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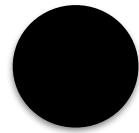
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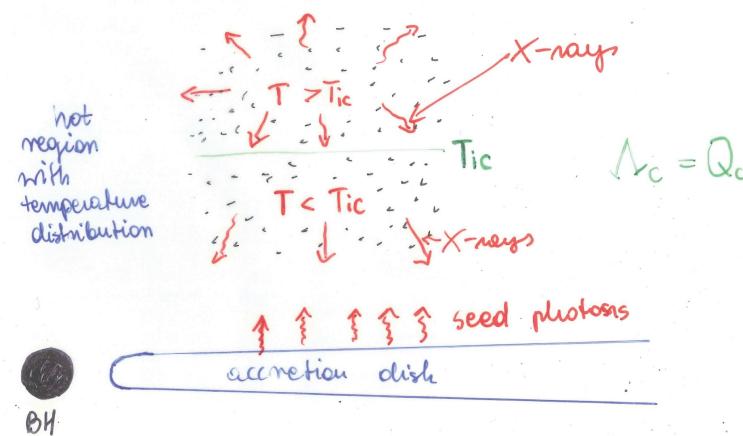
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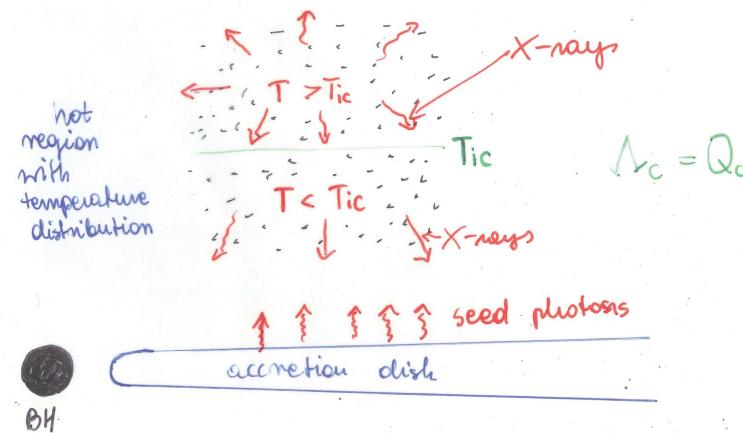
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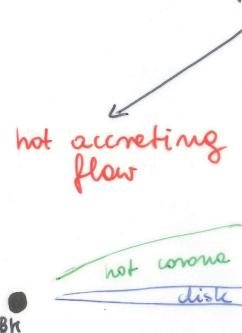
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Variety of models which can be verified by observational features

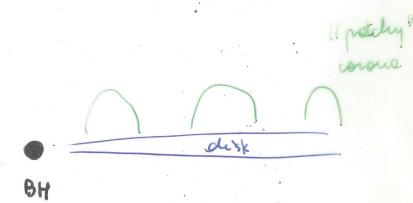
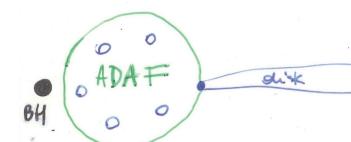
$\Gamma$  - photon index of X-ray spectrum

R - strength of Compton reflection bump

two groups depending on mechanism which heats plasma up to  $T \sim 10^9 \text{ K}$



Flares carried up by magnetic field reconnection or magnetohydrodynamic waves



Hot corona  $10^9$  K, cooled by Comptonization was optically thin, as shown by Haardt & Maraschi in 1993

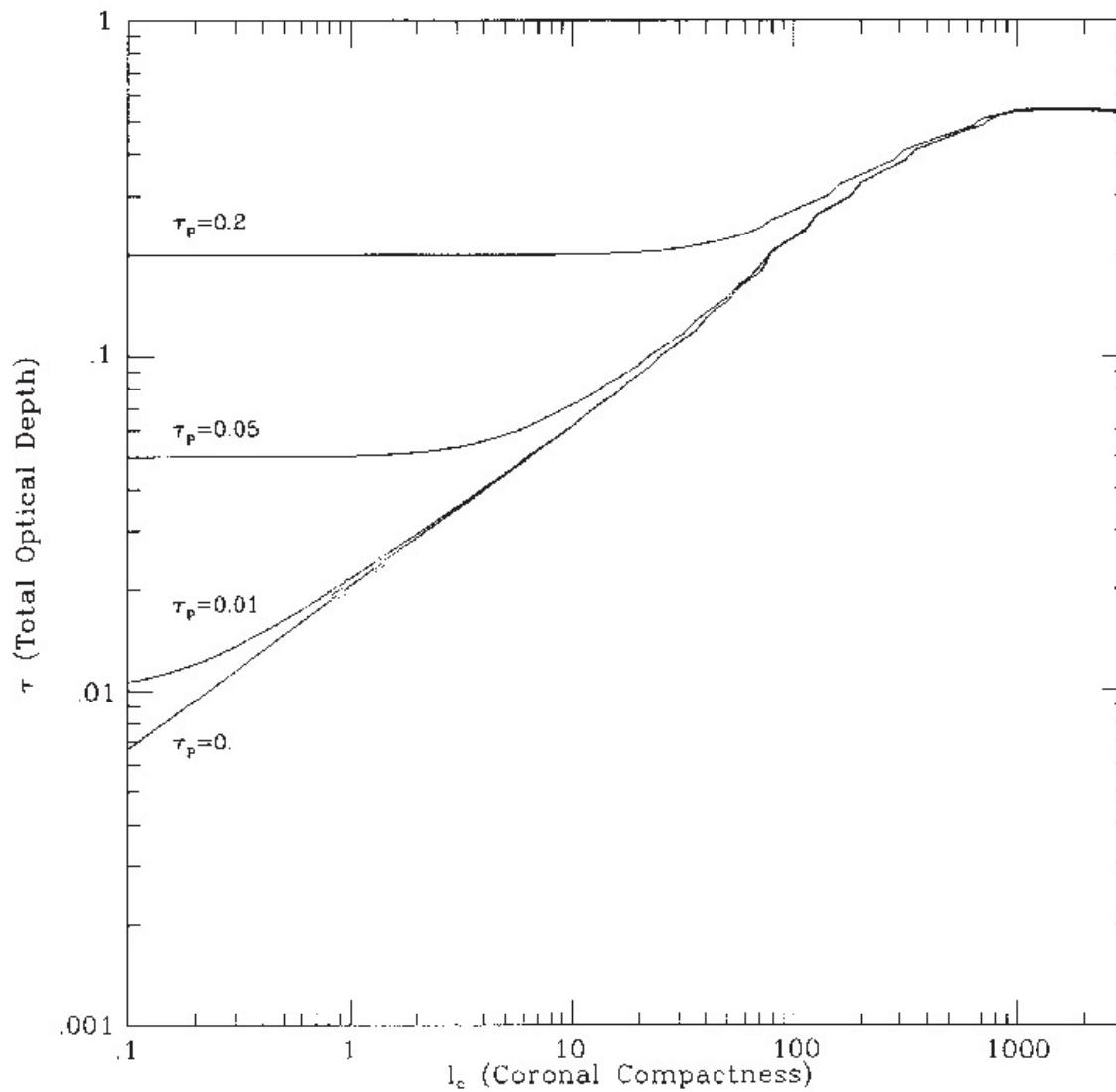


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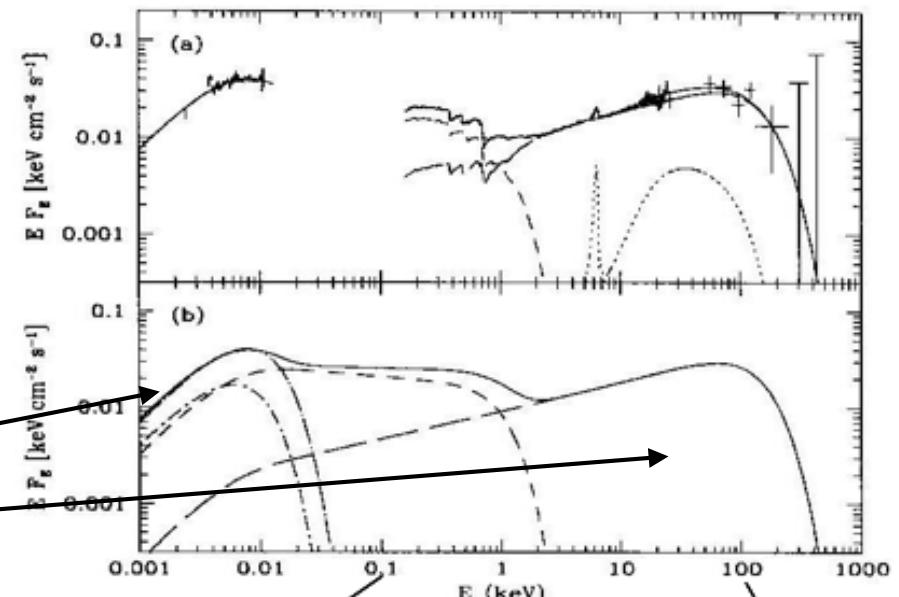
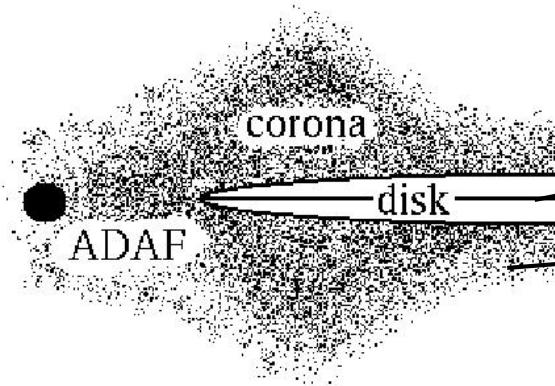
FIG. 3.—(a) Total optical depth  $\tau$  as a function of the compactness  $l_c$  and the  
(b) Corresponding electron temperature according to the energy balance equation.

