

Revealing the structure of AGN in Circinus

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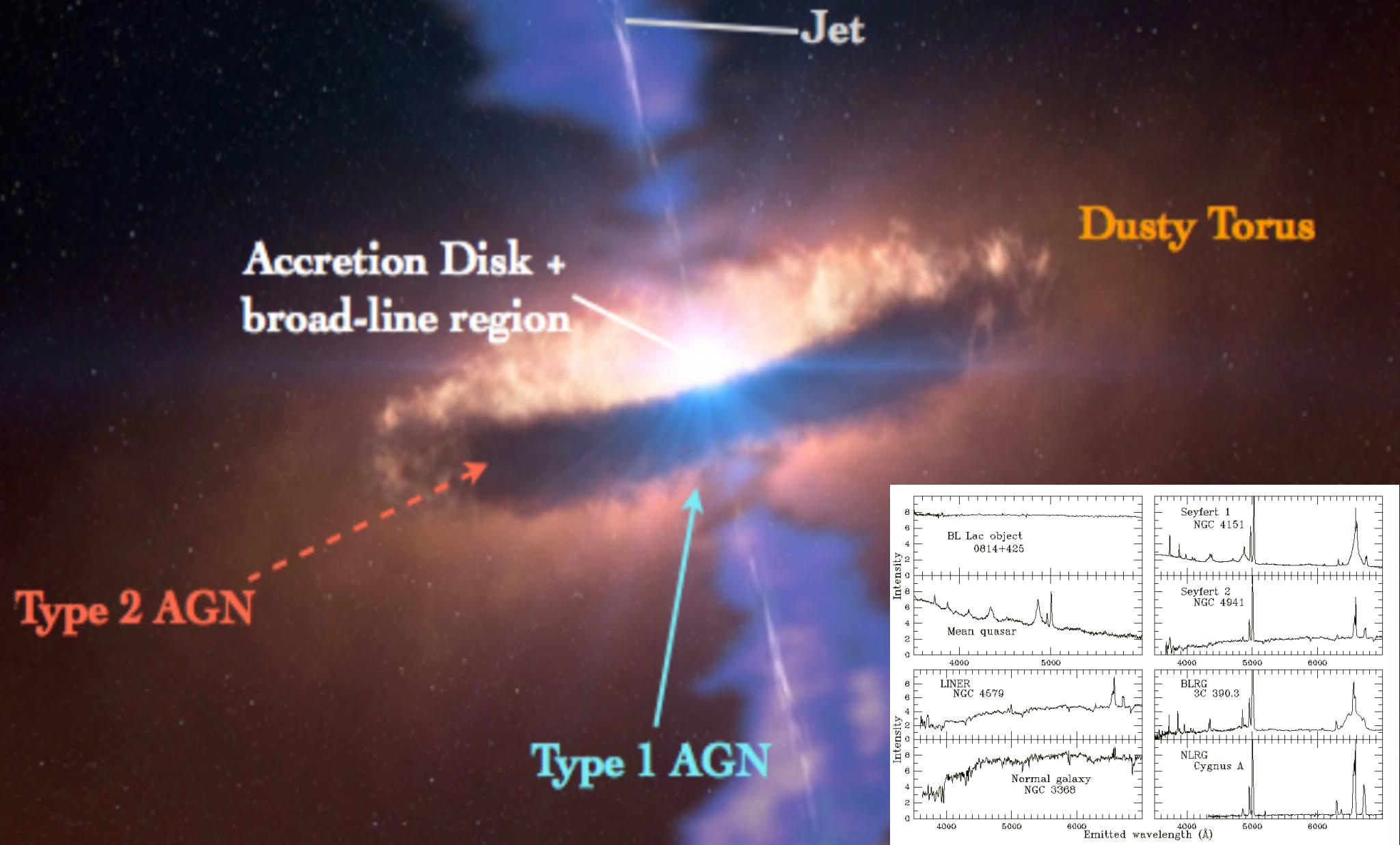
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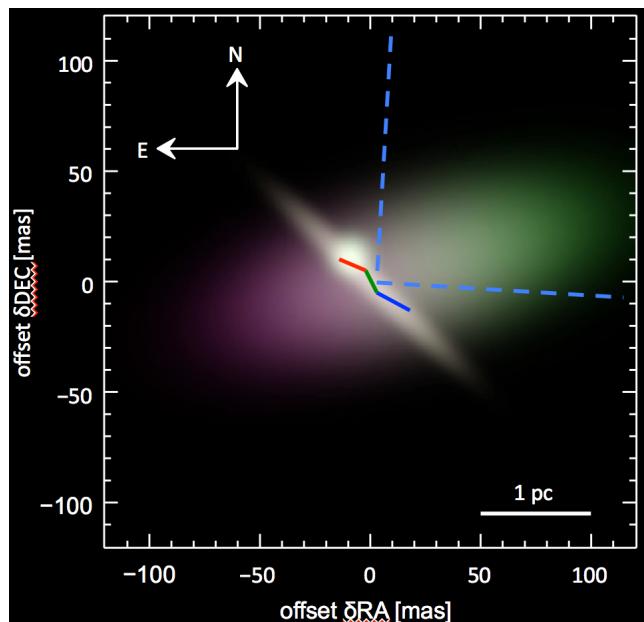


Narrow-line region ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI

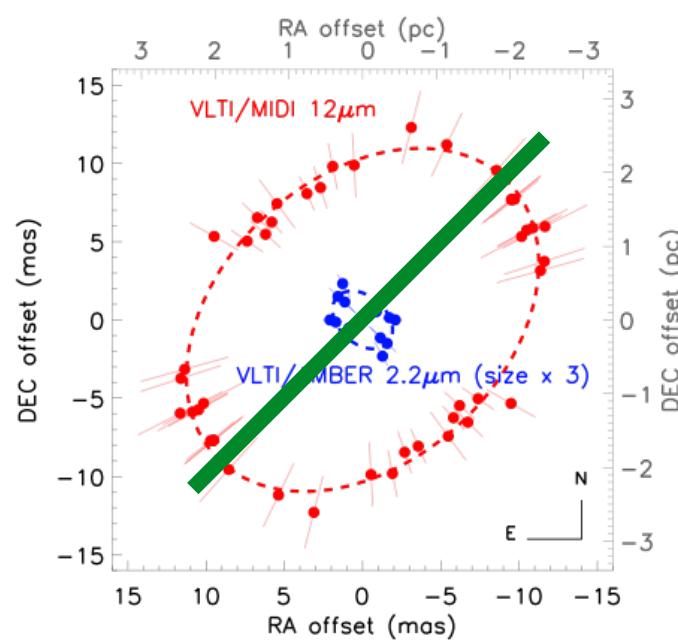
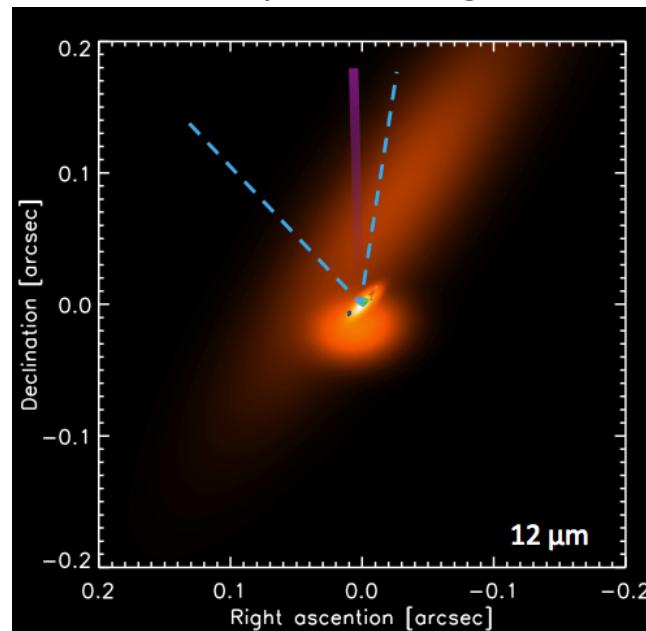


