

# Towards a new paradigm of dust structure in AGN: Circinus galaxy and beyond



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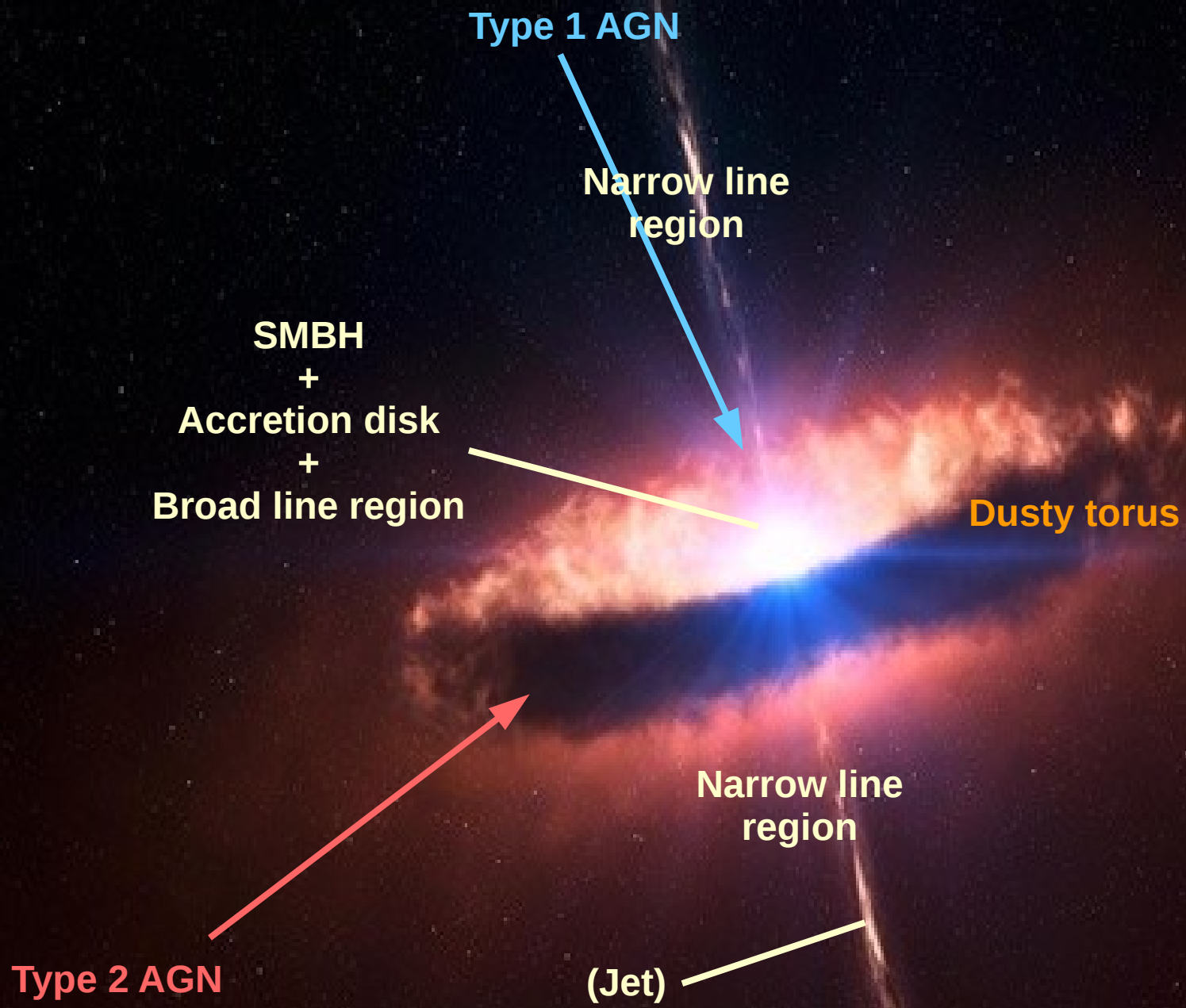
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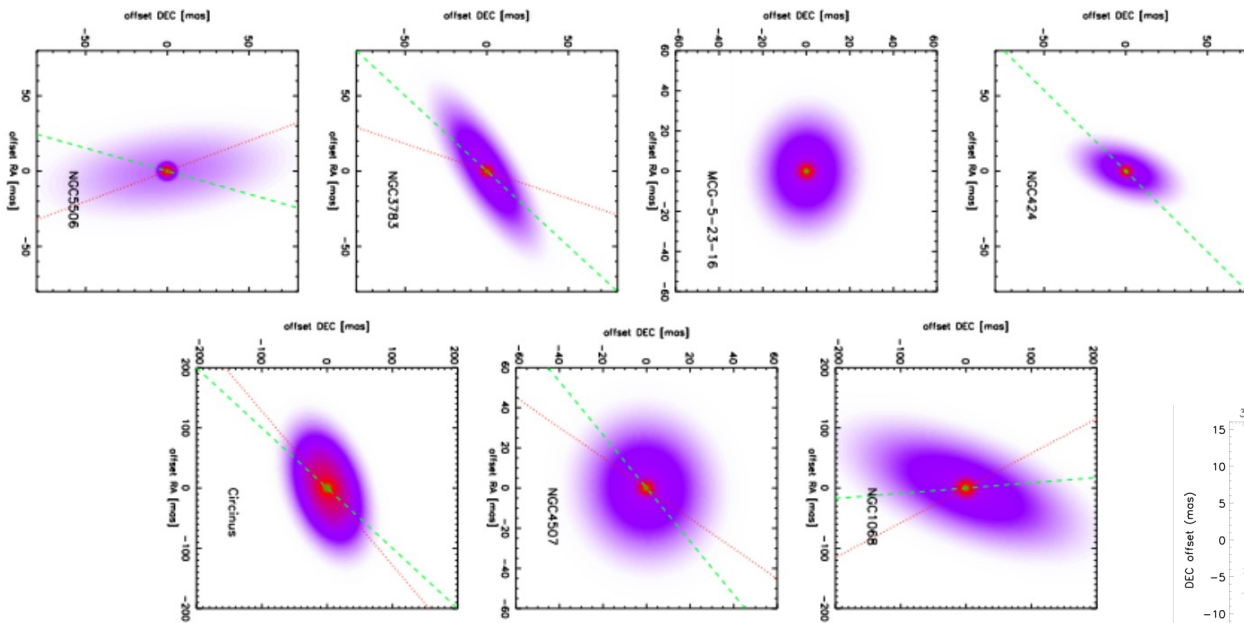
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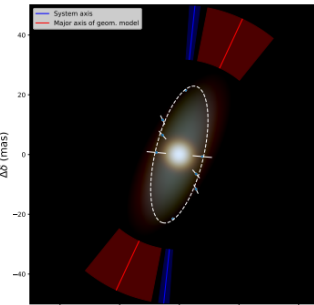
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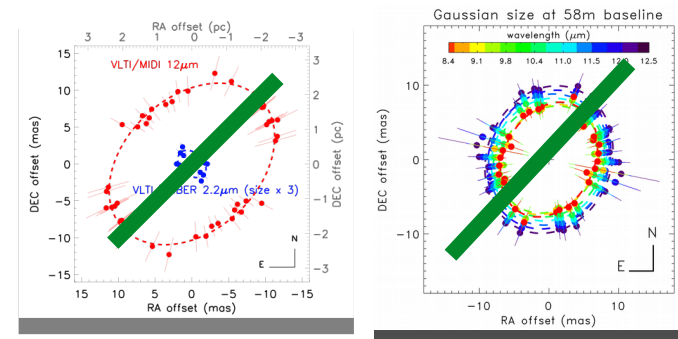
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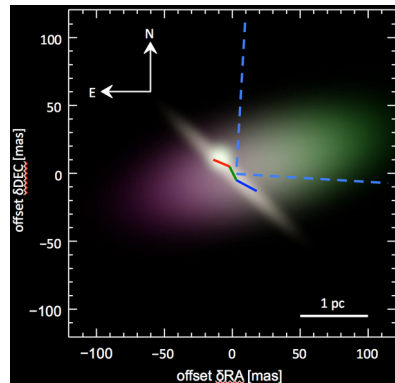
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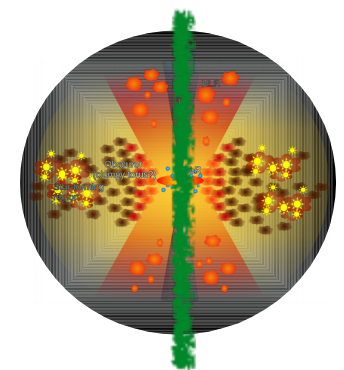
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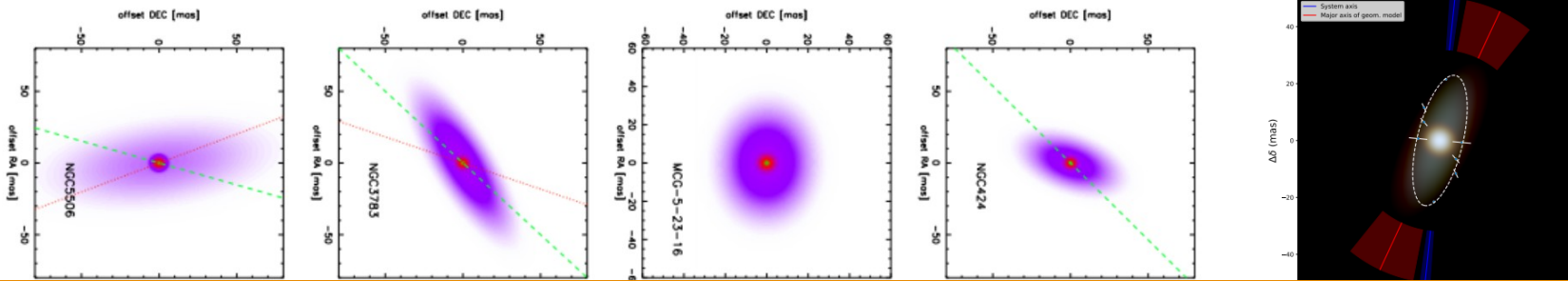
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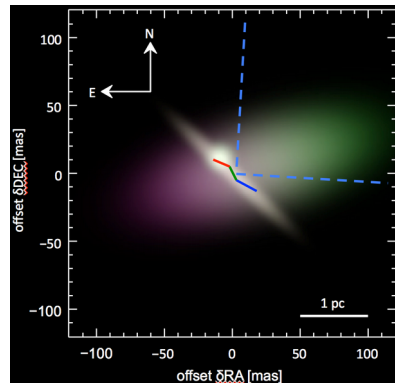
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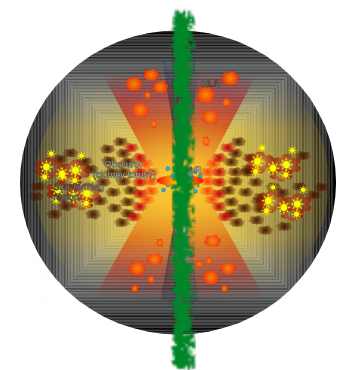
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5 of those 7 with polar elongation !

Leftley+18: **+1**



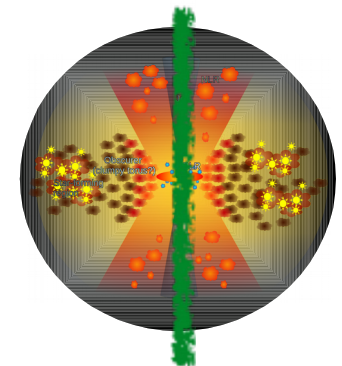
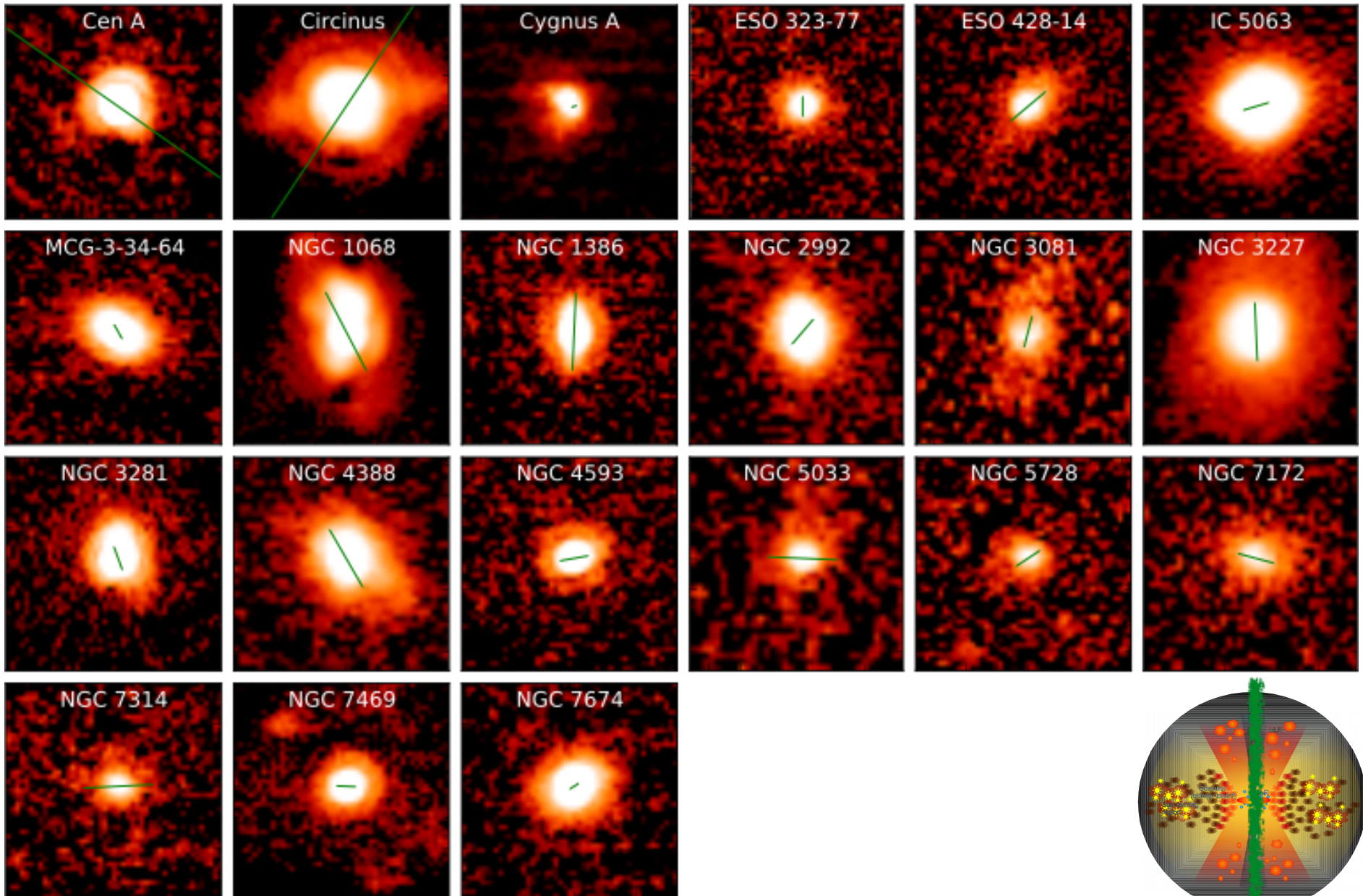
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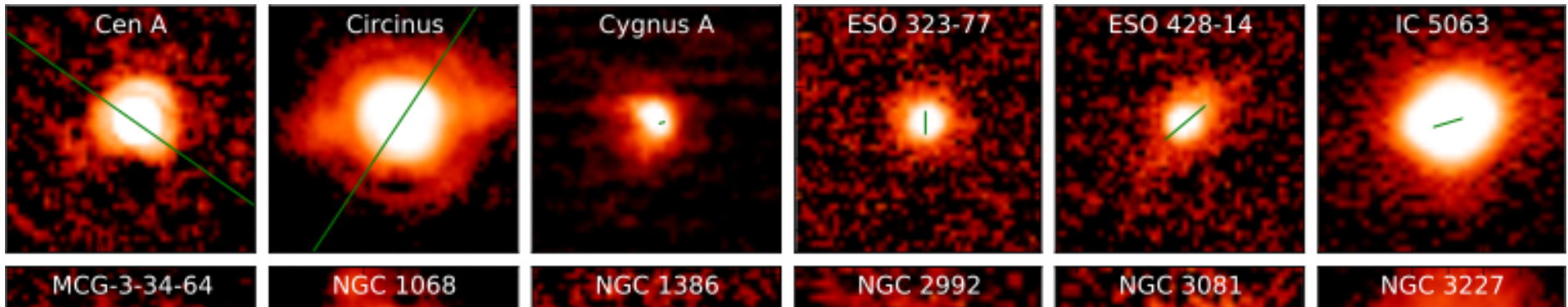
Asmus, Honig, Gandhi (2016)



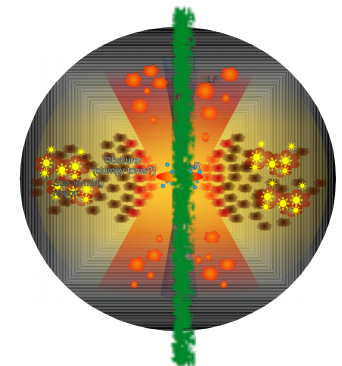
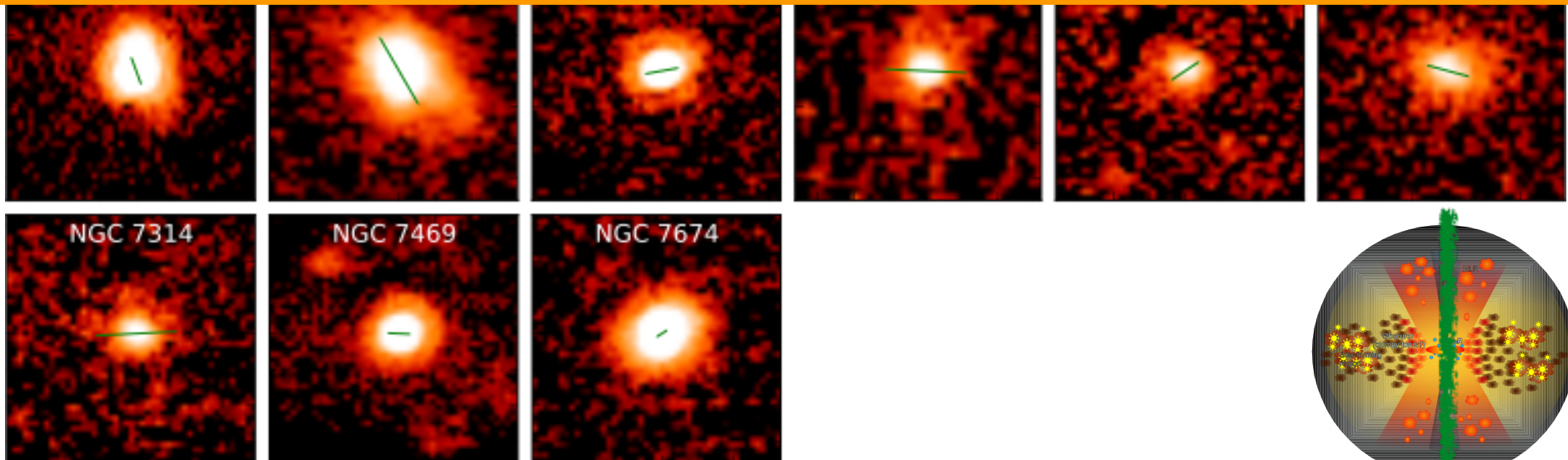


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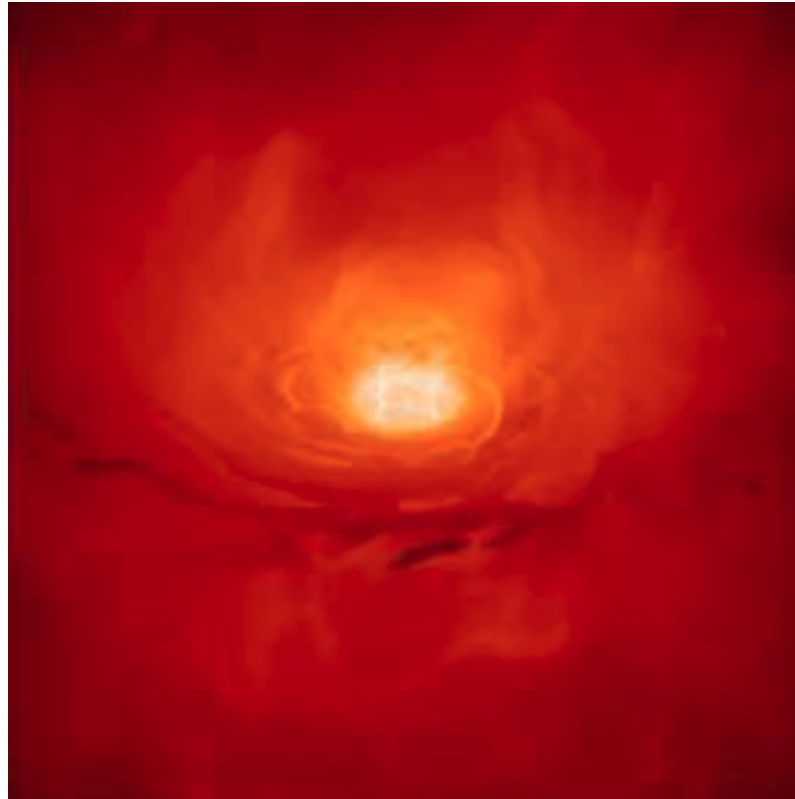
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18 out of 21 with polar elongation !



