



Fe $K\alpha$ Lines with *SIMBOL-X*

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Structure

- **K α Line Diagnostics**

- Accretion geometry/Fe K α generation
- Potential Fe K α diagnostics

- **Simulations for *SIMBOL-X*:**

- Narrow Lines:**

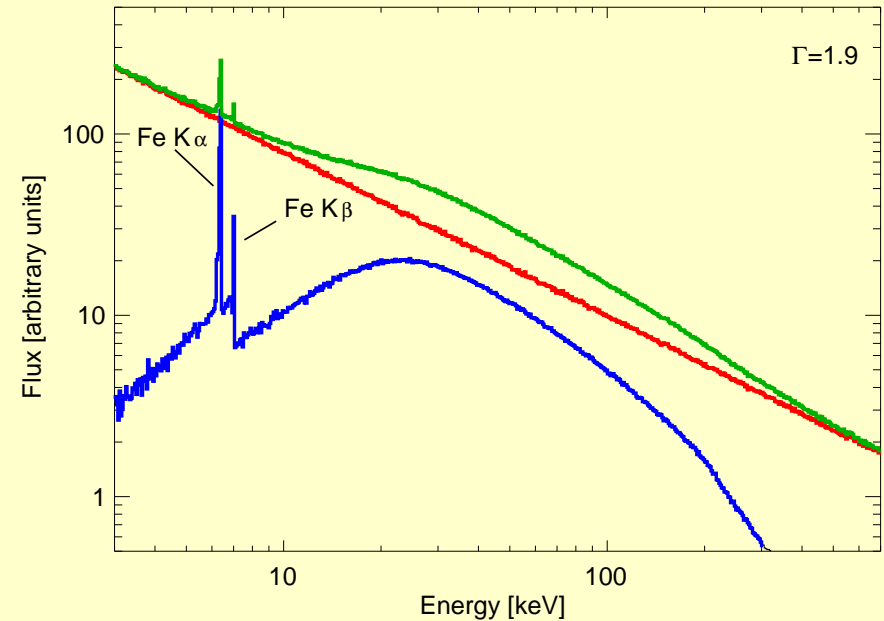
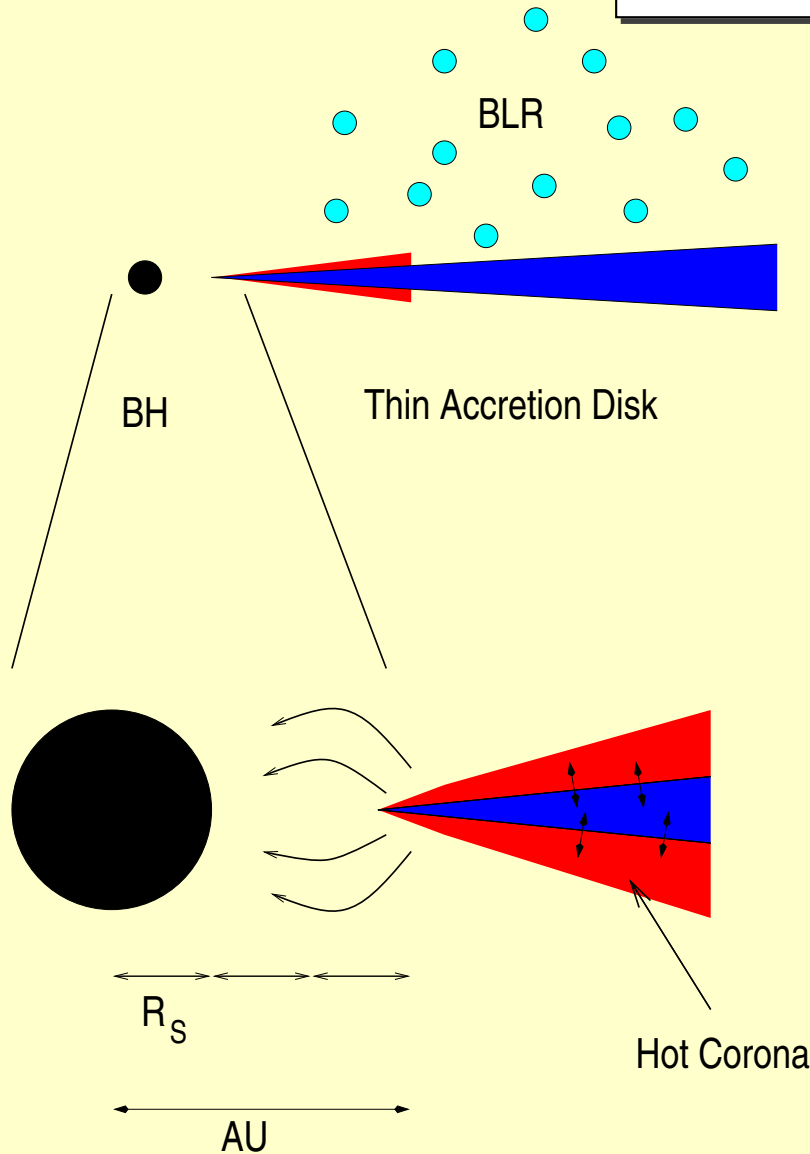
- Detectability
- Line Parameters

- Broad Lines:**

- Emissivity Parameter
- Ionisation State
- Inclination
- Line Parameter Variability Studies
- (Kerr-Parameter: Schwarzschild vs. Kerr)