MIR: polar elongation on small scales

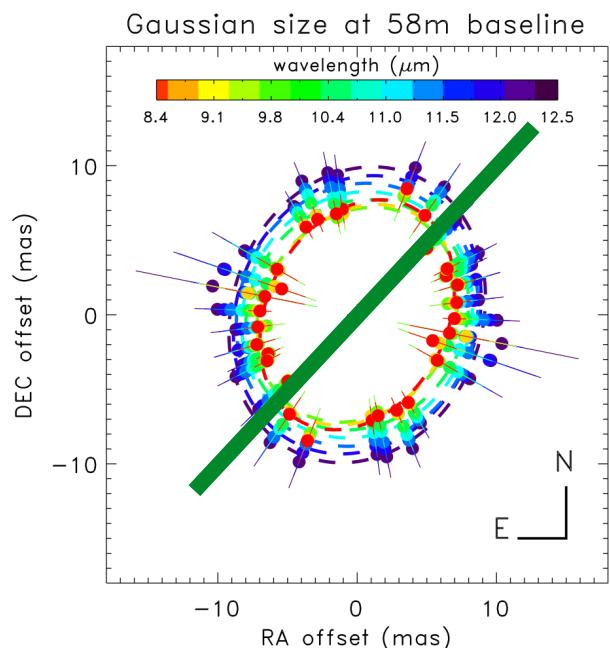
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Tristram et al. 2014



NGC1068;
López Gonzaga et al. 2014



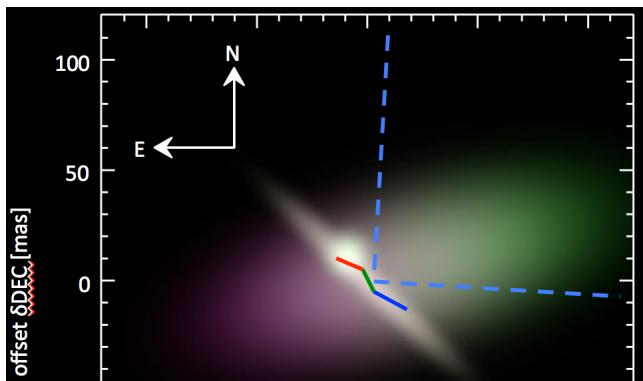
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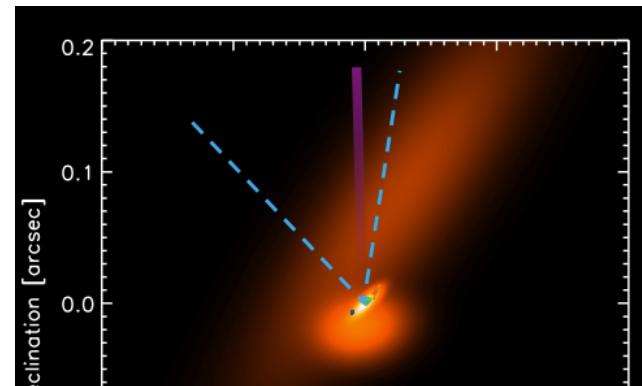
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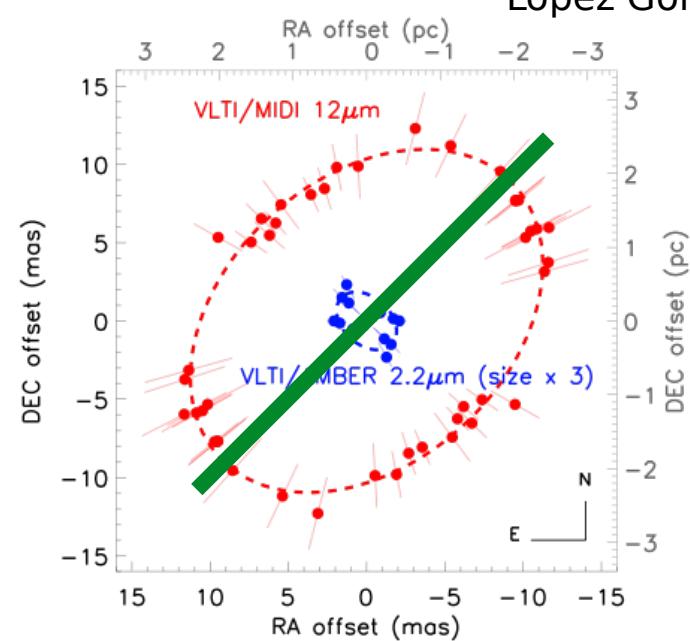


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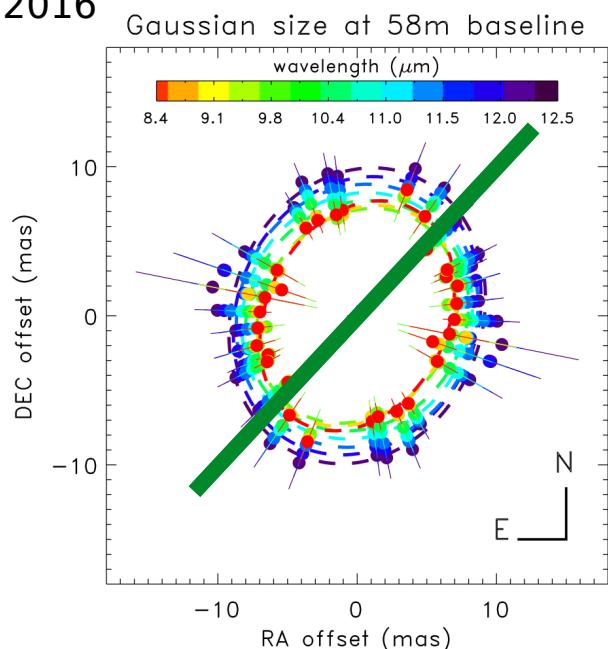