# Continuum energy distribution in radio-quiet AGN:

Magdziarz et al. 1998

NGC 5548 Sy1

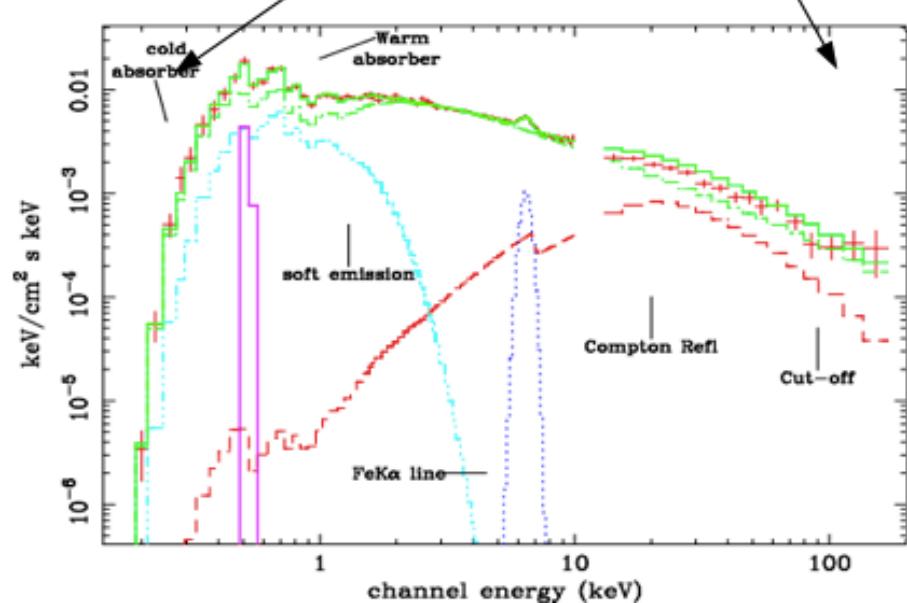
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De Rosa et al. 2002

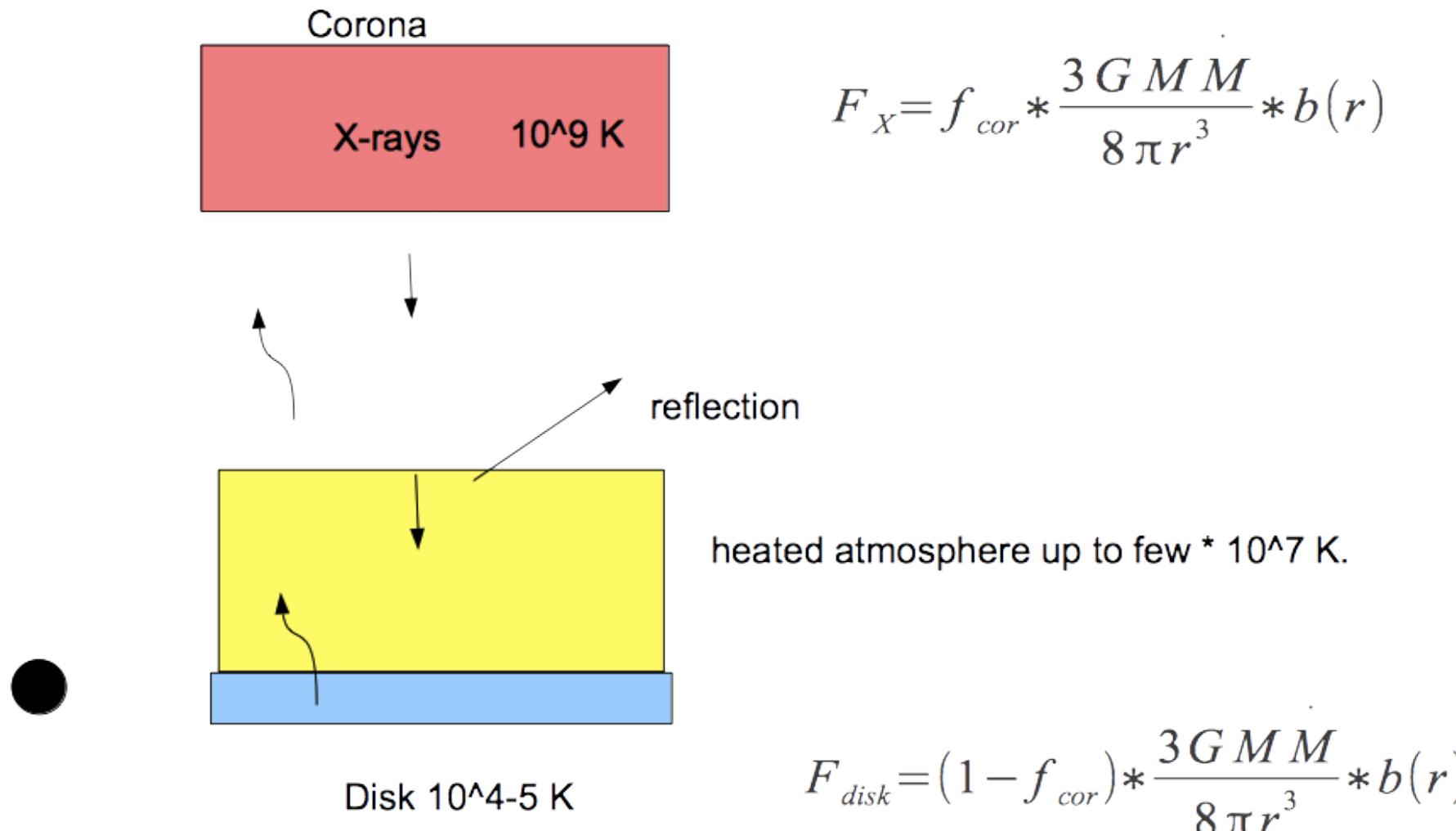
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Broad-band spectrum  
Beppo-SAX

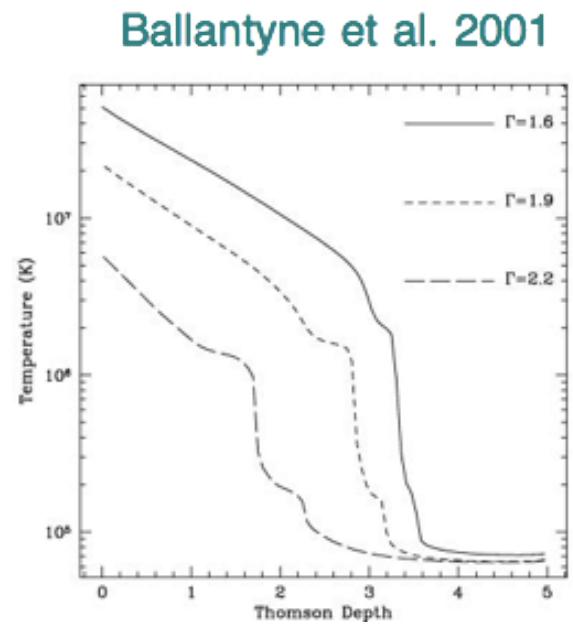
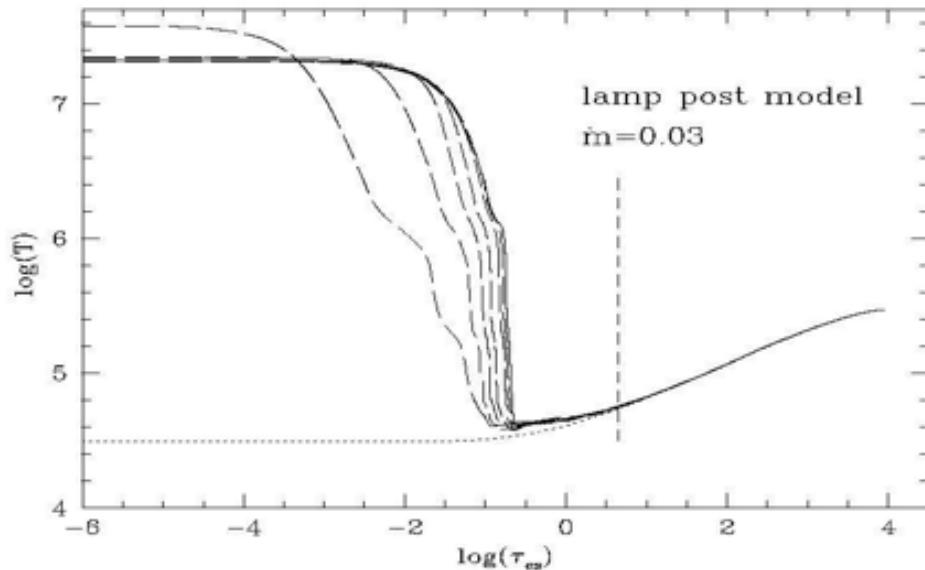
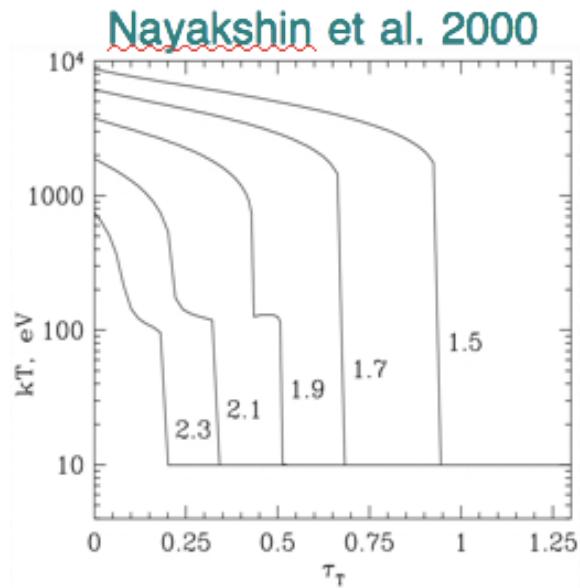


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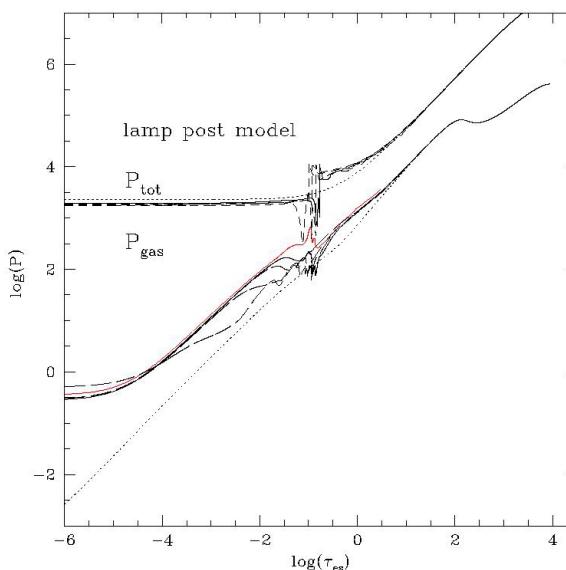
Radiative interaction of hard X-rays with colder disk matter:



