

A multiwavelength motivated X-ray model for the Circinus Galaxy

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The Circinus Galaxy

- Seyfert 2, Compton-thick AGN (N_H>10²⁴ cm⁻²)
- d = 4.2 Mpc



Credits: HST

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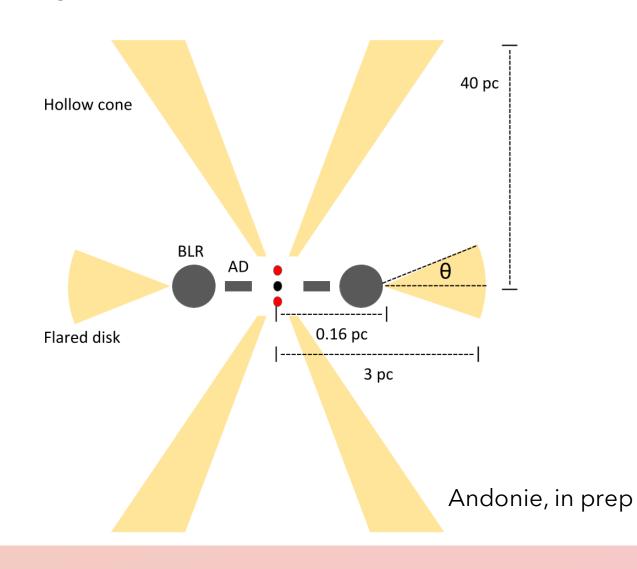
Stalevski et al. (2017,2019) proposed for the dusty emitting regions:

- A flared disk for the disk like component
- A cone/hyperboloid shell for the elongated emission



Stalevski et al. 2017

X-ray model built with RefleX (Paltani & Ricci 2017)



Flared disc

Covering factor (CF^*)	[0.1; 0.7]
Inner radius	$0.16~\mathrm{pc}$
Outer radius	3 pc
Column density flared disk $N_{\mathrm{H,d}}^*$	$[10^{24}; 10^{25.5}] \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Shell cone

Half opening angle	40°
Angular full width	10°
Inner height	$0.16~\mathrm{pc}$
Radial extension	40 pc
Column density cone $N_{\rm H,c}^*$	$[10^{21}; 10^{23}] \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Broad Line Region

Inner radius $(R_{\rm BLR})$	$0.0038~\mathrm{pc}$
Covering factor (CF_{BLR})	0.4
Volumetric density	$10^9 {\rm \ cm^{-3}}$

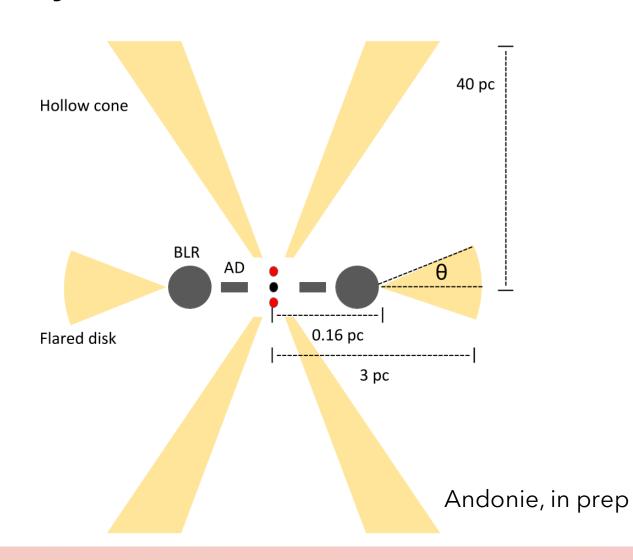
Accretion Disk

Inner radius	$10^{-8} \mathrm{pc}$
Outer radius	$6.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ pc}$
Volumetric density	$10^{15} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$

X-ray Corona

Radius	$10^{-8} \mathrm{pc}$
Height	$1.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ pc}$
Photon index (Γ^*)	[1.5; 2.4]
High-energy cut-off (E_c)	$200 \; \mathrm{keV}$

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Flared disc

Covering factor (CF^*)	[0.1; 0.7]
inner radius	0.10 pc
Outer radius	3 nc
Column density flared disk $N_{\rm H,d}^*$	$[10^{24}; 10^{25.5}] \text{ cm}^{-2}$