23 sources: 7 with good *uv* coverage;
5 of those 7 with polar elongation

López Gonzaga et al. 2016



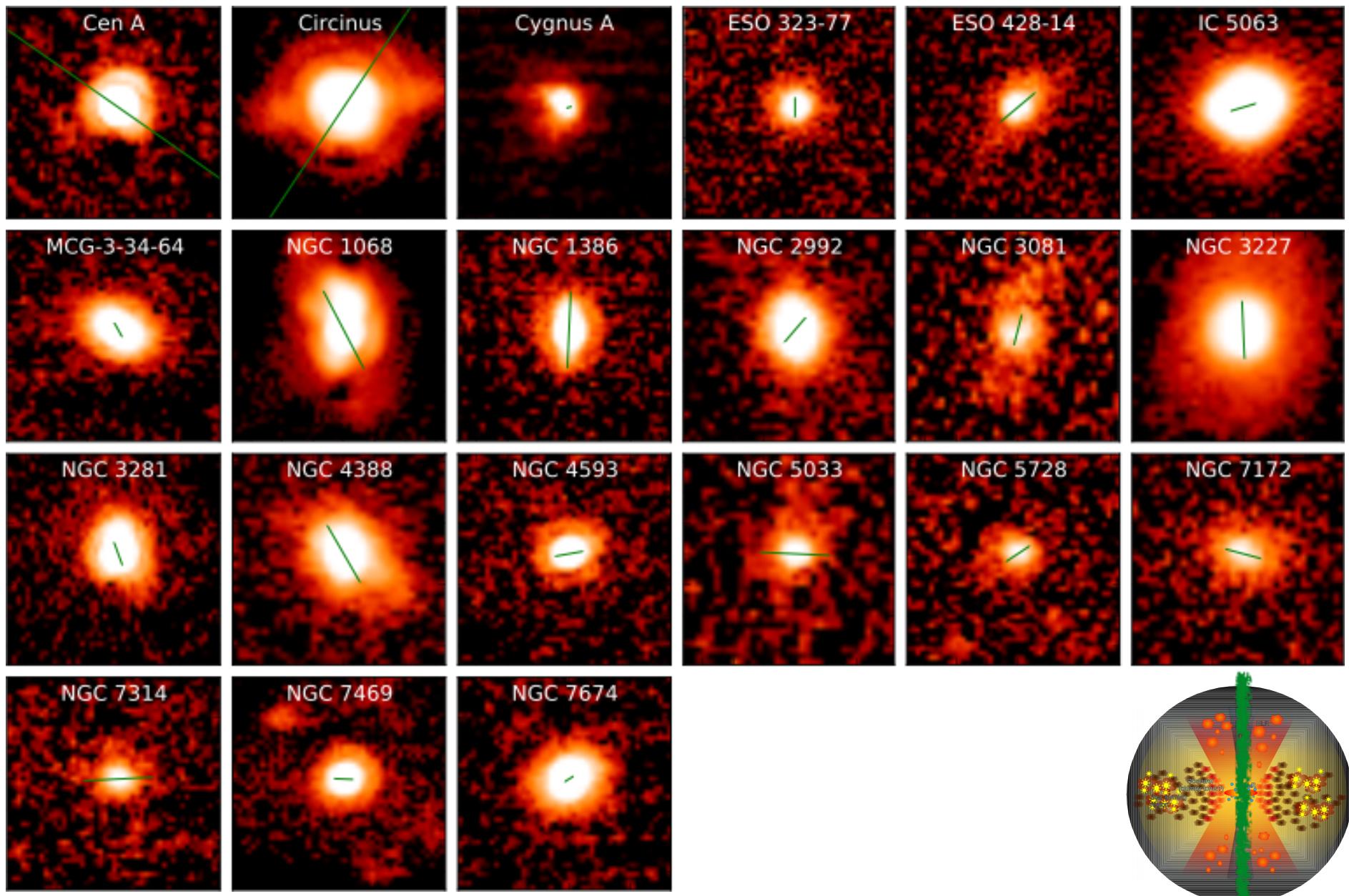
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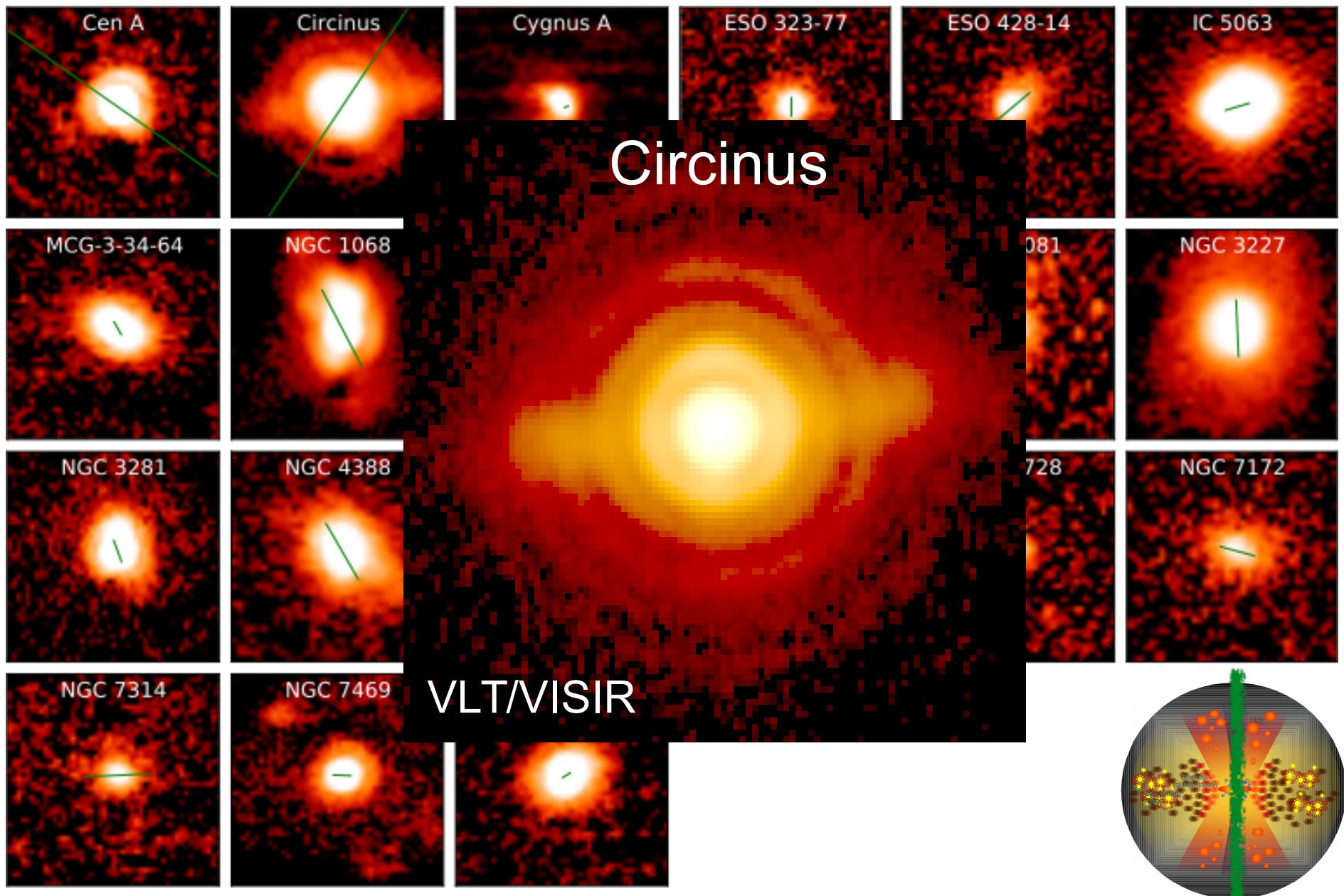
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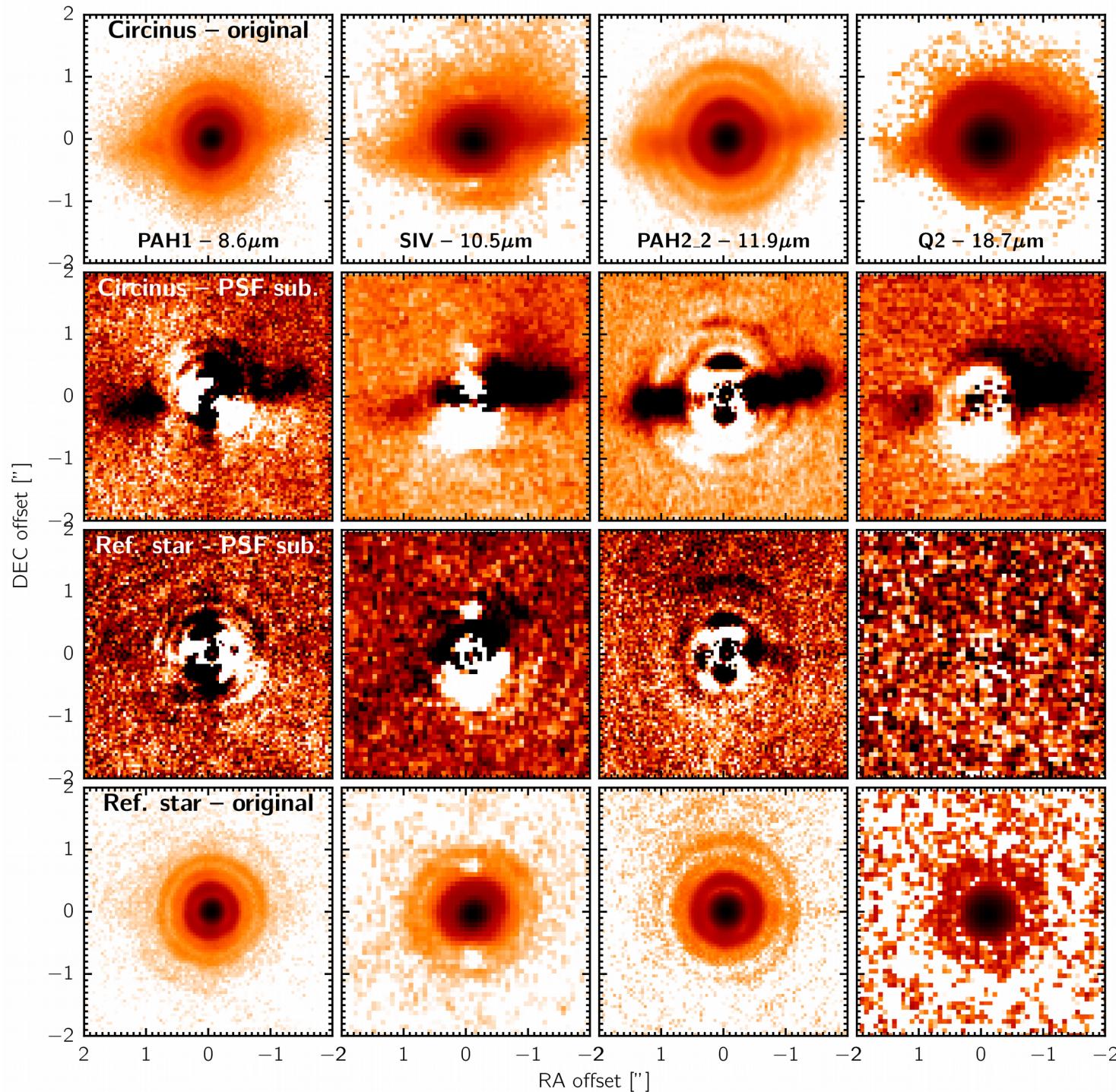