# The transition layer between an accretion disk and corona:

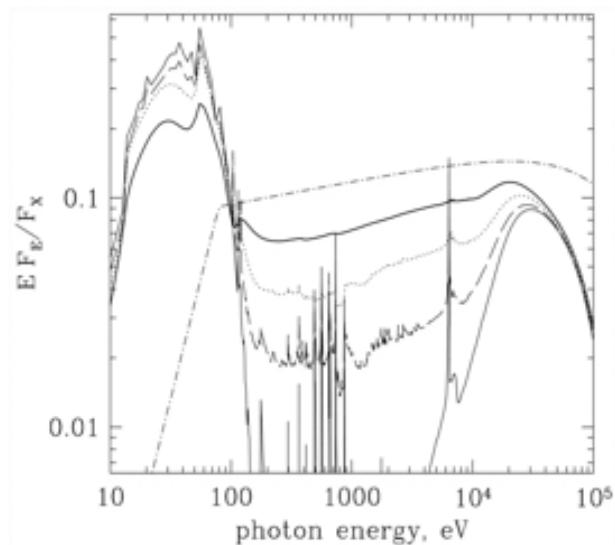


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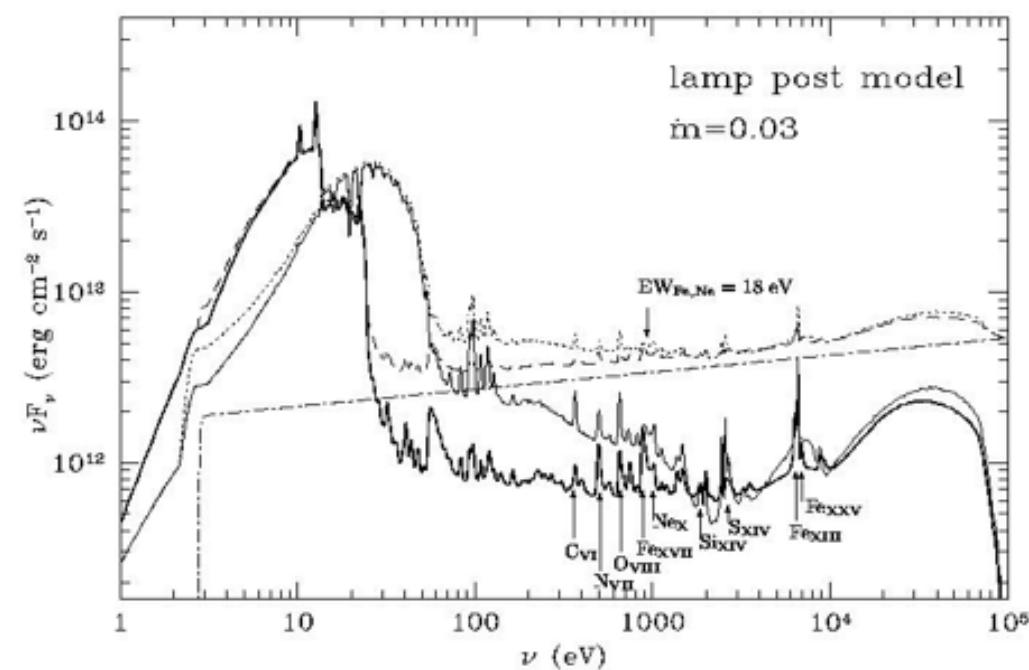
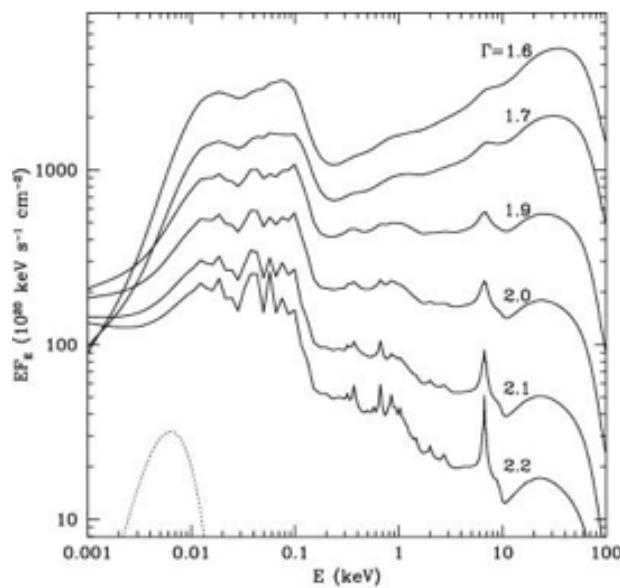


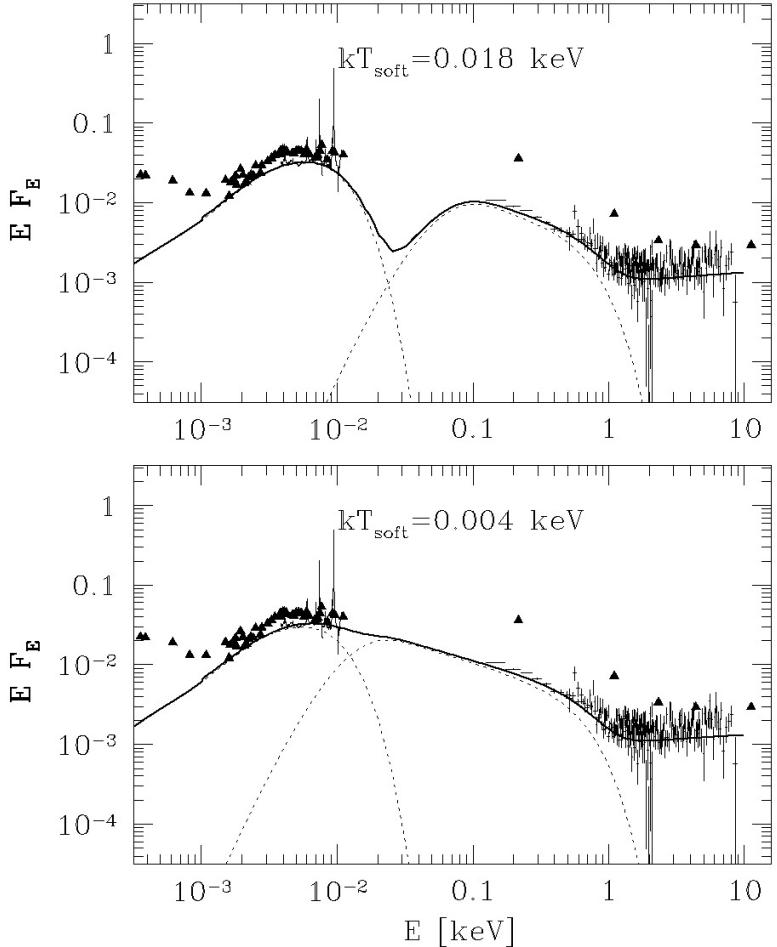
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Comparing of work by: Nayakshin, Ballantyne and TITAN :



non-LTE,  
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Janiuk et al. 2001 PG1211+143

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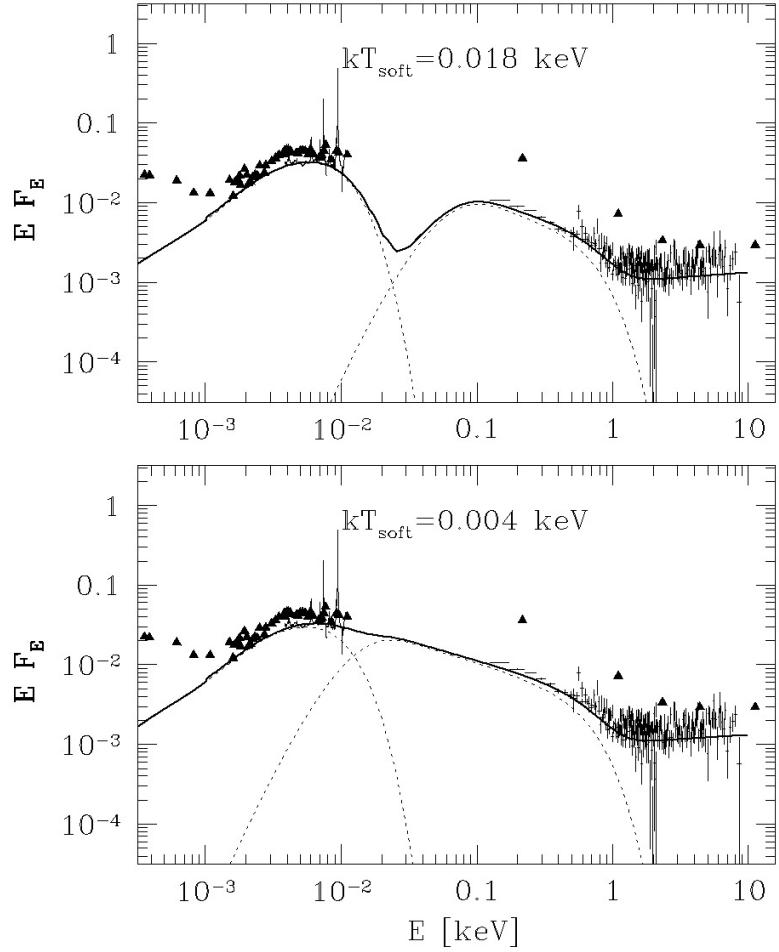


