58″4 | 3.2                | 0.98                                | −0.7           |
| 4             | 2.42             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)46′59″ | −42\(^\circ\)53′17″0 | 3.2                | 1.11                                | −              |
| 5             | 2.77             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)34′65″ | −42\(^\circ\)52′10″6 | 40.2               | 0.74                                | −0.7 ± 0.2     |
| 6             | 3.59             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)36′99″ | −42\(^\circ\)47′54″8 | 8.2                | 1.01                                | −0.4 ± 0.6     |
| 7             | 4.70             | 08\(^h\)30\(^m\)13′58″ | −42\(^\circ\)50′32″1 | 5.8                | 1.59                                | <= -0.2        |
| 8             | 5.55             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)45′06″ | −42\(^\circ\)56′24″8 | 13.8               | 1.28                                | +0.4 ± 0.4     |
| 9             | 5.69             | 08\(^h\)30\(^m\)01′78″ | −42\(^\circ\)55′59″0 | 5.8                | 2.23                                | <= -0.2        |
| 10            | 6.68             | 08\(^h\)30\(^m\)12′10″ | −42\(^\circ\)45′52″3 | 10.8               | 2.00                                | <= -0.4        |
| 11            | 6.87             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)41′02″ | −42°44′06″2           | 2.8                | 6.52                                | −              |
| 12            | 7.21             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)23′30″ | −42\(^\circ\)45′13″3 | 2.9                | 7.41                                | −              |
| 13            | 7.31             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)35′41″ | −42\(^\circ\)57′49″0 | 4.9                | 4.73                                | <= -0.9        |
| 14            | 7.32             | 08\(^h\)30\(^m\)08′18″ | −42\(^\circ\)57′12″0 | 7.9                | 3.12                                | <= +0.1        |
| 15            | 7.51             | 08\(^h\)30\(^m\)16′72″ | −42\(^\circ\)56′14″5 | 16.9               | 1.90                                | +0.5 ± 0.4     |
| 16            | 8.11             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)39′08″ | −42\(^\circ\)58′49″2 | 4.9                | 6.33                                | −              |
| 17            | 8.42             | 08\(^h\)29\(^m\)03′26″ | −42\(^\circ\)48′58″3 | 11.9               | 3.17                                | <= +0.1        |
| 18            | 10.25            | 08\(^h\)30\(^m\)43′94″ | −42\(^\circ\)50′53″8 | 4.9                | 13.07                                | −              |

Notes. \(^a\) The angular distance between the centre of the INTEGRAL error circle, which is also the approximate Chandra aimpoint, and the source.

\(^b\) The number of ACIS-I counts detected (after background subtraction) in the 0.3–10 keV band.

\(^c\) The 90 per cent confidence uncertainty on the position, including statistical and systematic contributions.

\(^d\) The hardness is given by \((C_2 - C_1)/(C_2 + C_1)\), where \(C_2\) is the number of counts in the 2–10 keV band and \(C_1\) is the number of counts in the 0.3–2 keV band.

6.2 arcmin away from the INTEGRAL position, which is well outside the 2σ error circle and close to the 3σ error circle. Overall, CXOU J040557.6+541845 (Source 2) is, by far, the most likely counterpart to IGR J04059+5416, and its Chandra position is given in Table 2. The 0.3–10 keV ACIS-I count rate for CXOU J040557.6+541845 is \(1.89 \times 10^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\) (92.6 counts during the 4910 s observation).

We produced a source list for the IGR J08297–4250 field in the same manner as described above, and we find 18 sources detected by ACIS-I (see Table 3). Although Source 5 has the highest 0.3–10 keV count rate, it is a very soft source with a hardness of \(-0.72 \pm 0.24\) (1σ error). This is inconsistent with the hard spectrum required to explain the hard X-ray flux measured by INTEGRAL. Source 2 is closer to the centre of the INTEGRAL error circle for IGR J08297–4250, and it is much a harder source with a hardness of 

\(>0.6\). In fact, of the 22.2 detected photons for Source 2, only one is in the 0.3–2 keV band. Other than Source 5, there are no sources with more than 20 counts, and the other sources with more than 5 counts listed in Table 3 are farther from the INTEGRAL position. The fact that CXOU J082941.0–425158 (Source 2) is the most likely counterpart for IGR J08297–4250 is illustrated in Fig. 1 since it is clearly the brightest 2–10 keV source in the field. Its Chandra position is given in Table 3, and the 0.3–10 keV ACIS-I count rate for CXOU J082941.0–425158 is \(4.52 \times 10^{-3}\) s\(^{-1}\) (22.2 counts during the 4909 s observation). Below, we also discuss one of the fainter sources (Source 1 with 4.2 counts), CXOU J082940.7–425143, which is 16 arcsec from CXOU J082941.0–425158.
3.2 Near-IR identifications