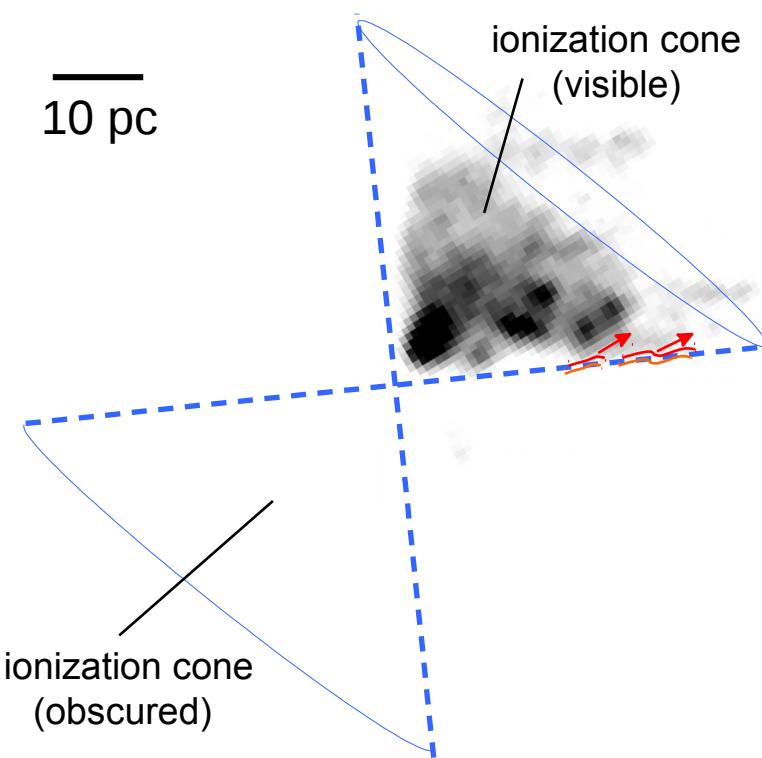
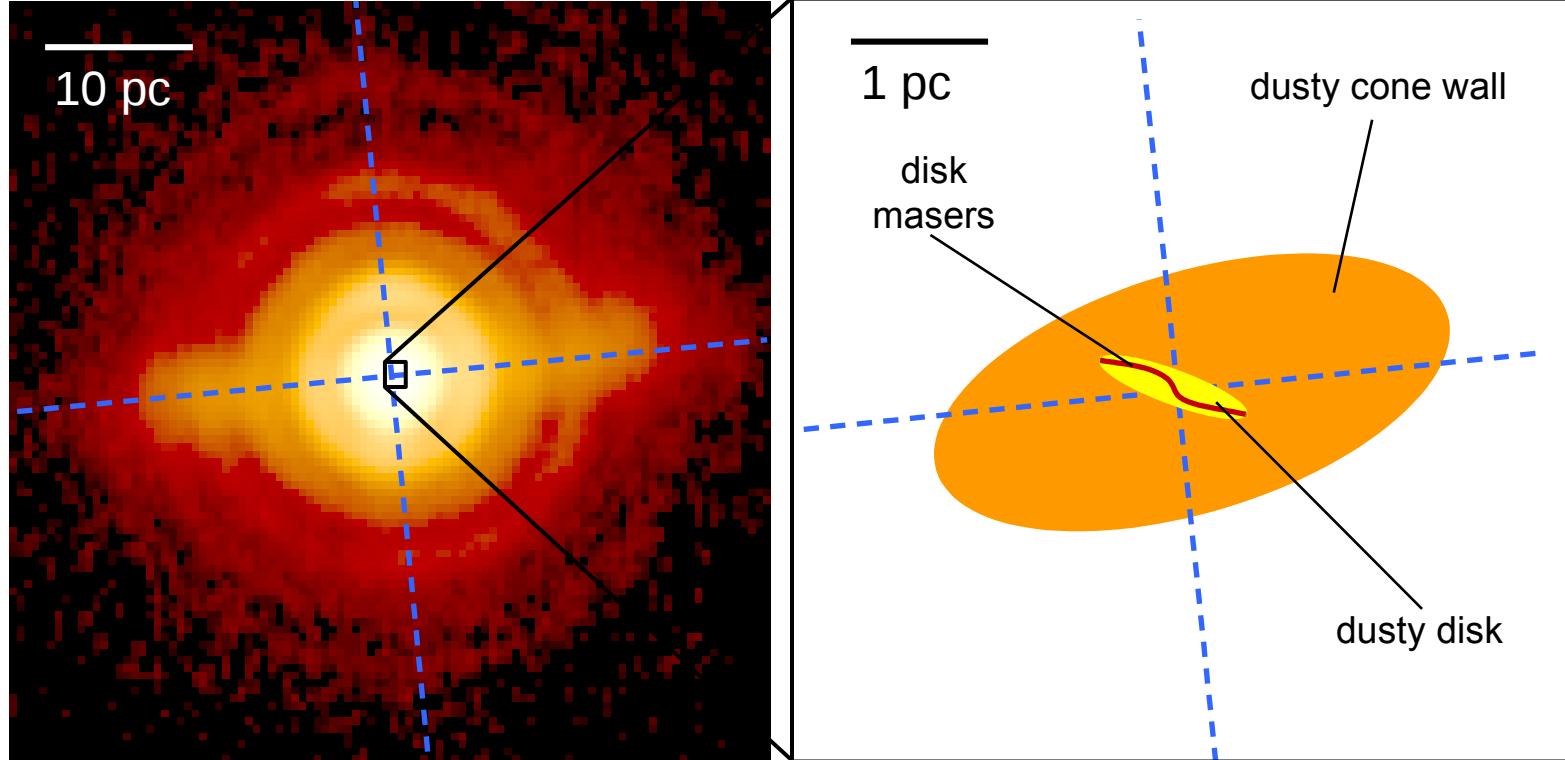
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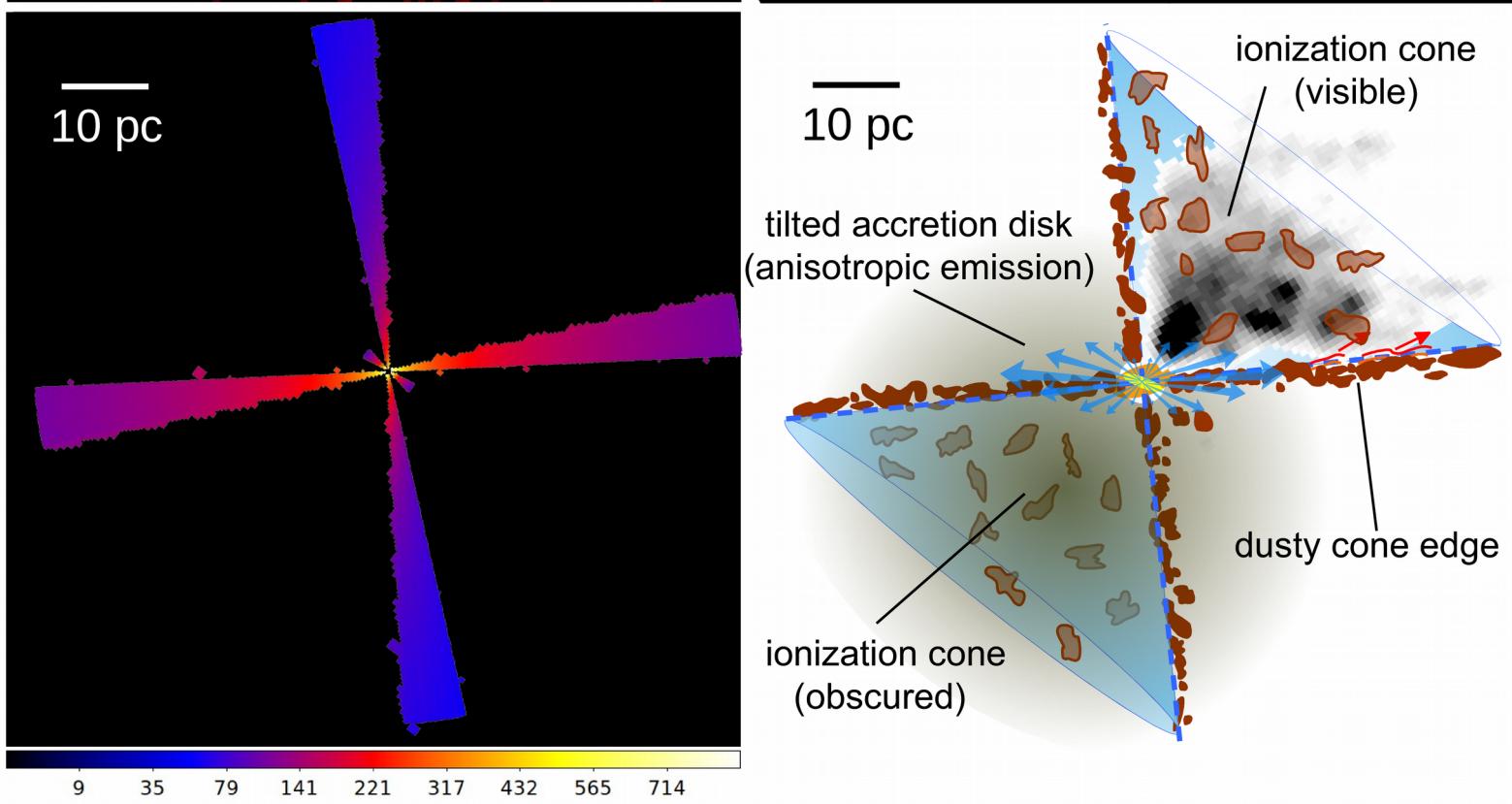
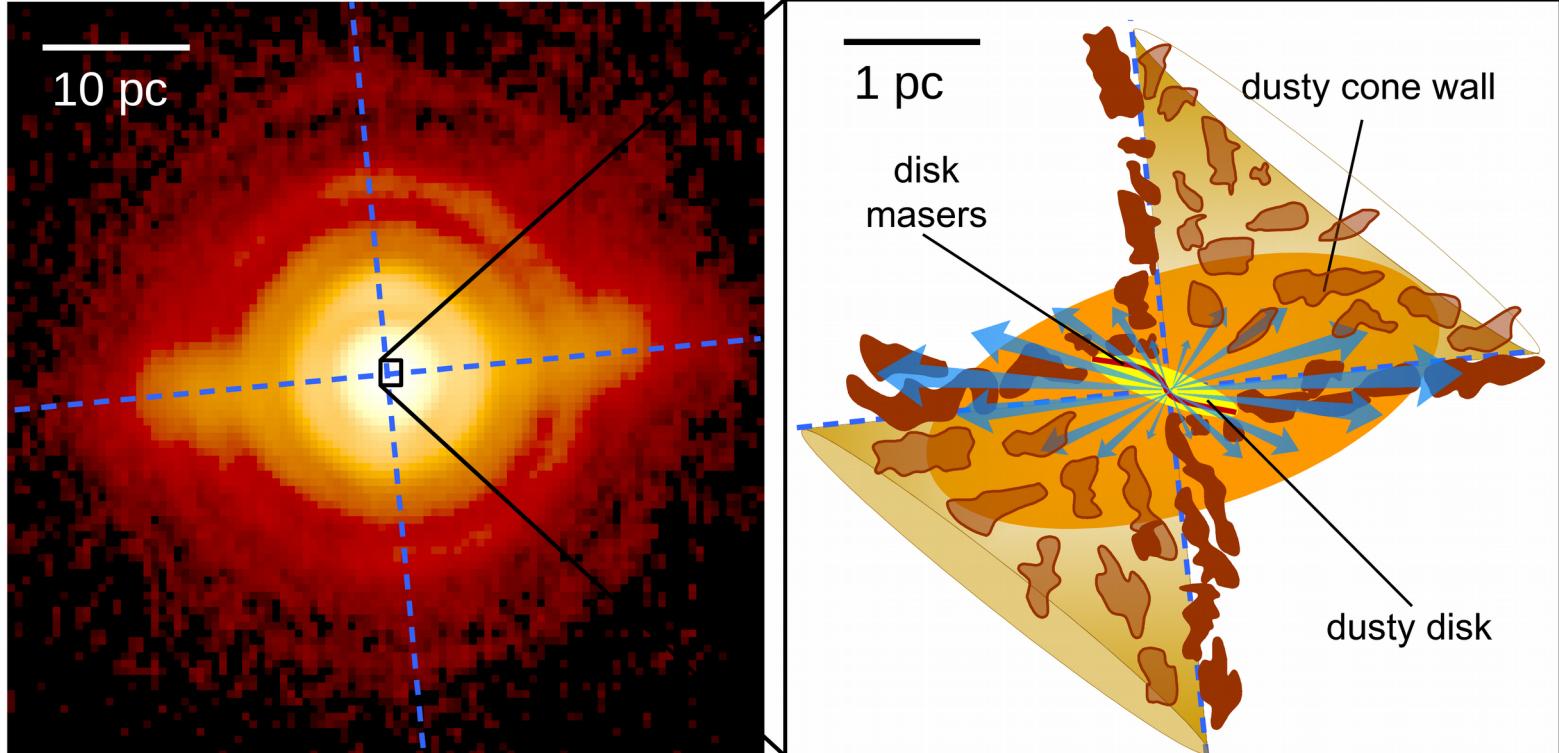