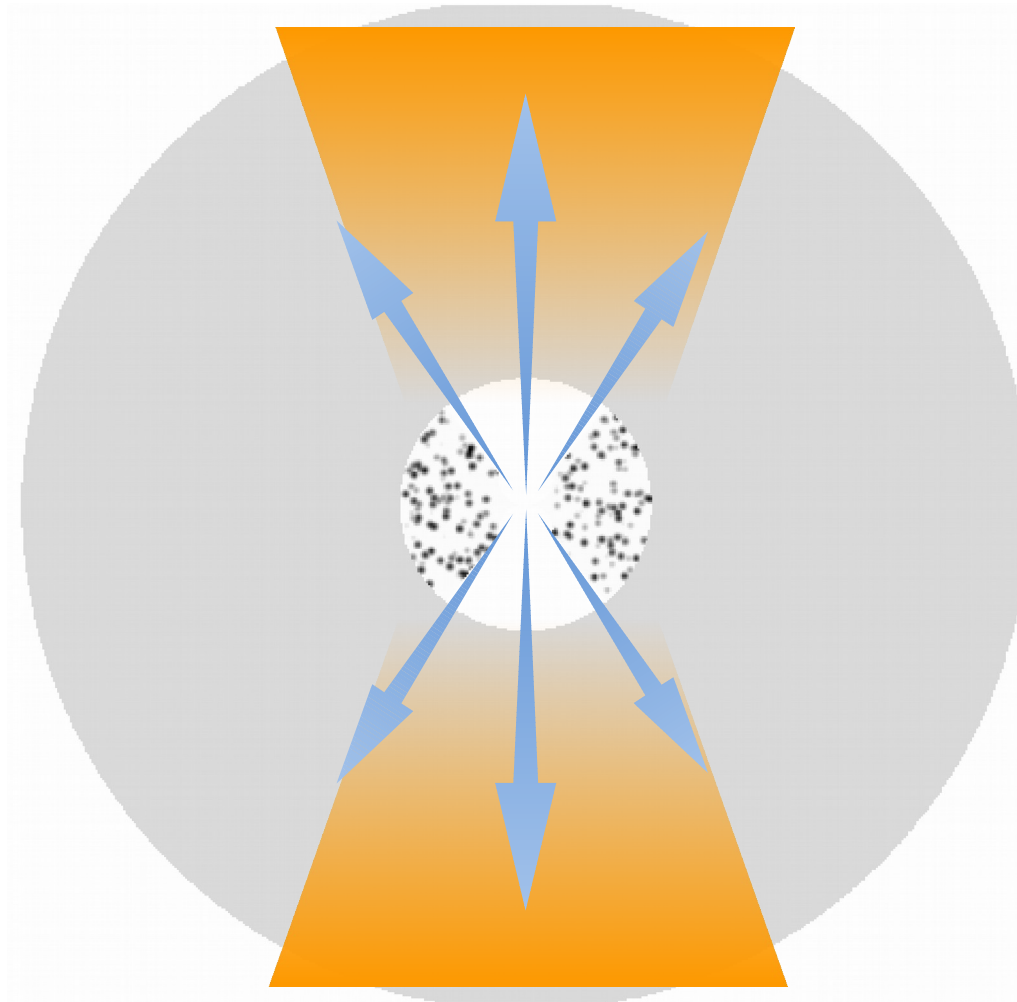
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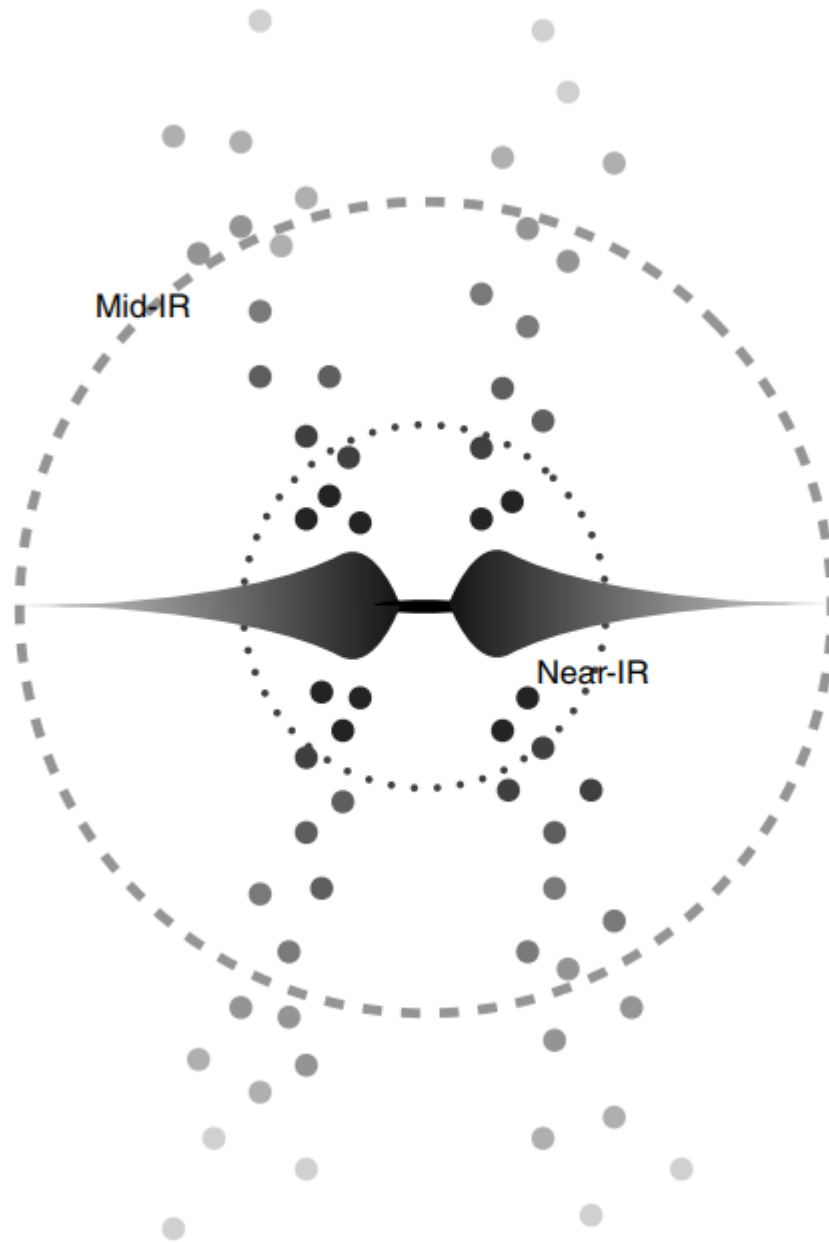
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# Polar elongation – host galaxy dust ?



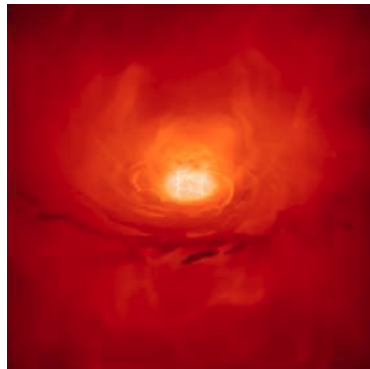
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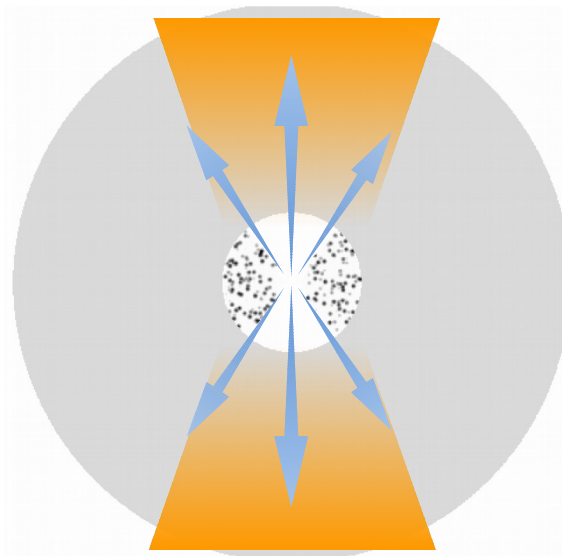
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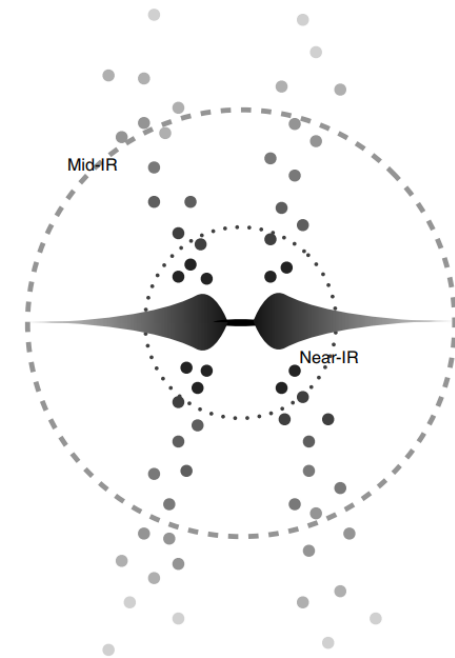
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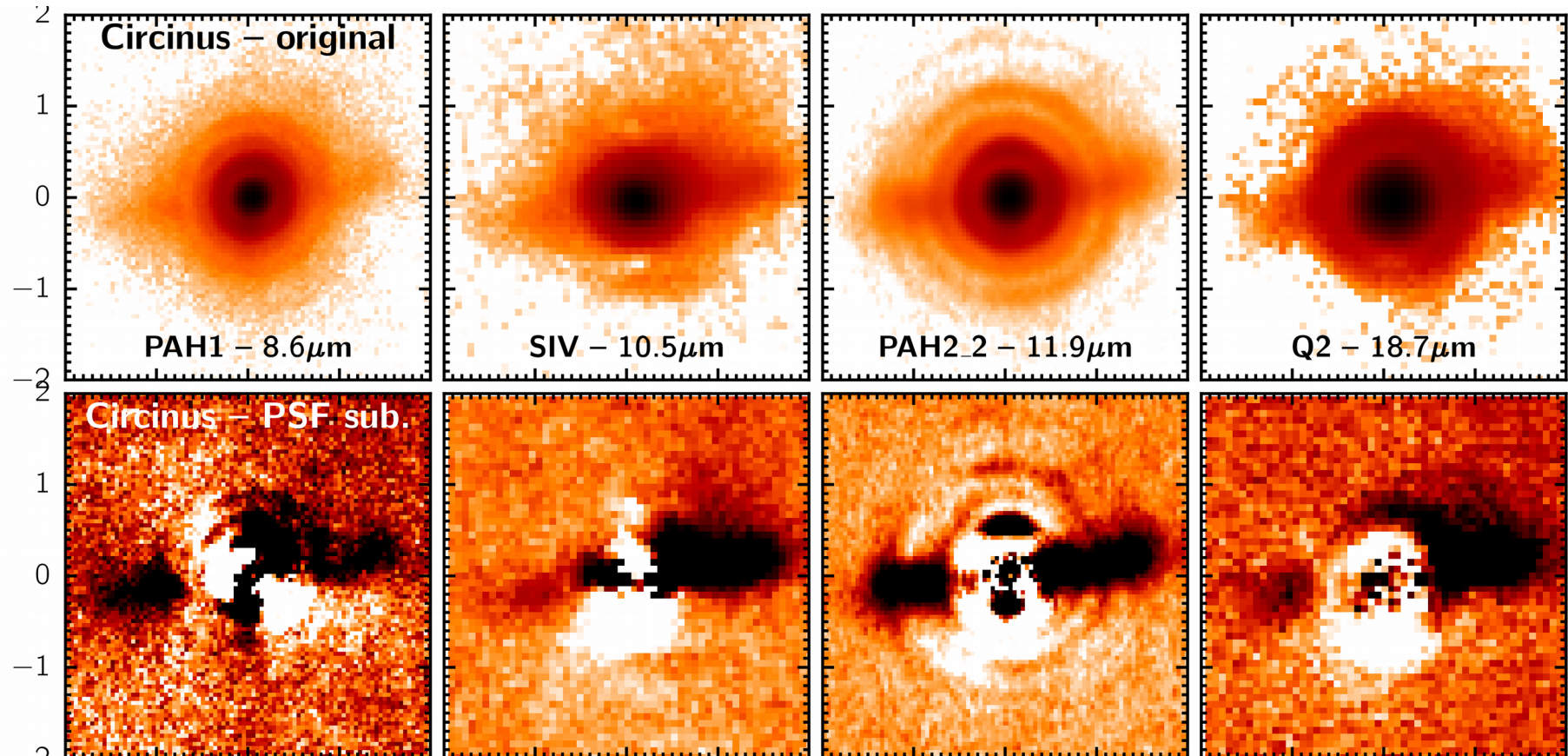
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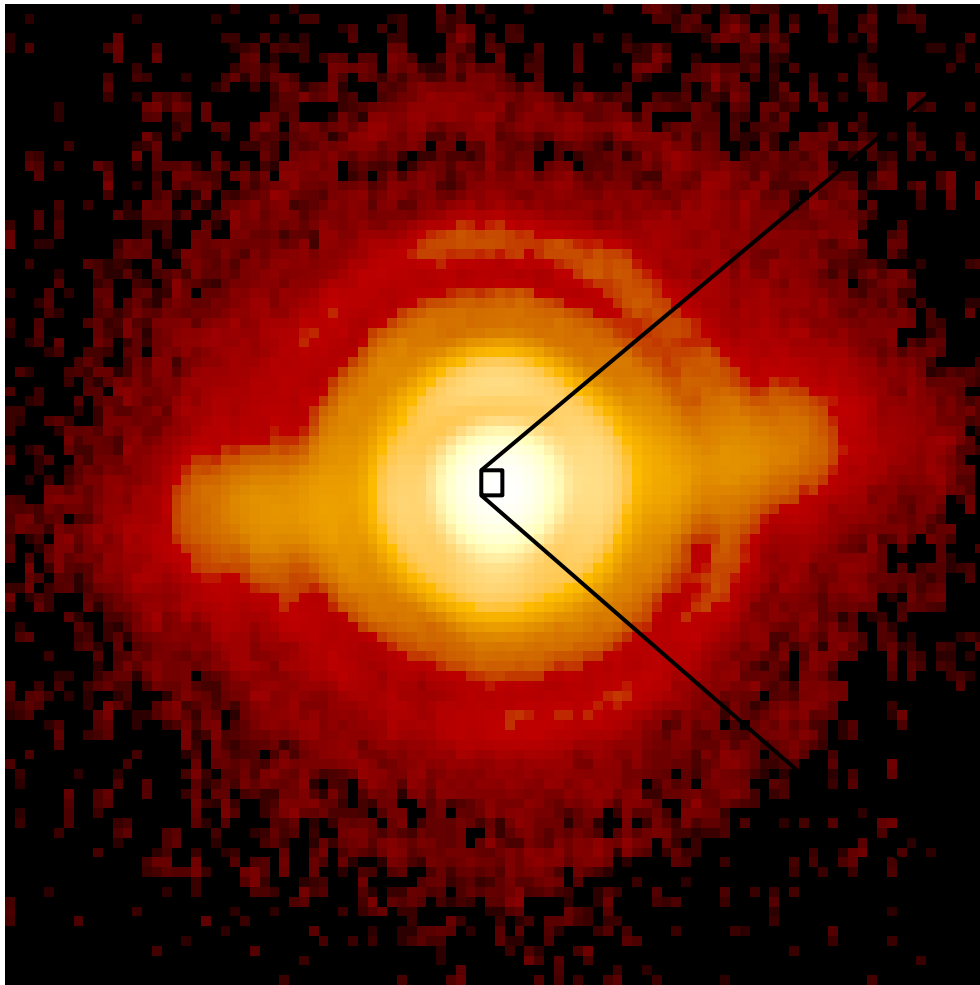


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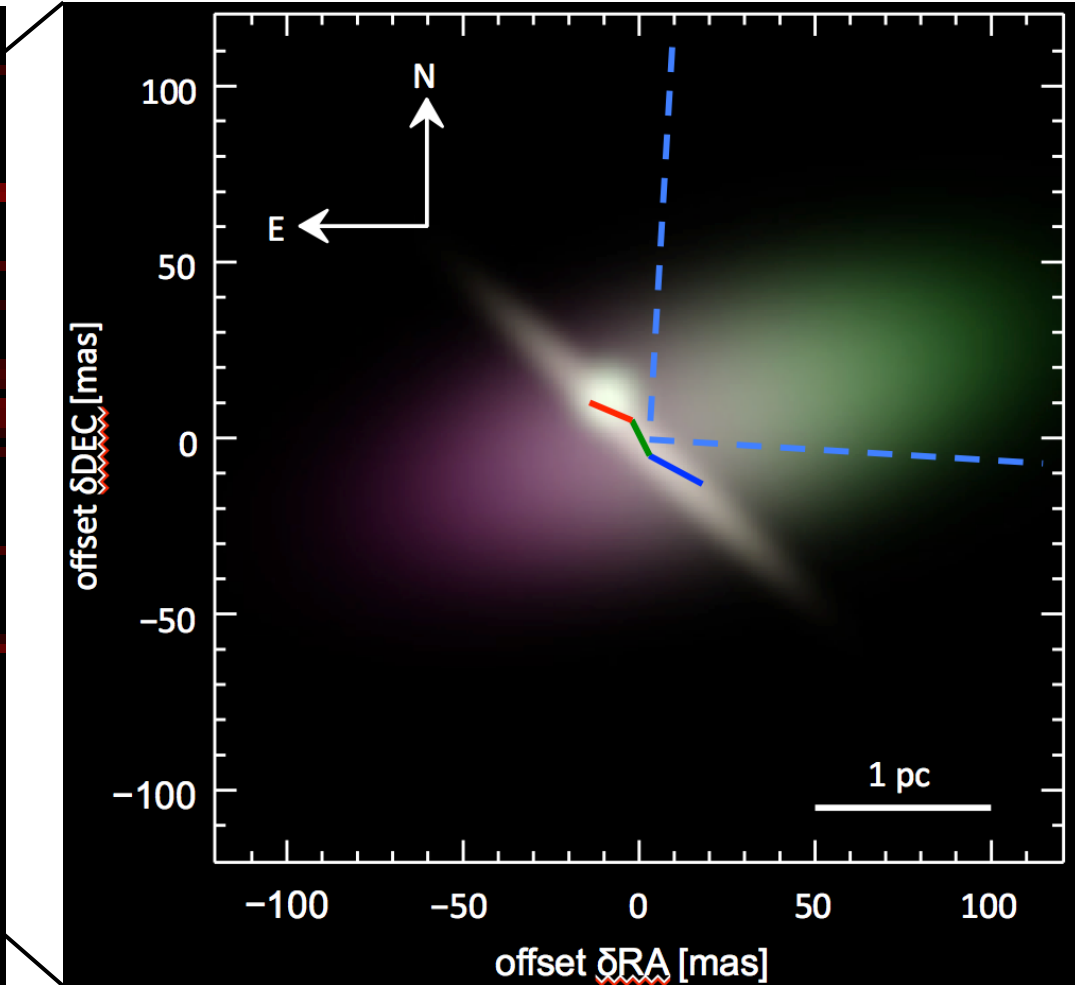


Stalevski, Asmus & Tristram (2017)