We searched the VizieR data base for counterparts to the Chandra sources at other wavelengths. Here, we only discuss the matches that led to conclusions about the nature of the sources. CXOU J040557.6+541845 ( = IGR J04059+5416) is within 0.46 arcsec of 2MASX J04055765+5418446, which is from the catalogue of extended sources found in the 2MASS survey (Skrutskie et al. 2006). The magnitudes are $J = 15.3 \pm 0.2$, $H = 14.2 \pm 0.2$ and $K_s = 13.6 \pm 0.2$. Fig. 2 shows the UKIRT Infrared Deep Sky Survey (UKIDSS, Lawrence et al. 2007) K-band image for IGR J04059+5416, and the extended emission around 2MASX J04055765+5418446 is visible. The fact that this is an extended near-IR source provides evidence that it is an AGN. In addition, the source is present in the Sloan Digitized Sky Survey, SDSS J040557.62+541844.8, and is identified as a galaxy. A third identification is with WISE J040557.61+541844.9, which shows that the source is bright in the mid-IR with a 22.1 μm magnitude of 6.67 ± 0.06. The WISE source has IR colours [3.4 μm]−[4.6 μm] = 0.8 and [4.6 μm]−[12 μm] = 2.8. These are typical colours of flat spectrum radio quasars (FSRQs) and Seyfert galaxies (see e.g. Massaro et al. 2011). FSRQs have in general a bright radio emission. This source does not have any associated counterpart in the NRAO VLA Sky Survey (Condon et al. 1998). The lack of strong radio emission favours the Seyfert interpretation.

CXOU J082941.0−425158 (= IGR J08297−4250) is also present in the 2MASS catalogue of extended sources being 0.44 arcsec from 2MASX J08294112−4251582. Its magnitudes are $J = 14.0 \pm 0.2$, $H = 12.5 \pm 0.1$ and $K_s = 12.3 \pm 0.1$. Fig. 3 shows extended $K_s$-band emission out to ≈10 arcsec. We also identify this source with WISE J082941.14−425157.8, which has a 22.1 μm magnitude of 6.37 ± 0.07. The identification of IGR J08297−4250 with an extended near-IR source disfavours or rules out hard X-ray emitting Galactic populations. A high-mass X-ray binary (HMXB) might be as bright in the near-IR as 2MASX J08294112−4251582, but HMXBs do not show extended near-IR emission. Another type of source to consider is the class of pulsar wind nebulae (PWNe), which harbour rotation-powered pulsars. These sources have extended X-ray and radio emission, but they are extremely faint in the optical and near-IR. Out of 1800 rotation-powered pulsars, only 12 have UV, optical or near-IR counterparts, and, with the exception of the Crab nebula, they are all fainter than 22nd magnitude (Mignani 2011). Near-IR counterparts have also not been detected in observations of some of the brighter INTEGRAL PWNe (Curran et al. 2011). Thus, an AGN identification is very likely for IGR J08297−4250.

There is a second near-IR source about 16 arcsec to the north that also appears to be extended. It does not appear in the extended 2MASS catalogue, but it is 2MASS J08294046−4251430 with magnitudes $H = 16.0 \pm 0.2$ and $K_s = 15.0 \pm 0.1$. We suggest a possible identification of this source with CXOU J082940.7−425143. The Chandra position falls within the extended emission, but it is 2.6 arcsec from the brightest part of the extended near-IR emission. The 2MASS astrometry is good to ≈0.1 arcsec, indicating that the Chandra source position is clearly consistent with the brightest part of the near-IR emission. Whether the Chandra/2MASS association is valid or not, if 2MASS J08294046−4251430 is...
a galaxy, then it is possible that it is interacting with 2MASX J08294112–4251582. Thus, we consider these sources to potentially be a pair of merging galaxies.

3.3 Energy spectra

We produced 0.3–10 keV Chandra source and background energy spectra and response files using the CIAO script specextract. We used a circular source extraction region with a radius of 5 pixels (2.5 arcsec) and obtained a background spectrum from a nearby source-free region. For part of our analysis, we also use 17–86 keV energy spectra from INTEGRAL/IBIS. The INTEGRAL spectra are data products obtained as part of the Krivonos et al. (2012) study, and they represent average spectra over a 9-year period. For IGR J04059+5416 and IGR J08297–4250, the INTEGRAL spectra include exposure times of 1.3 and 5.6 Ms, respectively. In the following, we first perform spectral fitting for the two IGR sources with Chandra only, and then we jointly fit the Chandra and INTEGRAL spectra. Some caution is necessary regarding the joint fits since we are combining a single Chandra snapshot with INTEGRAL’s 9-year average. All spectral fitting is done with XSPEC v12.8.2.