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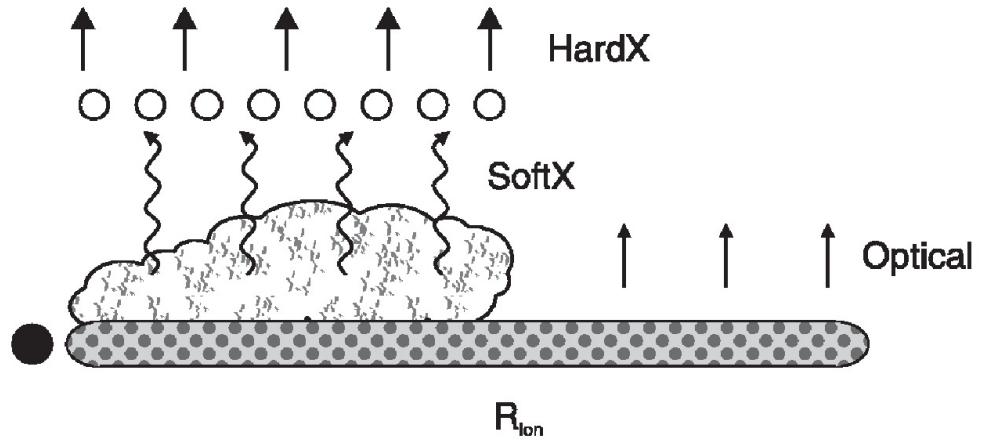
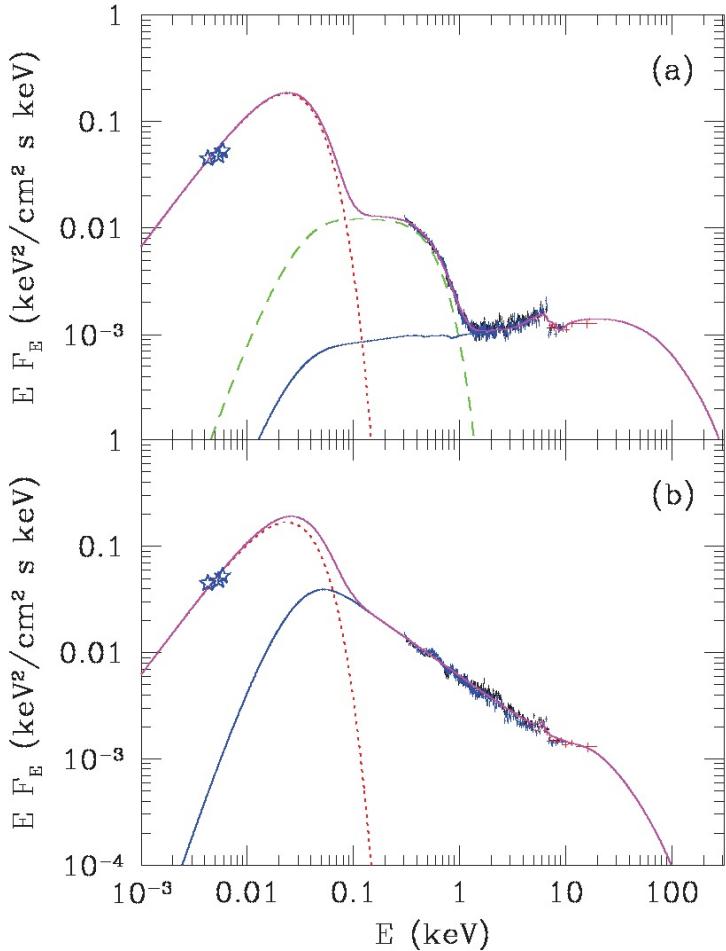
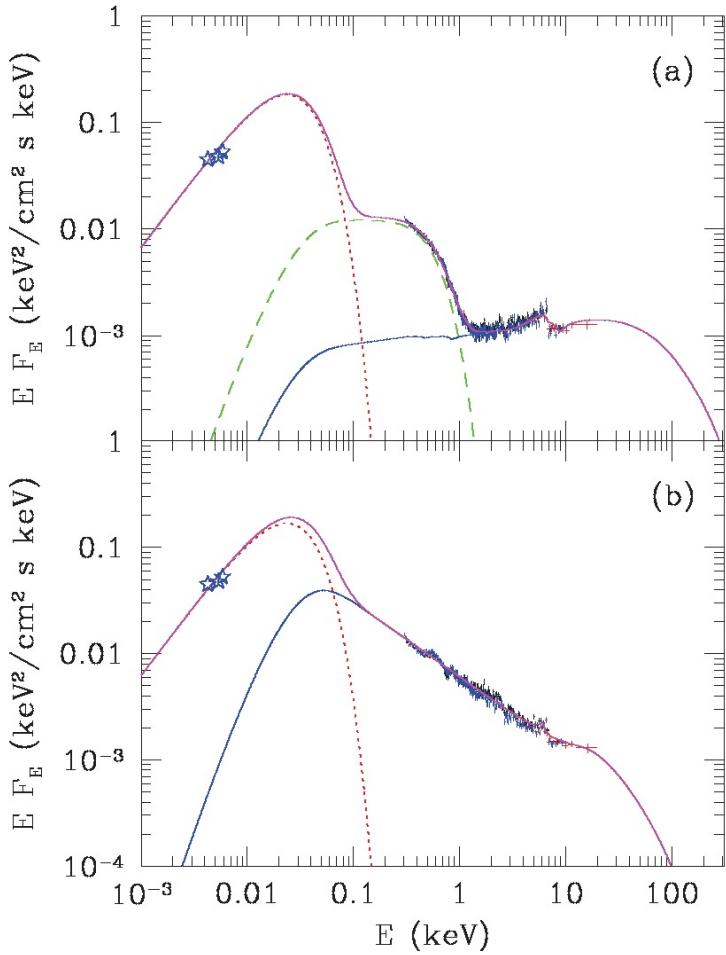


FIG. 10.—Geometry of the accretion flow in PG 1211 + 143 consistent with the spectral model presented in Fig. 9. The optical flux is emitted by the cold accretion disk ( $T \sim 10^4$  K). The disk is the source of seed photons for the hot Comptonizing cloud ( $T \sim 10^6$  K,  $\tau \sim 20$ ), which extends below the transition radius  $R_{\text{ion}}$ . The hard X-ray flux is emitted by the hot flare region ( $T \sim 10^9$  K) and are partially reflected by the cloud ( $\xi \sim 500$ ,  $\Omega/2\pi \sim 1$ ).

large optical depth

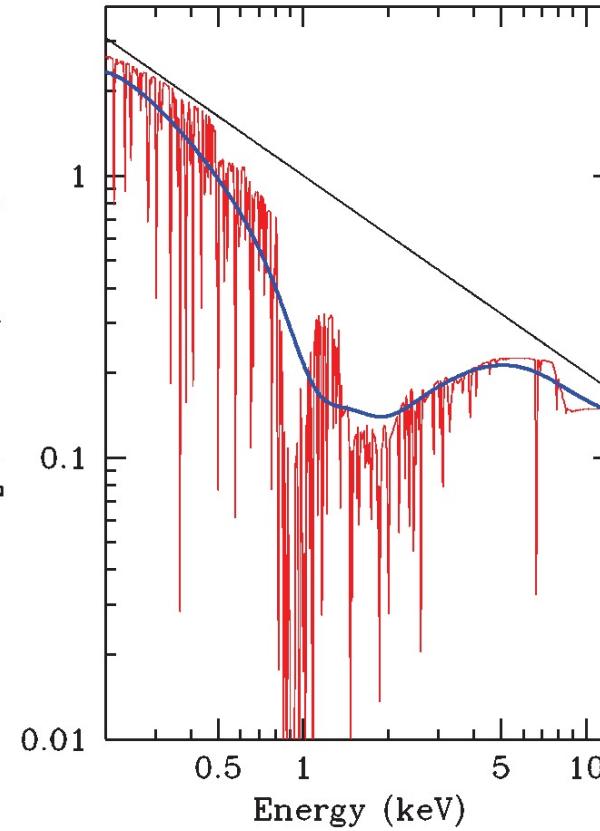


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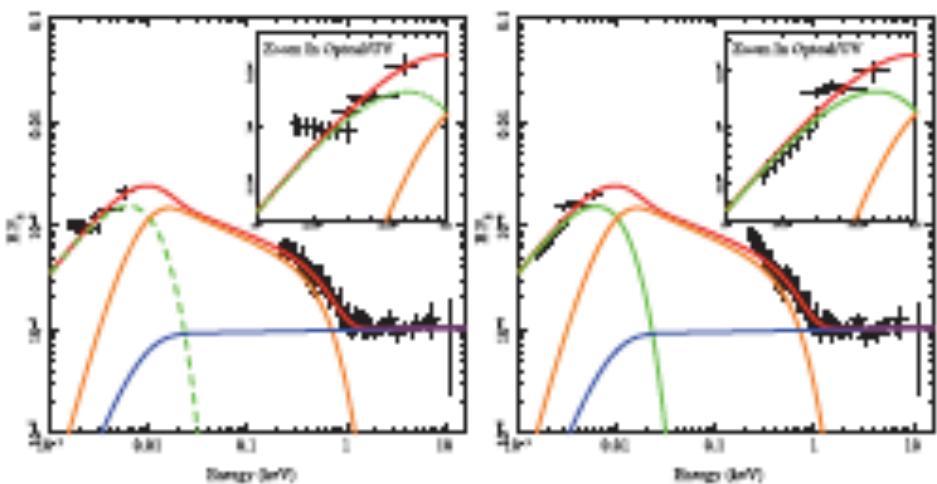
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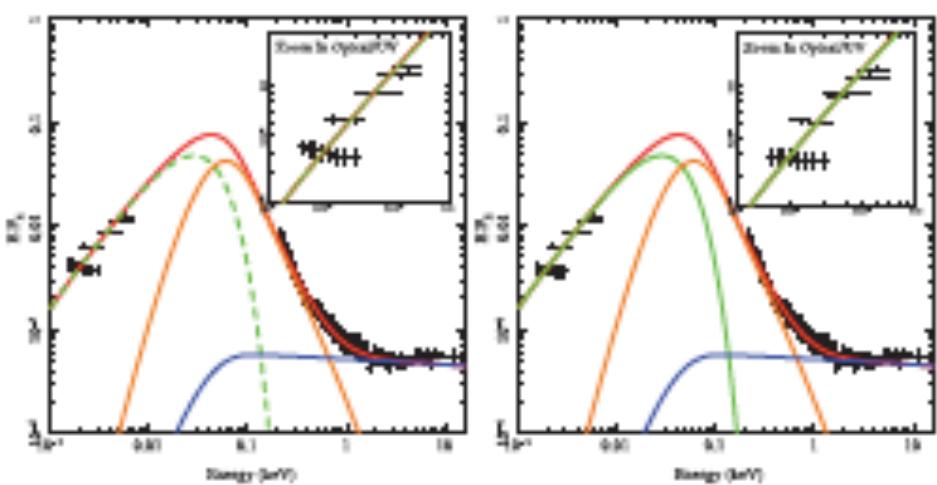


**Figure 2.** An illustration of the ionized absorption model creating the soft excess. The upper line is an underlying power law with spectral index  $\Gamma = 2.7$ . The grey line (red in the online version) shows the multiple absorption features predicted by an XSTAR model with  $N_H = 33 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  and  $\xi = 460 \text{ erg cm s}^{-1}$  (best-fitting parameters to PG 1211+143). The curved thick line shows the this absorbed continuum convolved with a Gaussian of  $\sigma/E = 0.28$ . This figure can be seen in colour in the on-line version of this article on *Synergy*.