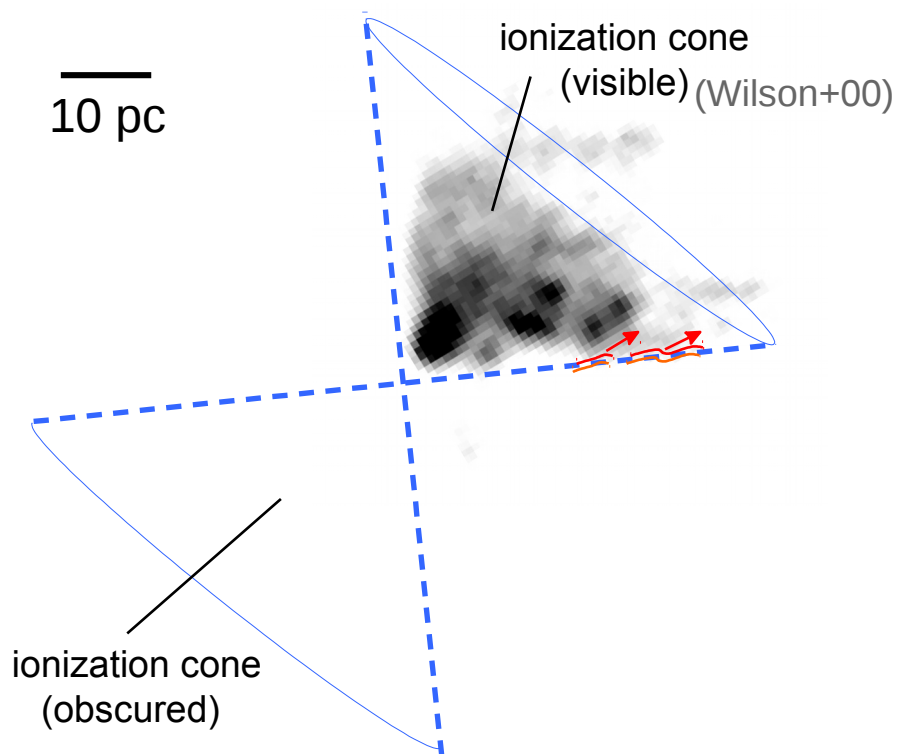
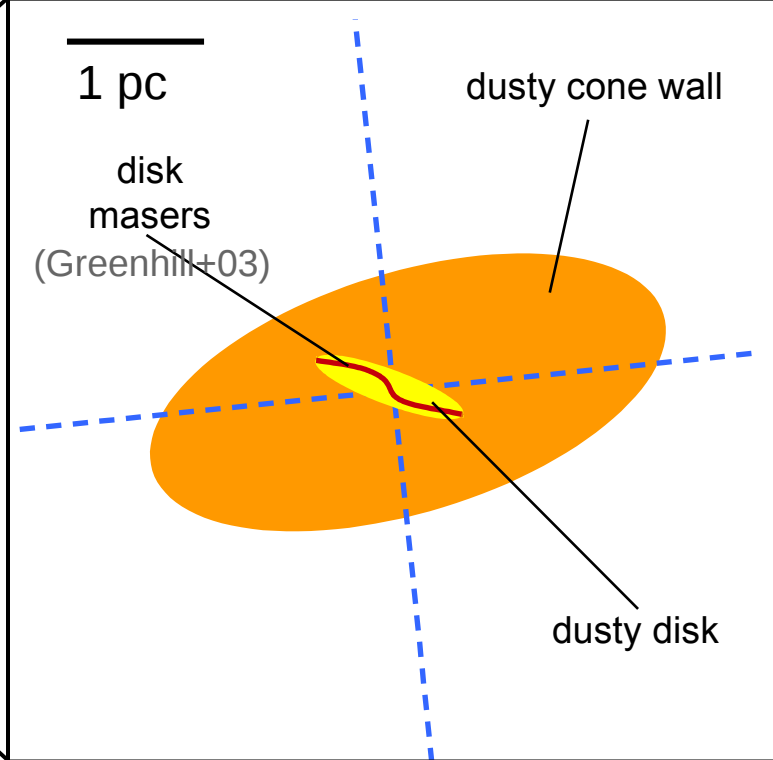
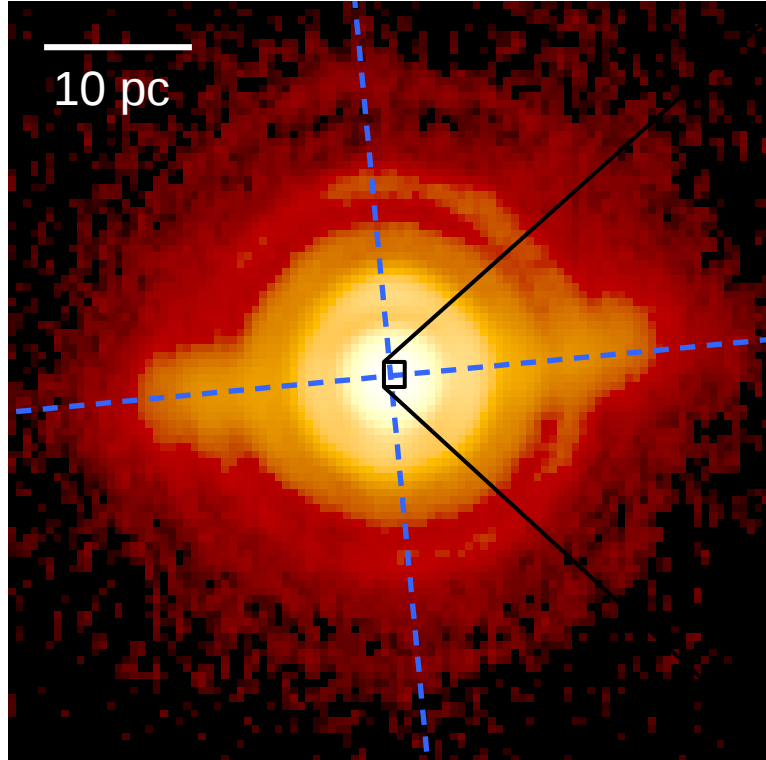
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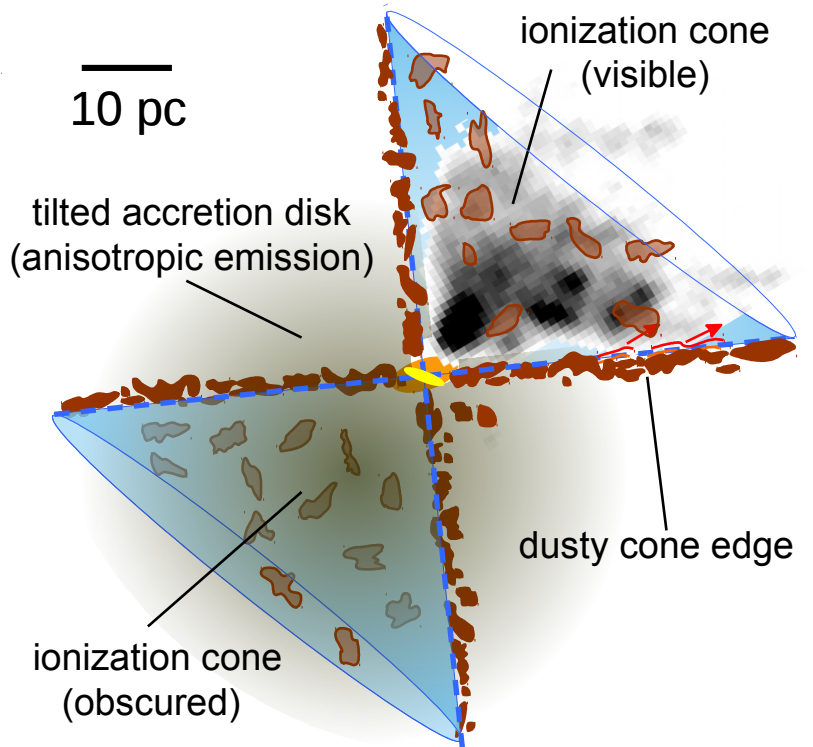
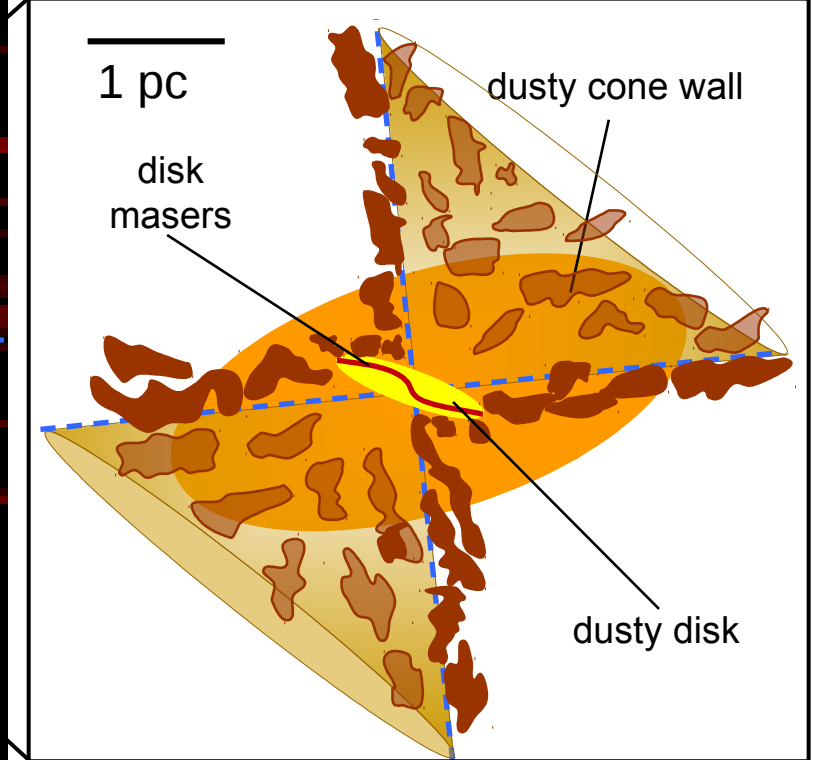
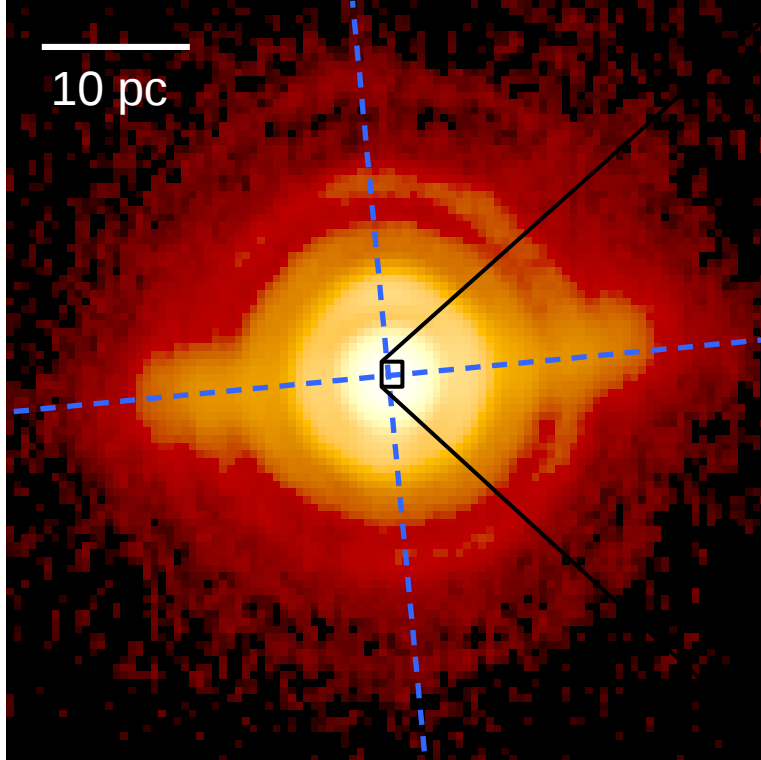
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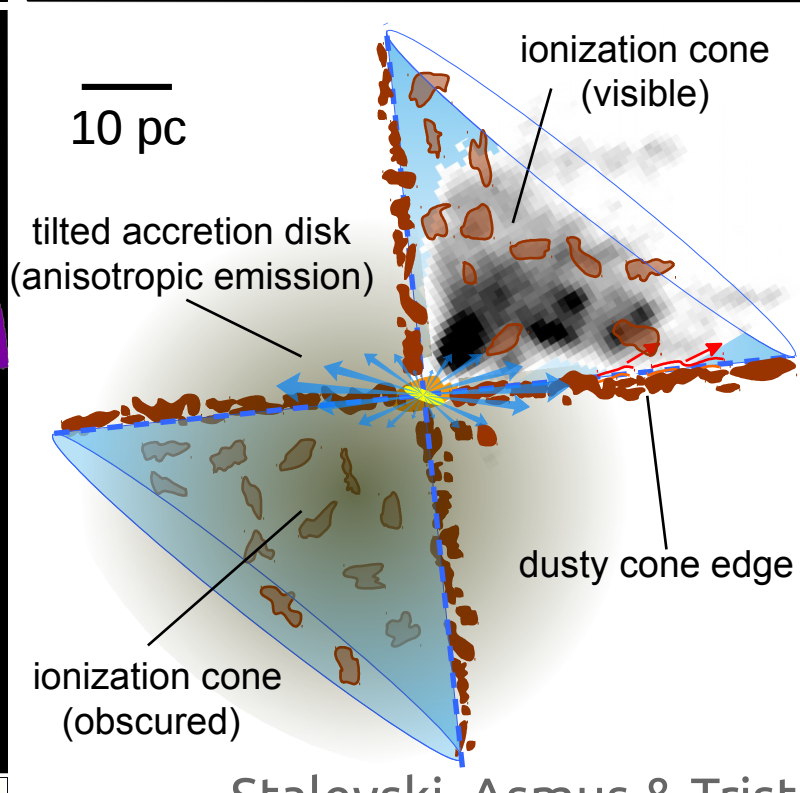
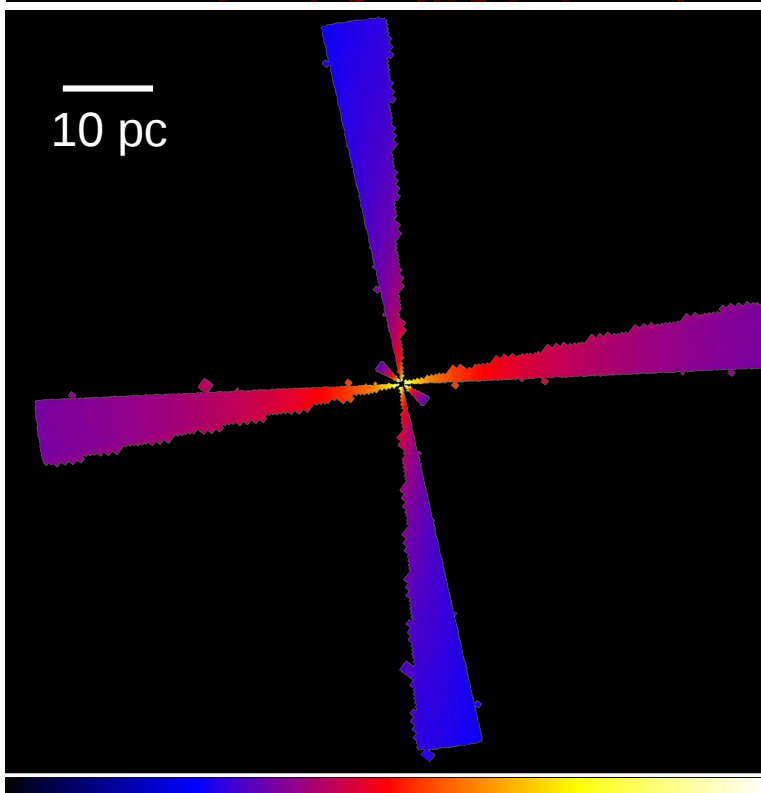
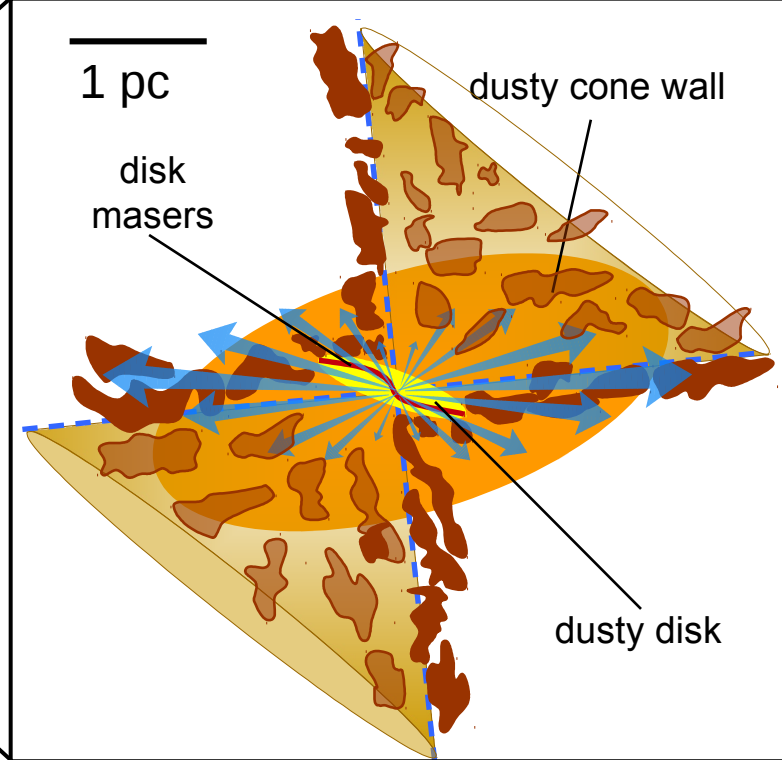
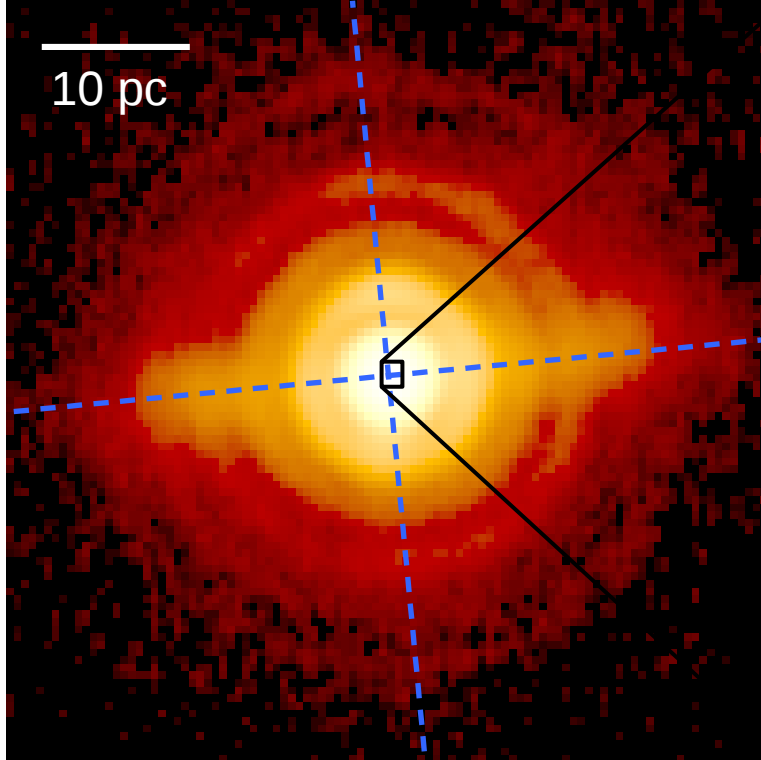


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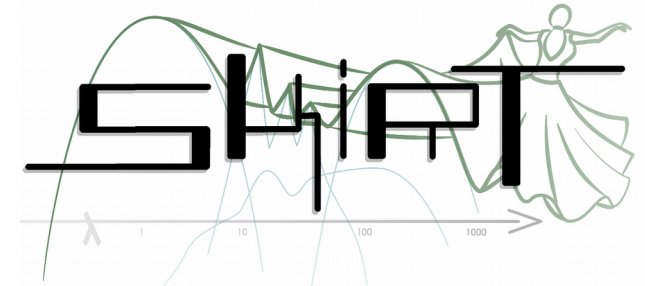
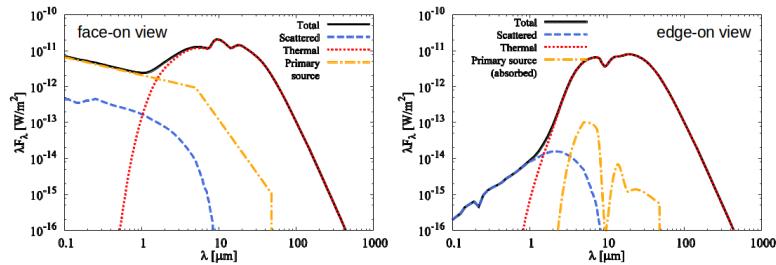








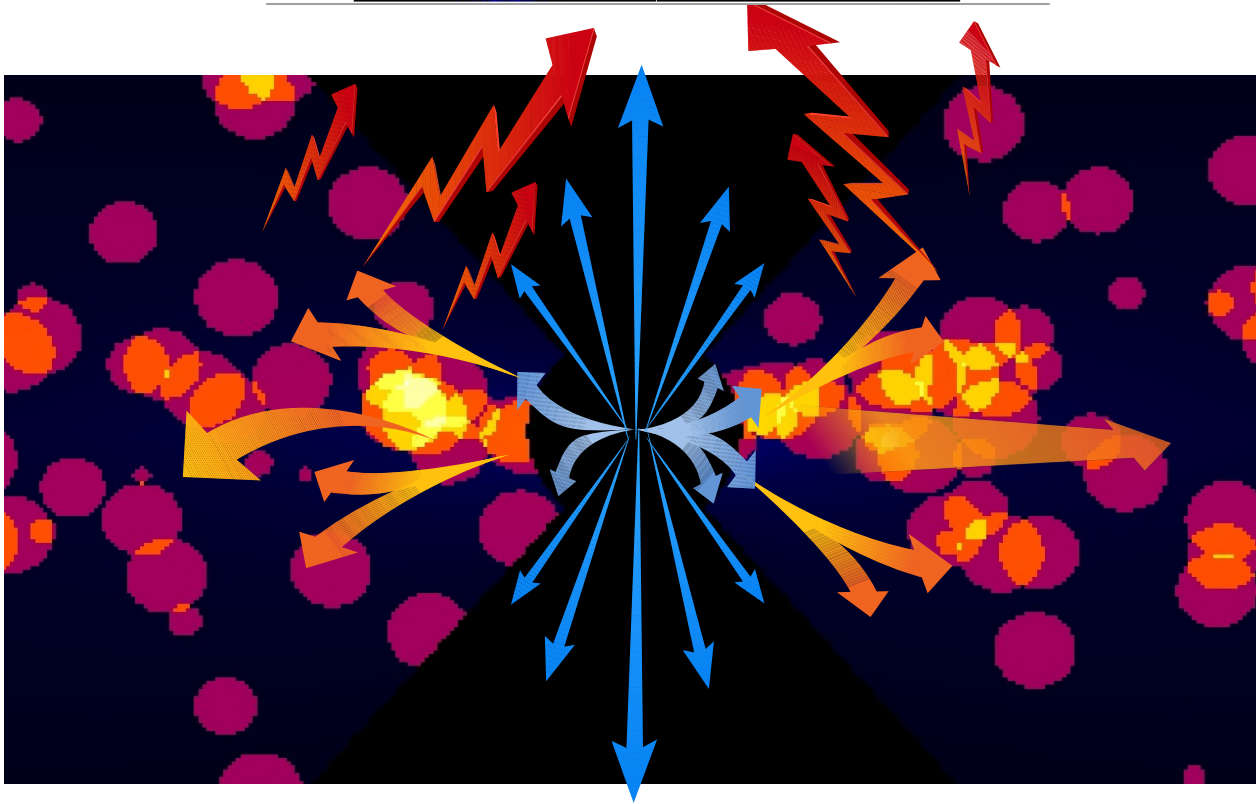
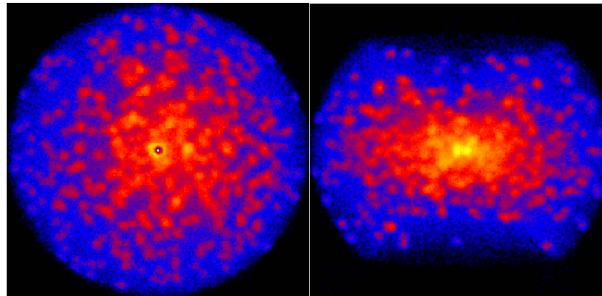
# Monte Carlo radiative transfer



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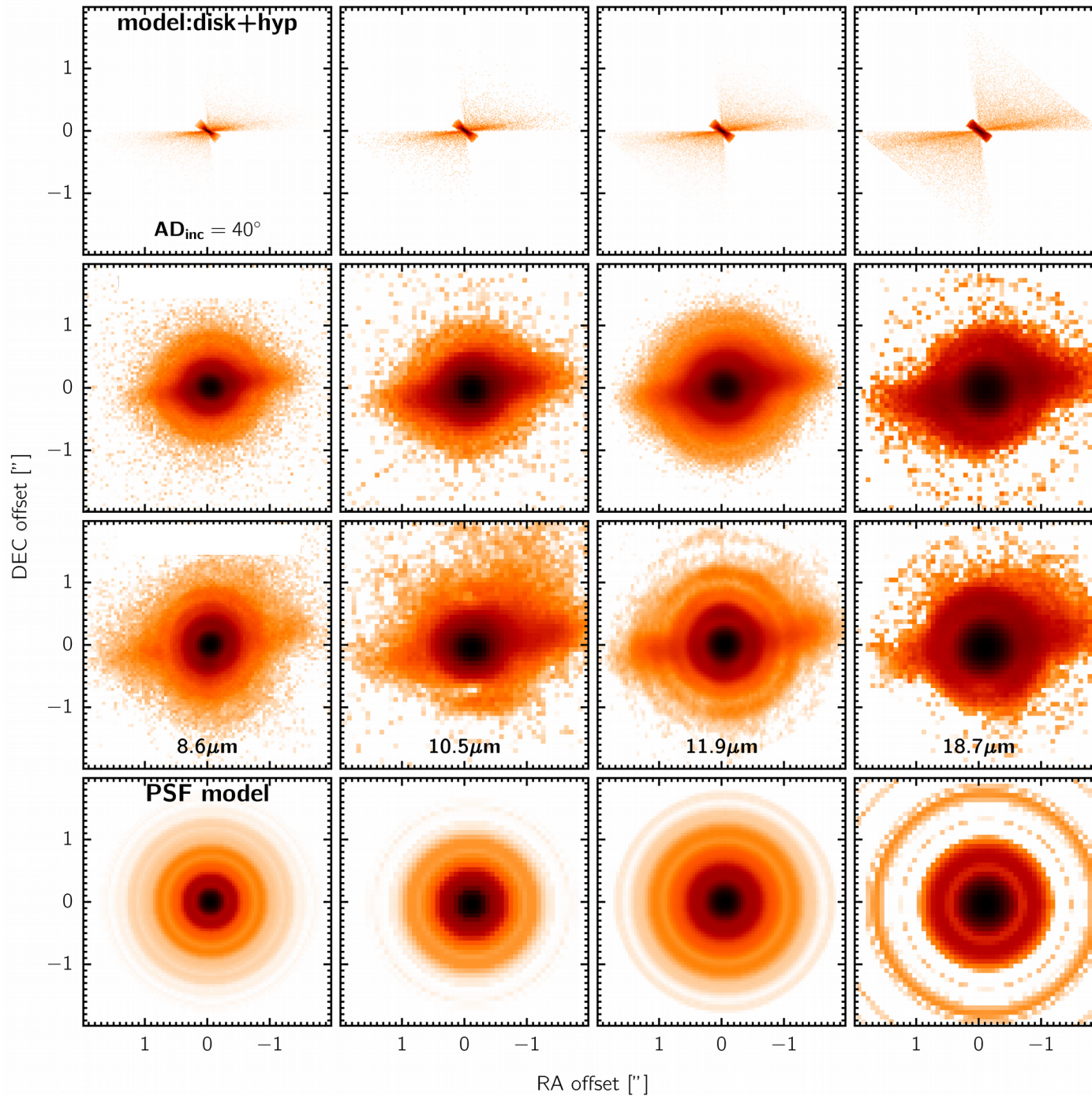
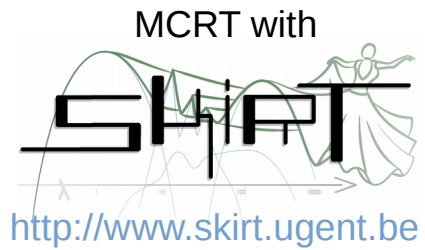
Baes+ 2011  
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Camps & Baes 2015