3.3.1 IGR J04059+5416

Due to the low number of counts, we fit the Chandra spectra by minimizing the Cash statistic (Cash 1979). Although this statistic does not require binning of the data, we made a spectrum with a signal-to-noise ratio of at least 3 in each bin (except for the highest energy bin where the signal-to-noise ratio is 2.8) in order to look for any significant features in the residuals and to use the \( \chi^2 \) value as a representative determination of the quality of the fit. A simple absorbed power-law model provides an acceptable fit with a Cash statistic of 2.0 and a reduced-\( \chi^2 \) of 0.35 for 5 degrees of freedom (dof). As shown in Table 4, the column density, which is calculated using Wilms, Allen & McCray (2000) abundances and Verner et al. (1996) cross-sections, is \( N_H = (3.5^{+2.4}_{-1.9}) \times 10^{22} \) cm\(^{-2} \) (90 per cent confidence errors are given here and throughout the paper). This is significantly higher than the Galactic value along the IGR J04059+5416 line of sight, \( N_H = 7 \times 10^{21} \) cm\(^{-2} \) (Kalberla et al. 2005), indicating that some of the absorption is from the AGN’s host galaxy. The photon index from the Chandra-only fit is \( \Gamma = 1.5^{+0.9}_{-0.8} \).

We also performed spectral fits to the Chandra+INTEGRAL joint spectrum (see Table 4 and Fig. 4). We used \( \chi^2 \) minimization due to the high level of background for INTEGRAL. As before, we fit with an absorbed power-law model, and we also included a constant parameter, which allows for different overall normalizations for the two spectra (due to e.g. possible source variability). For the joint fit, there is very little change to the \( N_H \) and \( \Gamma \) parameters. With a value of \( 2.9^{+6.9}_{-5.2} \), the INTEGRAL normalization relative to Chandra does not allow us to draw conclusions on the source variability (1.0 indicating no variability). The constant source case would imply a harder spectrum (see Table 4). For all the IGR J04059+5416 fits, we only included the three lowest energy INTEGRAL bins in the fit because the source was not detected in the highest energy bin. The 2\( \sigma \) upper limit on the flux in the 57–86 keV bin is somewhat lower than the power law (see Fig. 4), which could be the sign of a cutoff.

3.3.2 IGR J08297–4250

Here, we also began by fitting just the Chandra spectrum with an absorbed power-law model and minimizing the Cash statistic. This provides an acceptable fit with a Cash statistic of 6.4 and a reduced-\( \chi^2 \) of 0.65 for 5 dof. For binning, we used a signal-to-noise ratio requirement of at least 1.25 per bin. The best-fitting spectral parameters are \( N_H = 1.9 \times 10^{23} \) cm\(^{-2} \) and \( \Gamma = -0.8 \), but they are both very poorly constrained since the spectrum only has 22 counts. We produced error contours for \( N_H \) and \( \Gamma \), and these are shown in Fig. 5. The two parameters are highly degenerate, and it is unclear if the spectrum is intrinsically very hard or if the column density is very high.

As shown in Fig. 4, the spectrum shows a high point at 6.0 ± 0.1 keV, and this could be interpreted as a noise fluctuation or a redshifted Fe K\(_\alpha\) emission line. When a narrow Gaussian is added, the Cash statistic drops from 6.4 to 0.4. To determine if the Gaussian is required by the data, we used simtest to make 1000 simulated spectra with the absorbed power-law model as the parent distribution. For the significance test, we used a spectrum with 21 bins to lessen any bias due to binning. With the actual data, the Cash statistic decreases from 16.7 to 10.1 for 17 dof. When the simulated spectra are fitted with and without a narrow Gaussian in the 5–7 keV range, they show improvements by at least as much as the actual data ≈ 1 per cent of the time, and we conclude that the significance of the line is 2.0\( \sigma \). We consider this to be a marginal detection of a redshifted Fe K\(_\alpha\) line.