- **Summary**

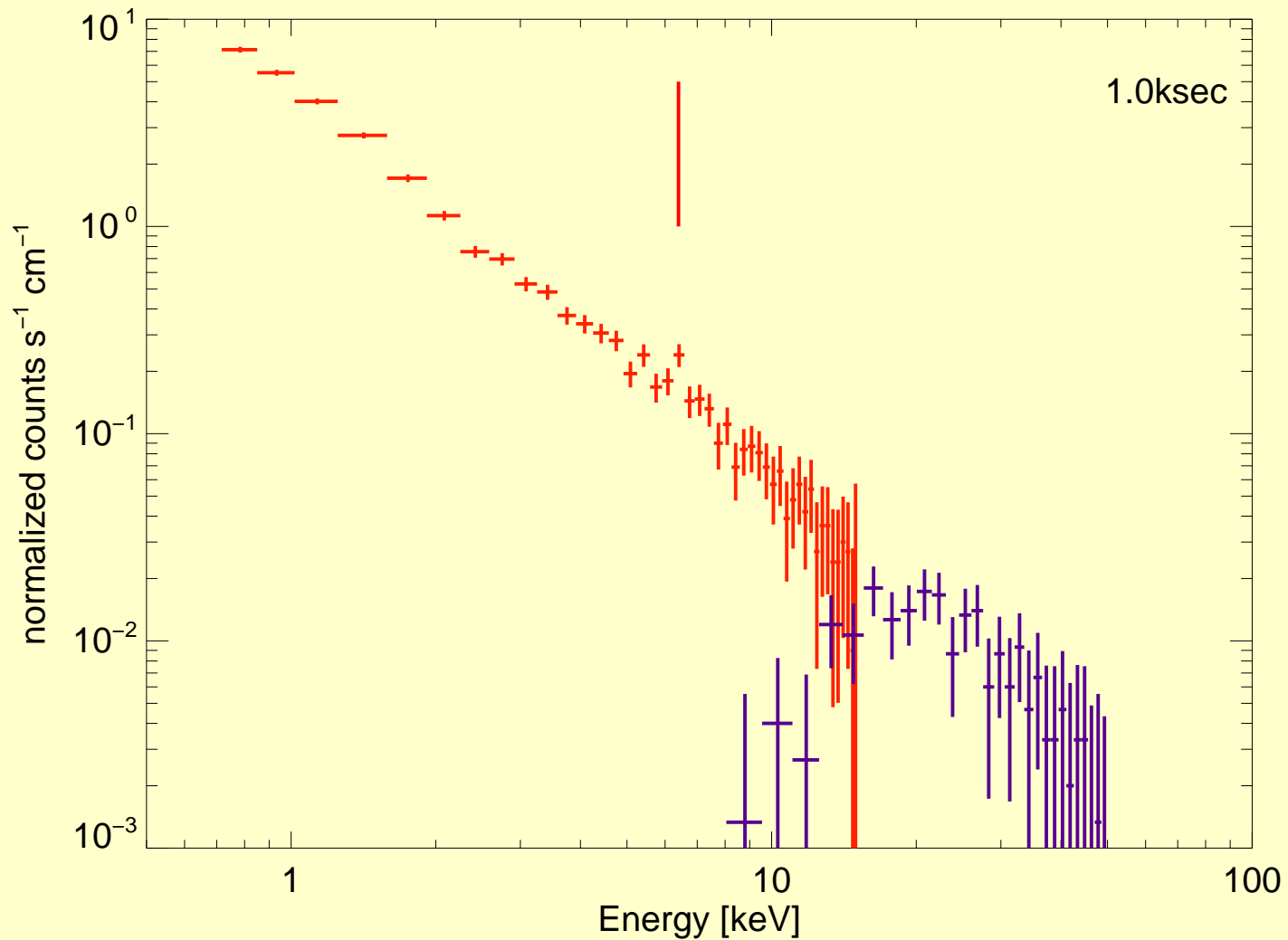
K α Line Diagnostics



AGN X-Ray Spectrum:

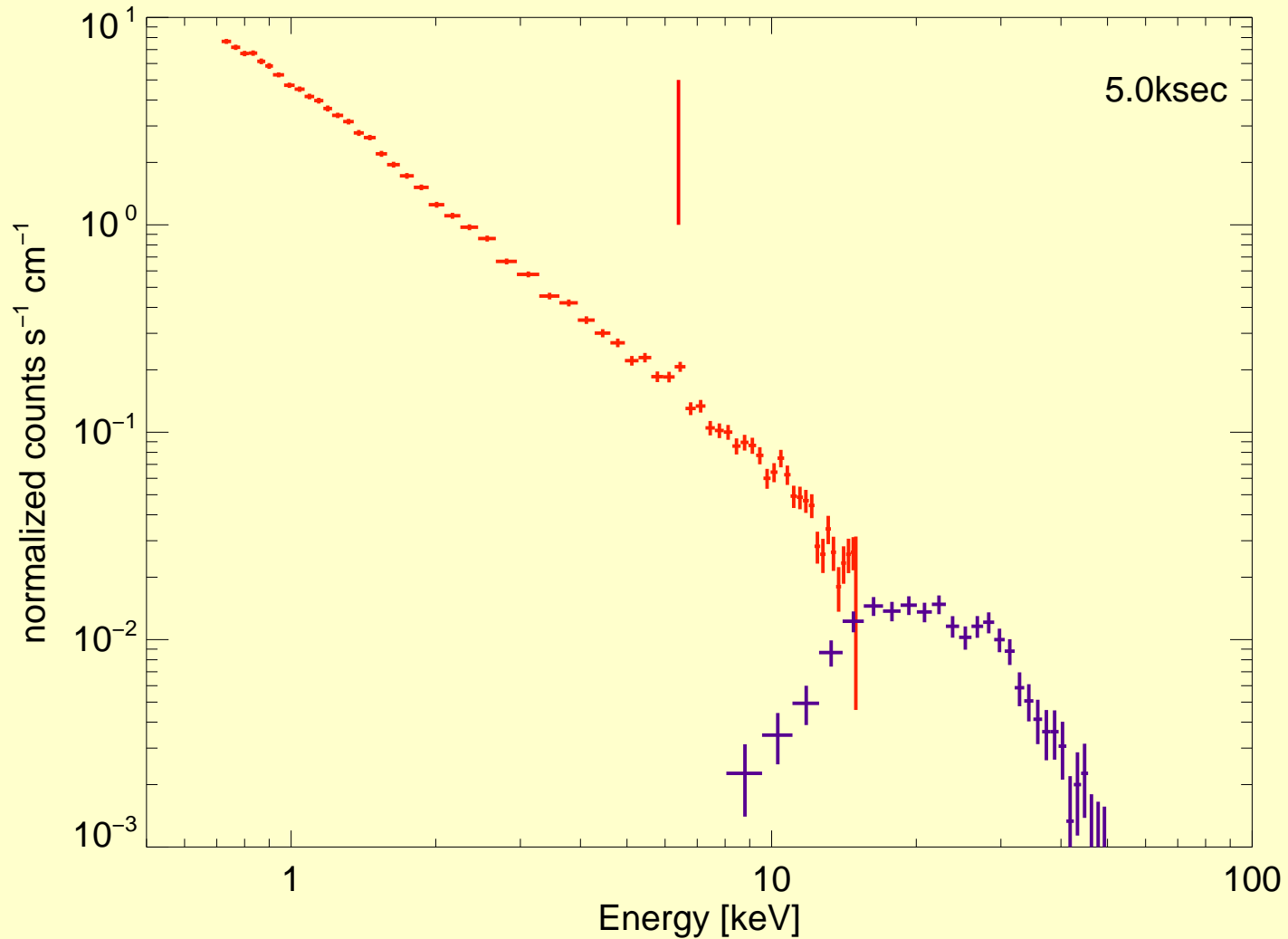
- **Comptonisation** of soft X-rays from accretion disk in **hot corona** ($kT \sim 100$ keV): **power law continuum**.
- **Thomson scattering** of power law photons in disk: **Compton Reflection Hump**
- **Photoabsorption** of power law photons in disk: **fluorescent Fe K α Line** at ~ 6.4 keV