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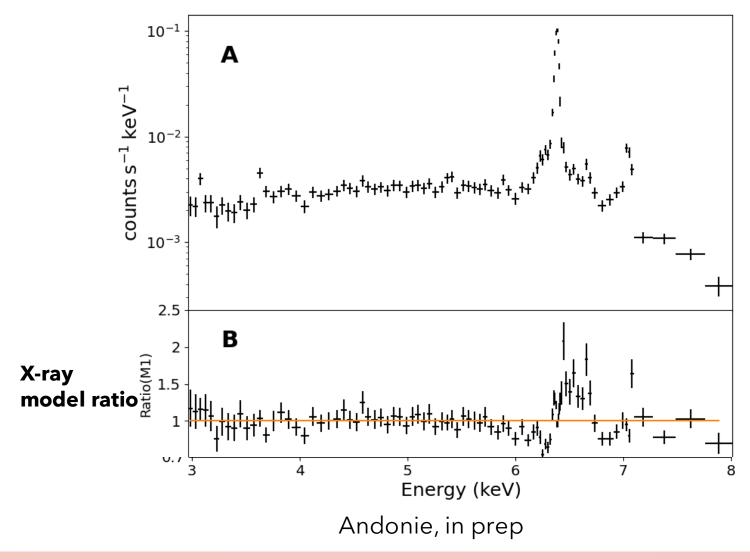
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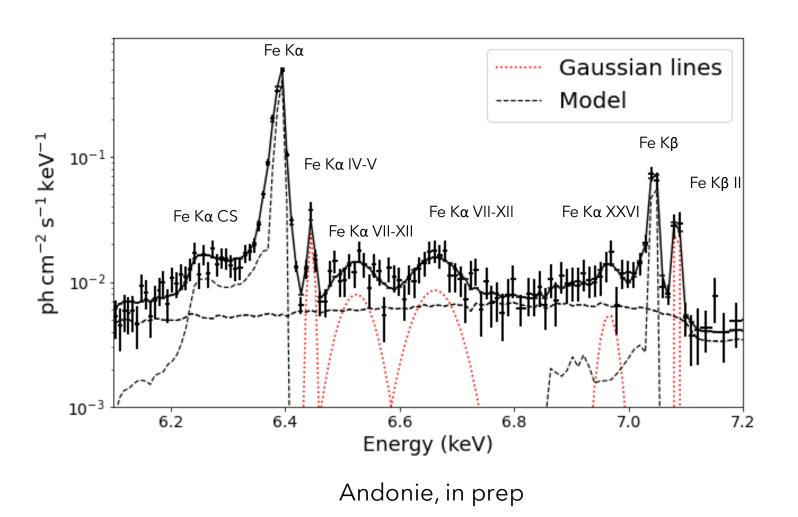
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