Stalevski+ 2012, 2016



# Good match with the MIR morphology

Stalevski, Asmus & Tristram (2017)



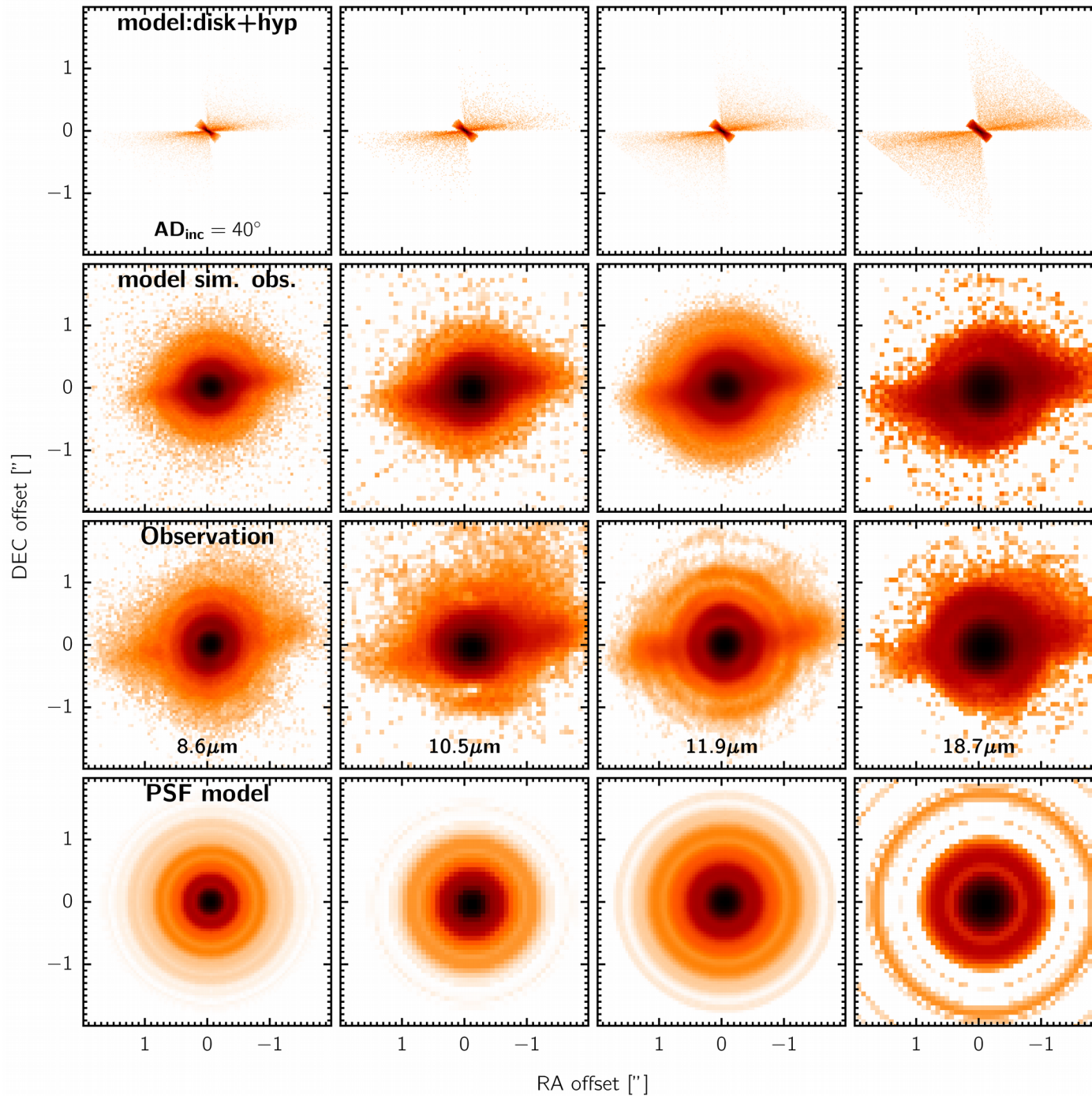
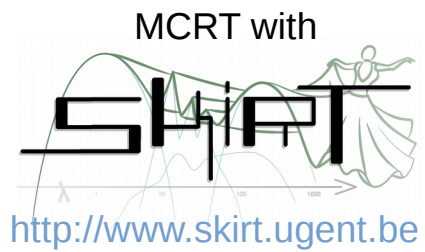
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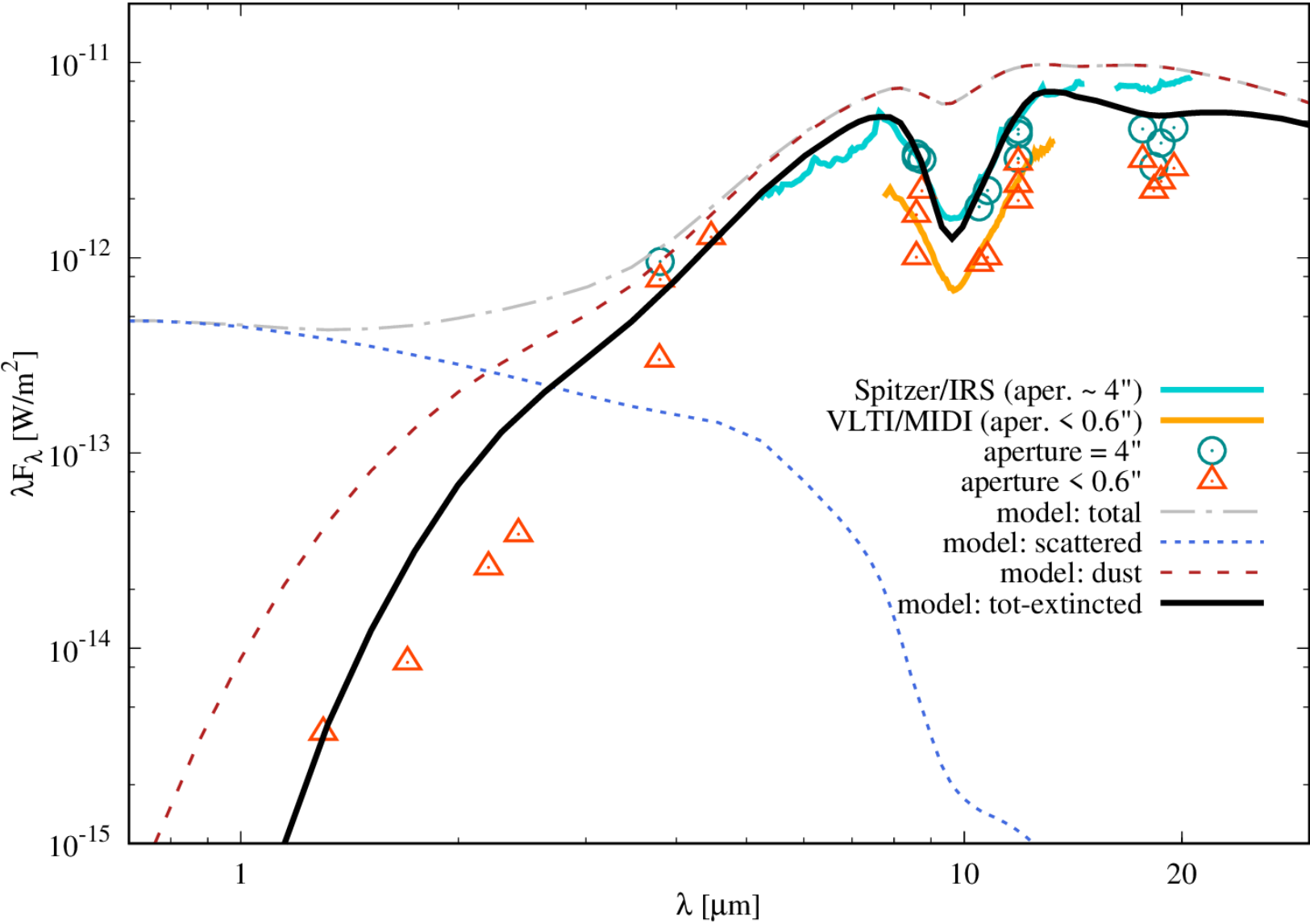
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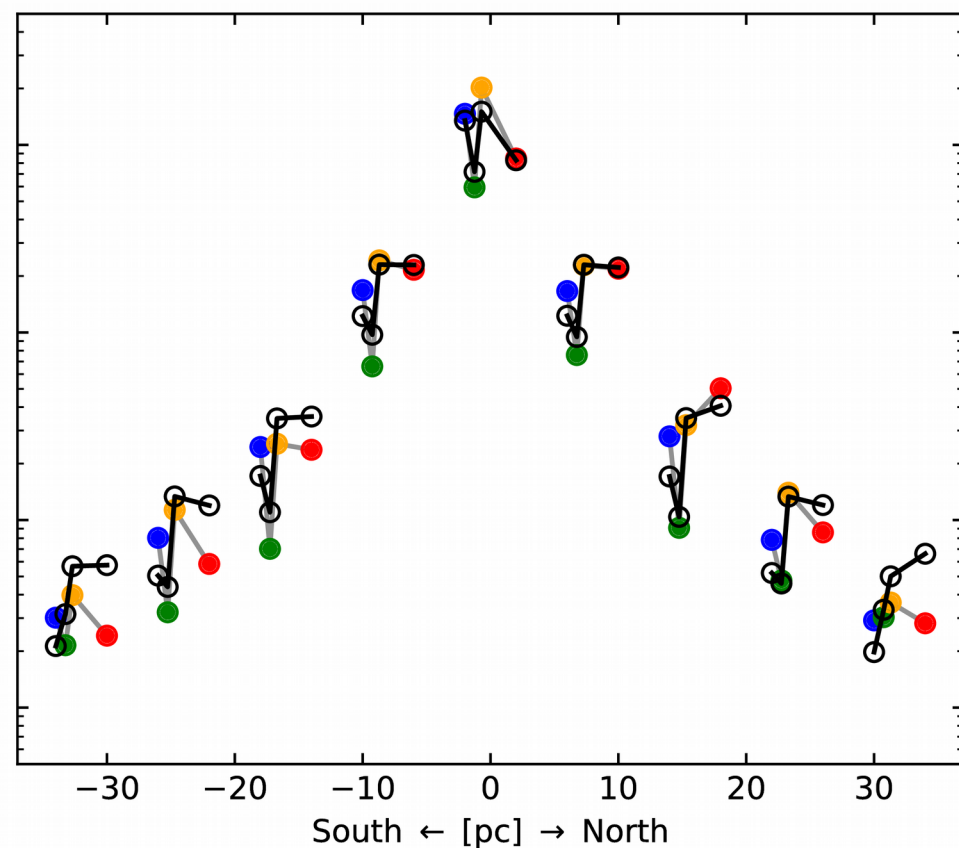
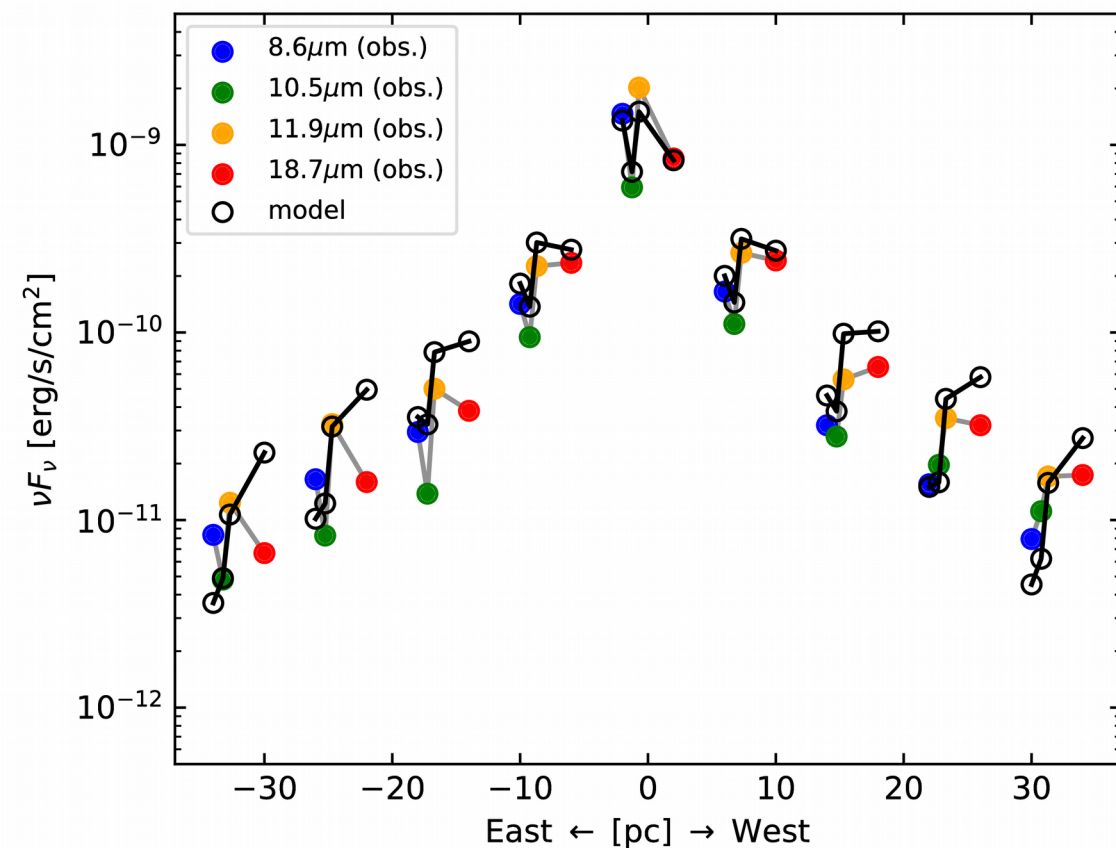
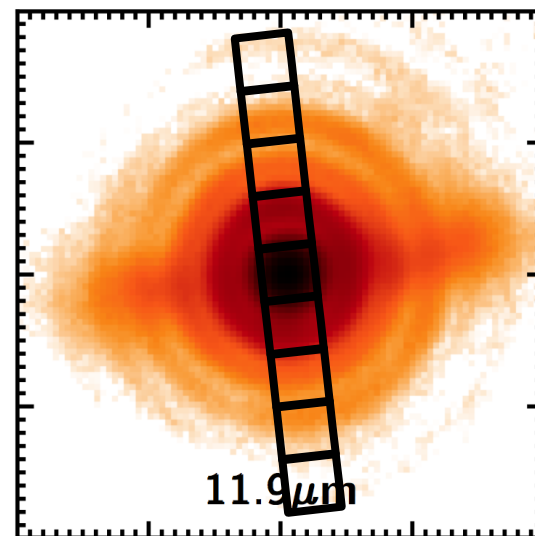
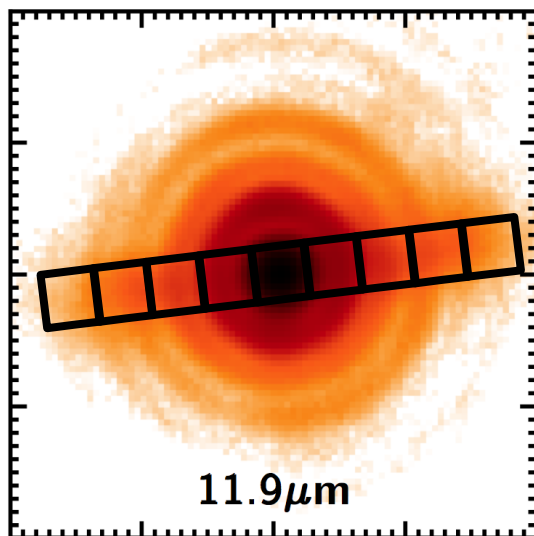
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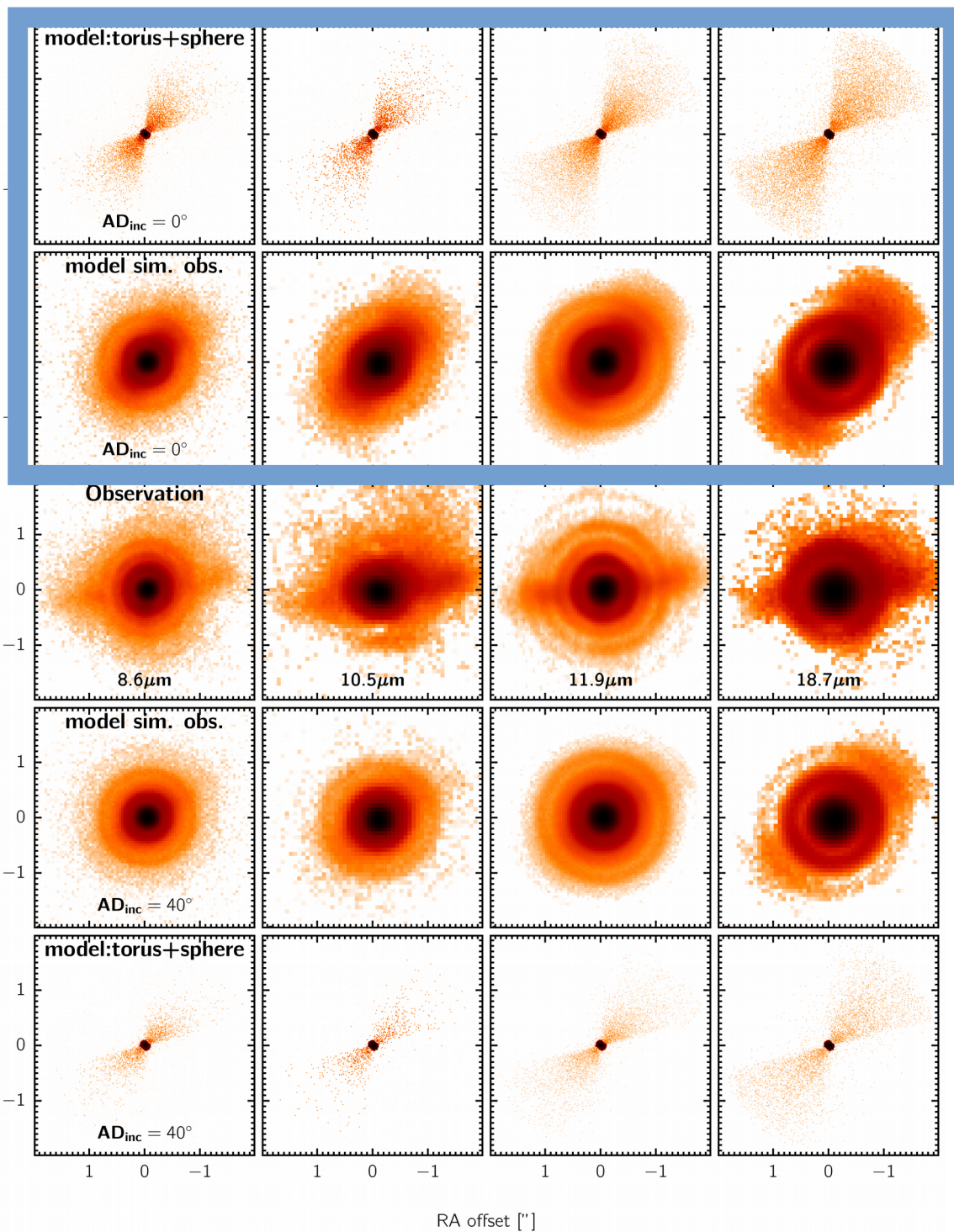


# Good match with the resolved photometry

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# torus+sphere shell: does not work



Model RT image

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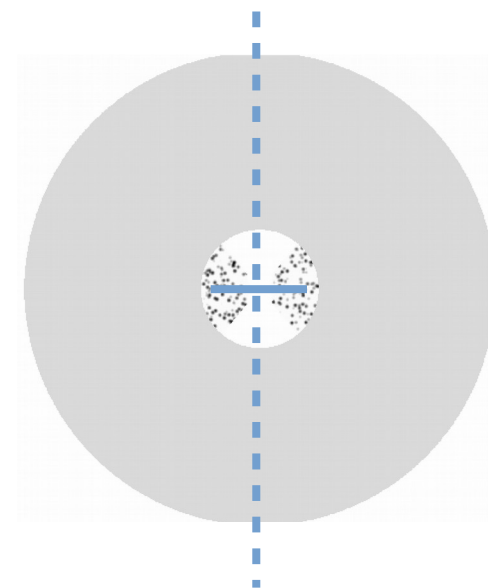
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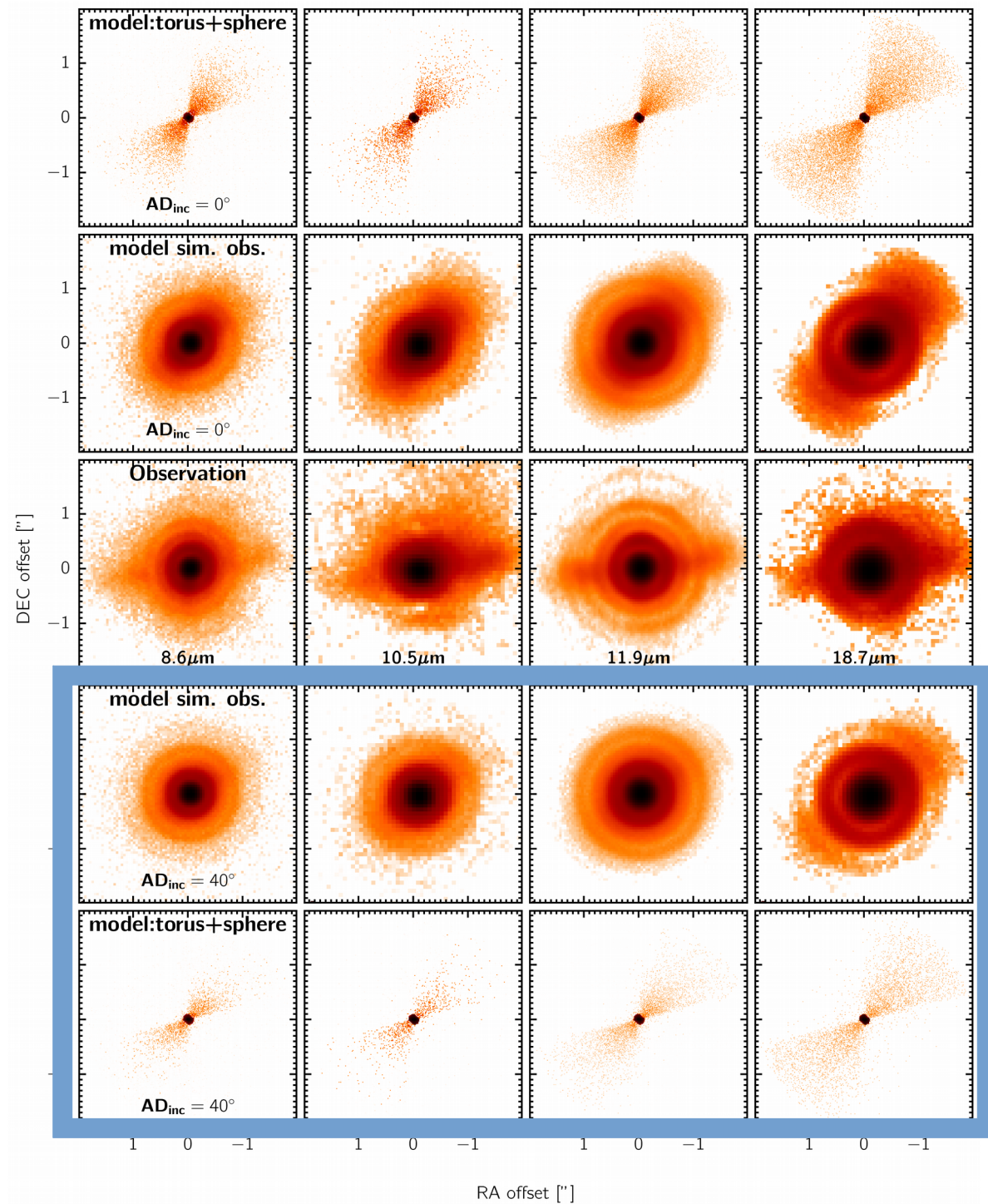
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Tilted AD