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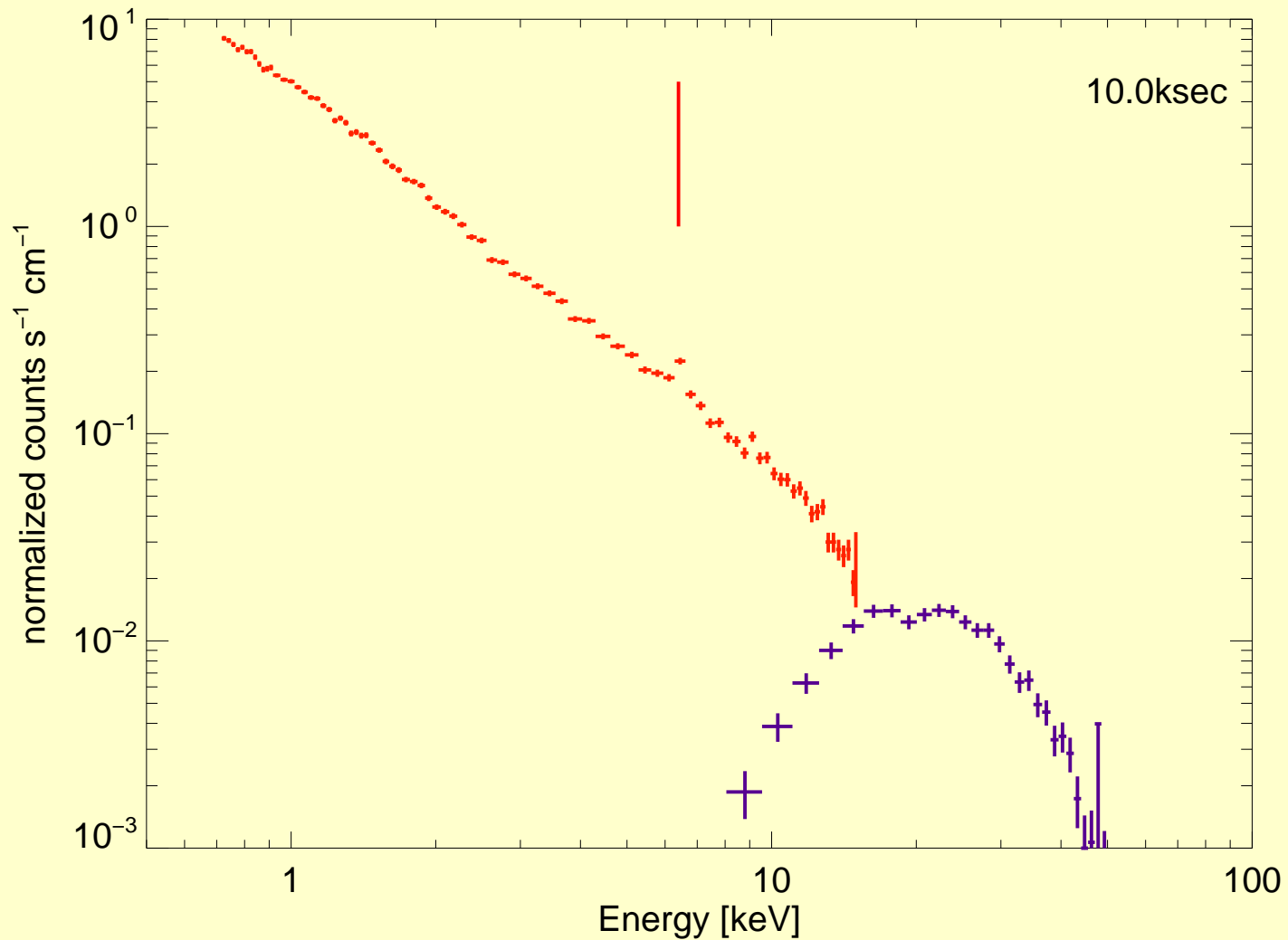
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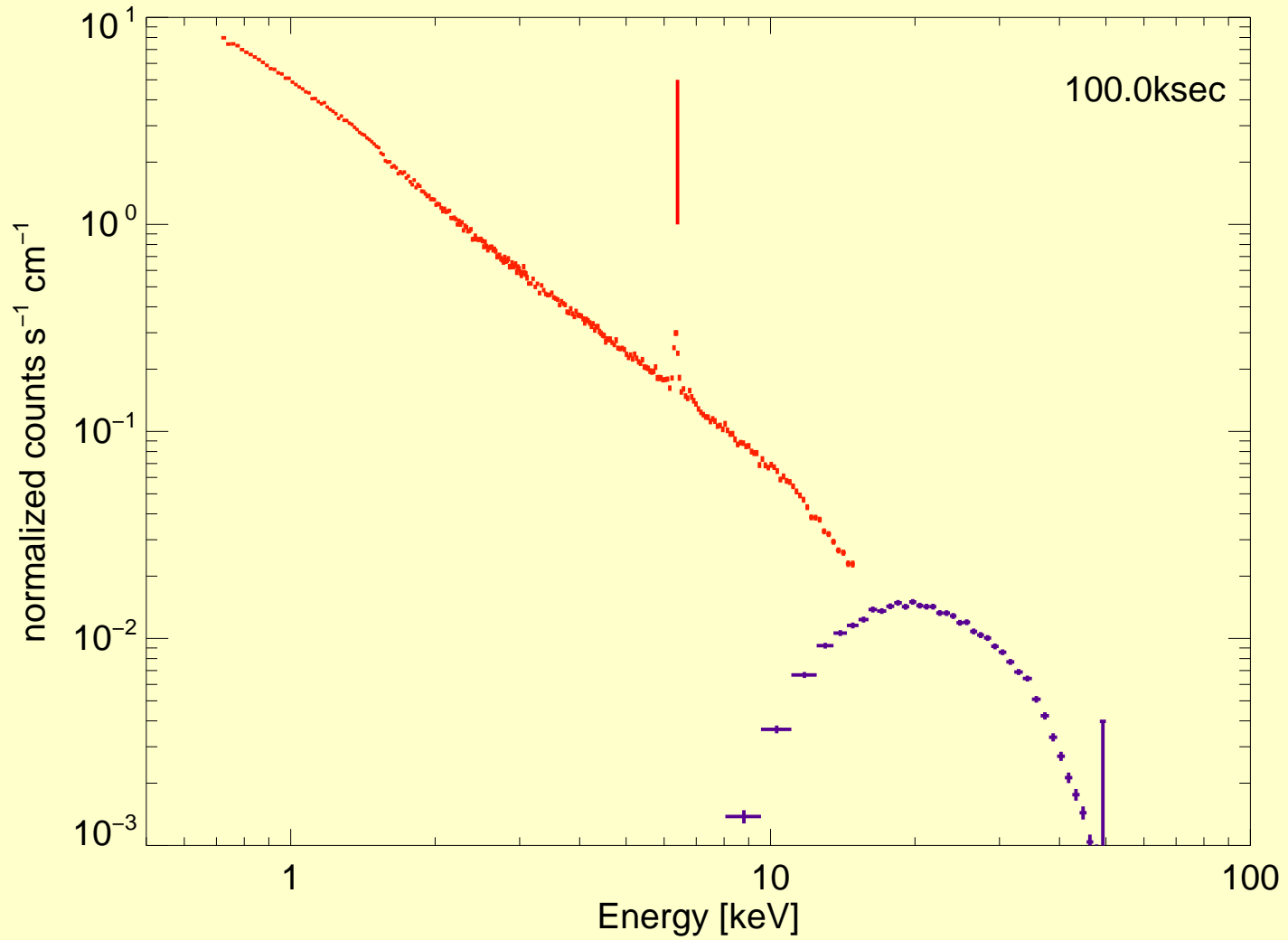
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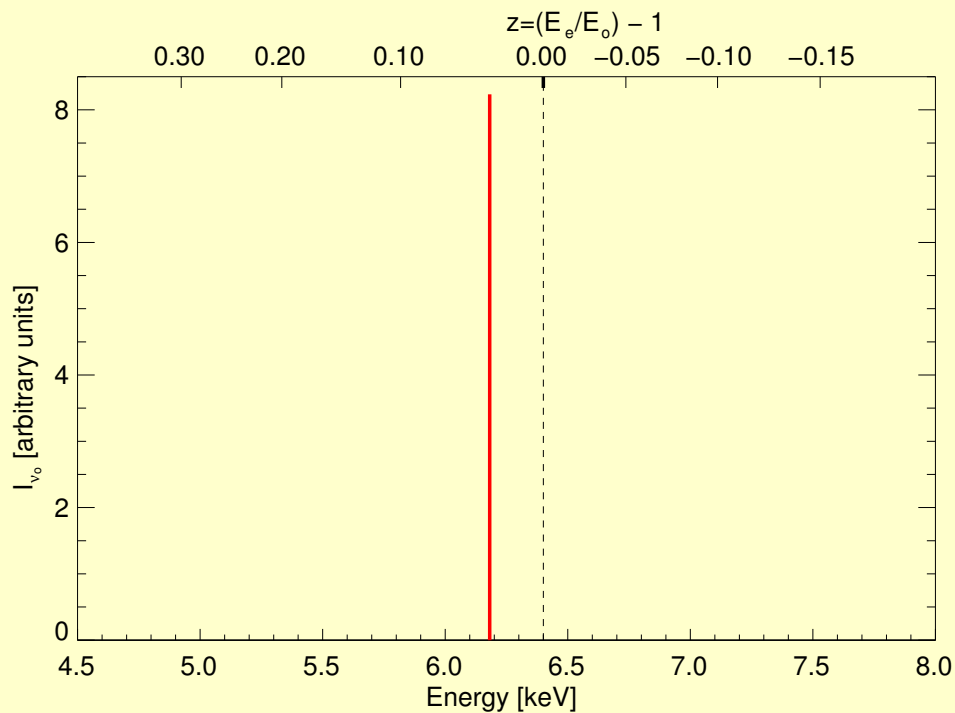
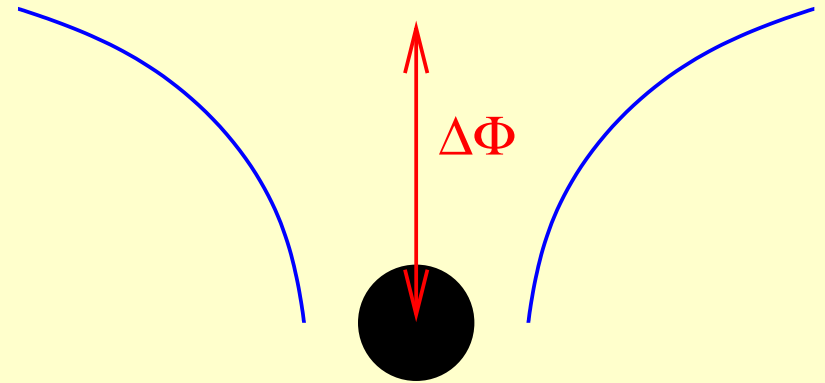