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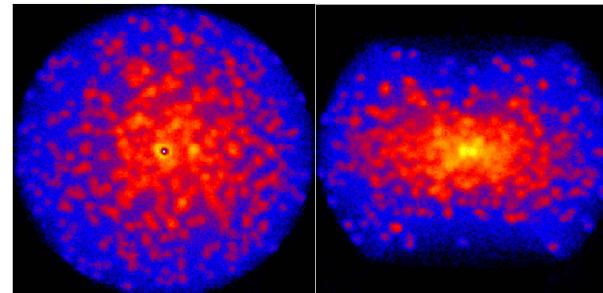
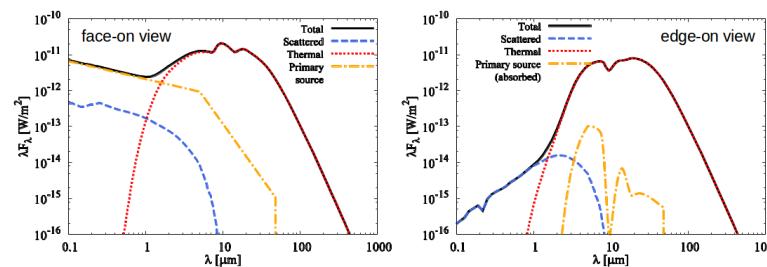
MIR morphology of Circinus: extended polar bar