Model RT image



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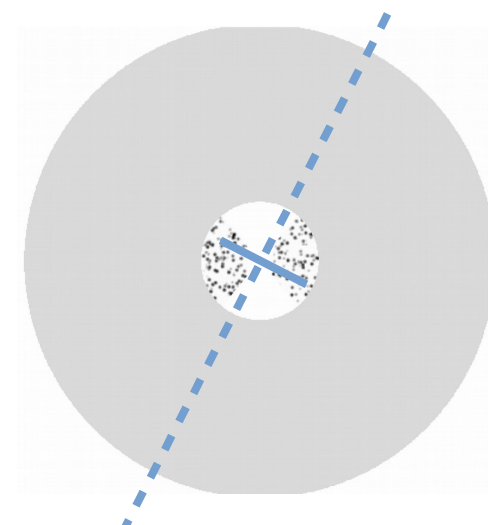
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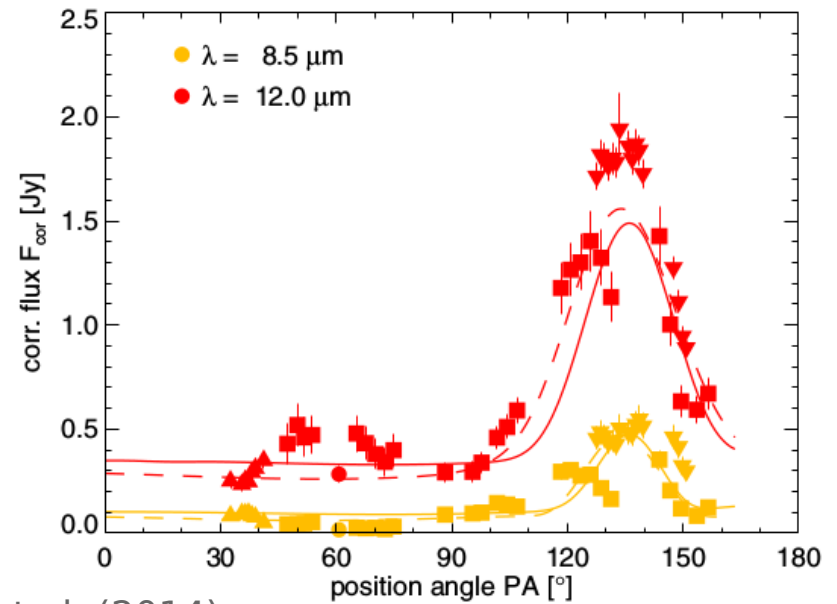
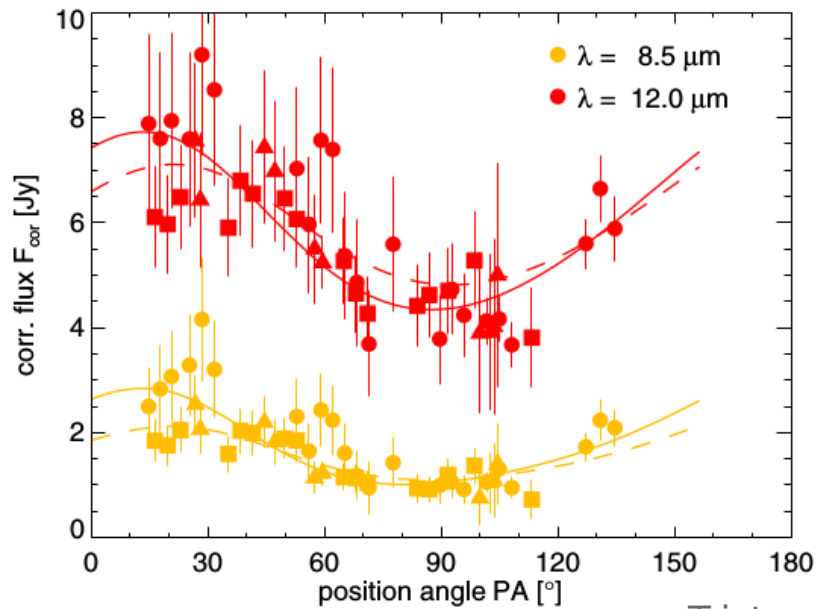
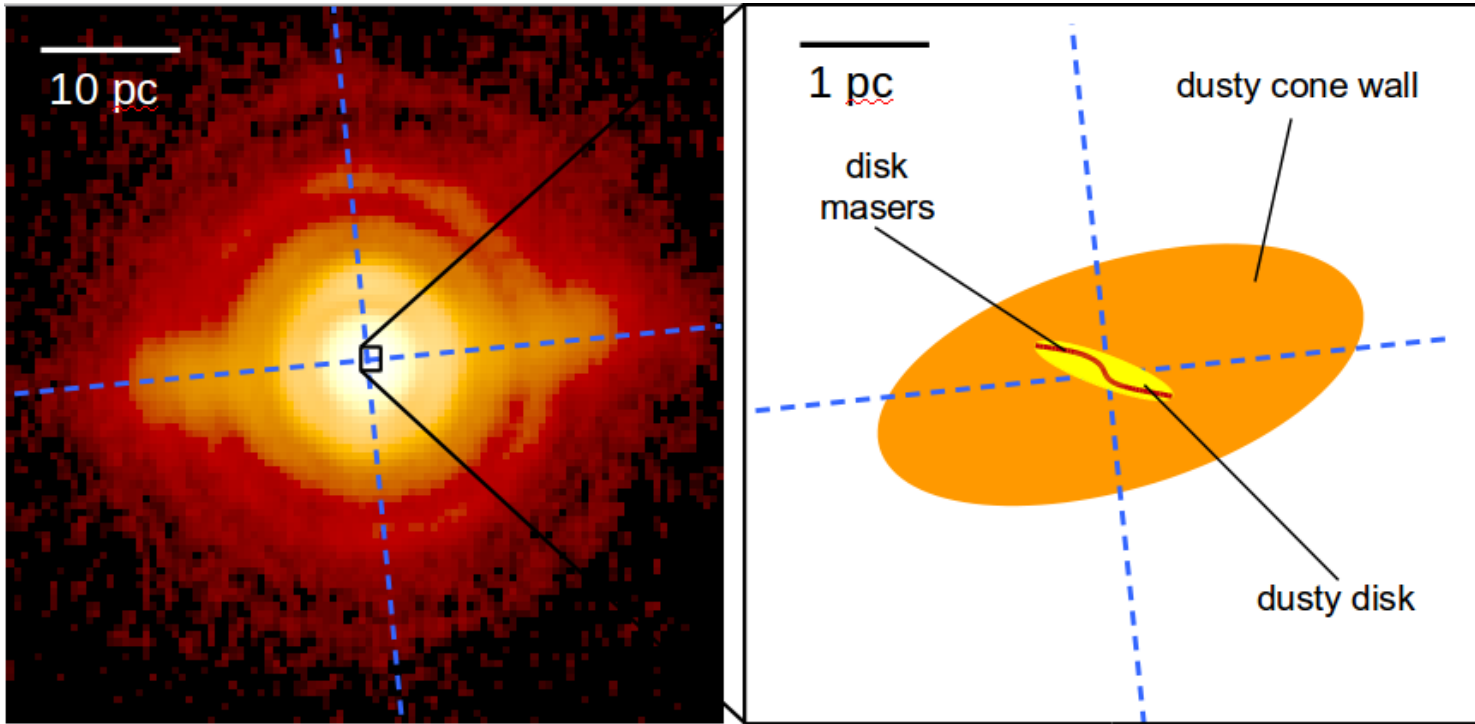
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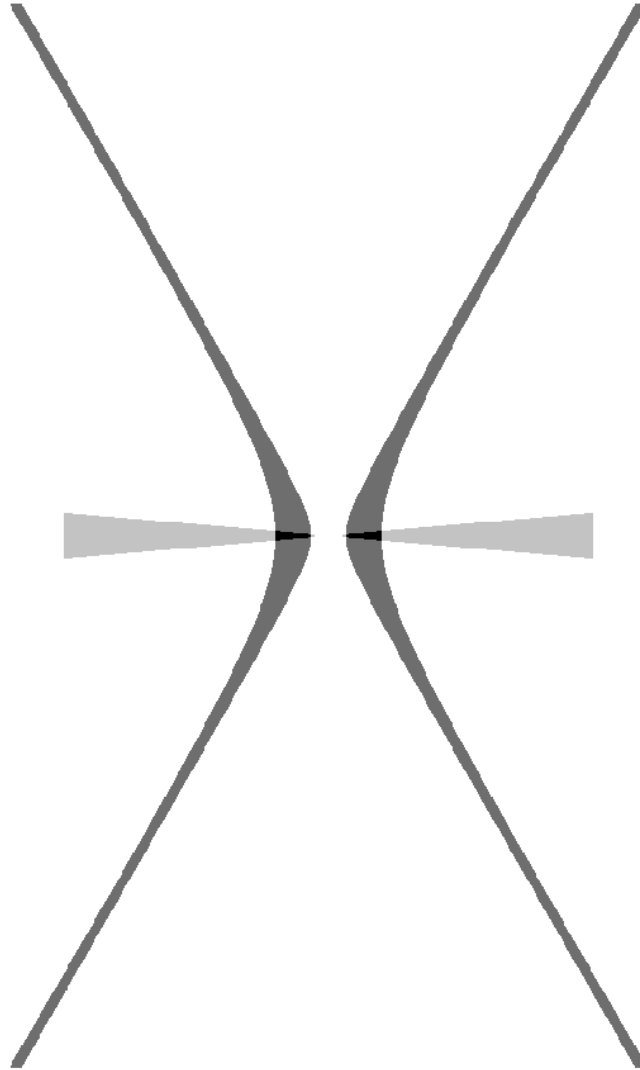
# Zooming in with VLT/MIDI





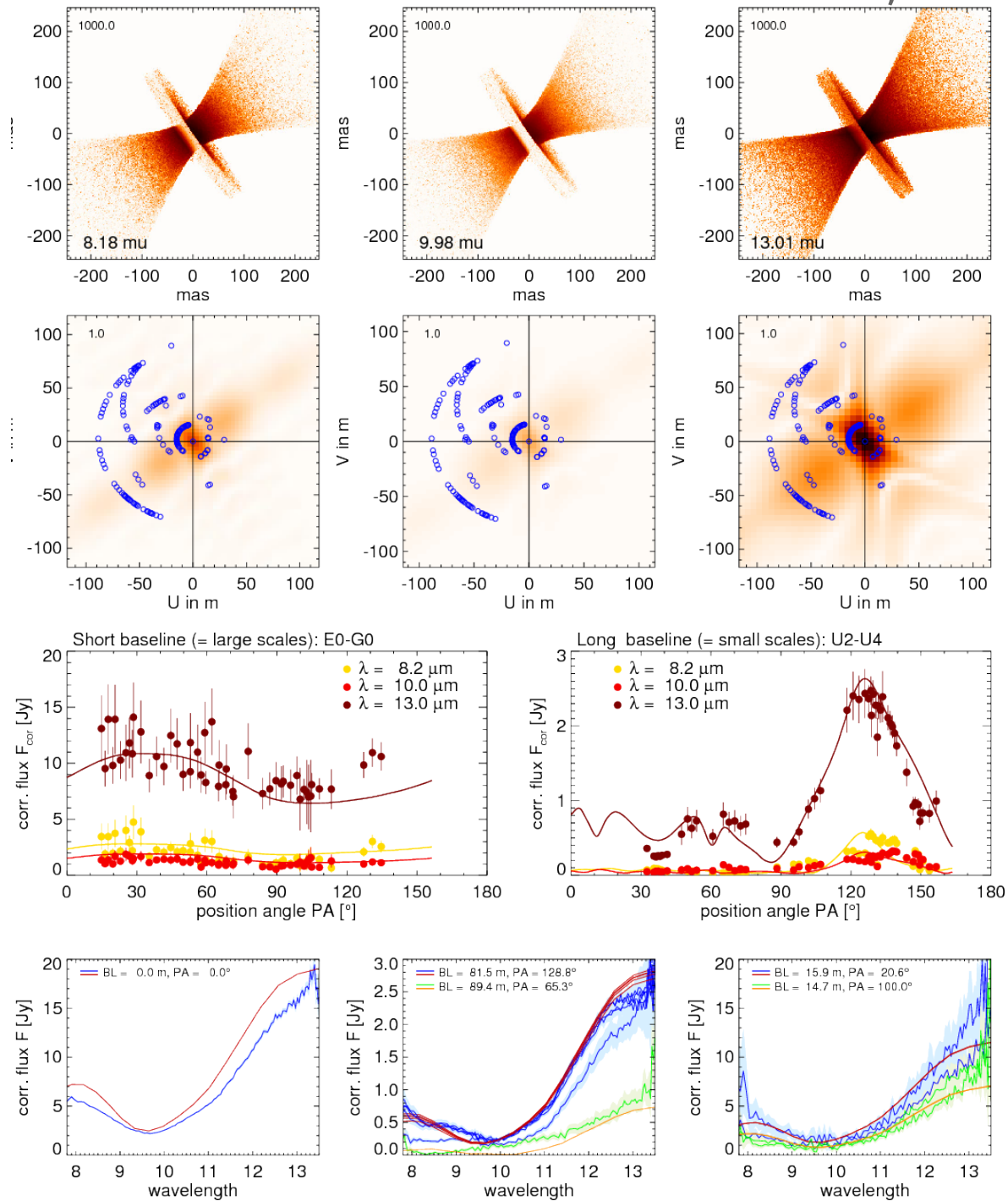
# disk + hyperboloid polar wind

Stalevski, Tristram & Asmus (2019)



# disk+hyp wind: good match with VLTI/MIDI

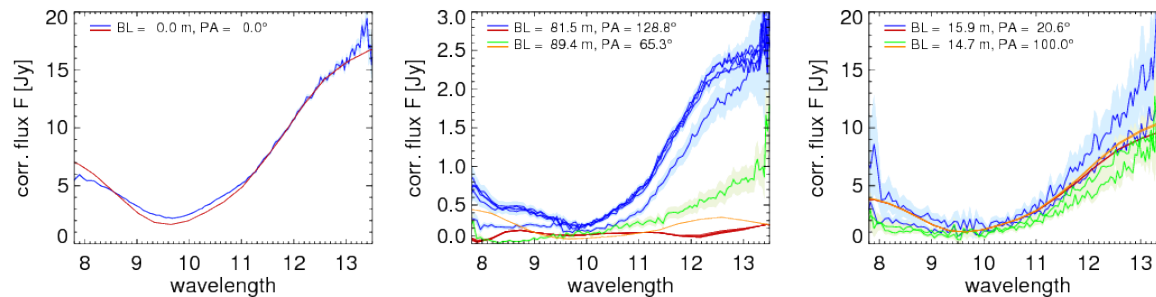
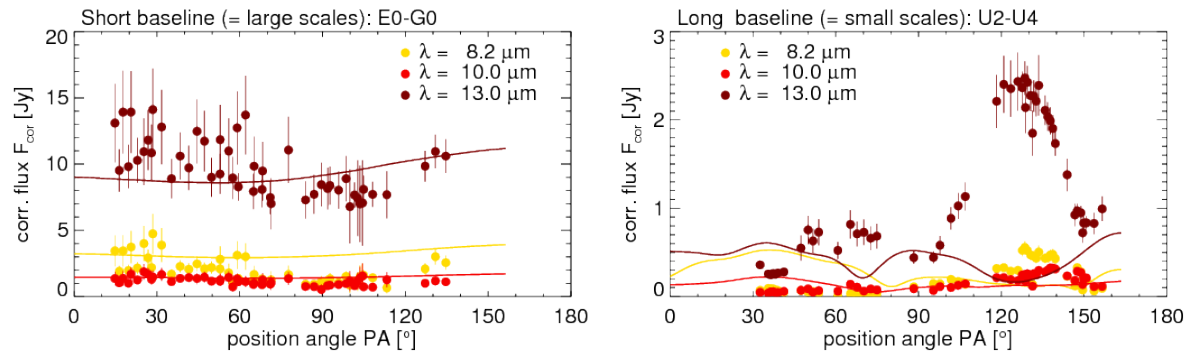
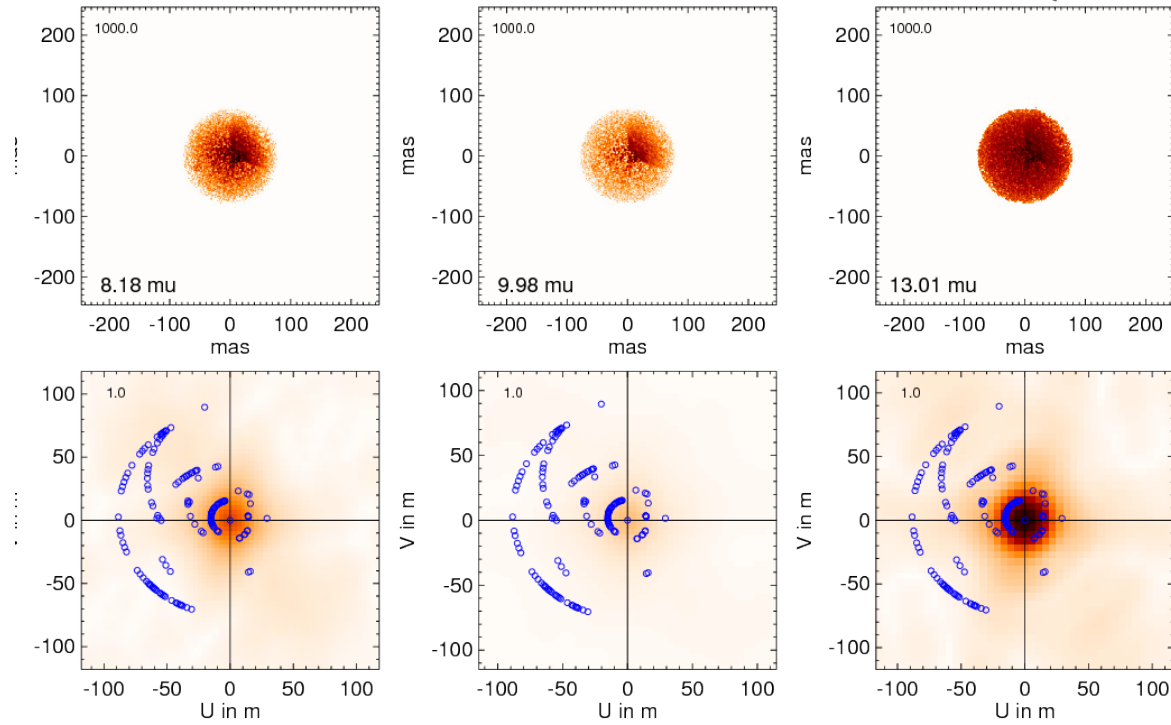
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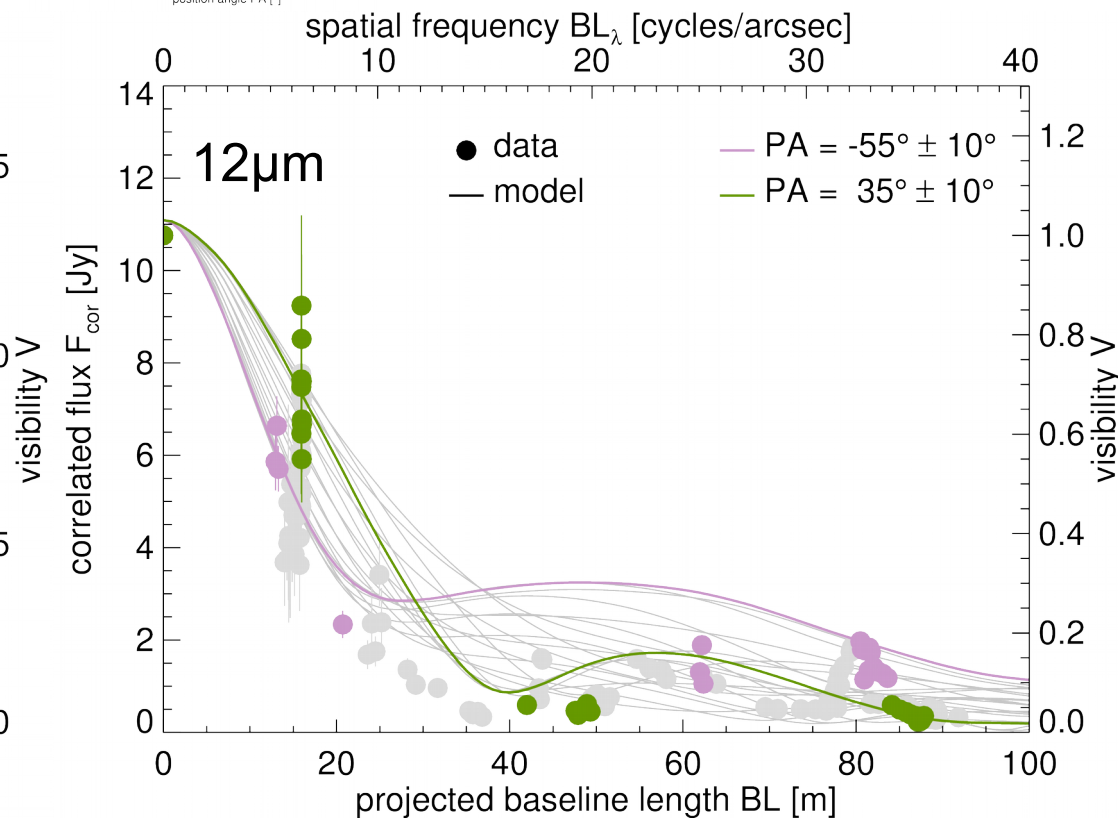
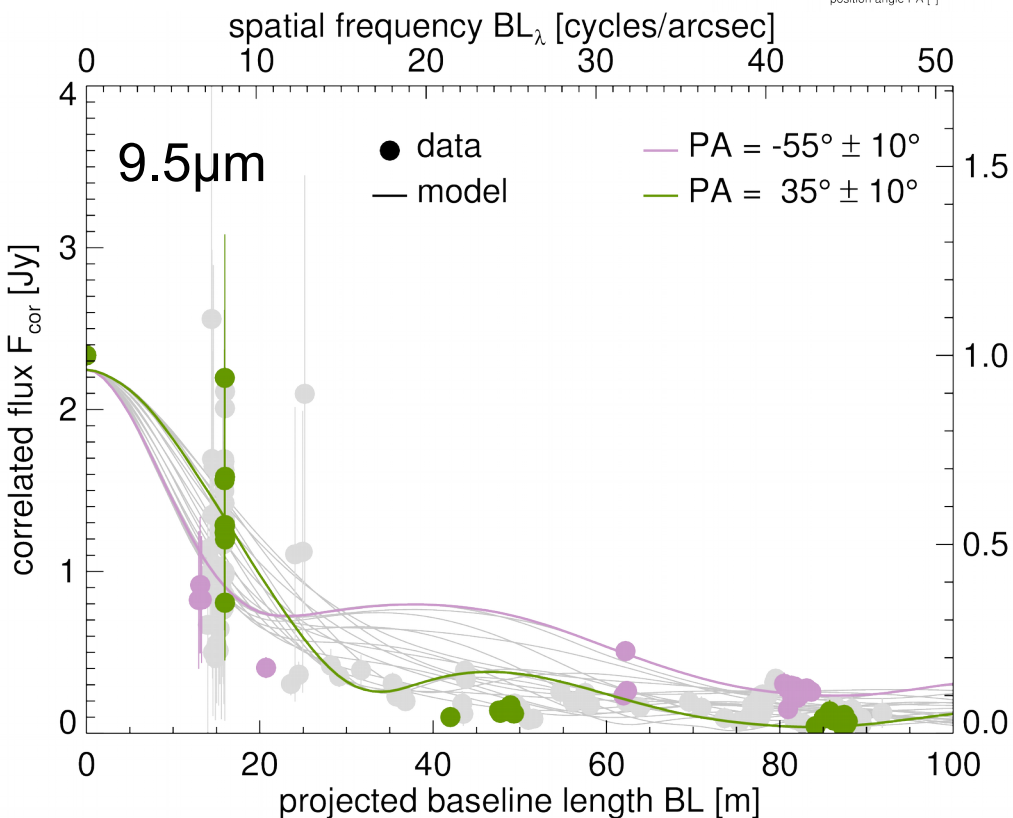
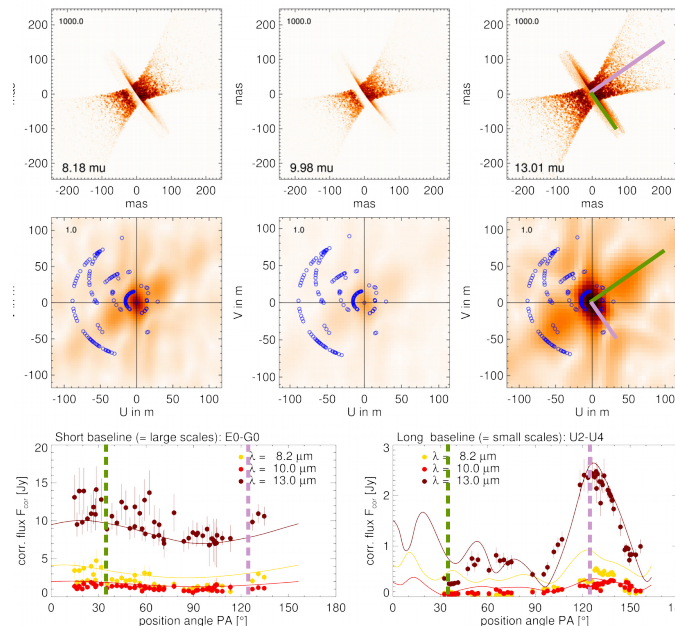
# clumpy torus: doesn't work with VLTI/MIDI