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Narrow Lines, IV



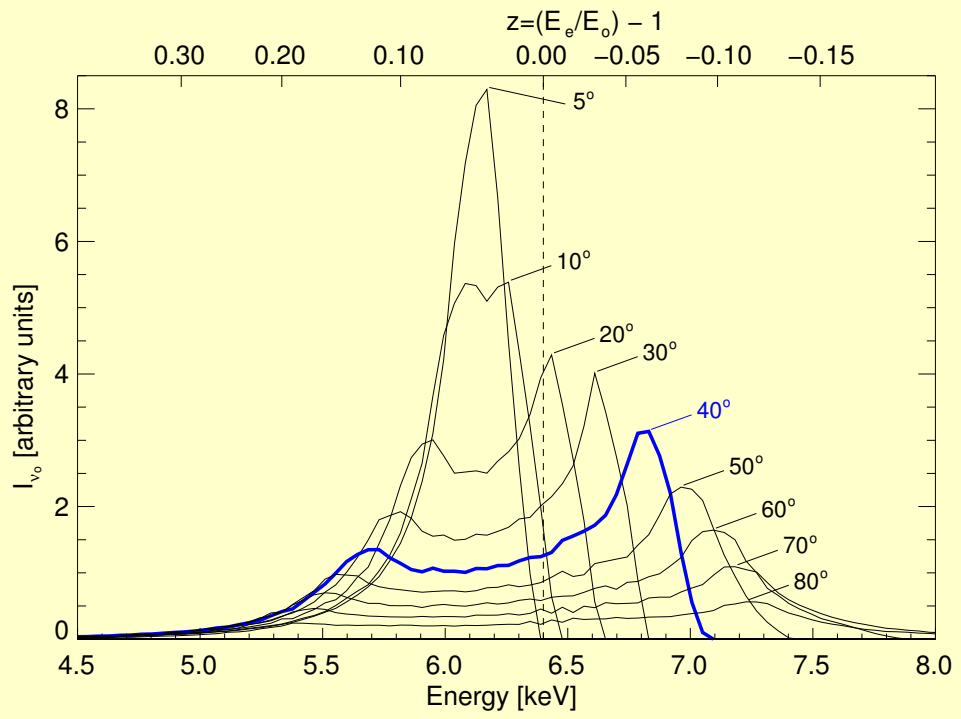
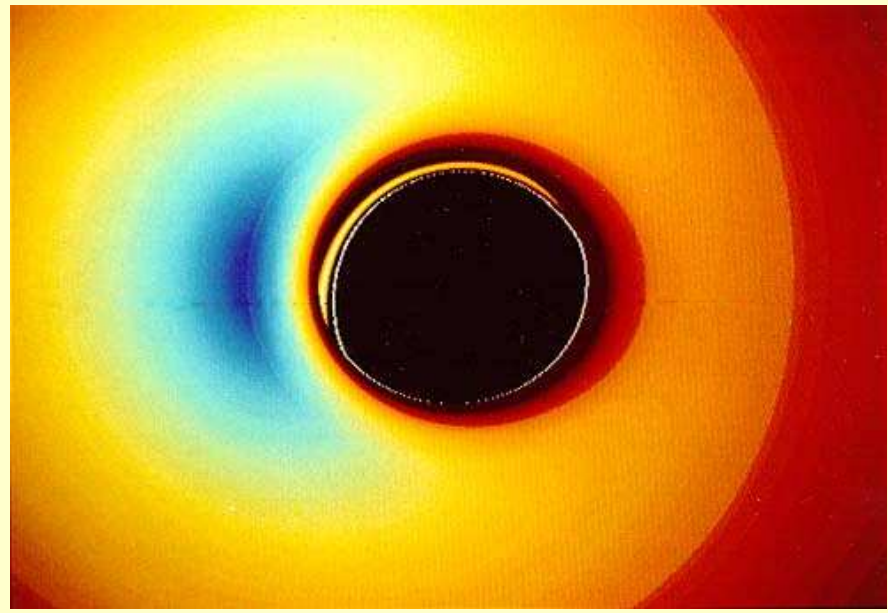
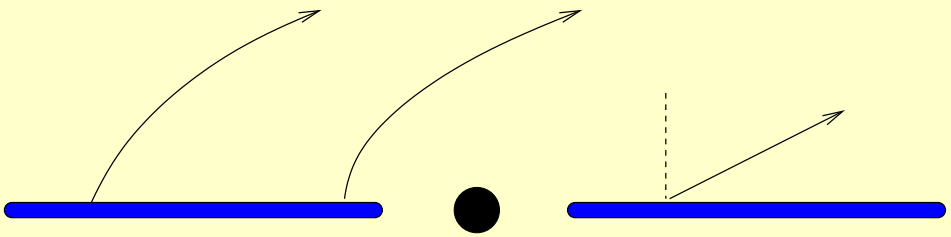
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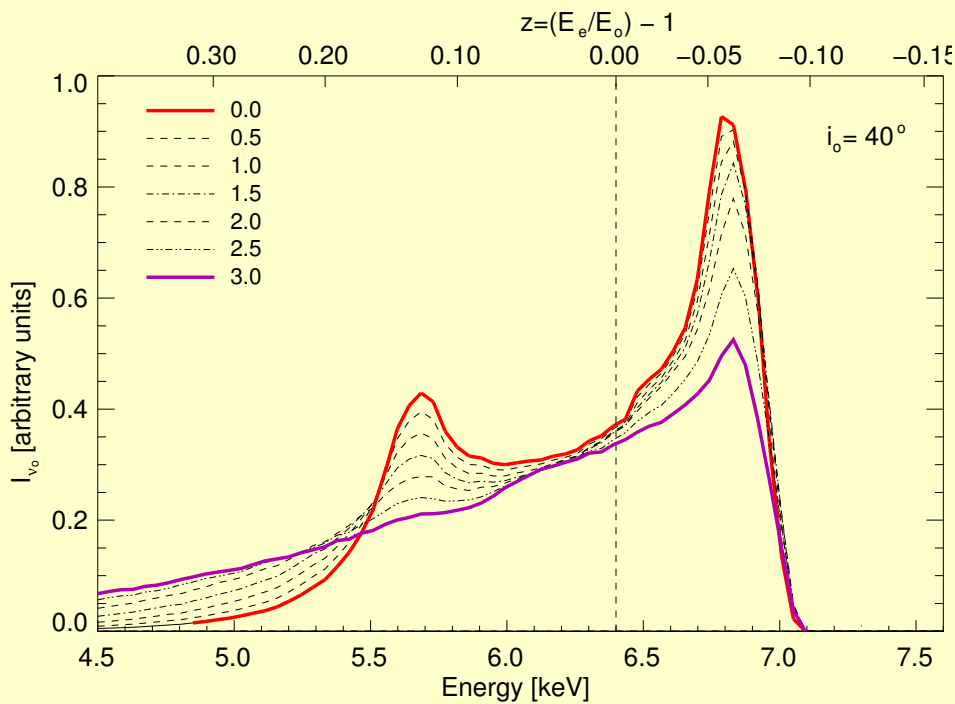