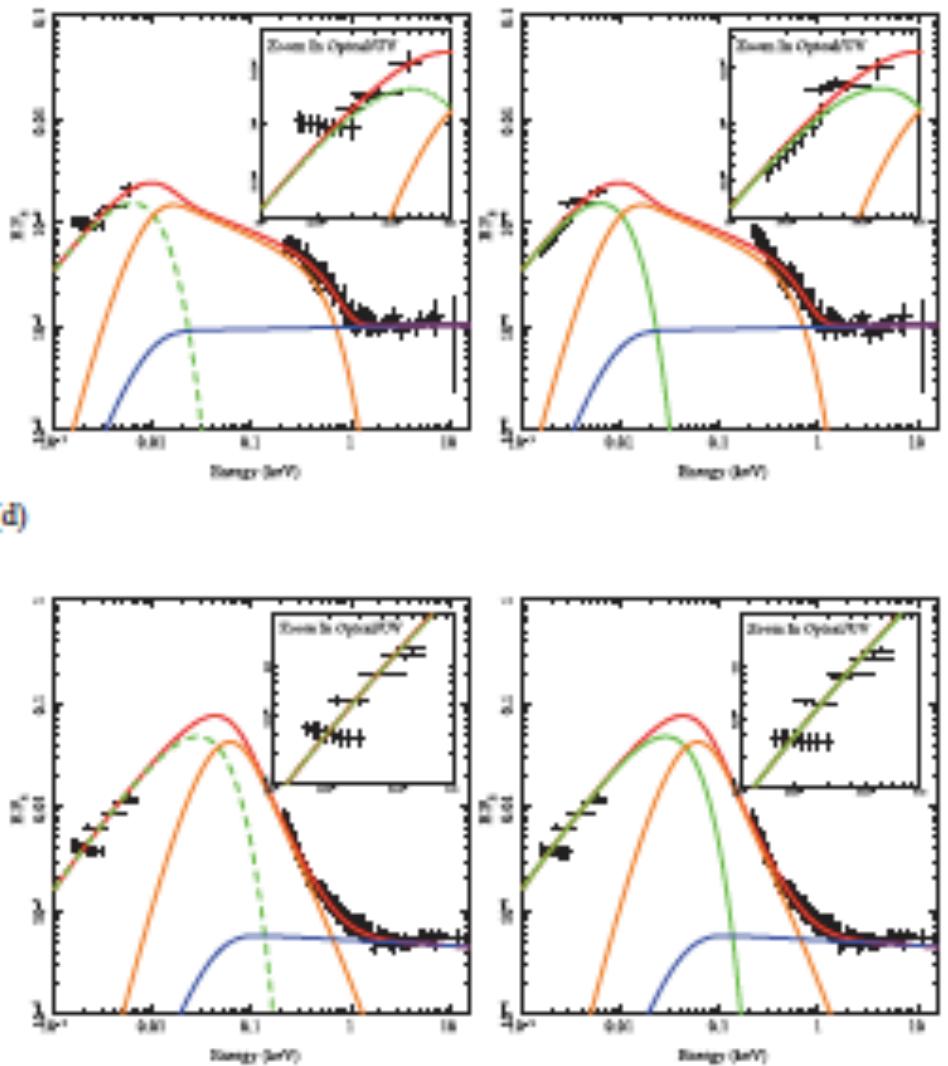
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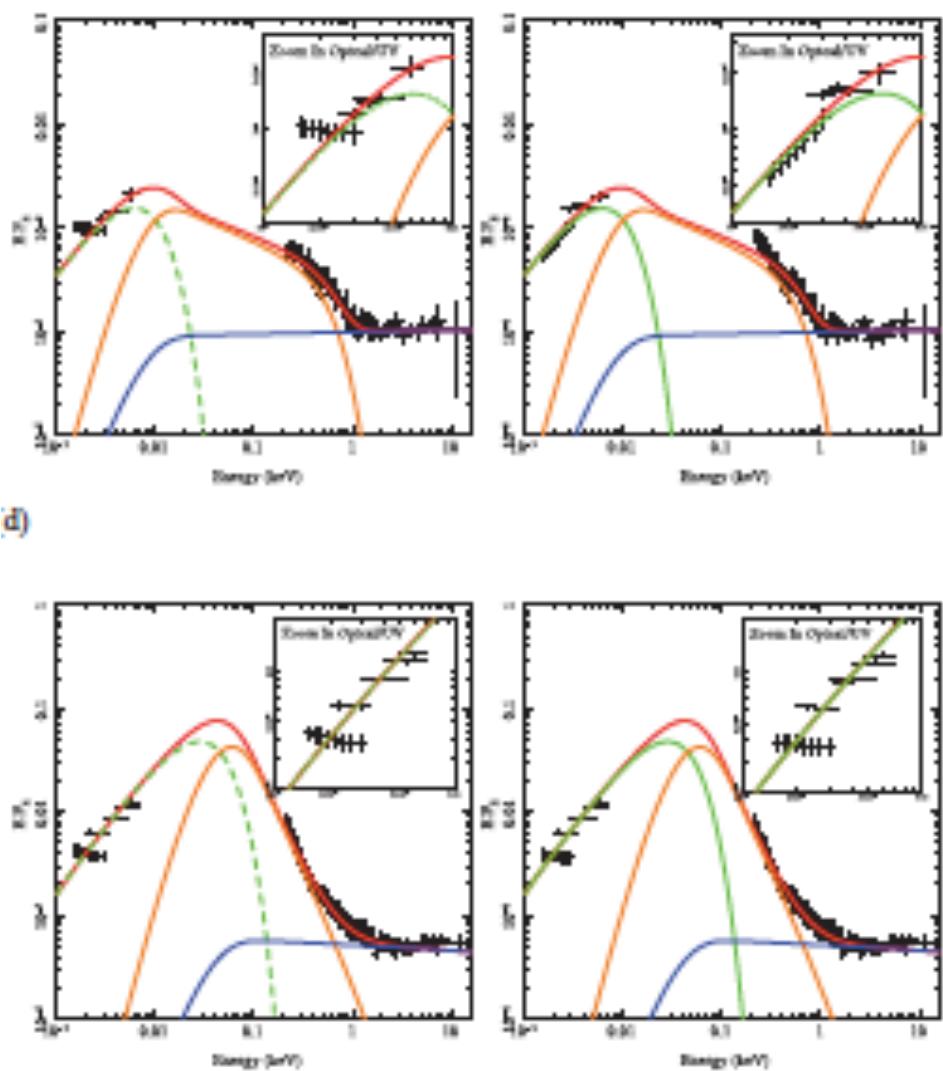


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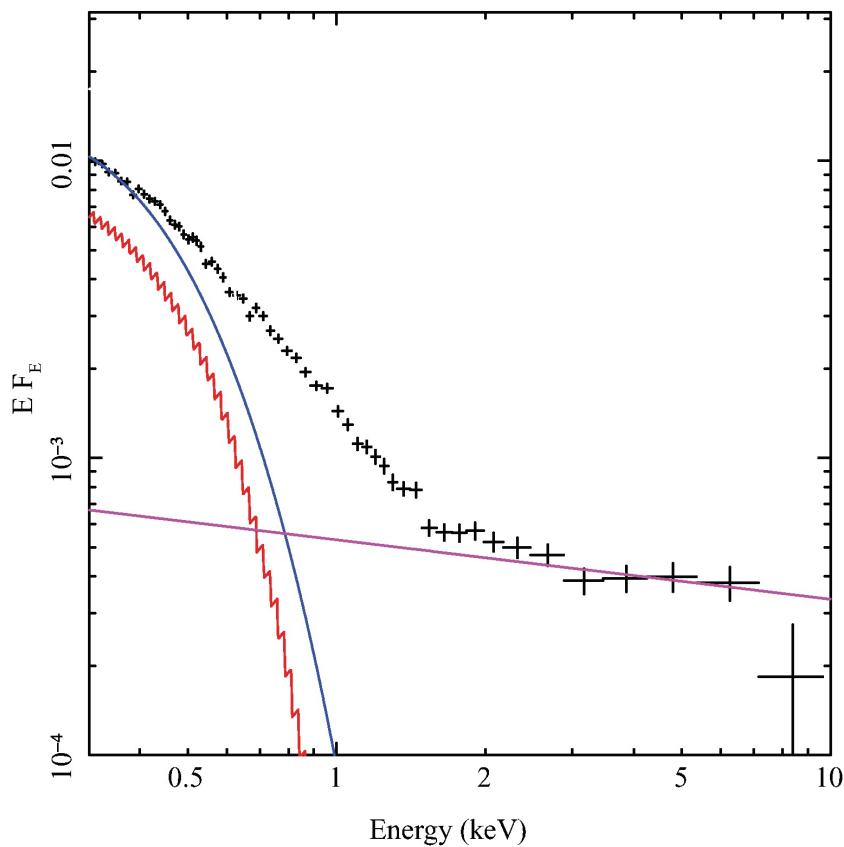
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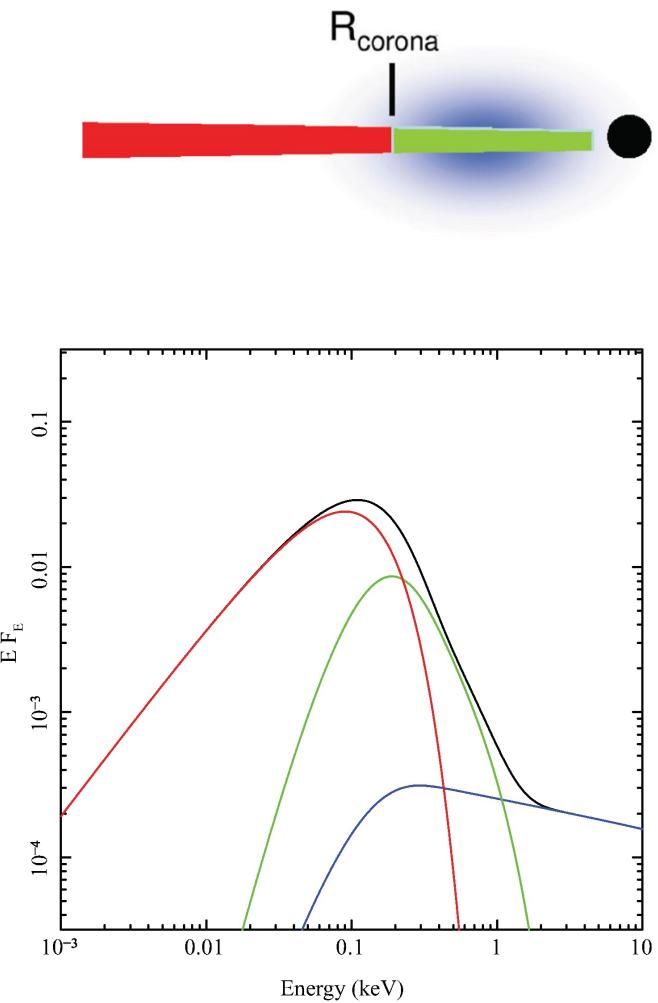
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1	1.79	0.00	1.71	0.69	100.	0.262	17.2
2	2.43	1.06	1.77	0.39	100.	0.226	15.7
3	6.31	9.88	1.91	0.25	11.9	0.108	20.0
4	3.49	2.81	1.66	0.50	100.	0.312	15.4
5	3.53	4.03	2.12	0.36	54.9	0.205	14.9
6	4.24	0.00	1.93	0.46	23.9	0.347	12.6
7	1.33	3.74	2.20 <sup>b</sup>	0.29	8.37	0.137	40.3
8	3.12	7.35	1.82	0.15	24.1	1.380	3.44
9	1.30	1.36	1.71	0.71	12.9	0.360	11.1
10	1.74	0.00	1.91	0.32	100.	0.295	13.8
11	1.72	2.00	1.71	0.49	20.2	0.449	9.23
12	1.20	1.08	1.68	0.48	20.6	0.402	11.4
13	3.56	0.00	1.37	0.87	10.9	0.146	17.9
14	1.76	0.00	1.72	0.71	100.	0.294	16.0
15	1.31	2.43	2.20 <sup>b</sup>	0.09	14.2	0.214	12.3
16	1.70	0.65	1.72	0.31	100.	0.327	13.0
17	0.65	0.85	1.74	0.14	48.7	0.326	11.4
18	1.45	0.19	2.20 <sup>b</sup>	0.24	29.5	0.254	13.6
19	3.70	1.41	1.98	0.19	45.8	0.142	21.5
20	1.91	4.77	2.20 <sup>b</sup>	0.36	9.63	0.210	16.8
21	1.77	0.00	1.79	0.75	22.7	0.206	19.6
22	2.75	8.84	1.86	0.21	50.5	0.108	25.1
23	1.59	0.00	1.41	0.45	86.9	0.626	9.59
24	1.63	0.00	1.82	0.94	32.2	0.182	32.2
25	2.34	0.00	1.79	0.40	25.7	0.351	12.9
26	2.31	7.25	2.10	0.03	33.8	0.310	9.69
27	2.75	0.00	1.85	0.22	37.6	0.554	8.29
28	1.45	0.00	1.69	0.60	71.3	0.353	13.7
29	1.18	1.36	2.00	0.12	30.9	0.389	8.85
30	1.87	2.64	2.20 <sup>b</sup>	0.36	9.67	0.234	16.9
31	0.84	0.00	1.68	0.54	100.	0.404	12.9
32	0.90	0.14	1.80	0.44	100.	0.388	12.2
33	1.07	0.82	2.18	0.57	15.0	0.226	15.6
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36	1.18	3.94	2.18	0.22	16.2	2.000	2.71
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41	1.81	0.00	1.90	0.39	28.9	0.298	14.0
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43	2.69	0.00	1.71	0.58	55.8	0.406	11.9
44	2.78	5.90	2.17	0.04	27.6	0.501	6.71
45	1.46	0.00	1.82	0.49	41.0	0.286	14.1
46	4.02	0.55	1.81	0.81	100.	0.207	20.3
47	3.78	16.69	1.82	0.25	100.	0.115	29.8
48	2.11	0.87	1.85	0.19	18.1	0.525	8.61
49	4.90	0.36	2.20 <sup>b</sup>	0.33	72.5	0.211	19.6
50	4.51	0.00	2.20 <sup>b</sup>	0.80	7.88	0.131	48.5
51	2.91	1.53	1.79	0.95	100.	0.112	45.2