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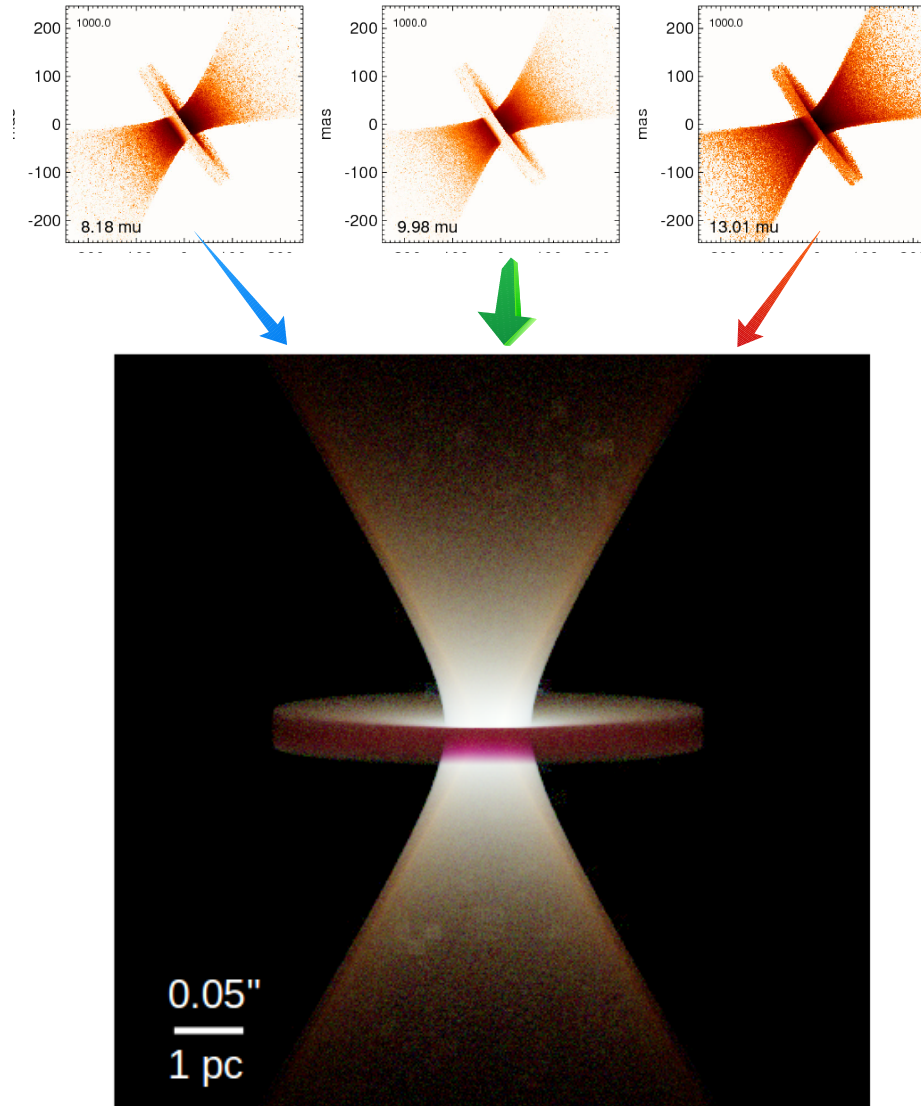
# disk+ (clumpy) wind: good match with VLTI/MIDI

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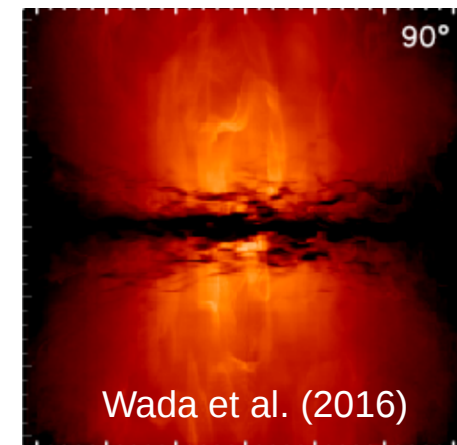
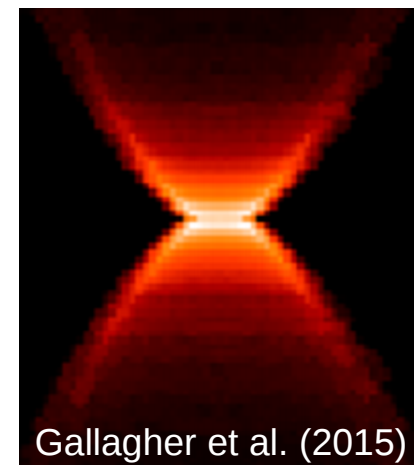
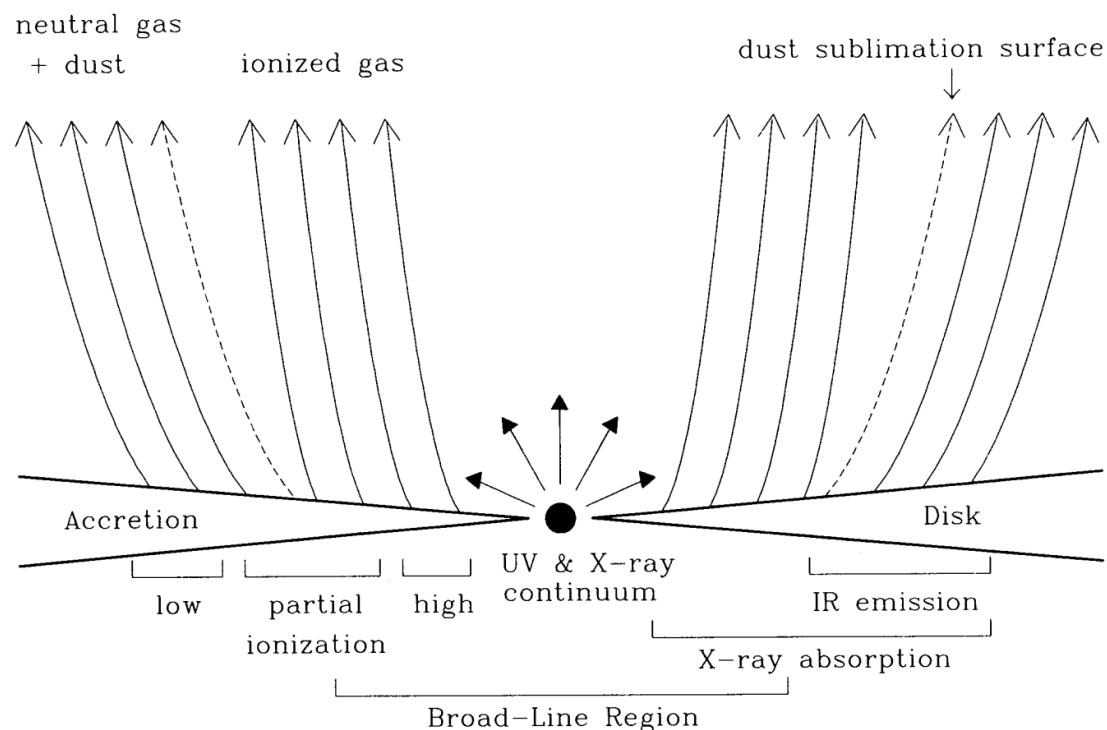
# AGN in Circinus: dusty disk + hyperboloid wind

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# Radiation pressure driven dusty winds

*Radiation pressure drives away the gas and dust from the accretion disk to the polar regions, leaving behind what may constitute the obscuring dusty disk/torus*



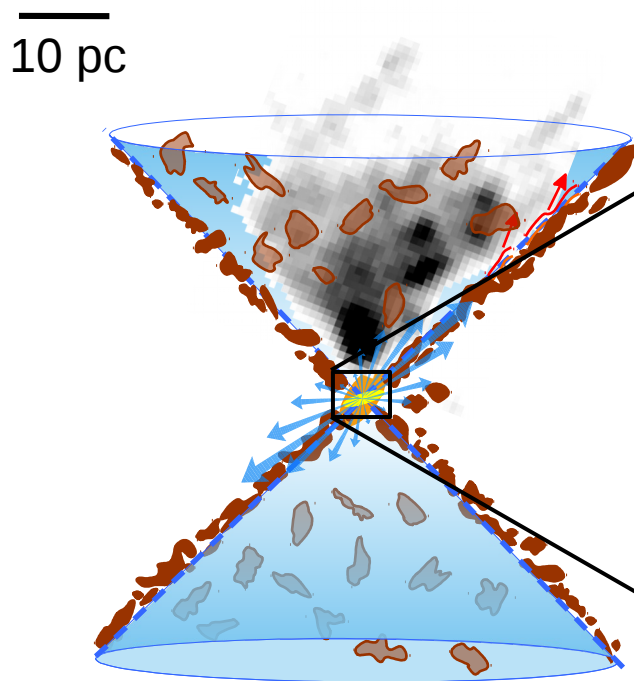
[Konigl & Kartje (1994); Keating+ (2012); Roth et al. (2012); Gallagher+ (2015)]

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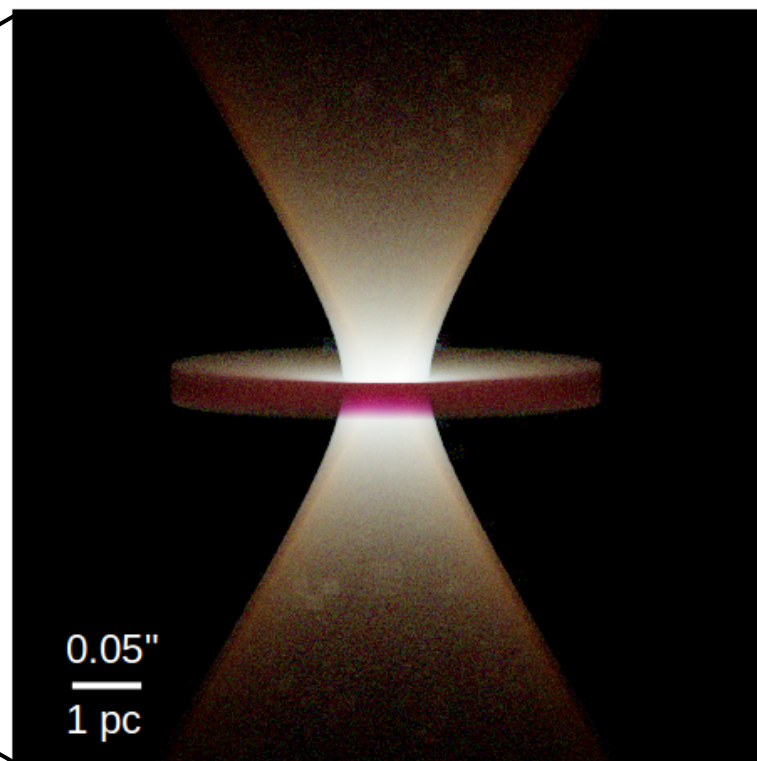
[Wada (2012), Wada+ (2016), Chan & Krolik (2016, 2017), Vollmer et al. (2018)]

# Conclusions

Stalevski, Asmus & Tristram (2017)



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AGN in Circinus: a prototype for polar dust AGN population

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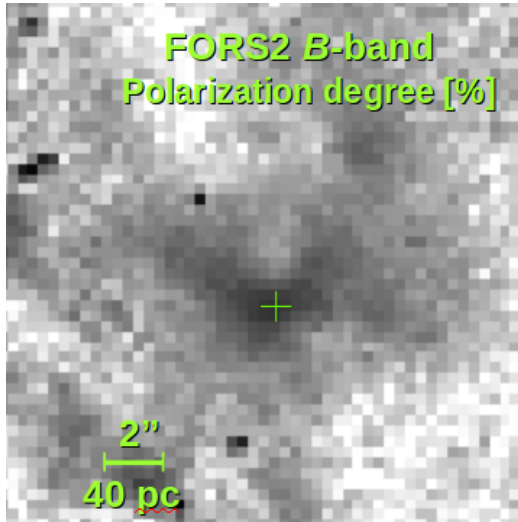
Call for caution when using torus models

# Appendix

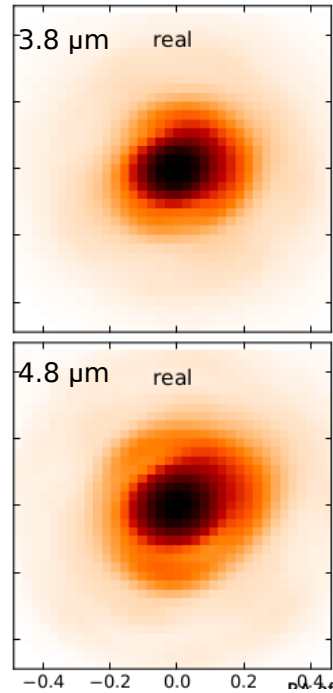


# Keeping an eye on Circinus with VLT...

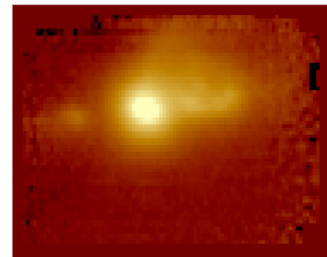
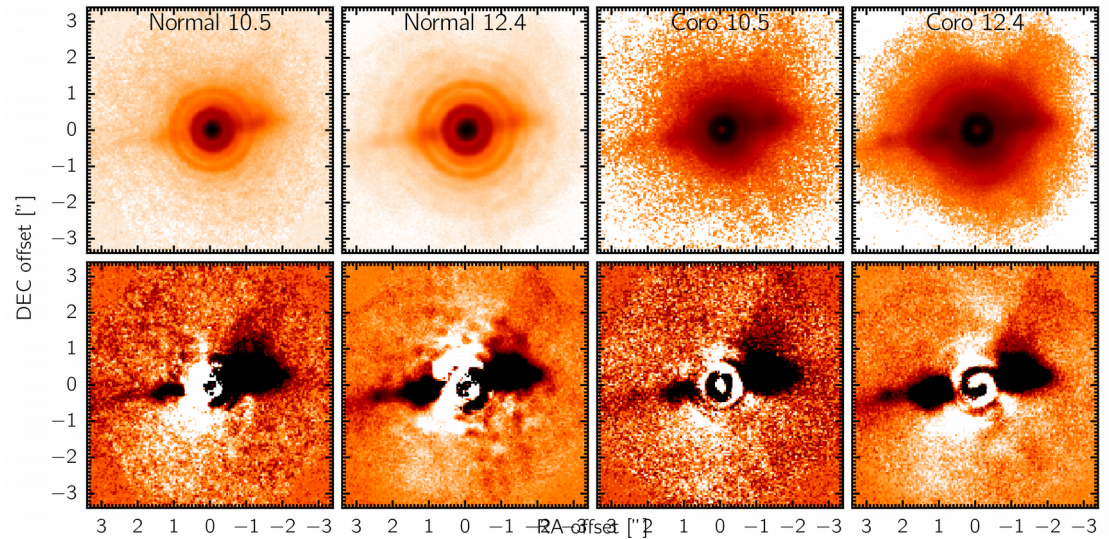
FORS2 (B, V)



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VISIR coronagraphy (+SAM)

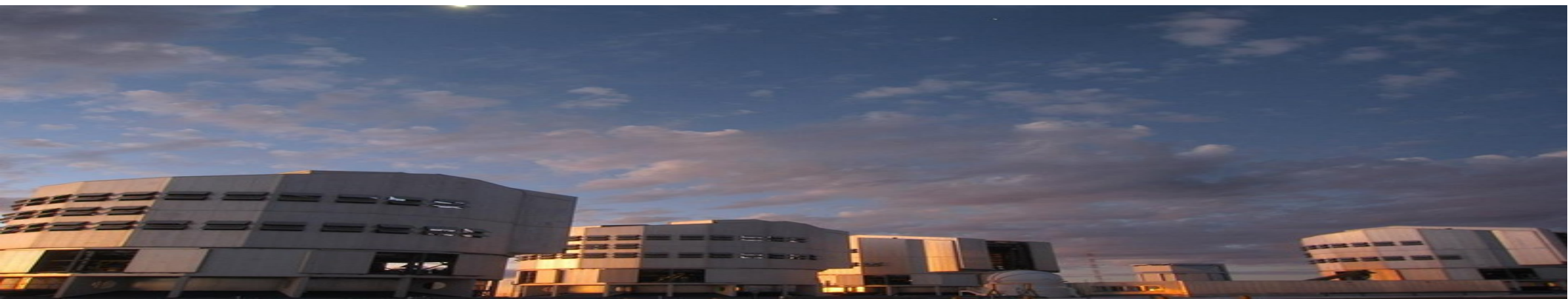
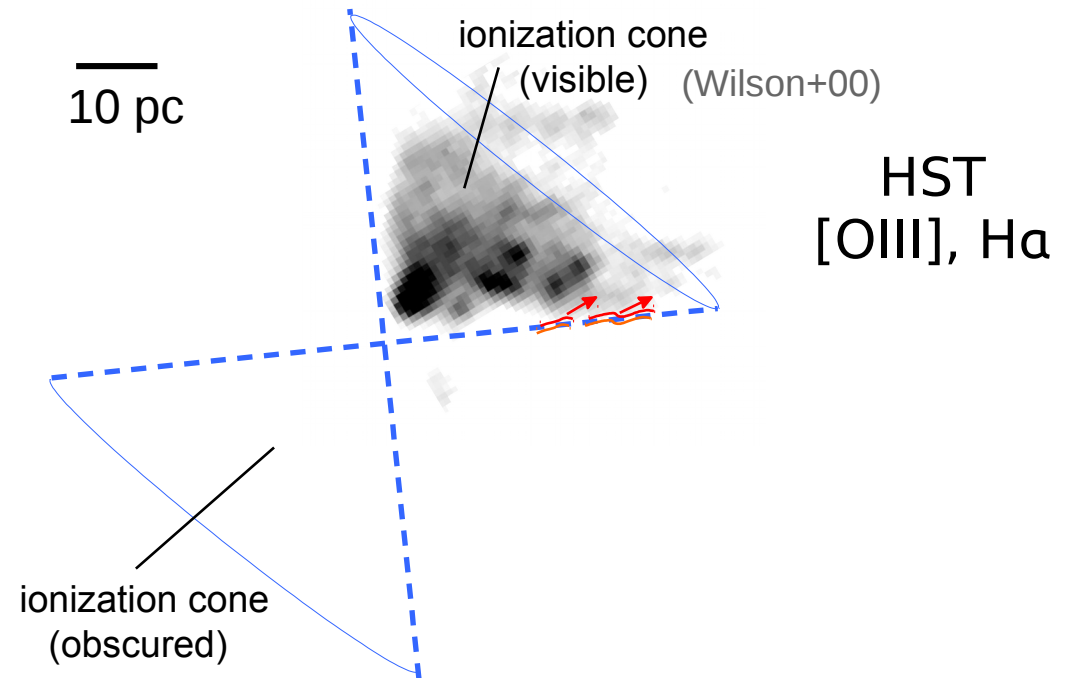
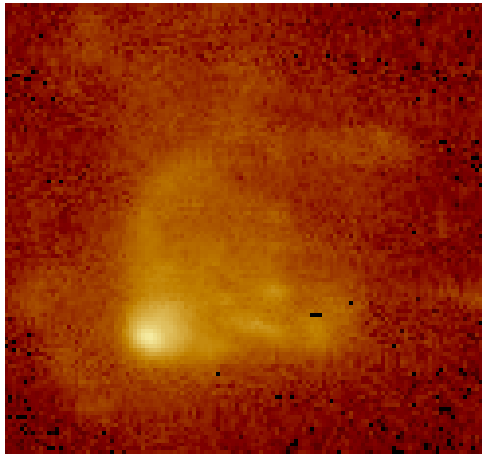