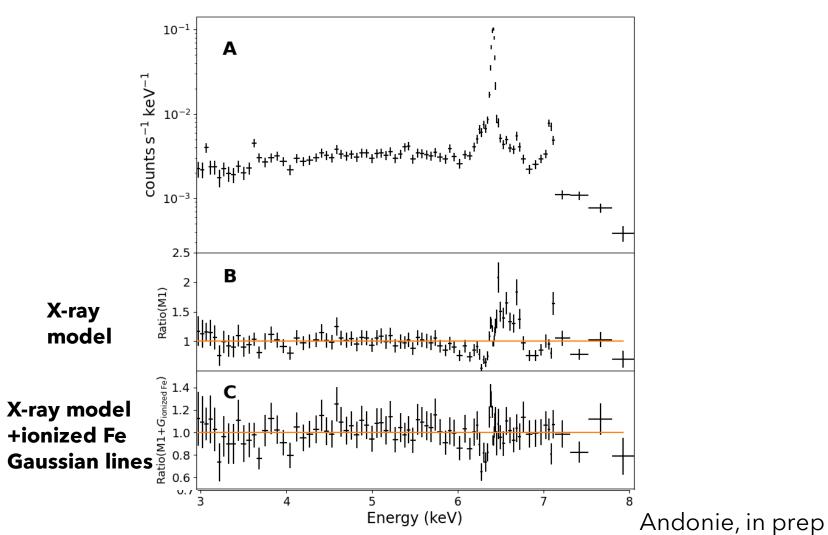
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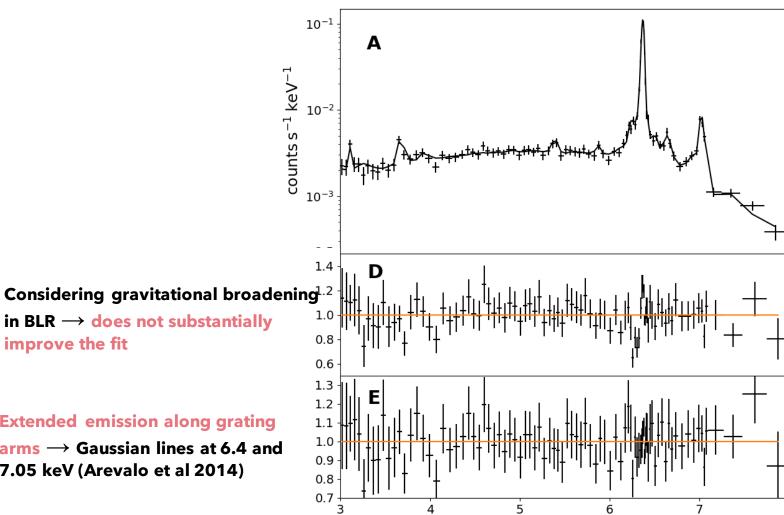
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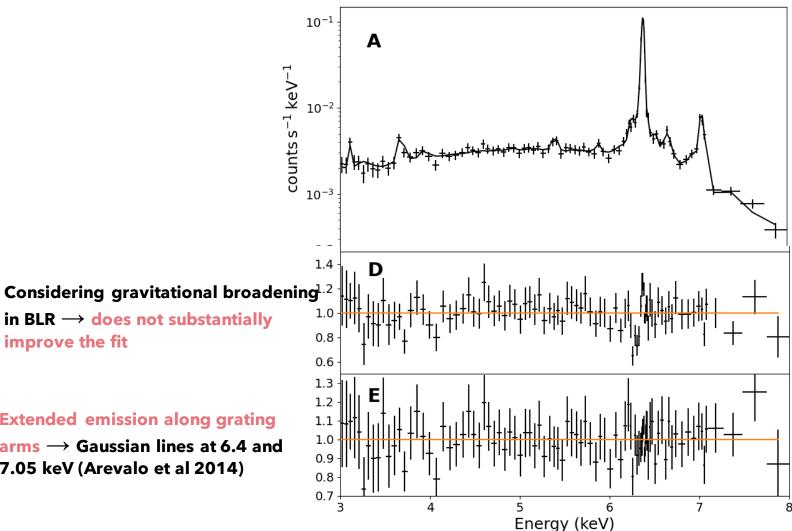


