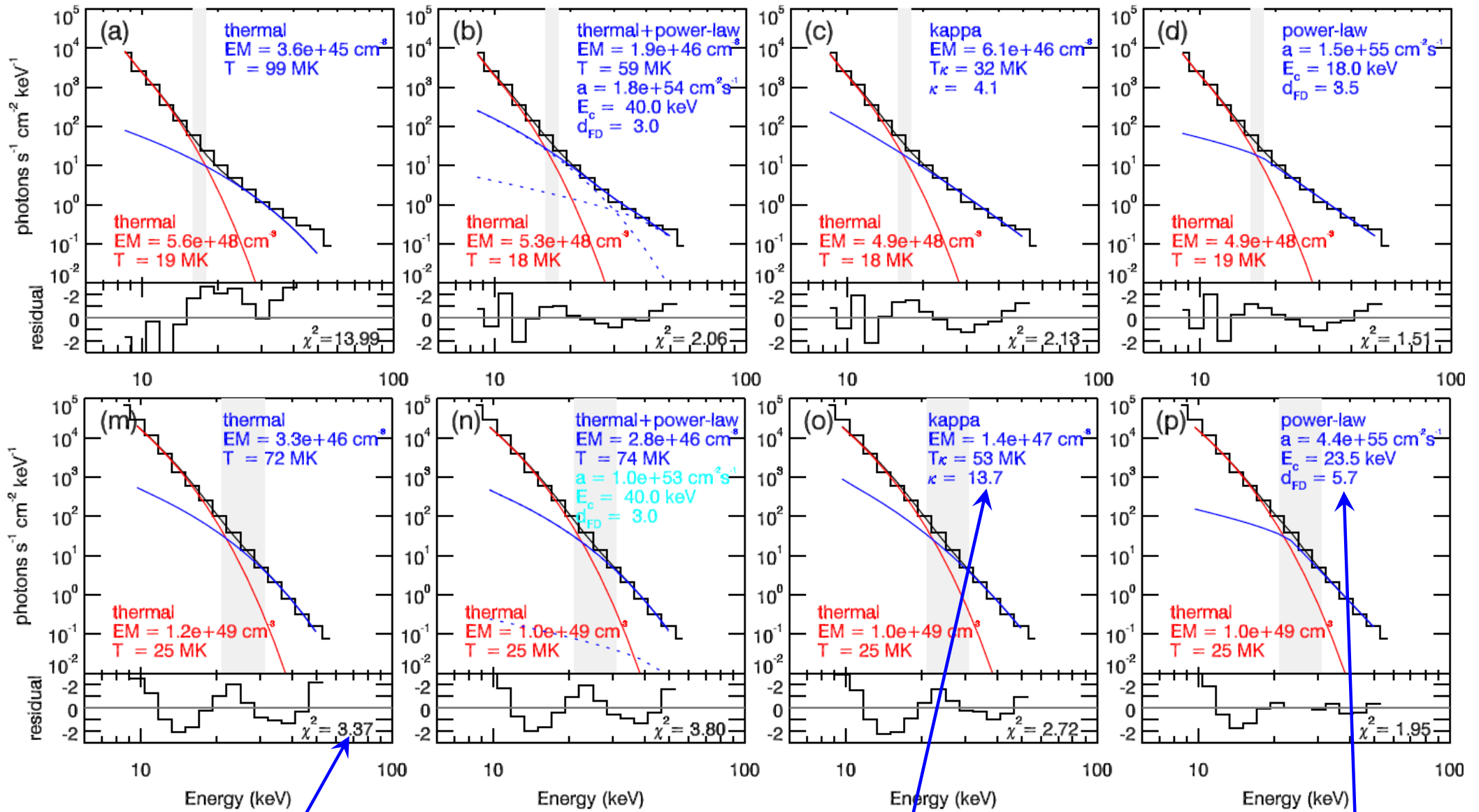


The thermal+power-law model systematically overestimates and underestimates the temperature and density, respectively, due to the lower-energy cutoff E_c .



less enhanced nonthermal tail

close to Maxwellian

less significant nonthermal component

Thin-target Bremsstrahlung:

incident electron distribution is nearly unchanged, evolves slowly under the influence of collisions

Thick-target Bremsstrahlung:

incident electrons are completely stopped or thermalized in the high-density target

substantial change in incident electron distribution

much quicker energy loss from electrons → lots of X-ray photons emitted → intense X-ray emissions (~10 keV-300 keV)

The photon flux emitted per unit energy observed at a distance R is obtained by integrating over the emitting source volume V or, for an imaged source, along the line-of-sight through the source region.

$F(E,r)$: electron flux density distribution
electrons $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{keV}^{-1}$

$F(E)$: electron flux distribution
electrons $\text{s}^{-1} \text{keV}^{-1}$

$f(E,r)$: electron density distribution
electrons $\text{cm}^{-3} \text{keV}^{-1}$

$$F(E,r) = f(E,r)v(E)$$

assume $F(E,r) \propto E^{-\delta}$, $f(E,r) \propto E^{-\delta'}$

$$\gamma_{\text{thin}} = \delta + 1, \gamma_{\text{thick}} = \delta - 1$$

$$\gamma_{\text{thin}} = \delta' + 0.5, \gamma_{\text{thick}} = \delta' - 1.5$$