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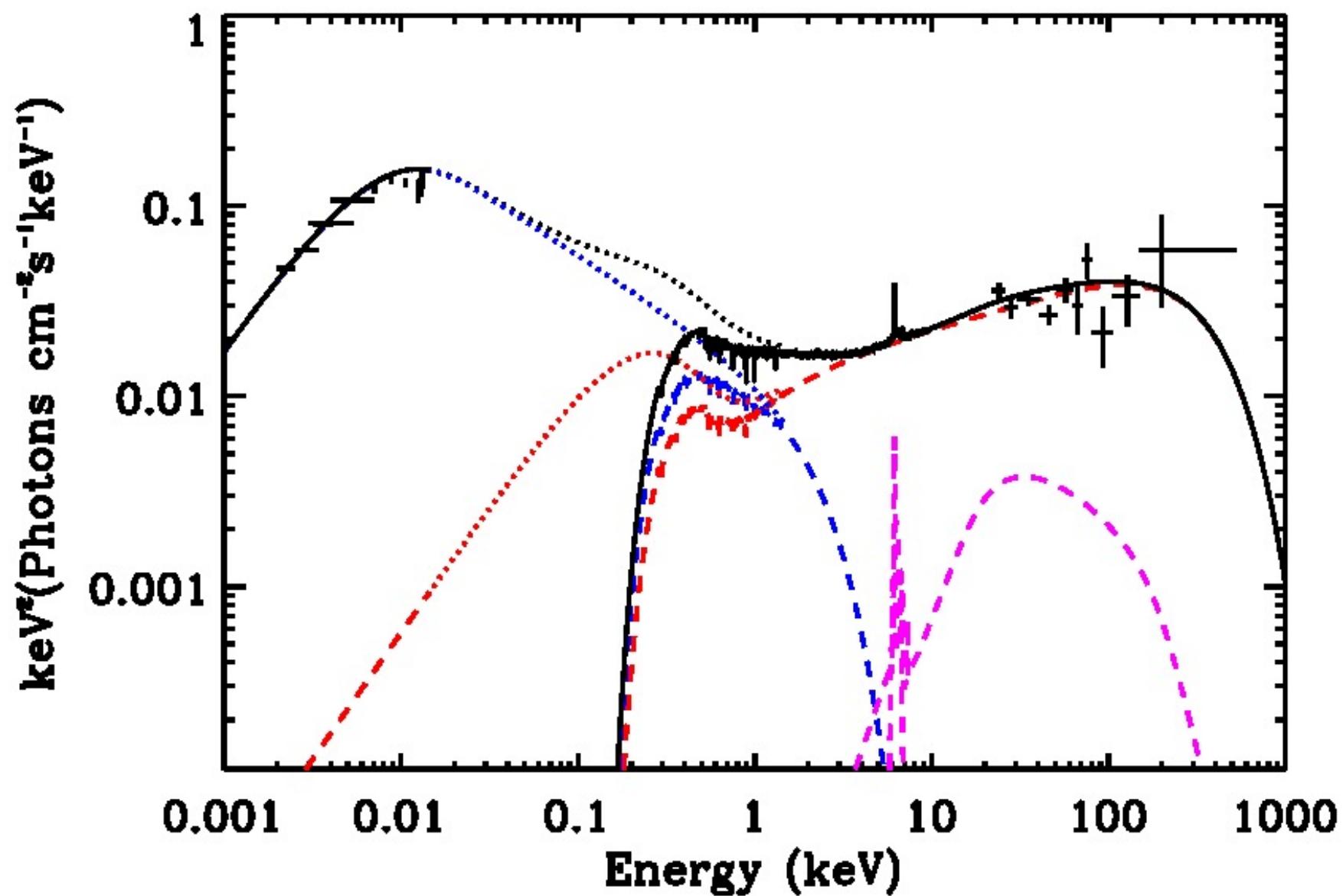
**Figure 3.** The *XMM-Newton* PN spectrum of RE J1034+396 (black points) compared to the full radiative transfer disc spectrum for  $M = 10^6 M_\odot$ ,  $L/L_{\text{Edd}} = 1$  (red), together with the colour temperature corrected blackbody disc spectrum for  $M = 10^6 M_\odot$ ,  $L/L_{\text{Edd}} = 1.15$  (blue). This can account for most of the ‘soft X-ray excess’ in this object, though the shape of the predicted disc spectrum is too steep to match the observed data in the 0.5–1 keV energy range even including the best-fitting 2–10 keV power law (magenta line).

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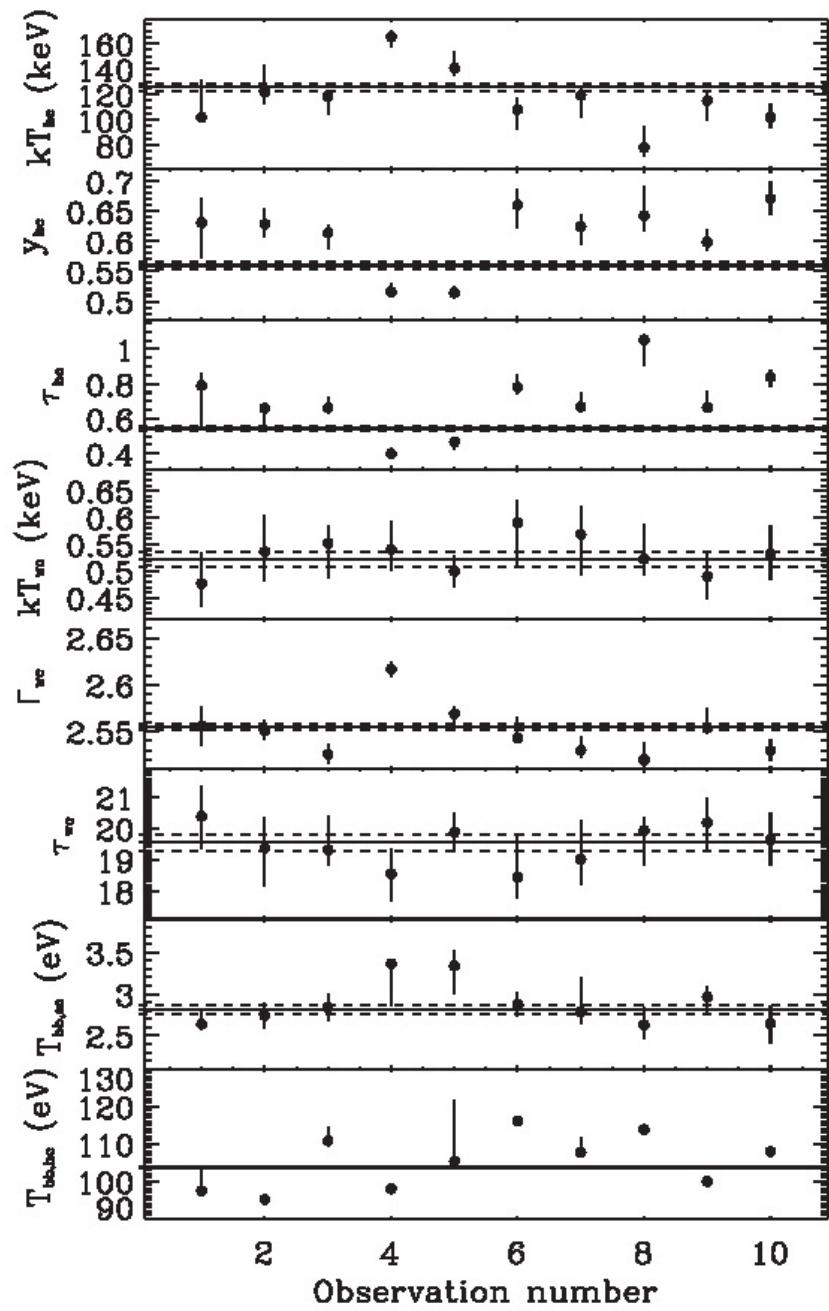


**Figure 5.** A schematic of the model geometry and resultant spectra, with outer disc (red) which emits as a (colour temperature corrected) black-body, and an inner disc (green) where the emission is instead Compton upscattered (perhaps by bulk turbulent motion in the disc, or by there being more dissipation in the effective photosphere than assumed in the standard Shakura–Sunyaev vertical dissipation profile). Some fraction of the energy is also Compton upscattered in a corona (blue) to produce the power-law tail to high energies.