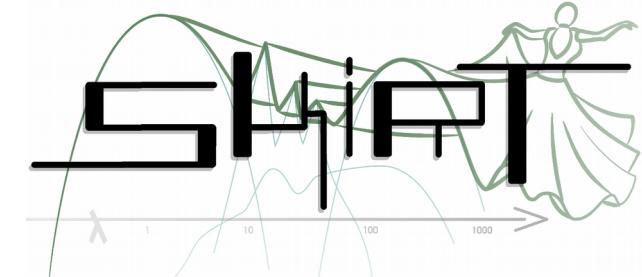
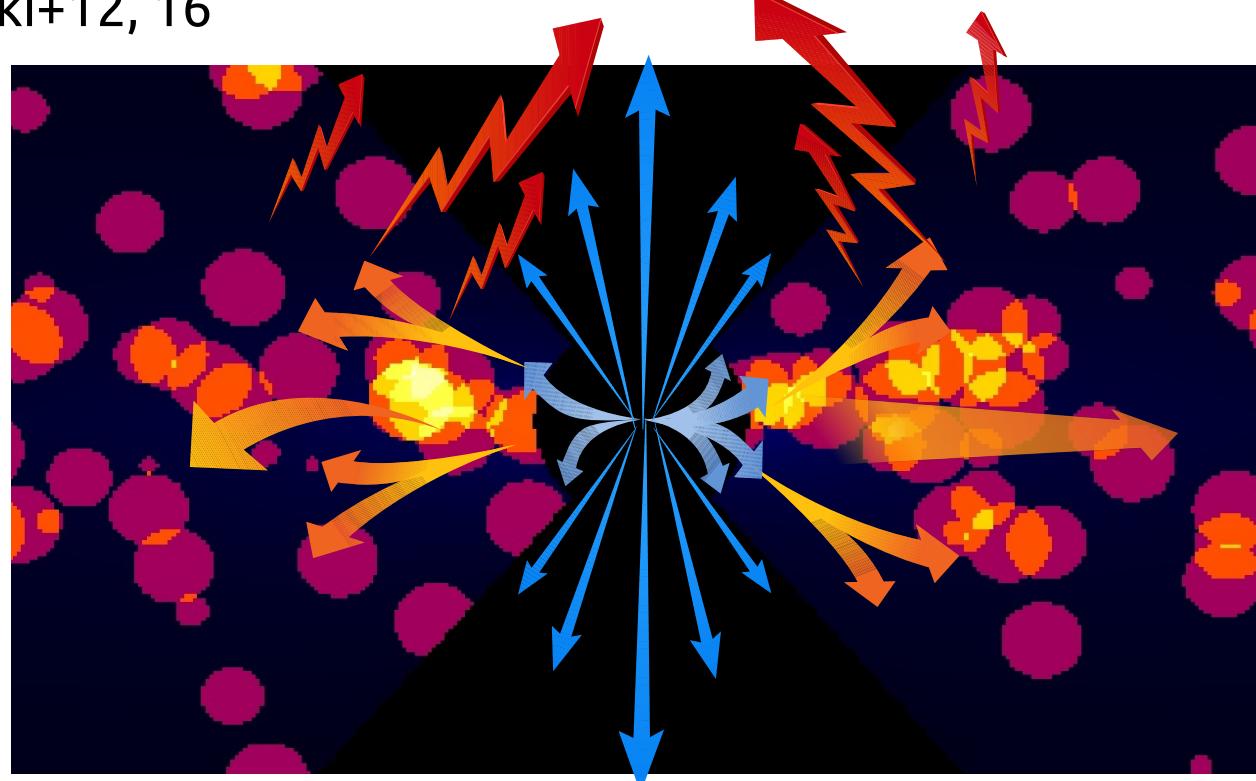