Fitting the INTEGRAL spectrum jointly with Chandra greatly improves the constraints on the spectral parameters (Table 5). A very large column density of \( N_H = (6^{+27}_{-14}) \times 10^{23} \) cm\(^{-2} \) is required, and while Chandra alone allowed for the possibility of a very hard power-law spectrum, we find \( \Gamma = 1.5 \pm 0.8 \), which is typical for

| Parameter\(^a\) | Units | Chandra-only | Chandra+INTEGRAL |
|-----------------|-------|--------------|------------------|
| \( N_H \) \(^6\) | \( 10^{22} \) cm\(^{-2} \) | \( 3.5^{+2.4}_{-1.9} \) | \( 3.1^{+2.0}_{-1.5} \) |
| \( \Gamma \) \(^6\) | – | \( 1.5^{+0.9}_{-0.8} \) | \( 1.4 \pm 0.7 \) |
| Unabs. Flux (0.3–10 keV) \(^b\) | \( 10^{-12} \) erg cm\(^{-2} \) s\(^{-1} \) | \( 1.9^{+2.7}_{-1.6} \) | \( 1.8^{+1.2}_{-0.5} \) |
| Abs. Flux (0.3–10 keV) \(^b\) | \( 10^{-12} \) erg cm\(^{-2} \) s\(^{-1} \) | \( 1.1^{+0.3}_{-0.4} \) | \( 1.1^{+0.2}_{-0.3} \) |
| \( N_{\text{INTEGRAL}}/N_{\text{Chandra}} \) \(^c\) | – | \( 2.9^{+8.9}_{-2.2} \) | \( 1.0^{+6.8}_{-0.5} \) |

Notes. \(^a\)The errors on the parameters are 90 per cent confidence.
\(^b\)The column density is calculated assuming Wilms et al. (2000) abundances and Verner et al. (1996) cross-sections. Along this line of sight, the Galactic value is \( N_H = 7 \times 10^{21} \) cm\(^{-2} \) (Kalberla et al. 2005).
\(^c\)The INTEGRAL normalization relative to Chandra.
\(^d\)Fixed.
AGN. The column density is very much in excess of the Galactic value along the line of sight. While the INTEGRAL normalization relative to Chandra allows for significant variability, the parameters do not change significantly for the constant source case, and the error contours for these parameters are shown in Fig. 5. The addition of the INTEGRAL data allows us to rule out the low-\(N_H\)/hard-\(\Gamma\) solution that was a possibility with Chandra alone.

Fig. 4 shows that the simple absorbed power-law fit results in a mismatch between the model and the lowest energy bin in the Chandra spectrum. Although the discrepancy is only 1\(\sigma\), the addition of absorption with partial covering provides a good explanation, and the ratio residual for this bin goes from being off-scale in Fig. 4(e) (actually, the value of the ratio is 4.2 \(\pm\) 3.2) to being very close to 1.0 (0.9 \(\pm\) 0.7). While it is likely that there is partial covering absorption for this source, it does not provide a large enough improvement in the fit to be formally required, and the statistical quality of the spectrum is not sufficient to constrain the parameters.

4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

For our larger Chandra study in 2013–2014, we chose 10 unidentified INTEGRAL sources from the Krivonos et al. (2012) catalogue. While analysis of the data is still ongoing (and one observation has not yet occurred), the observations that we report on here have yielded an identification of one AGN (IGR J04059+5416) and one likely AGN (IGR J08297−4250). Of the 402 sources in the Krivonos et al. (2012) catalogue, 112 were identified as AGN or AGN candidates (with 104 being confirmed AGN). Although we selected sources within 8° of the Galactic plane (compared to the full catalogue, which goes out to 17.5°), and IGR J04059+5416 and IGR J08297−4250 have Galactic latitudes of \(b = 1.54\) and \(b = −2.21\), respectively, it is still not extremely surprising for 20 per cent of our sample to be composed of AGN. In our previous studies, we have identified several INTEGRAL sources near the Galactic plane as AGN (Chaty et al. 2008; Zurita Heras, Chaty & Tomsick 2009; Tomsick et al. 2012).
which might argue that the source is a blazar. However, the nondetection in the 57–86 keV band would require a sharp spectral cutoff, and this would not be expected for a blazar at this energy. It is more likely that the source is moderately variable and that it is a Seyfert galaxy. The 9-year 17–60 keV IBIS light curve does not show statistically significant variability, but the errors on individual flux measurements are large, and we calculate that the light curve allows for year-to-year flux changes by as much as a factor of 2 or 3. Thus, it is possible that the Chandra observation occurred when the flux was relatively low.