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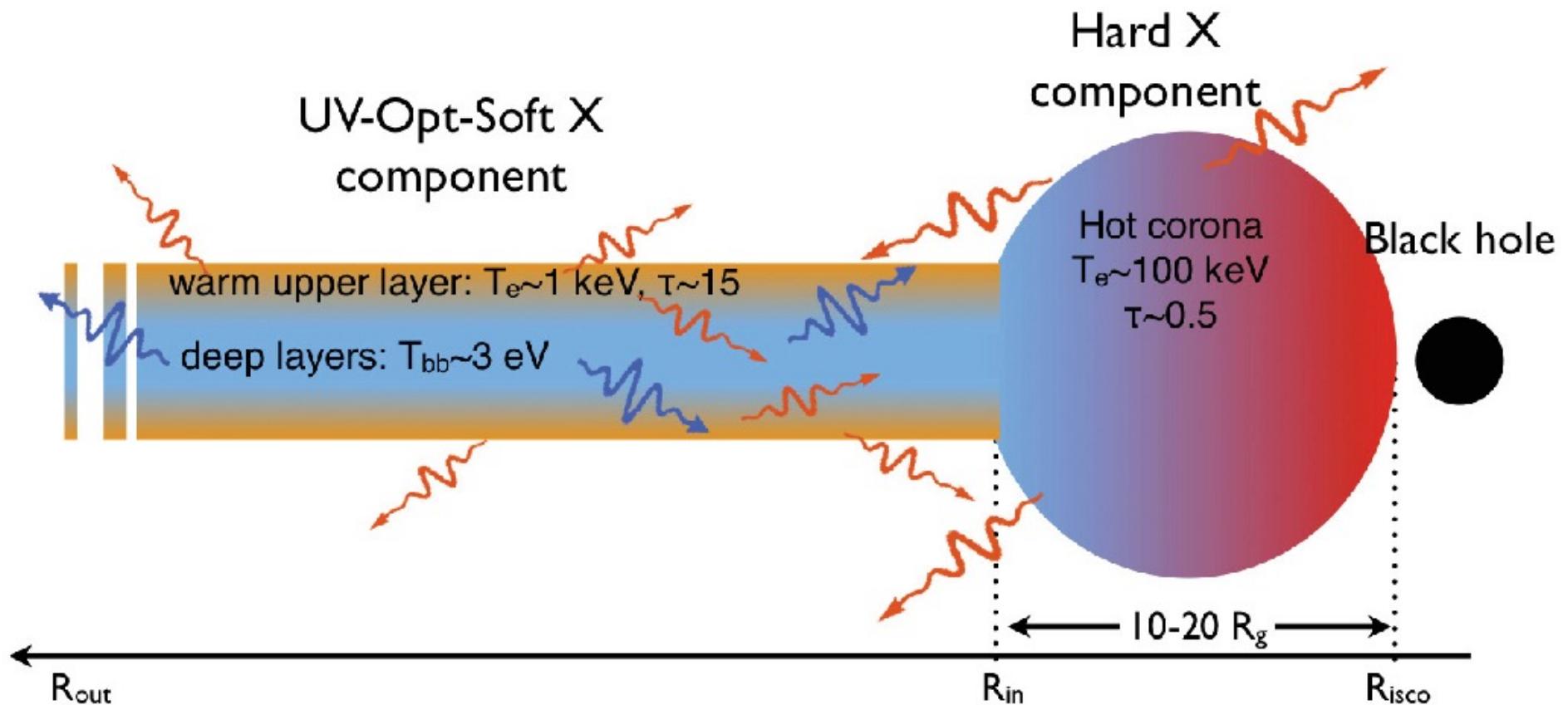


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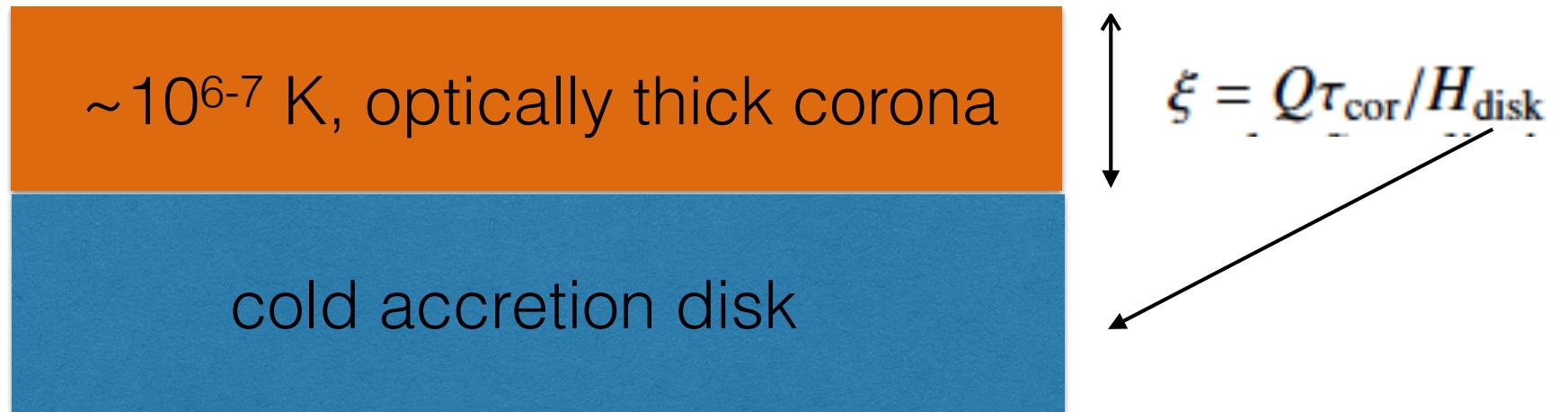
**Fig. 7.** Time evolution of the different fit parameters. From top to bottom: the HOT corona temperature  $kT_{hc}$ , Compton parameter  $y_{hc}$ , optical depth  $\tau_{hc}$ , and the WARM corona temperature  $kT_{wc}$ , photon index  $\Gamma_{wc}$ , optical depth  $\tau_{wc}$ , and the soft photon temperatures  $T_{bb,wc}$  and  $T_{bb,hc}$ . The solid lines show the best-fit constant values and the dashed lines the  $\pm 1\sigma$  uncertainties.

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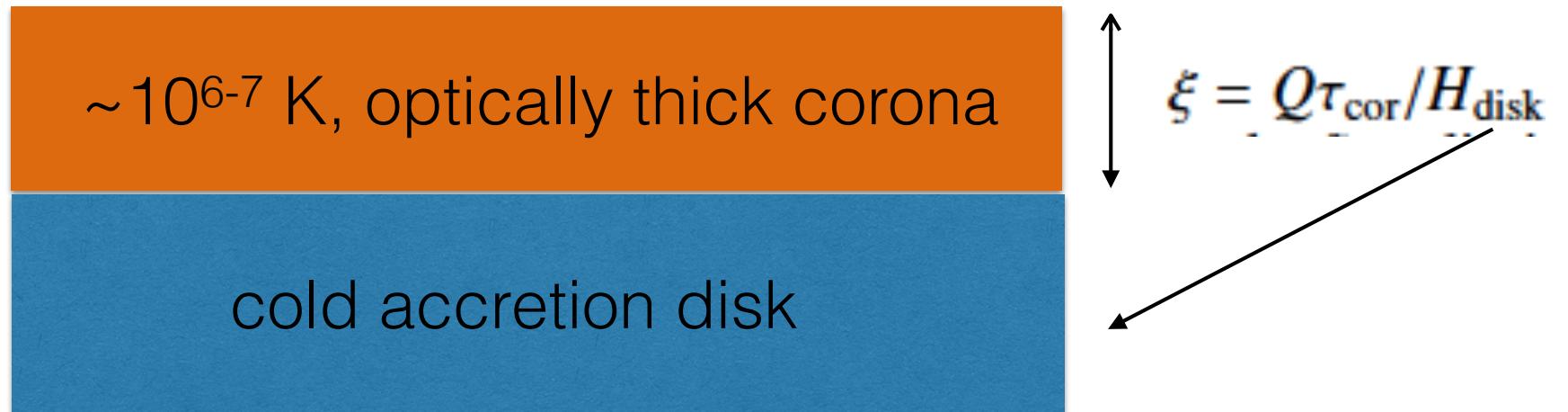


**Fig. 10.** A sketch of the accretion flow geometry in the inner region of the galaxy Mrk 509. The HOT corona, producing the hard X-ray emission, has a temperature of  $\sim 100$  keV and optical depth  $\sim 0.5$ . It is localized in the inner part of the accretion flow ( $R < R_{in}$ ) and illuminates the accretion disk beyond  $R_{in}$ , helping to form a WARM layer at the disk surface. This WARM component has a temperature of  $\sim 1$  keV and an optical depth  $\sim 15$  and produces the optical-UV up to soft X-ray emission. It extends over a large part of the accretion flow, heating the deeper layers and comptonizing their optical-UV emission. In return, part of this emission enters and cools the HOT corona.