Energy (keV)

Extended emission along grating arms → Gaussian lines at 6.4 and 7.05 keV (Arevalo et al 2014)

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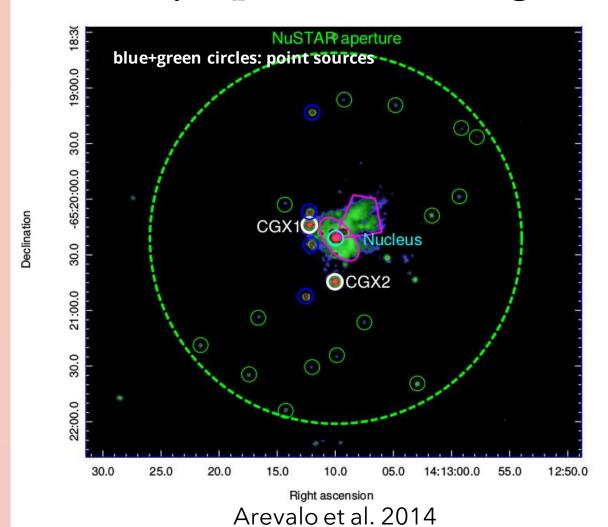
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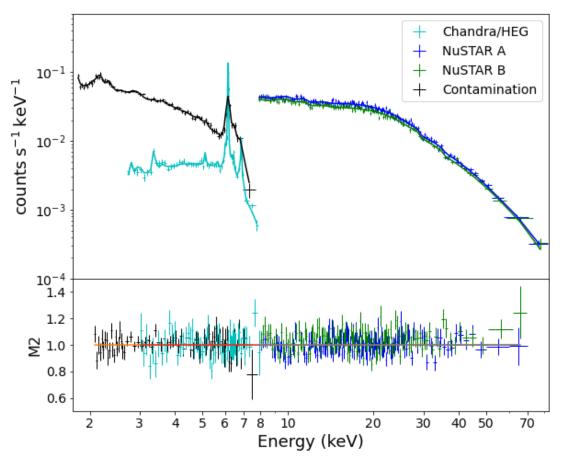
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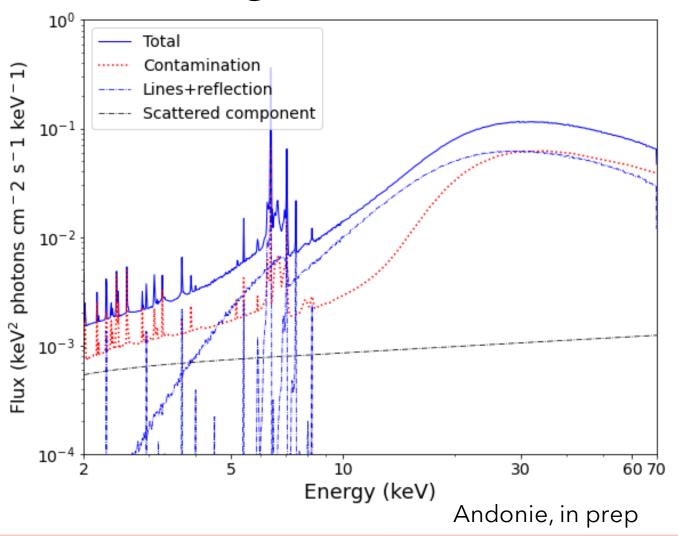
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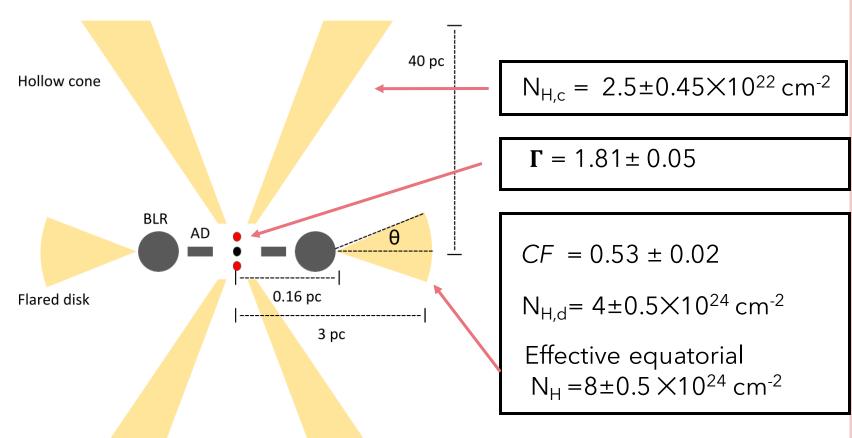


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X-ray spectral fitting: Chandra/HEG + NuSTAR