Coming up:

- SPHERE
- SINFONI
- MUSE
- FORS2 (R, I)

# Keeping an eye on Circinus with VLT...

VLT/MUSE NFM  
[SIII]

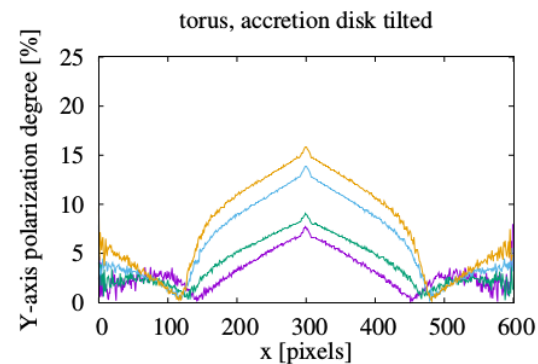
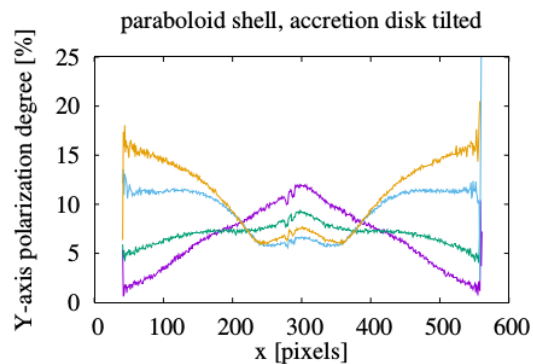
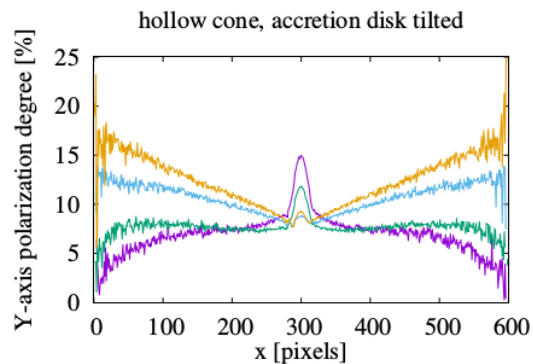
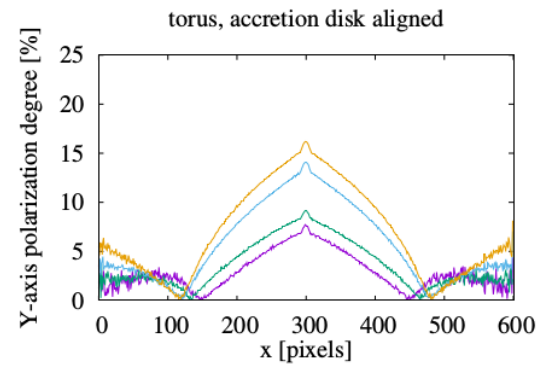
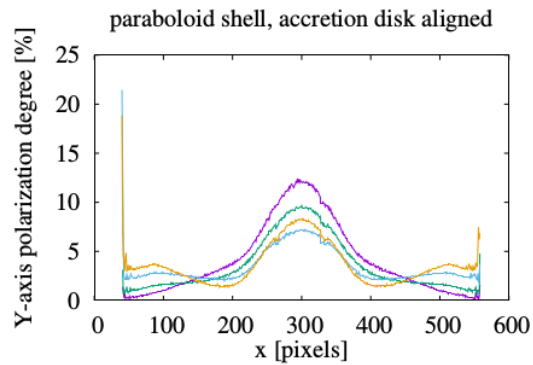
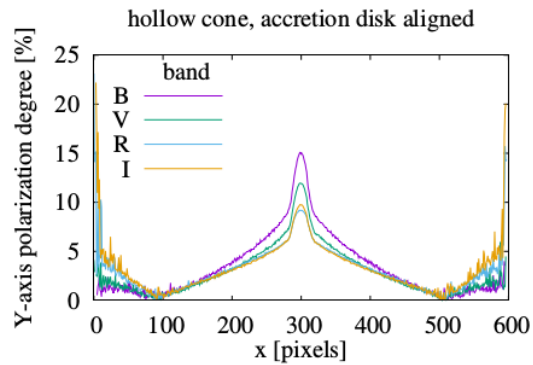
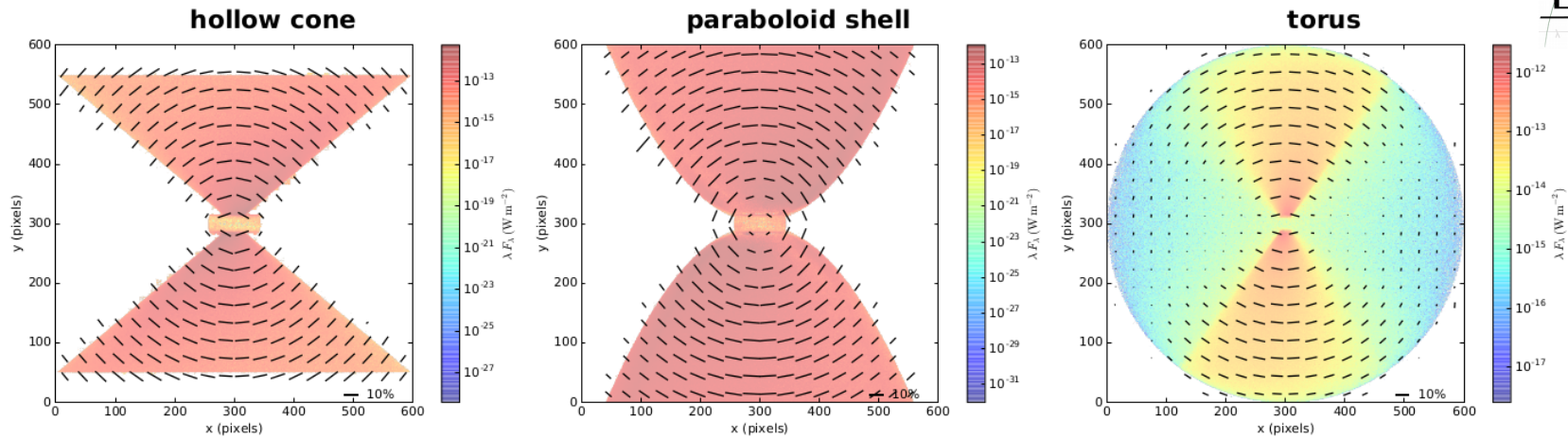




# Keeping an eye on Circinus with VLT...

Polarization as an independent test for the hollow dusty cone scenario in the Circinus AGN

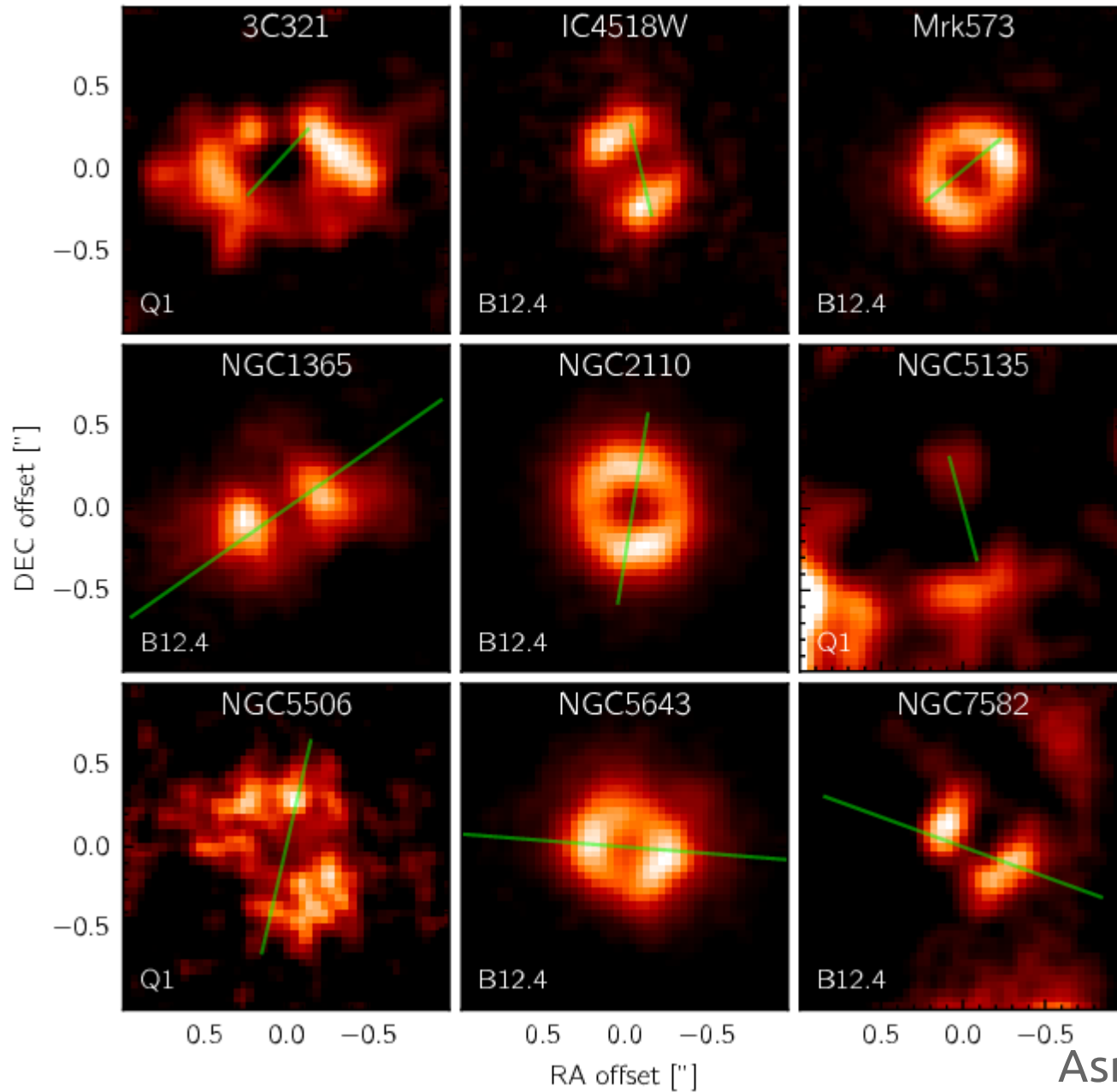
(PI: Marko Stalevski) (FORS2 polarization imaging of Circinus)



# Are powerful polar dusty winds ubiquitous in AGN?

(VISIR deep imaging of 9 nearby type 2 AGN)

(PI: Daniel Asmus)

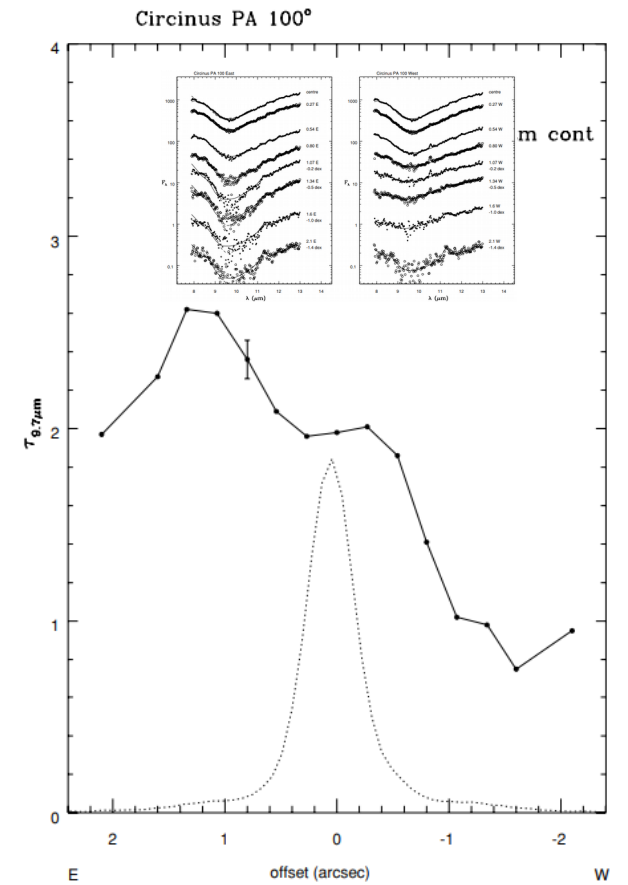
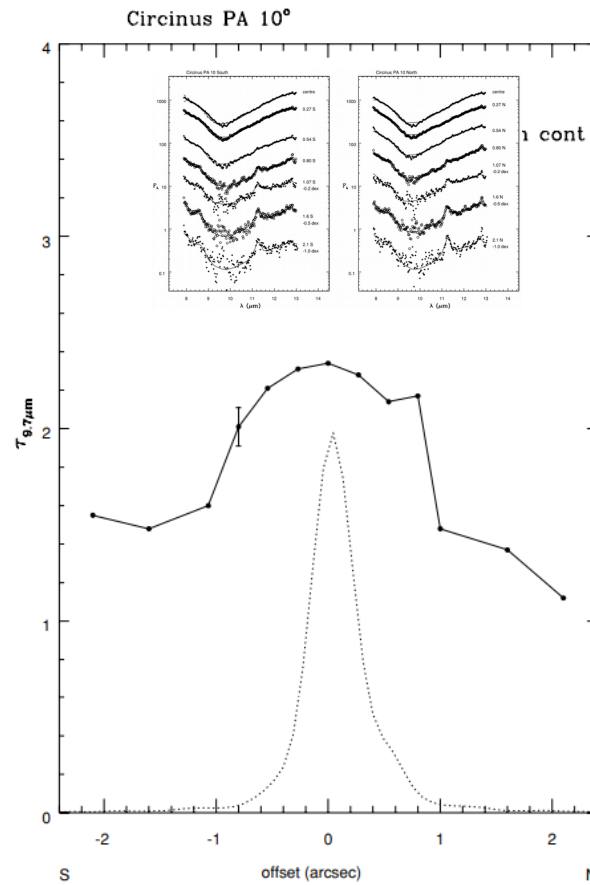
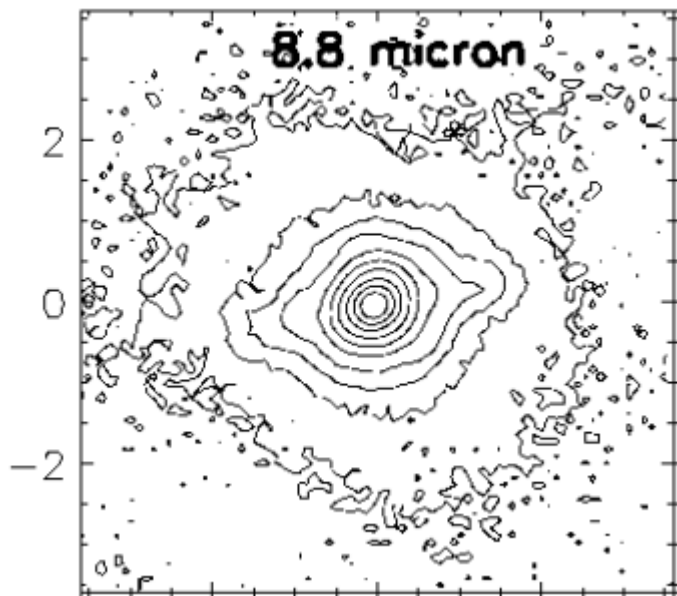


Asmus, et al. (in prep)

# Circinus extended emission and host galaxy extinction

Roche et al. 2006

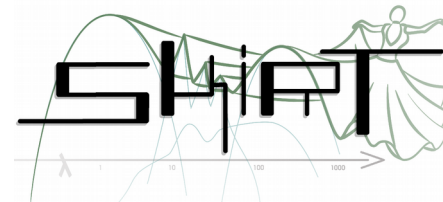
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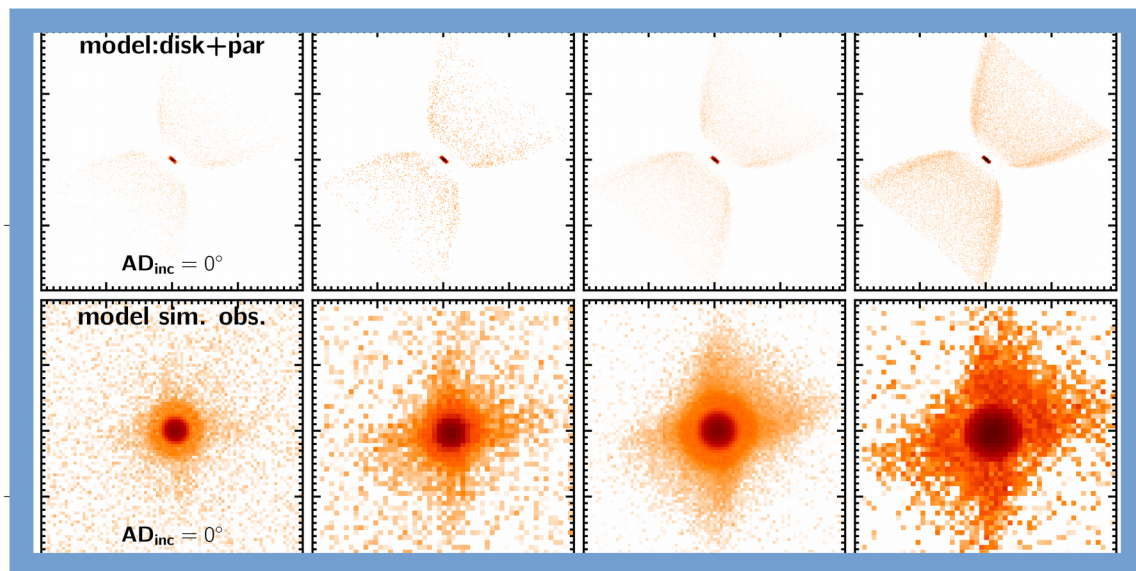
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# disk+paraboloid: does not work

Monte Carlo radiative transfer with



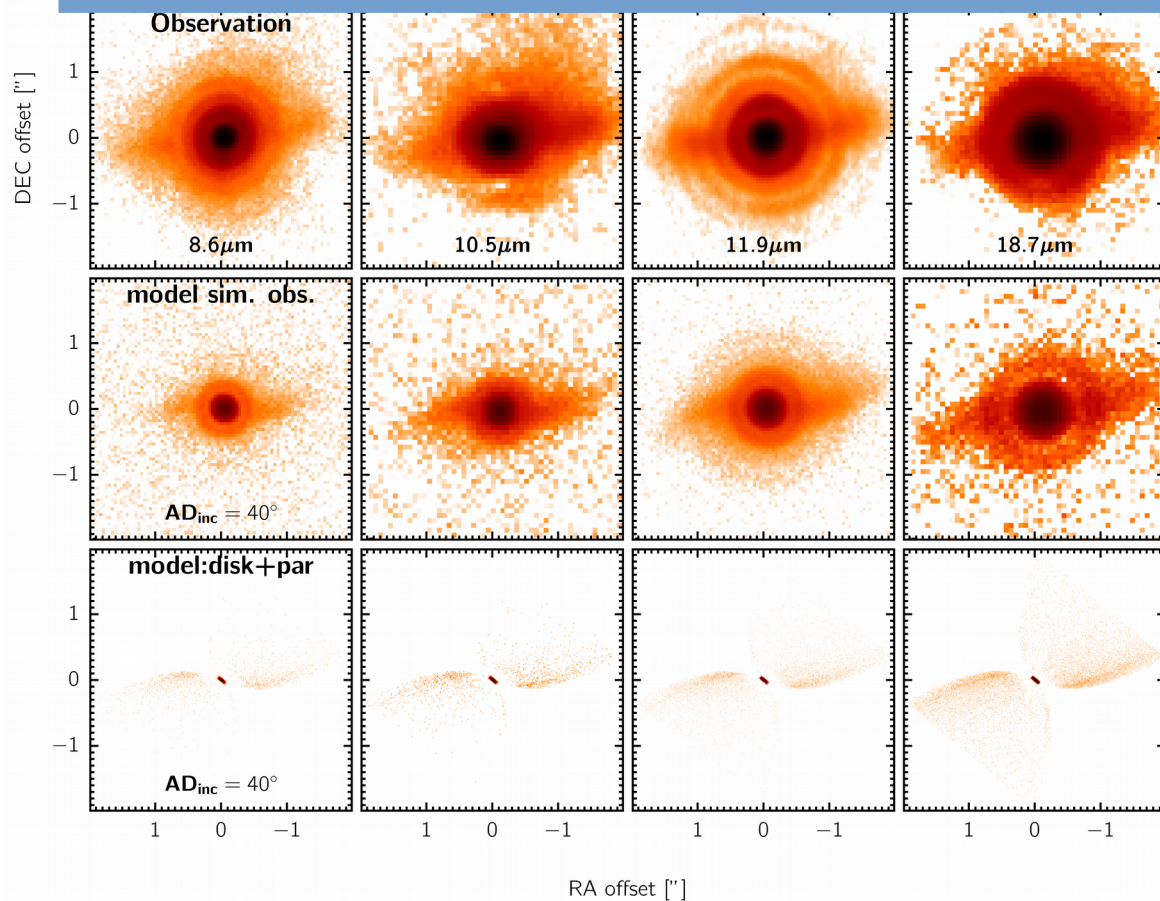
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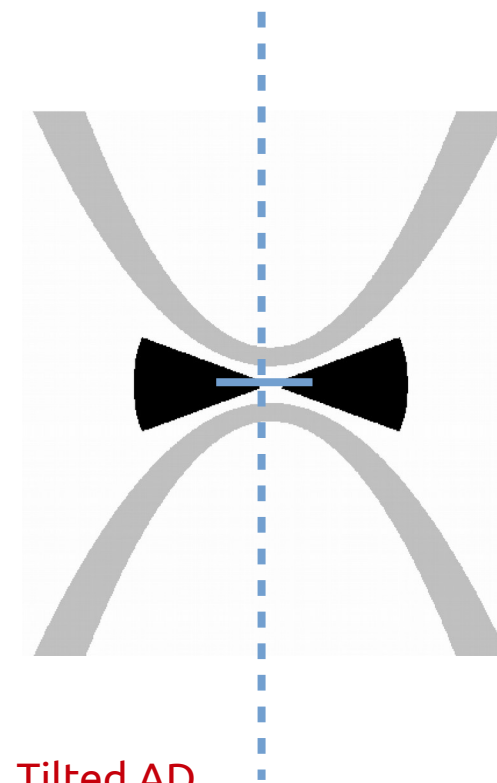
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Observed images