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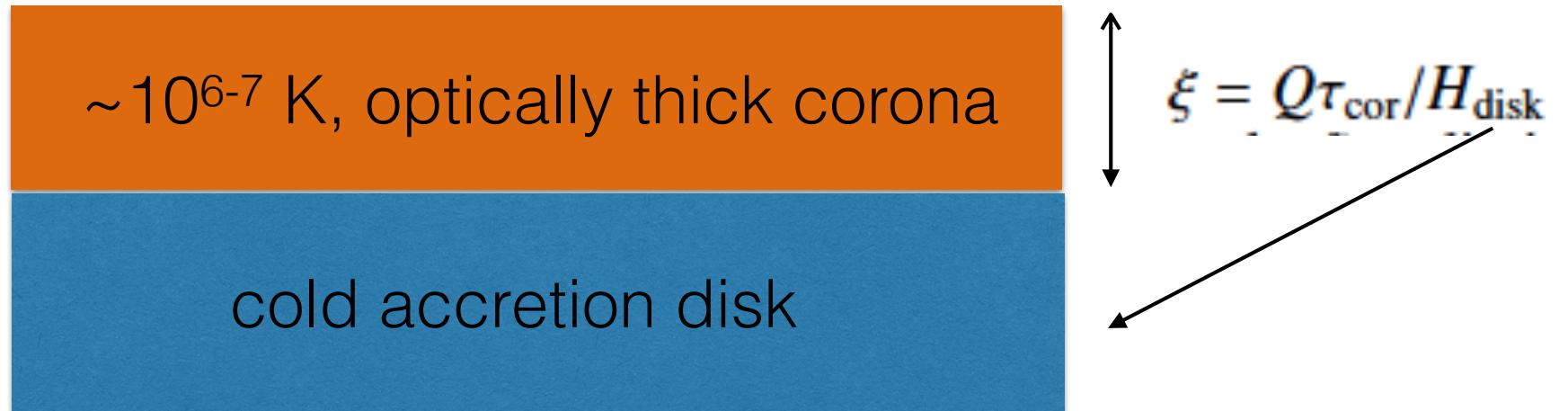
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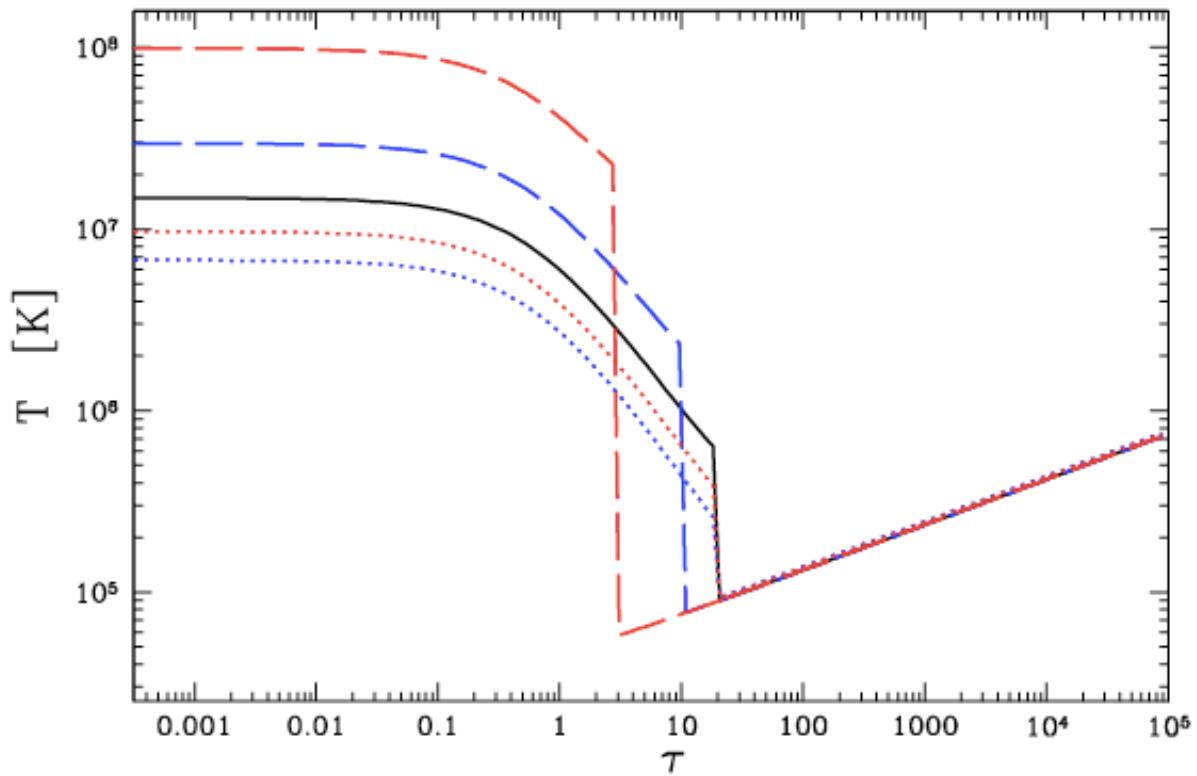
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**Fig. 1.** The plot of the temperature vs. optical depth at 10 Schwarzschild radii from the black hole (see text for explanation). Integration was done up to  $\tau_{\text{tot}} = 10^5$ . Each curve represents the profile for following pairs of parameters  $\xi$  and  $\tau_{\text{cor}}$ : 0.67 and 20 - black solid line, 0.67 and 3 - red dashed line, 0.67 and 10 - blue dashed line, 0.35 and 20 - red dotted line, and 0.22 and 20 - blue dotted line.

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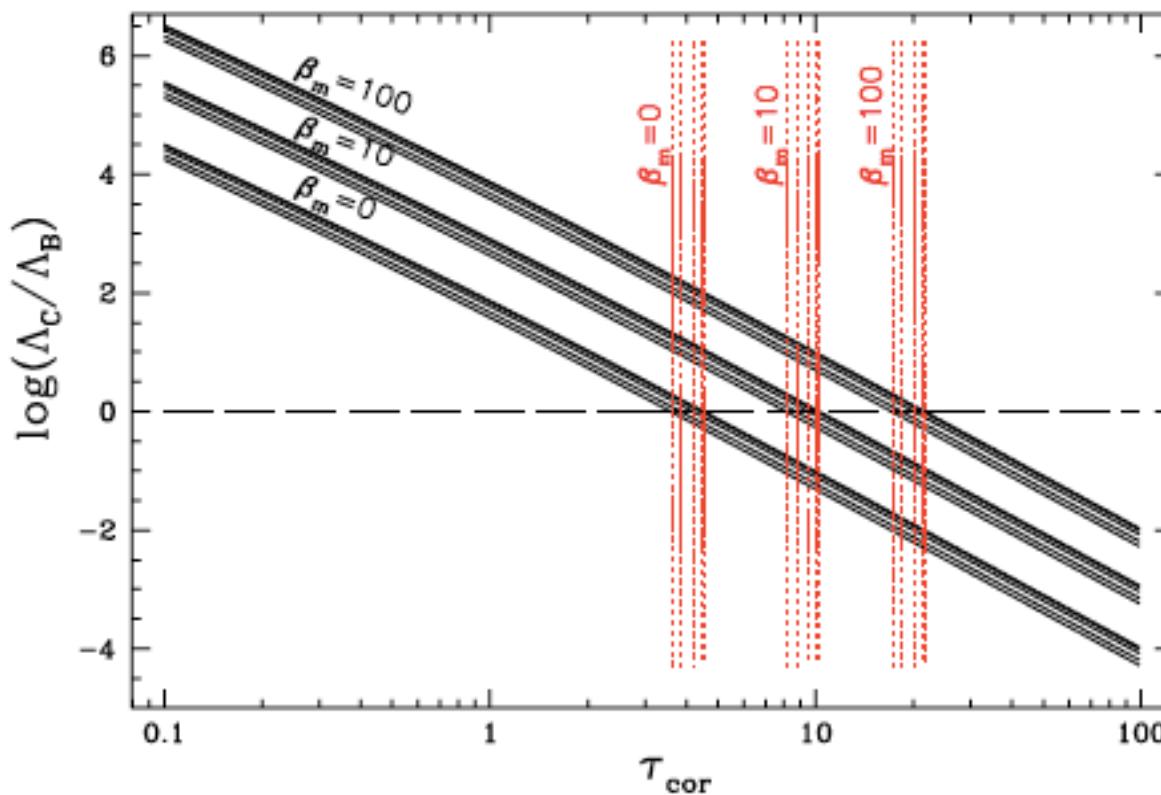
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**at the base of the corona**

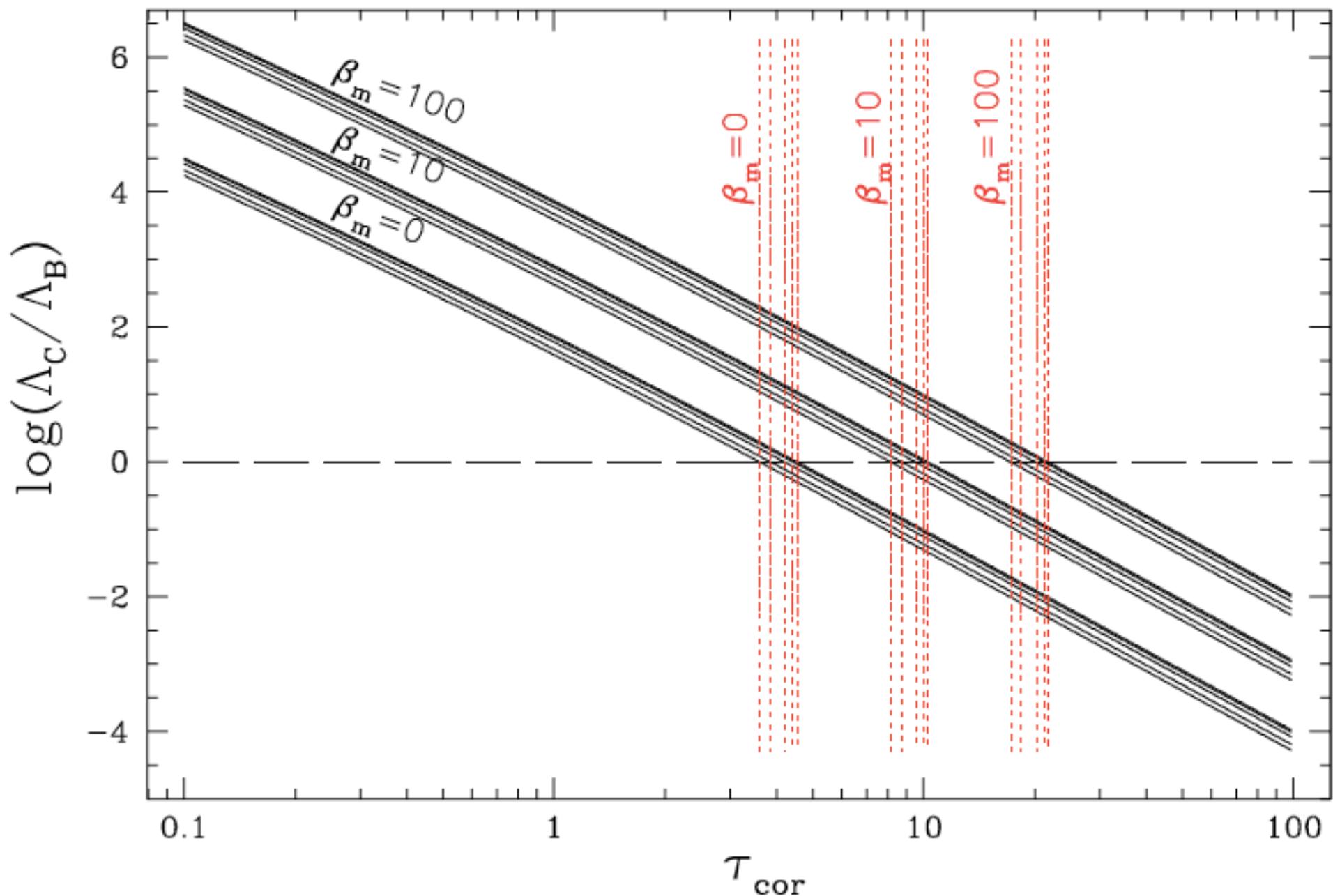
$$3) \quad A = \sqrt{k m_e} c^2 \kappa_{\text{es}} / (\sqrt{12} B \mu m_H) \simeq 57.$$

# The optical depth of the base of dissipated corona



**Fig. 2.** The importance of Compton scattering over the bremsstrahlung at the base of corona for different values of  $\tau_{\text{cor}}$  (Eq. 19). Solid lines in each package are computed for various values of  $\xi = 0.22, 0.35, 0.67, 1.07$ , and  $1.33$ . Each package is calculated for three different values of magnetic pressure:  $\beta_m = 0, 10$  and  $100$ . Horizontal dashed line represents the case where  $\Lambda_c/\Lambda_B = 1$ , while vertical dotted lines mark values of coronal optical depth for which it happens.

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- 1) Dissipative corona purely cooled by Compton scattering heats up to  $\sim 1$  keV on the base of radiative transfer.
- 2) Maximum optical depth of such corona:  
**optical depth in hydr. eq.  $\sim 5$**
- 3) The optical depth of soft corona is increasing when gas pressure is reduced for instance when magnetic pressure is increasing.
- 4) For  $\beta_m = 100$    **optical depth  $\sim 20$**  , but maybe there is another mechanism to low down the gas pressure ????