For IGR J08297–4250, the Chandra+INTEGRAL fits indicate a power law with an index consistent with what would be expected for a Seyfert galaxy, and the high absorption may indicate a Seyfert 2 classification. Although the 6.0-keV emission line is only significant at the 2σ level, if its rest-frame energy is 6.4 keV (neutral iron Kα), then the redshift is $z = 0.07$. For an unabsorbed 0.3–10 keV flux of $2 \times 10^{-12}$ erg cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$, the corresponding luminosity would be $\sim 10^{34}$ erg s$^{-1}$, which is typical for hard X-ray-selected Seyfert 2 AGN (Ajello et al. 2012).

Koss et al. (2010) estimated that up to 25 per cent of the AGN detected above 15 keV by Swift/Burst Alert Telescope (BAT) are found in hosts in an apparent state of merging with a nearby (<30 kpc) galaxy. This, together with the fact that AGN luminosity increases for decreasing separation of the galaxy pair (Koss et al. 2012),

Figure 5. Contour plot for absorbed power-law fits to the IGR J08297–4250 spectra. The parameters are the column density ($N_H$) and the power-law index ($\Gamma$). For the fits to the Chandra spectrum, the dark shaded region corresponds to the 1σ error range ($\Delta \chi^2 = 2.3$), and the light shaded region corresponds to the 90 per cent confidence error range ($\Delta \chi^2 = 4.6$). For the joint fits to the Chandra and INTEGRAL spectrum, the solid line encloses the 1σ error range, and the dotted line encloses the 90 per cent confidence error range.

Table 5. IGR J08297–4250 power-law fit parameters.

| Parameter$^a$ | Units | Chandra+INTEGRAL |
|----------------|-------|------------------|
| $N_H$          | $10^{22}$ cm$^{-2}$ | $61^{+101}_{-43}$ | $81^{+100}_{-56}$ |
| $\Gamma$       | –     | $1.5 \pm 0.8$   | $1.3^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$ |
| Unabs. flux (0.3–10 keV) | $10^{-12}$ erg cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$ | $1.6^{+10.4}_{-1.2}$ | $2.0^{+14.0}_{-1.6}$ |
| Abs. flux (0.3–10 keV)   | $10^{-12}$ erg cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$ | $0.3^{+0.4}_{-0.2}$ | $0.3 \pm 0.1$ |
| $N_{\text{INTEGRAL}}/N_{\text{Chandra}}$ | –     | $2.5^{+2.2}_{-2.0}$ | $1.0^d$ |

Notes. $^a$The errors on the parameters are 90 per cent confidence.
$^b$The column density is calculated assuming Wilms et al. (2000) abundances and Verner et al. (1996) cross-sections. Along this line of sight, the Galactic value is $N_H = 9 \times 10^{21}$ cm$^{-2}$ (Kalberla et al. 2005).
$^c$The INTEGRAL normalization relative to Chandra.
$^d$Fixed.

The 112 AGN or AGN candidates in the Krivonos et al. (2012) catalogue have 17–60 keV fluxes ranging from 0.37 to 12 mCrab with a median flux of 0.98 mCrab. In the Krivonos et al. (2012) catalogue, the 17–60 keV fluxes of IGR J04059+5416 and IGR J08297–4250 are 0.86 and 0.35 mCrab, respectively. Thus, IGR J04059+5416 is close to the median flux, and IGR J08297–4250 is slightly fainter than the faintest source identified as an AGN in the catalogue.

For IGR J04059+5416, the optical and near-IR information provides the strongest evidence that it is an AGN, but the type of AGN is not immediately clear. The Chandra+INTEGRAL spectral fit for the $N_{\text{INTEGRAL}}/N_{\text{Chandra}} = 1$ gives a very hard spectrum ($\Gamma = 0.9 \pm 0.2$),
highlights the role that merging has in triggering AGN activity. It is thus not unlikely to find an AGN hosted in a merging pair while following up on newly detected INTEGRAL sources. The majority of INTEGRAL Seyfert-like AGN are detected at $z \lesssim 0.1$, implying that the separation between CXOU J082941.0$-$425158 and CXOU J082940.7$-$425143 (assuming they are a merging pair of galaxies) is $<30$ kpc. Koss et al. (2012) found that systems with a close companion (e.g. $<30$ kpc) often display AGN activity in both hosts, similarly to what we find here. Moreover, some of the hosts of close merging pairs present a disrupted morphology (Koss et al. 2012), which might explain the offset of CXOU J082941.0$-$425143 from the brightest part of the extended near-IR emission. We thus believe that, on the basis of the evidence gathered so far, IGR J08297$-$4250 is an AGN that might possibly be hosted in a merging pair. However, final confirmation will have to await higher resolution near-IR imaging and optical spectroscopy.

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