

Estimating Black Hole Spin of PG 1322 + 659 with Observed Optical and X-ray Continuum Spectrum

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Abstract. We fit the observed Spectral Energy Distribution (SED) of a bright radio quiet quasar PG 1322 + 659 in optical and hard X-ray bands with an accretion disk–corona model to estimate BH spin a .

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1. Introduction

You *et al.* (2012) calculated the emergent spectrum of a standard accretion disk with a corona surrounding a massive Kerr black hole to reproduce UV/optical and hard X-ray spectrum. The measurements of spin a is important but still controversial for AGNs because of the degeneracy problem due to other physical parameters such as M_{bh} , accretion rate \dot{m} and viewing angle θ_{obs} . In this work we try to estimate BH spin a for PG 1322 + 659 via fitting the observed spectrum.

2. Model

The accretion disk is heated by the gravitational power of matter via viscosity process, and a fraction of the power is transported to the corona (You *et al.* 2012). The high energy photons from the corona are intercepted by the cold disk, part of which are reflected by the disk. The energy equation for the accretion disk–corona is

$$Q_{\text{dissi}}^+ - Q_{\text{cor}}^+ + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \eta)Q_{\text{cor}}^+ = \frac{4\sigma T_{\text{d}}^4}{3\tau}, \quad (1)$$

where the definition of T_{d} , τ , η , σ can be found in You *et al.* (2012). We adopt the ratio of the power dissipated in the corona to the total power as a free parameter to determine the power in the corona, ie., $Q_{\text{cor}}^+ = \eta Q_{\text{dissi}}^+$, where η can be constrained by the observed ratio of the observed X-ray luminosity to bolometric luminosity.

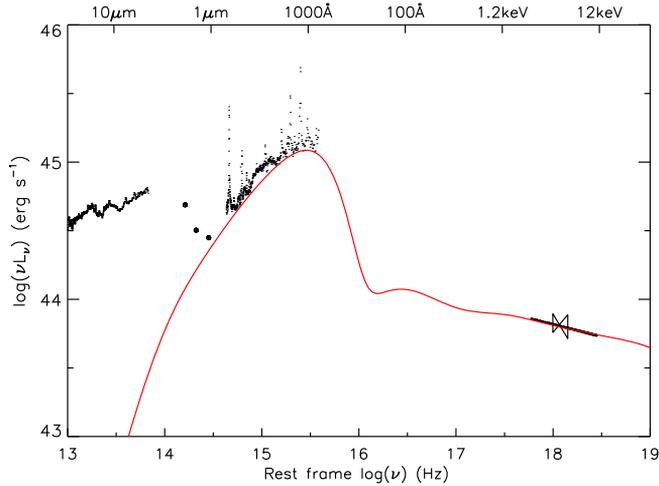


Figure 1. SED of PG 1322 + 659 from IR/optical to hard X-ray is plotted with dots. Three circle + cross points are near-IR JHK data. The solid black line represents X-ray spectrum fitted with a power law. The red line is the best-fitting result.

3. Results

PG 1322 + 659 ($z=0.1684$) is a radio quiet quasar with X-ray continuum emission from the corona. The BH mass $\log M_{\text{bh}} = 8.29$ is adopted from Tang *et al.* (2012) independent of our model. We adopt the dimensionless accretion rate \dot{m} , spin a , ratio η and the viewing angle θ_{obs} as free parameters to fit the observed continuum spectrum shape in UV/optical and hard X-ray bands. The best-fitting and observed spectra are plotted in Fig. 1, and $\dot{m} = 0.3$, $a \approx -0.5$, $\eta = 0.5$, $\theta_{\text{obs}} \approx 20.0^\circ$.

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