Monte Carlo radiative transfer



Stalevski+12, 16

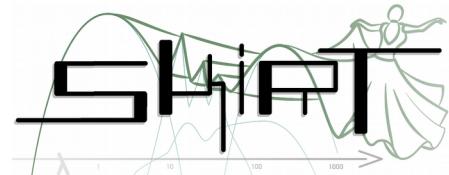


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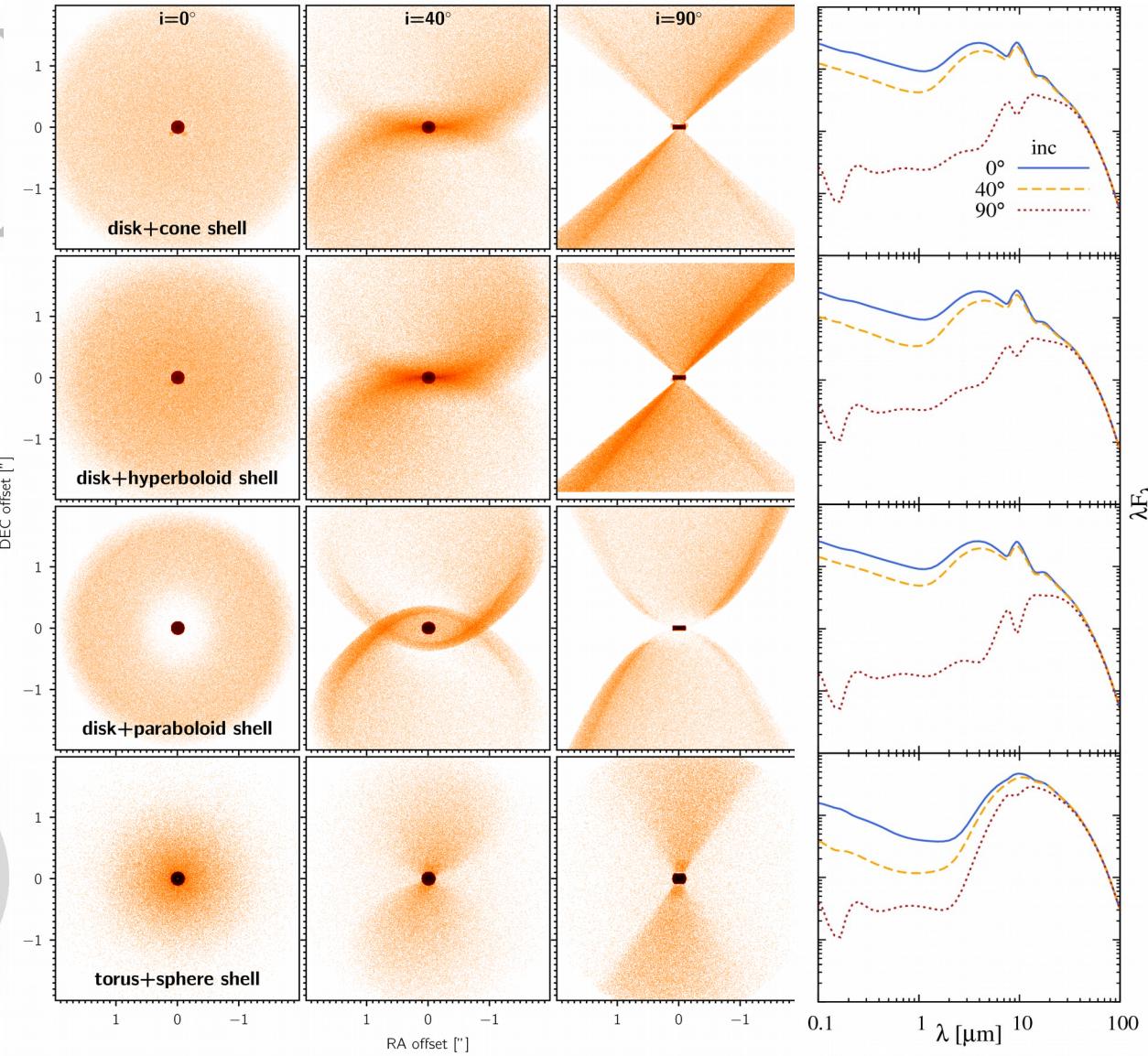
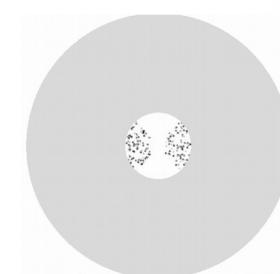
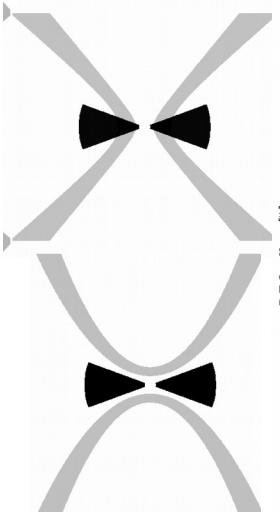
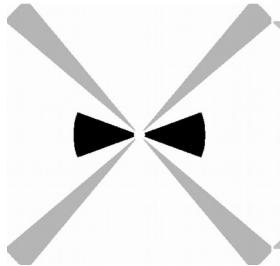
Baes+11;
Baes & Camps 15;
Camps & Baes 15

Which geometry can reproduce morphology?

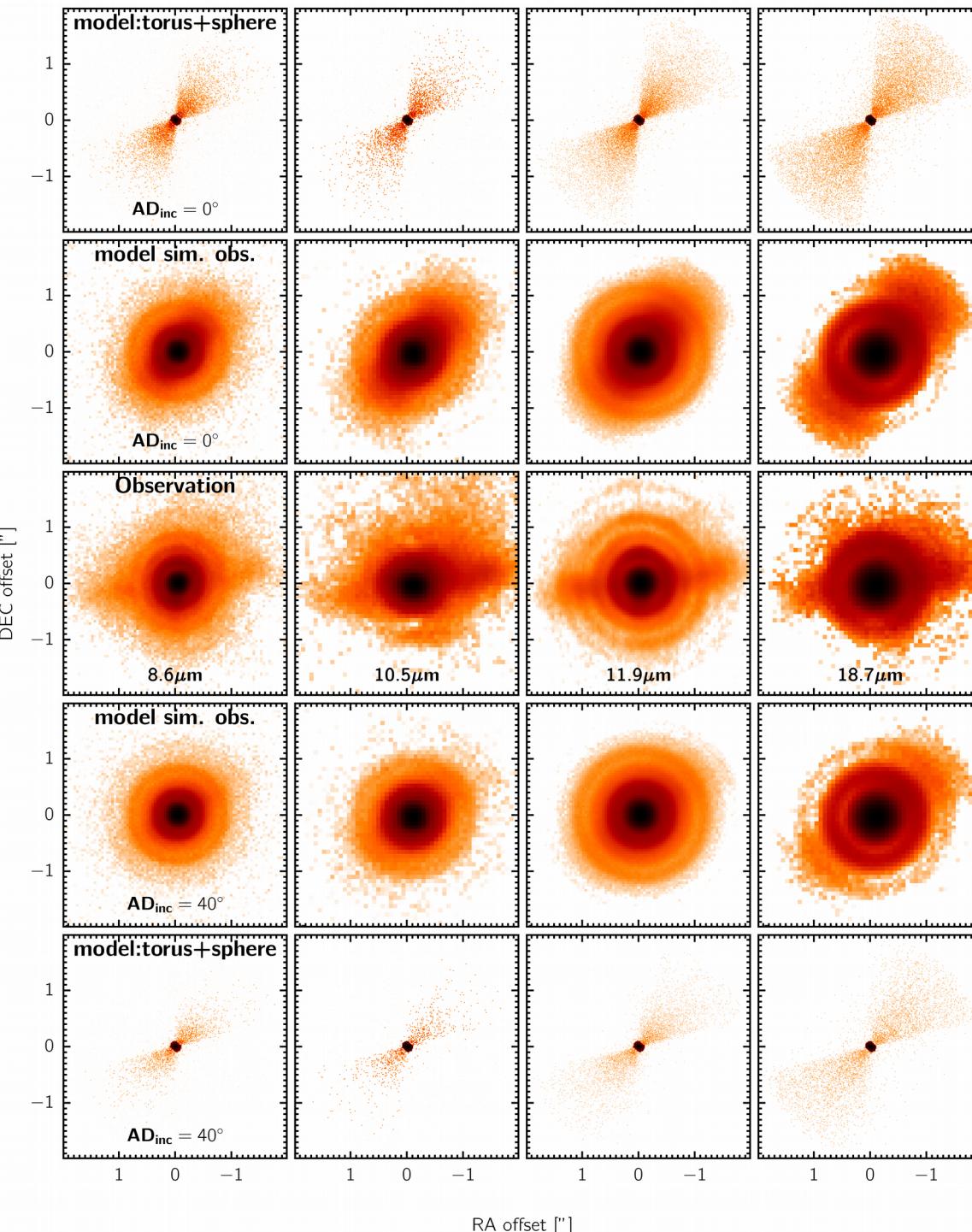
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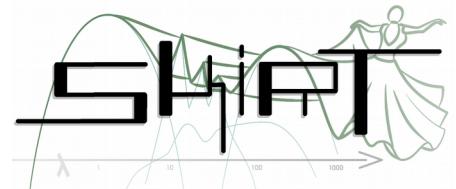
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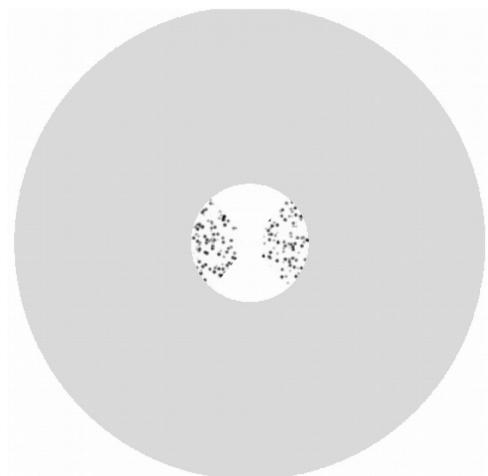
torus+sphere shell: does not work