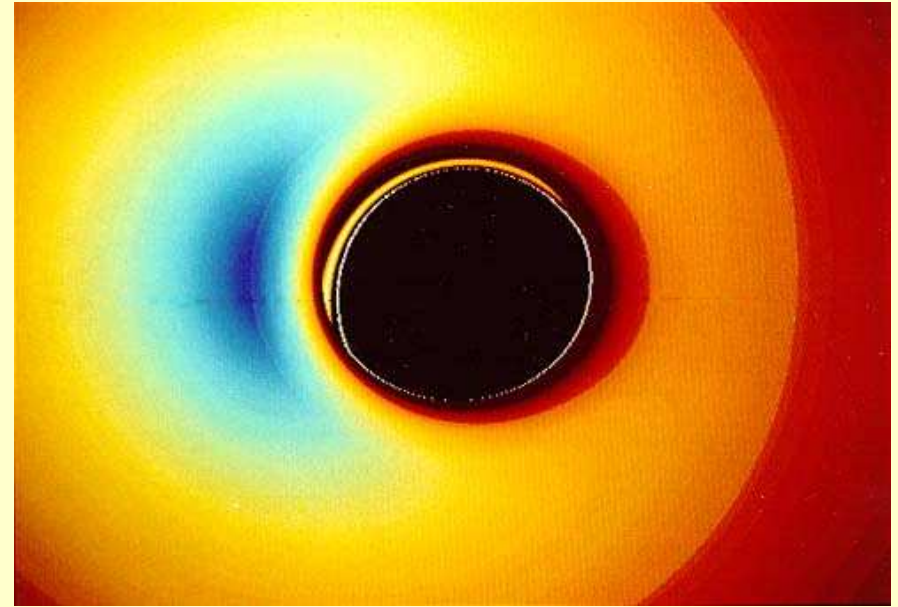
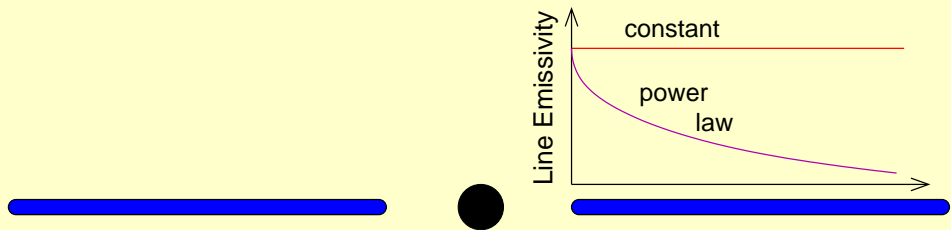
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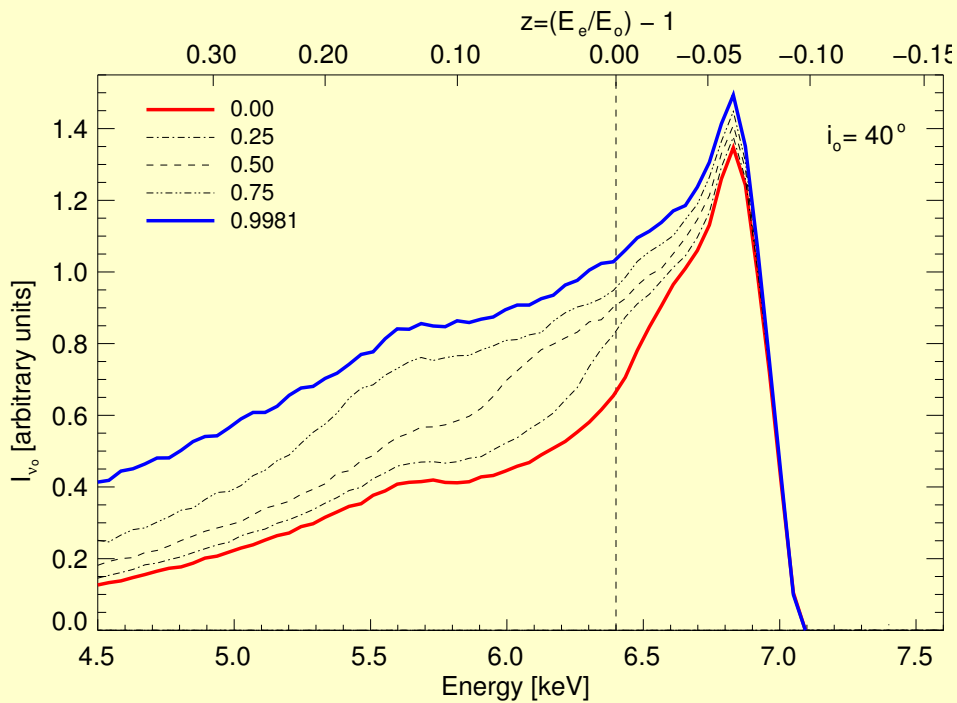
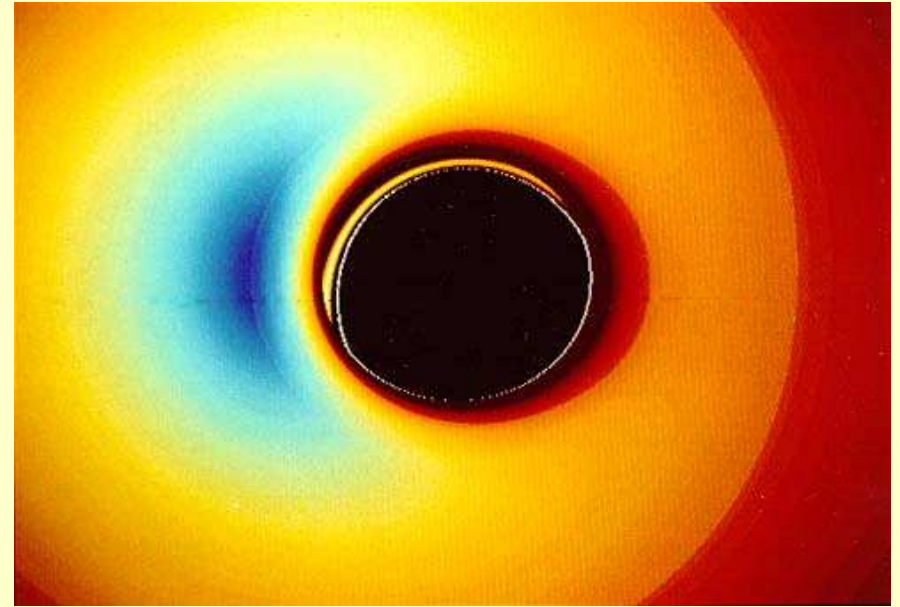
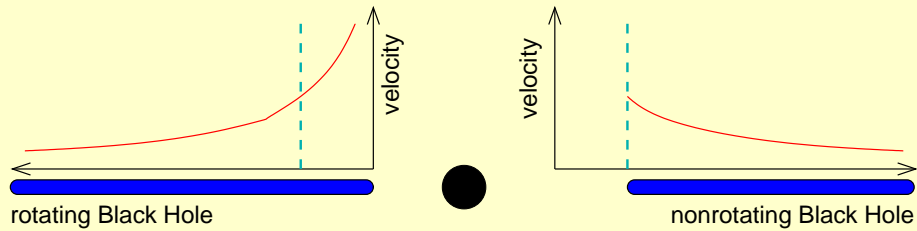