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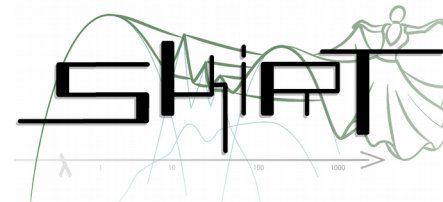


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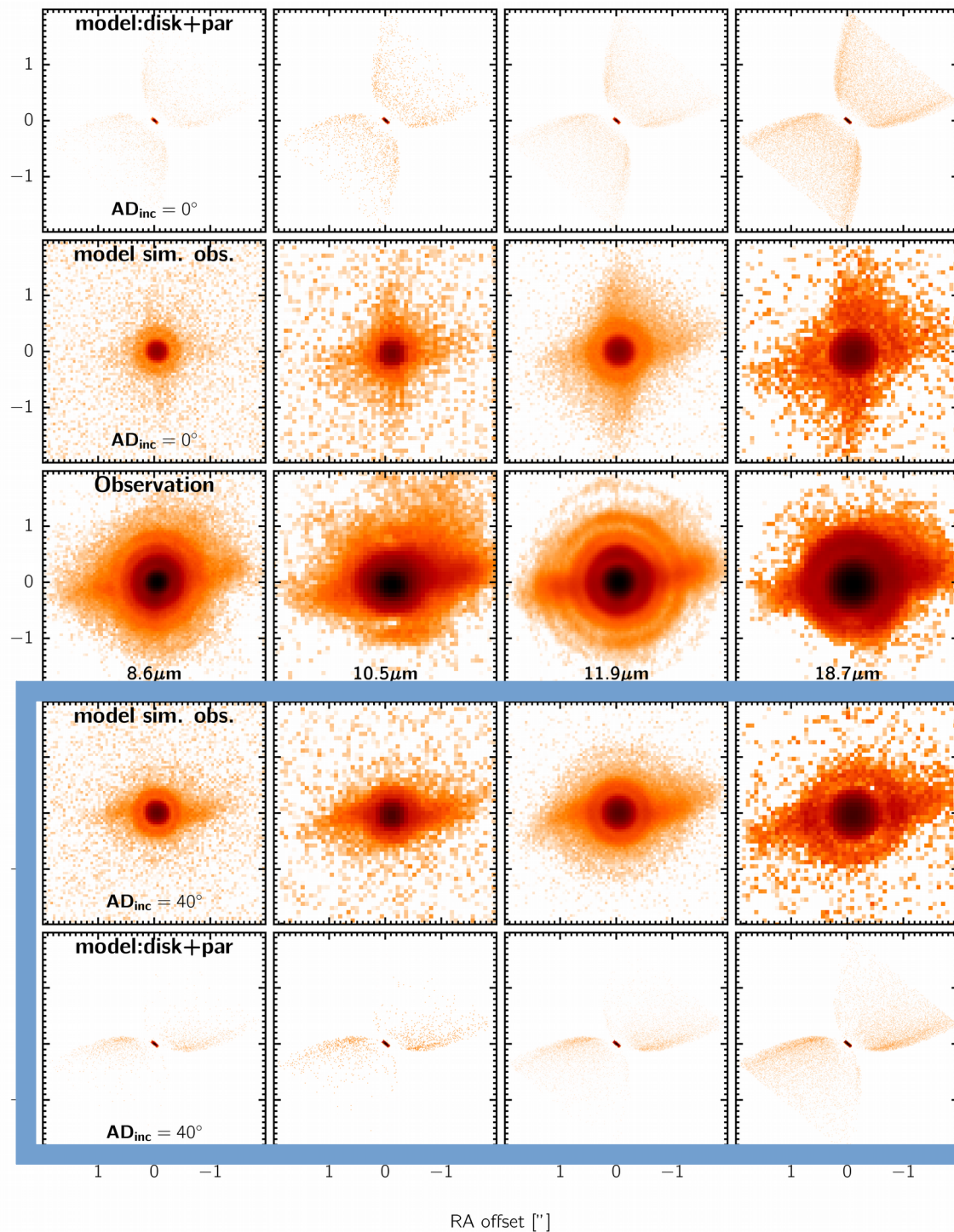


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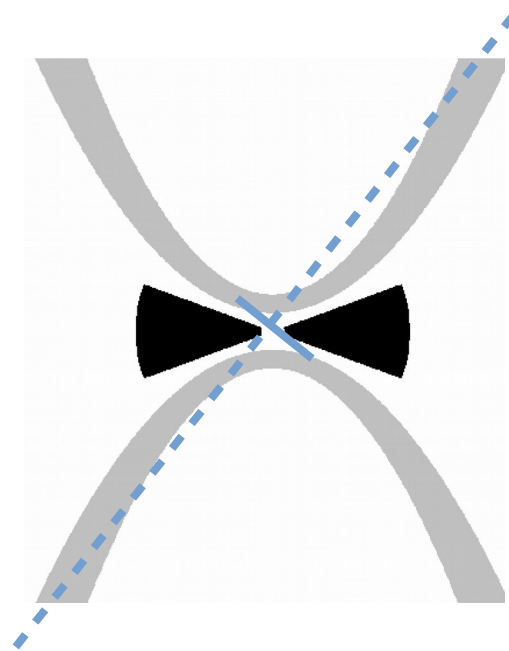
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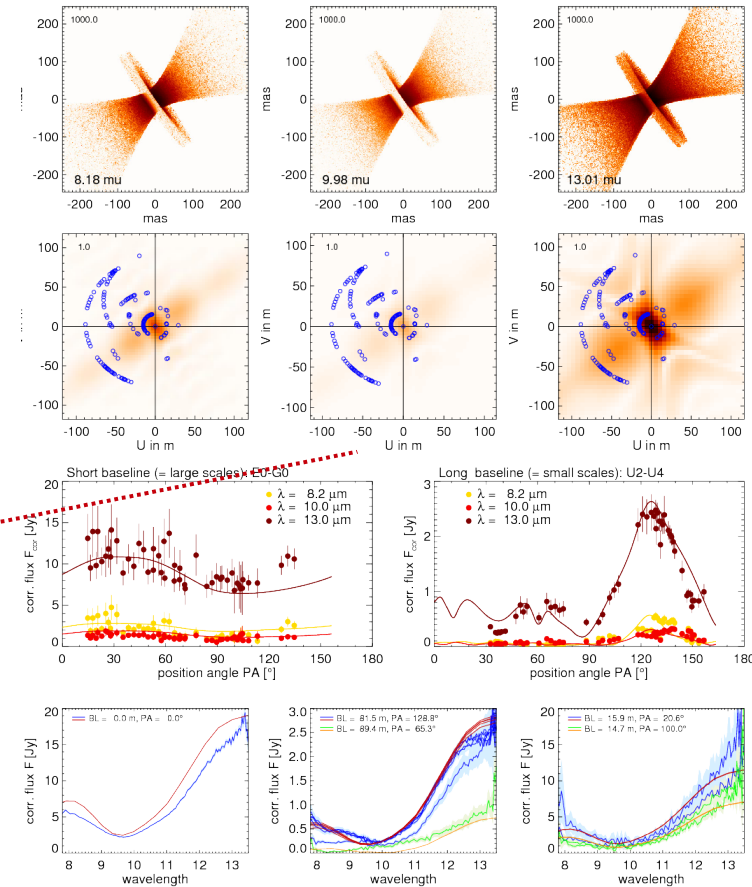
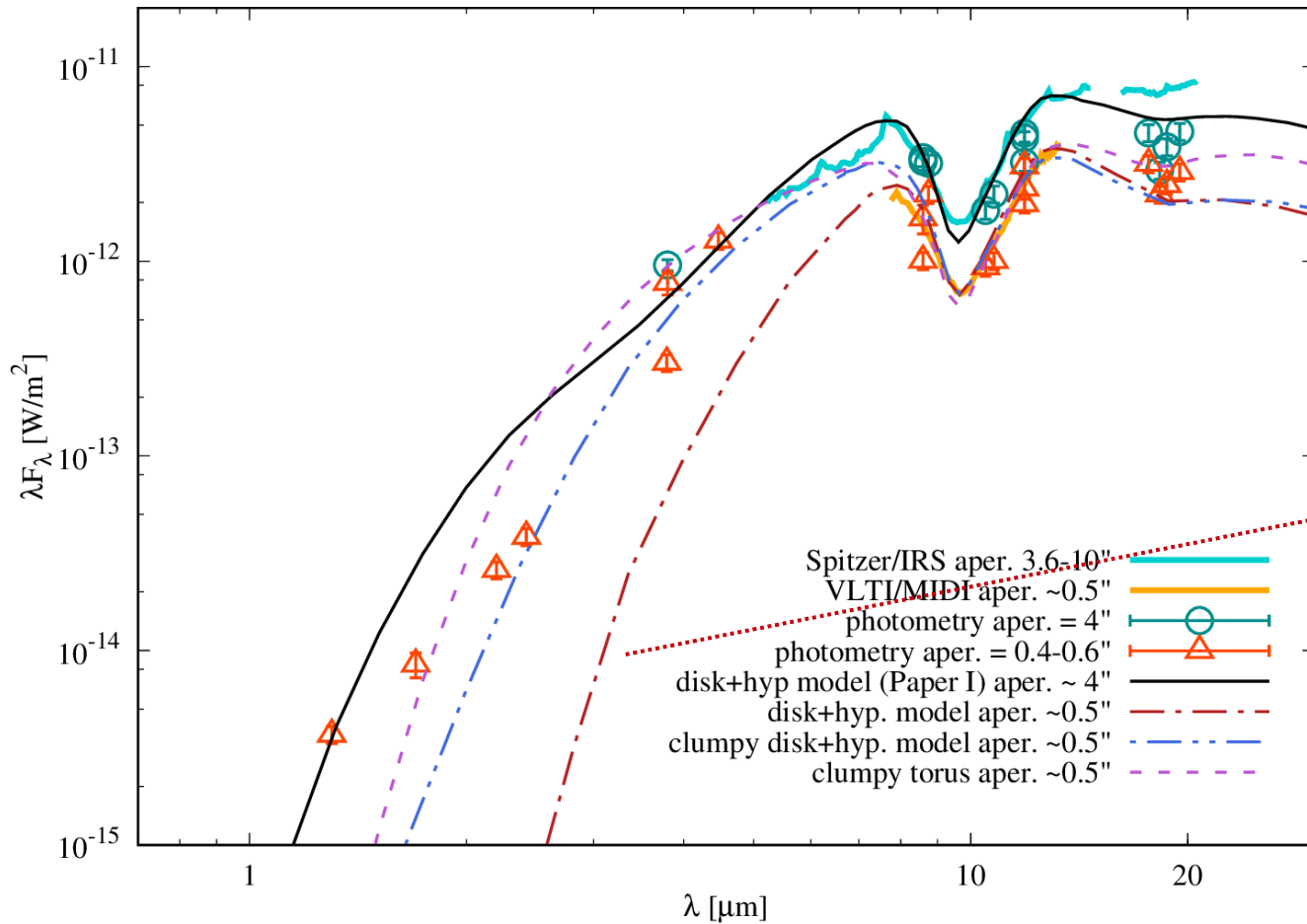
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# disk+wind

Stalevski, Tristram & Asmus (2019)



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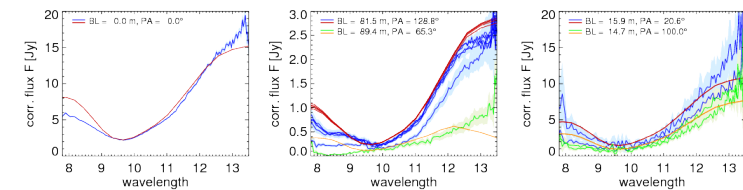
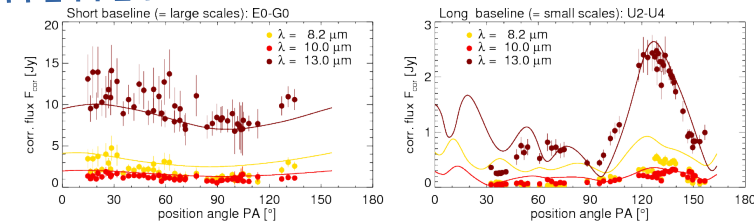
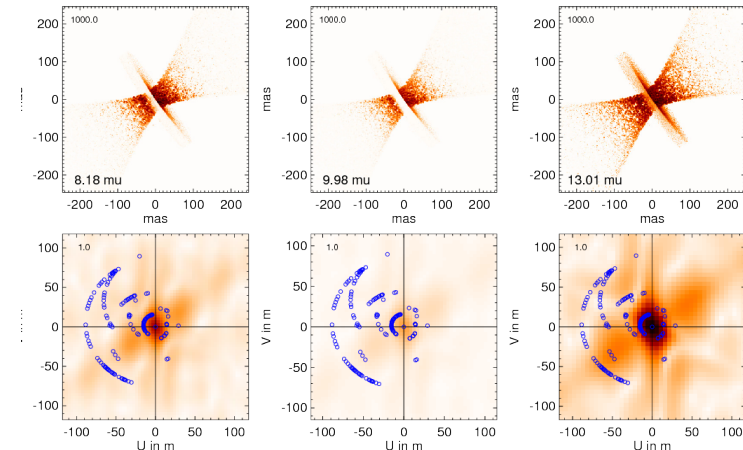
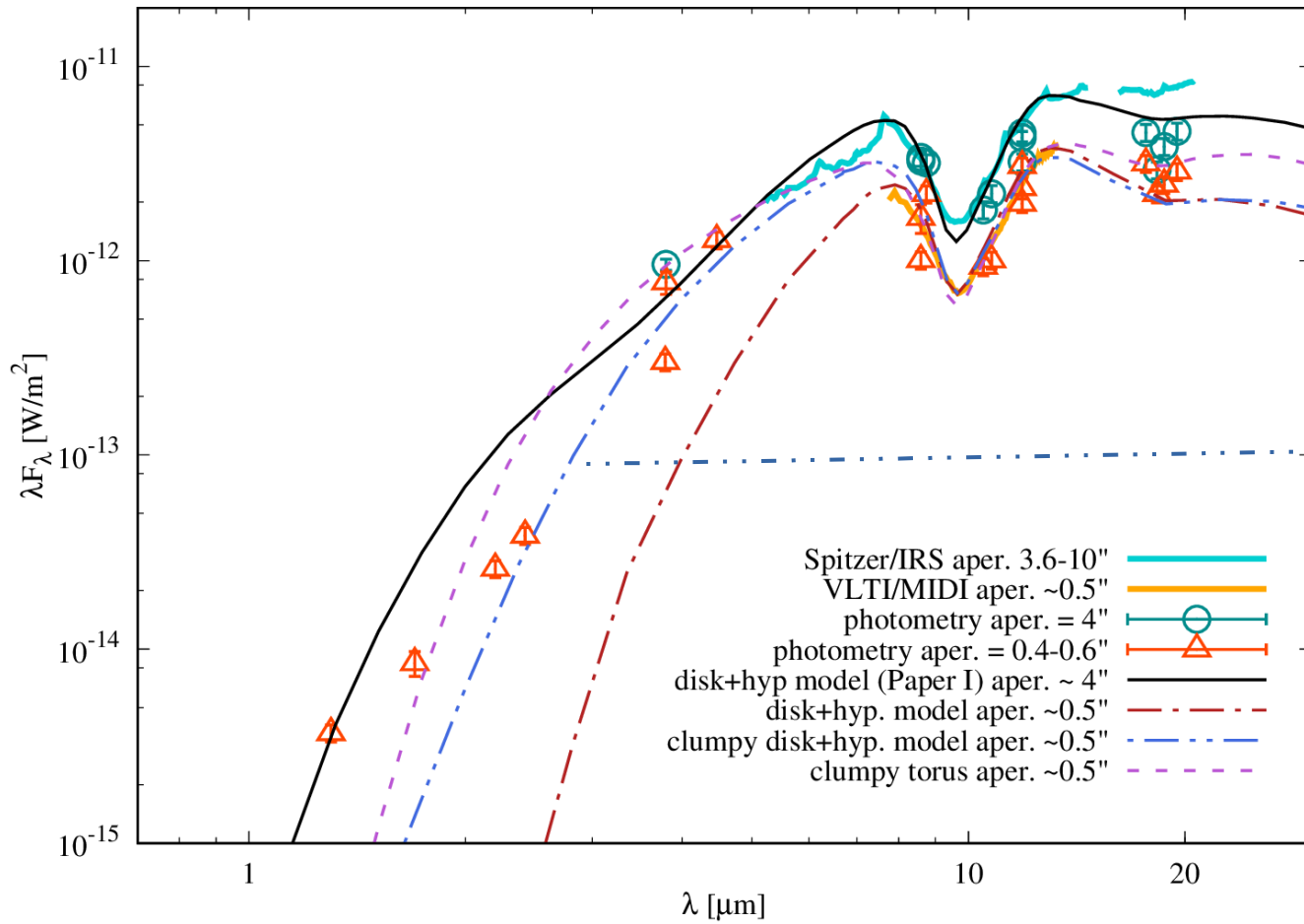
VLT/MIDI: good





# disk+clumpy wind

Stalevski, Tristram & Asmus (2019)



MIR good, NIR good

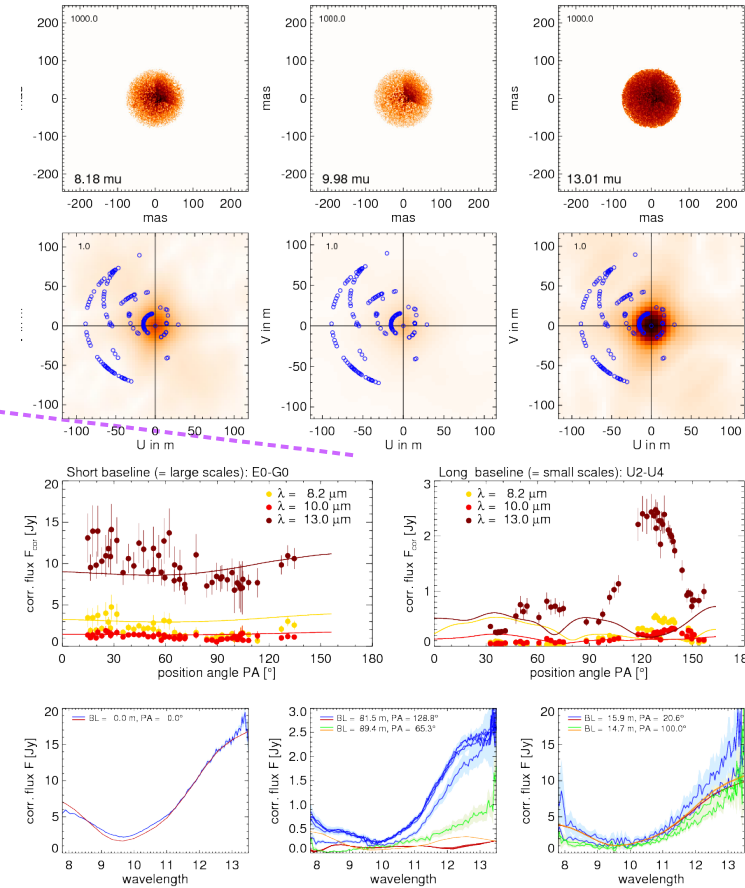
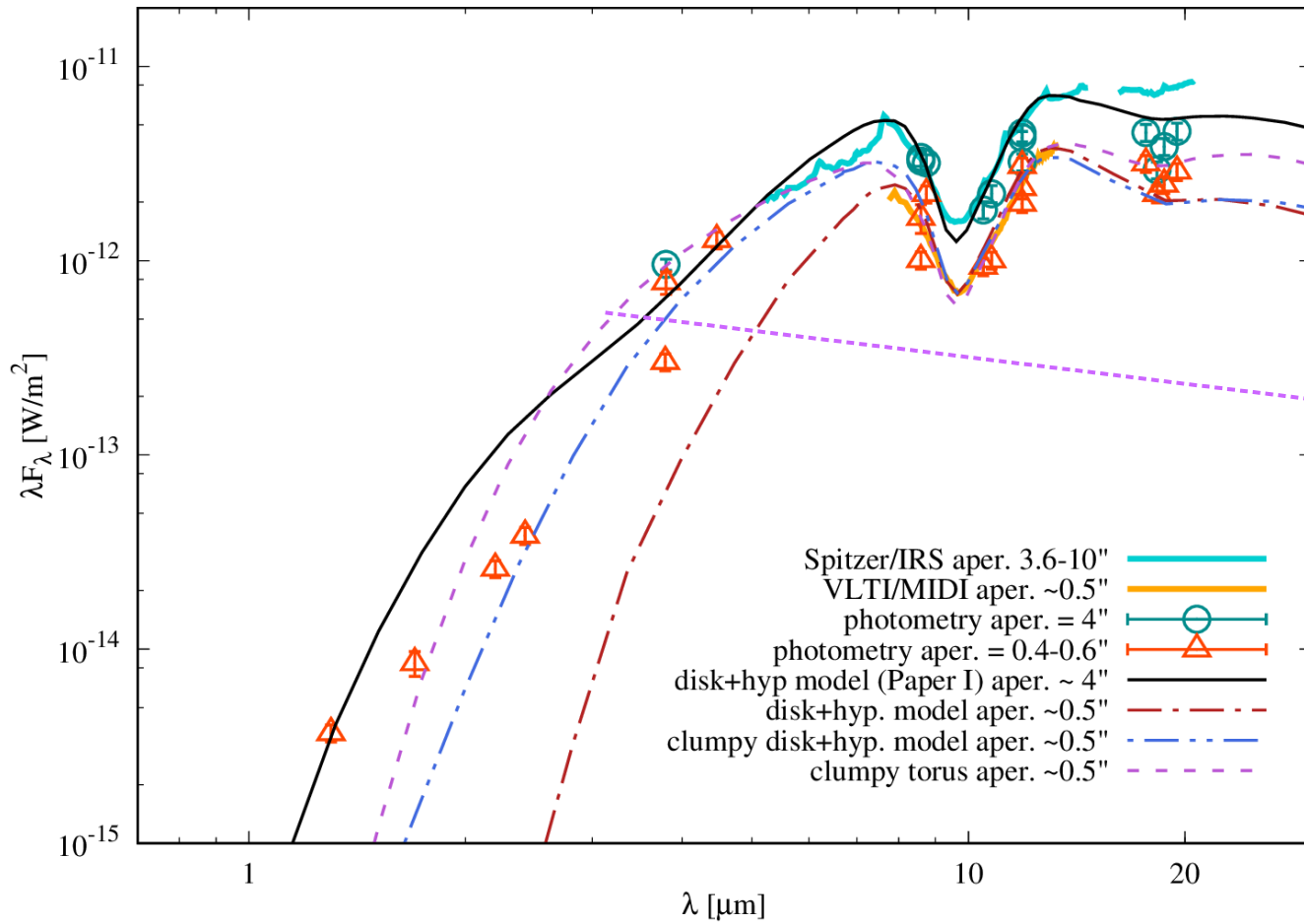


VLT/MIDI: good



# clumpy torus

Stalevski, Tristram & Asmus (2019)



MIR good, NIR good



VLT/MIDI: ugly