X-ray spectral fitting results

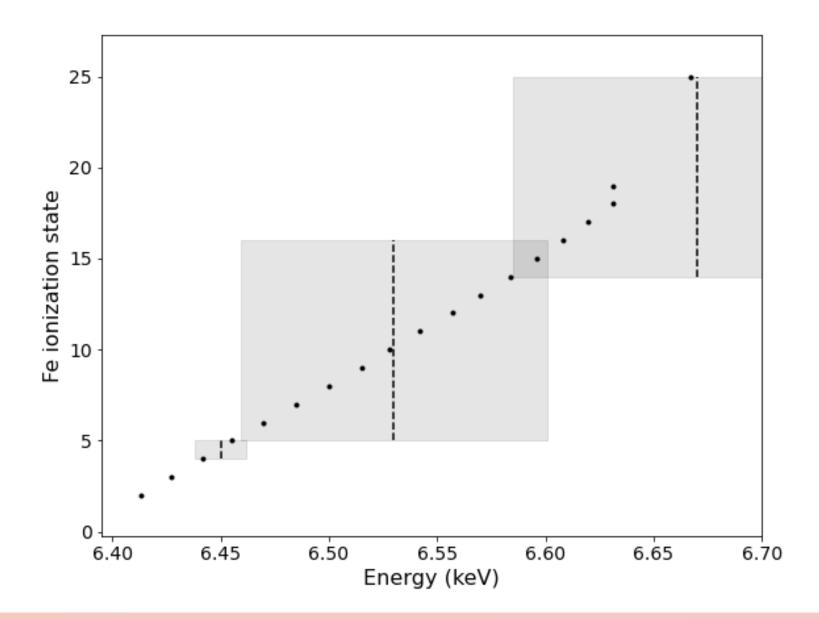


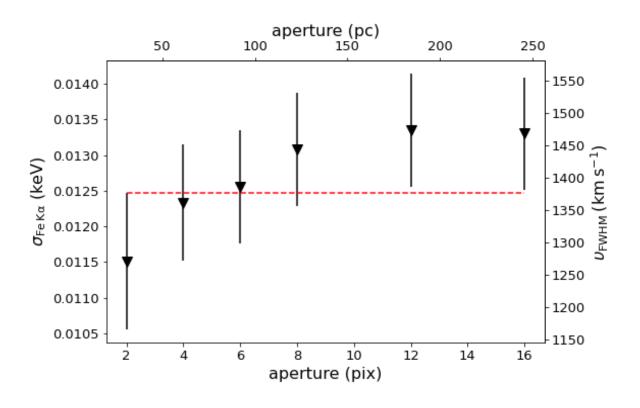
Conclusions

- The IR geometry is able to properly reproduce the broadband X-ray spectrum of Circinus. However, we need to add several Gaussian lines to reproduce the Fe K α complex
- We conclude that the spatial extension of the line along the HEG arms needs to be taken into account to accurately reproduce the shape of the Fe K α complex
- The column density and covering factor of the flared disk and cone are consistent with the values found in the scales IR model

With facilities such as XRISM and Athena, it will be possible to understand what causes the shape of the Fe $K\alpha$ line and its CS, and also fully constrain the different ionization levels of iron and their contribution to the 6.4-7 keV flux

Thanks!





- Arevalo et al. (2014) found that there is an overall broadening of the Fe Kα and Fe Kβ lines due to Fe spatial extension
- It is unclear what fraction of this broadening might be caused by a spatial extension of the line, or due to Doppler broadening if part of the line originates in the BLR

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X-ray spectral fitting: Chandra/HEG + NuSTAR

Component	Parameters	$Chandra/{ m HEG}$	$Chandra/{ m HEG} + NuSTAR$
Cone model	Γ	2.1 ± 0.11	1.81 ± 0.05
	equatorial $N_{\rm H}~({\rm cm}^{-2})$	$6.31^{+0.29}_{-0.16} \times 10^{24}$	$8.7^{+0.4}_{-0.6} \times 10^{24}$
	$N_{\rm H,c} \ ({\rm cm}^{-2})$	$10^{+}_{-0.67} \times 10^{22}$	$2.46^{+0.47}_{-0.43} \times 10^{22}$
	$_{ m CF}$	$0.4^{+0.03}_{-0.07}$	$0.53^{+0.01}_{-0.05}$
	$N_l \; ({\rm ph \; keV^{-2} \; s^{-1} \; cm^{-2}})$	$0.24^{+0.03}_{-0.01}$	0.16 ± 0.16
	$N_s \; ({\rm ph \; keV^{-2} \; s^{-1} \; cm^{-2}})$	0.18 ± 0.14	0.17 ± 0.009
Scattered pl	N/N_c	$3.1 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.9 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-3}$
stats/dof		1104/1033 = 1.07	2368.63/2401 = 0.99