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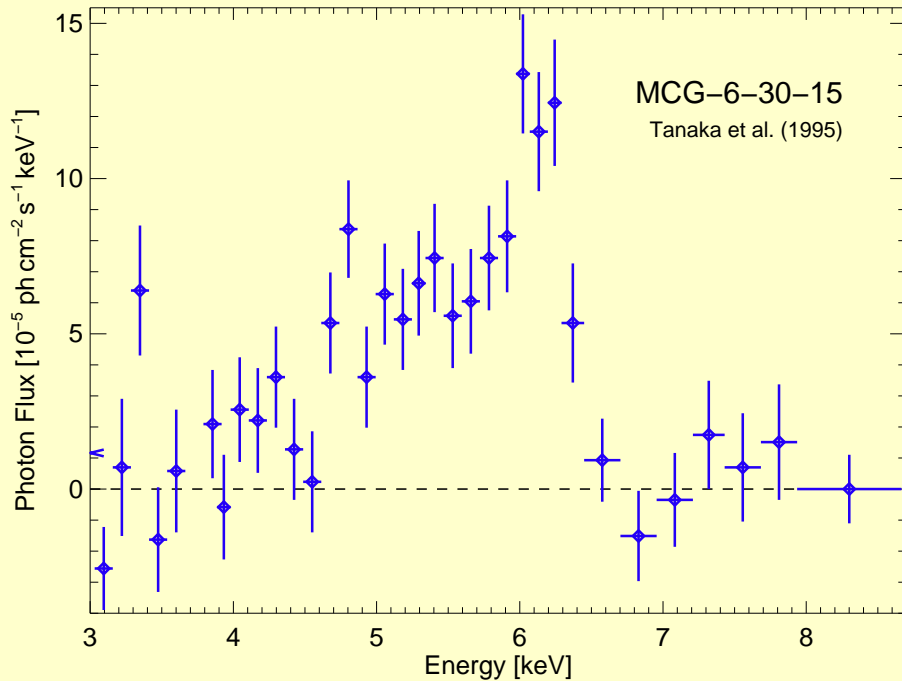
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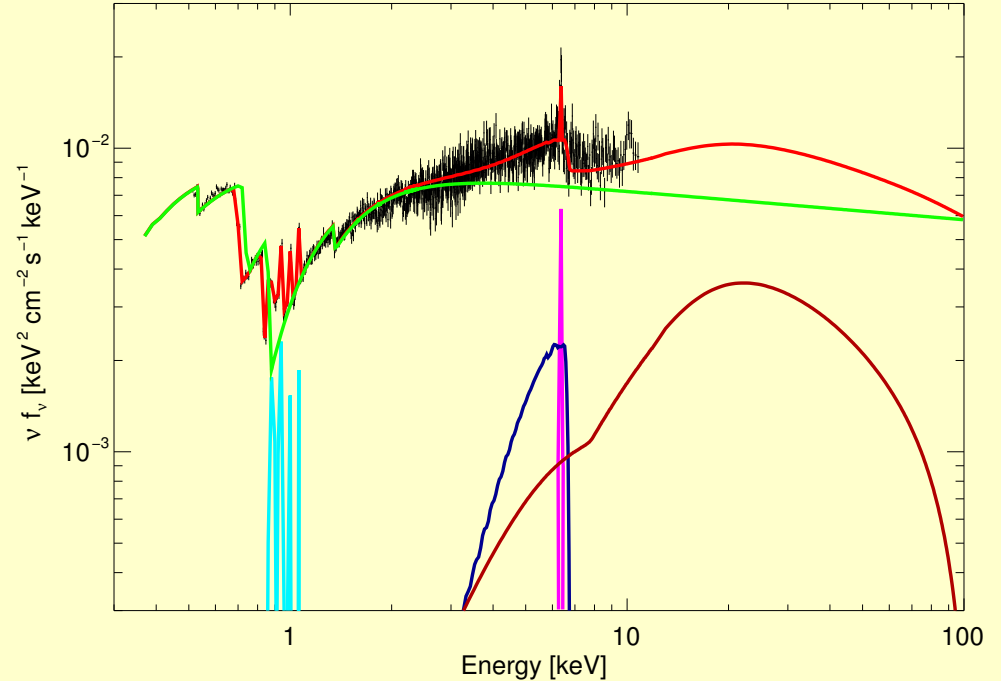
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- spin of black hole

Current State of the Art



Tanaka et al., 1995



Wilms et al., 2001, 2003

MCG-6-30-15: Line-Width: **Kerr Black Hole is required**

Many other sources with similar lines (AGN and GBHC), often shape is more complicated, evidence also for outflows etc.

The **emissivity index, β** , is large \implies **Line from centralmost regions!**

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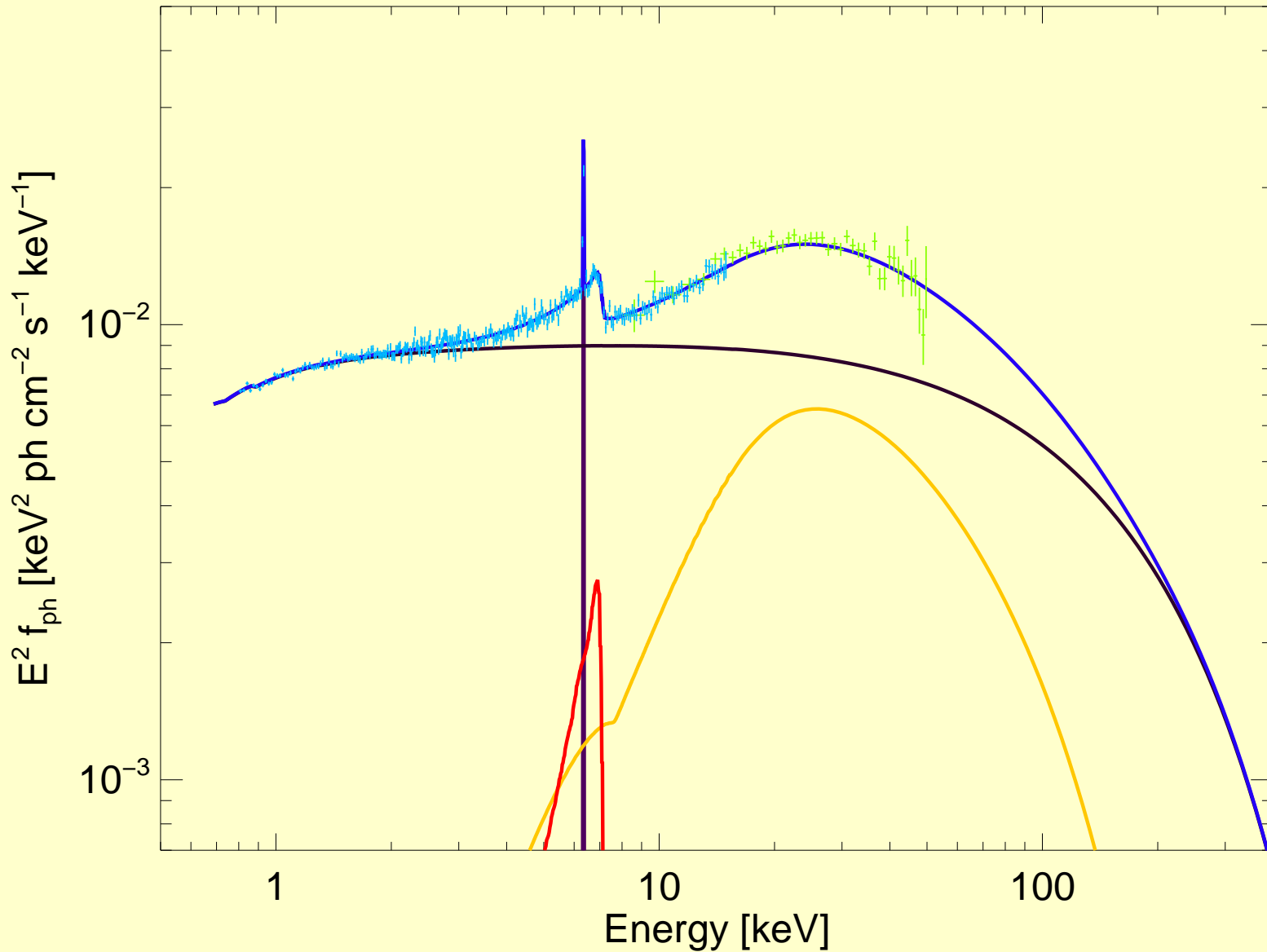
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Will study what can be achieved using **baseline model derived from MCG–6-30-15** and assuming **100 ksec exposure**:

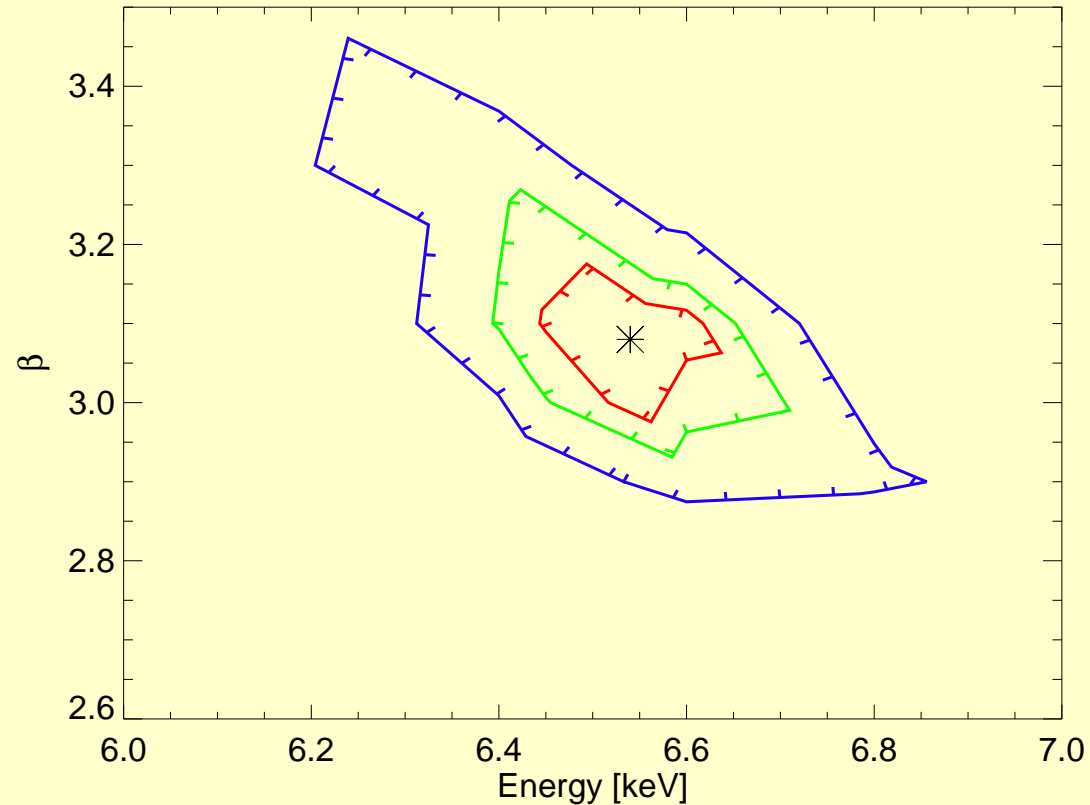
- **Comptonisation** continuum: $kT = 71$ keV, $\tau_e = 0.37$,
 $F_{2-10\text{keV}} = 2.6 \times 10^{-11}$ cgs
- **narrow Fe $K\alpha$ line** from torus: $E = 6.4$ keV, $\sigma = 0.01$ keV, EW = 52 eV
- **broad Fe $K\alpha$ line**: $E = 6.97$ keV, $i = 40^\circ$, EW = 500 eV;
emissivity ($I \propto r^{-\beta}$): $\beta = 3$, $R_{\text{in}} = 1.2GM/c^2$, $R_{\text{out}} = 400GM/c^2$, Kerr
- **Reflection** ($\Omega/2\pi = 1.5$; relativistically smeared)

N.B. This is a *simplified* model, ignoring warm absorber, forcing β to canonical value, etc.

Needed Capabilities, III



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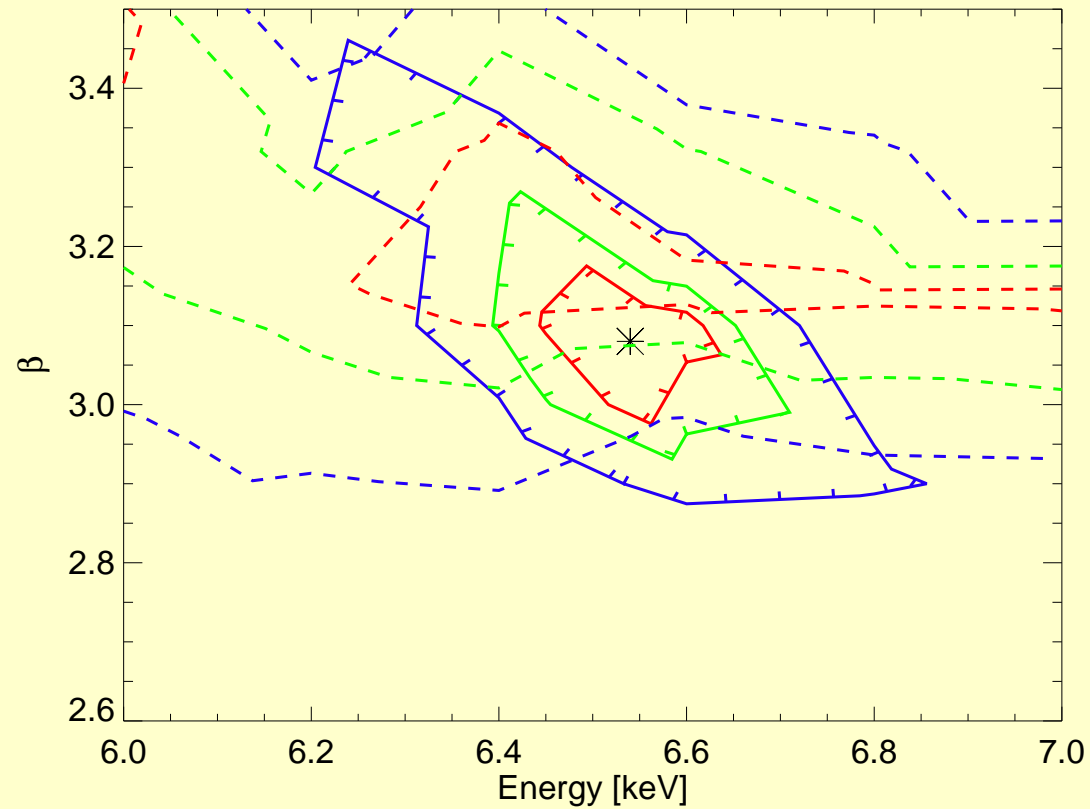
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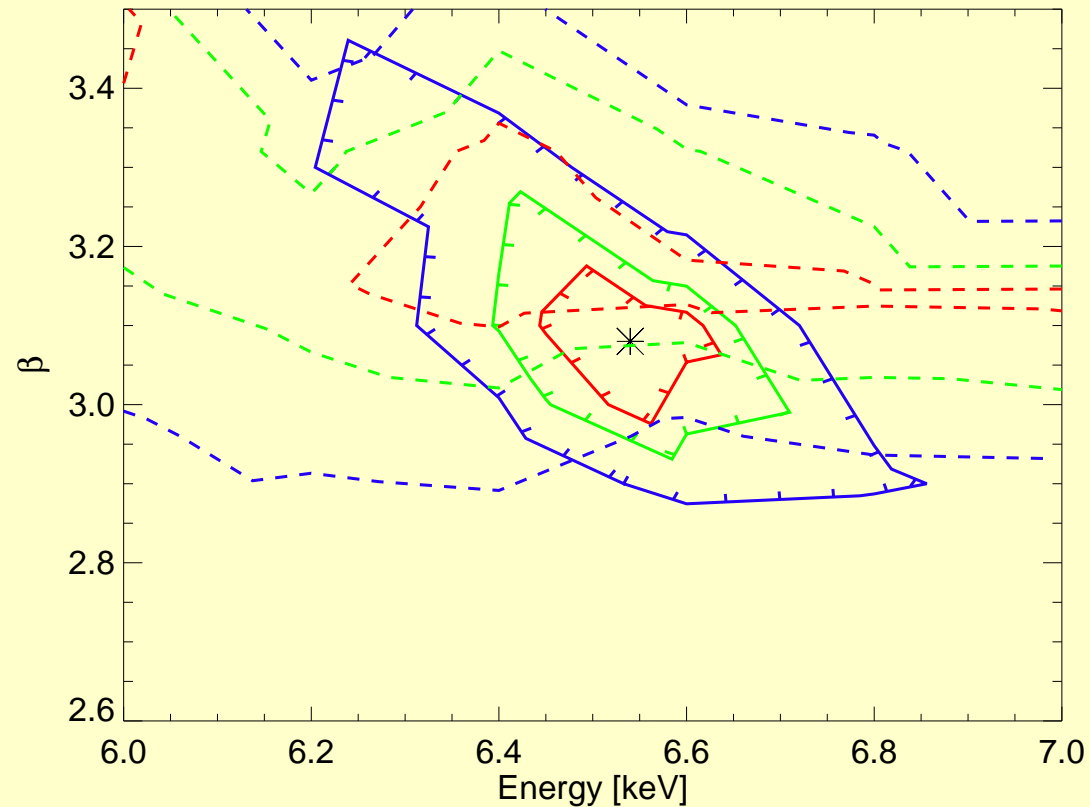
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100 ksec simulation: Ionisation state (Fe line energy)

SIMBOL-X: $E = 6.54^{+0.19}_{-0.10}$ keV

XMM-Newton: $E = 6.40^{+0.59}_{-0.16}$ keV

⇒ Determination of ionisation state possible

Variability

Capability for line measurement in 10 ksec:

| | <i>SIMBOL-X</i> | <i>XMM-Newton</i> |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| β : | $3.45^{+1.0}_{-0.6}$ | $3.93^{+2.2}_{-0.7}$ |
| E : | $6.3^{+0.3}_{-0.7}$ keV | $6.5^{+1.1}_{-0.9}$ keV |
| i : | 47^{+18}_{-14} | 41 ± 40 |

Uncertainty in *XMM-Newton* mainly due to inability to constrain reflection continuum.

⇒ Improved with respect to *XMM-Newton*, but *SIMBOL-X* will not be able to start doing reverberation mapping (timescales $\lesssim 1$ ksec)

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To be done:

- Study Kerr vs. Schwarzschild
- Sensitivity limits for broad lines