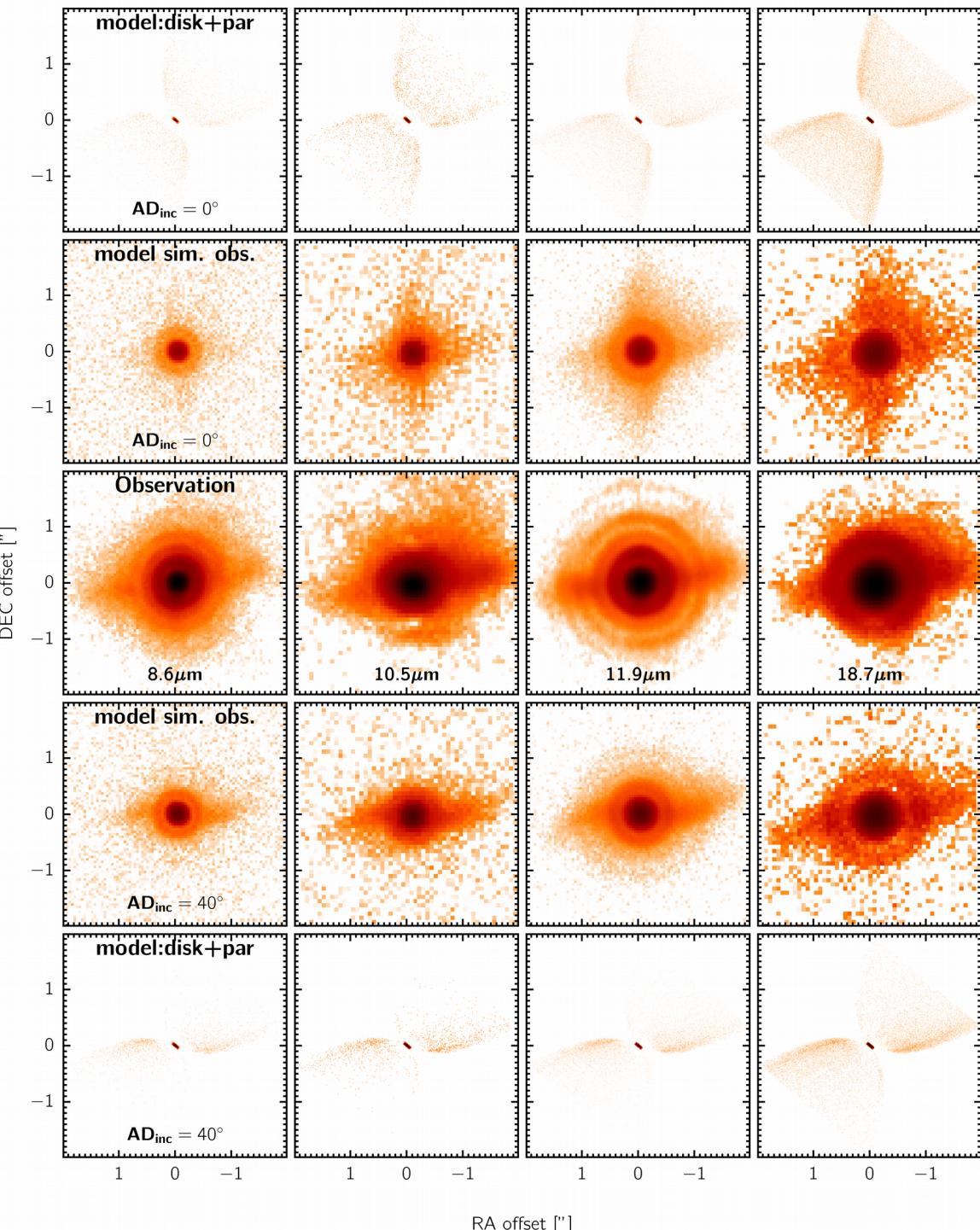
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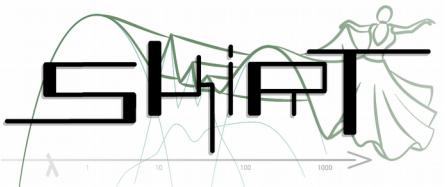
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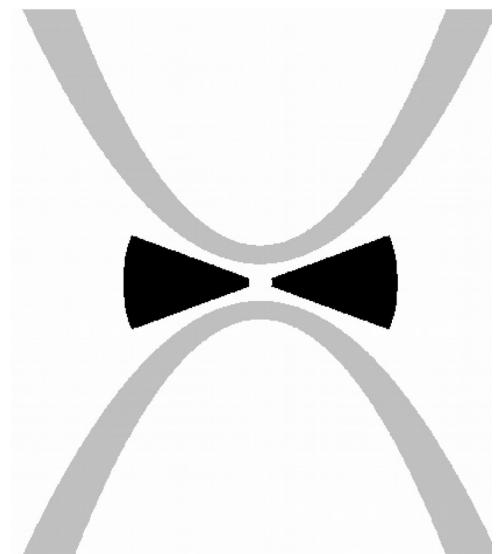
disk+paraboloid: does not work



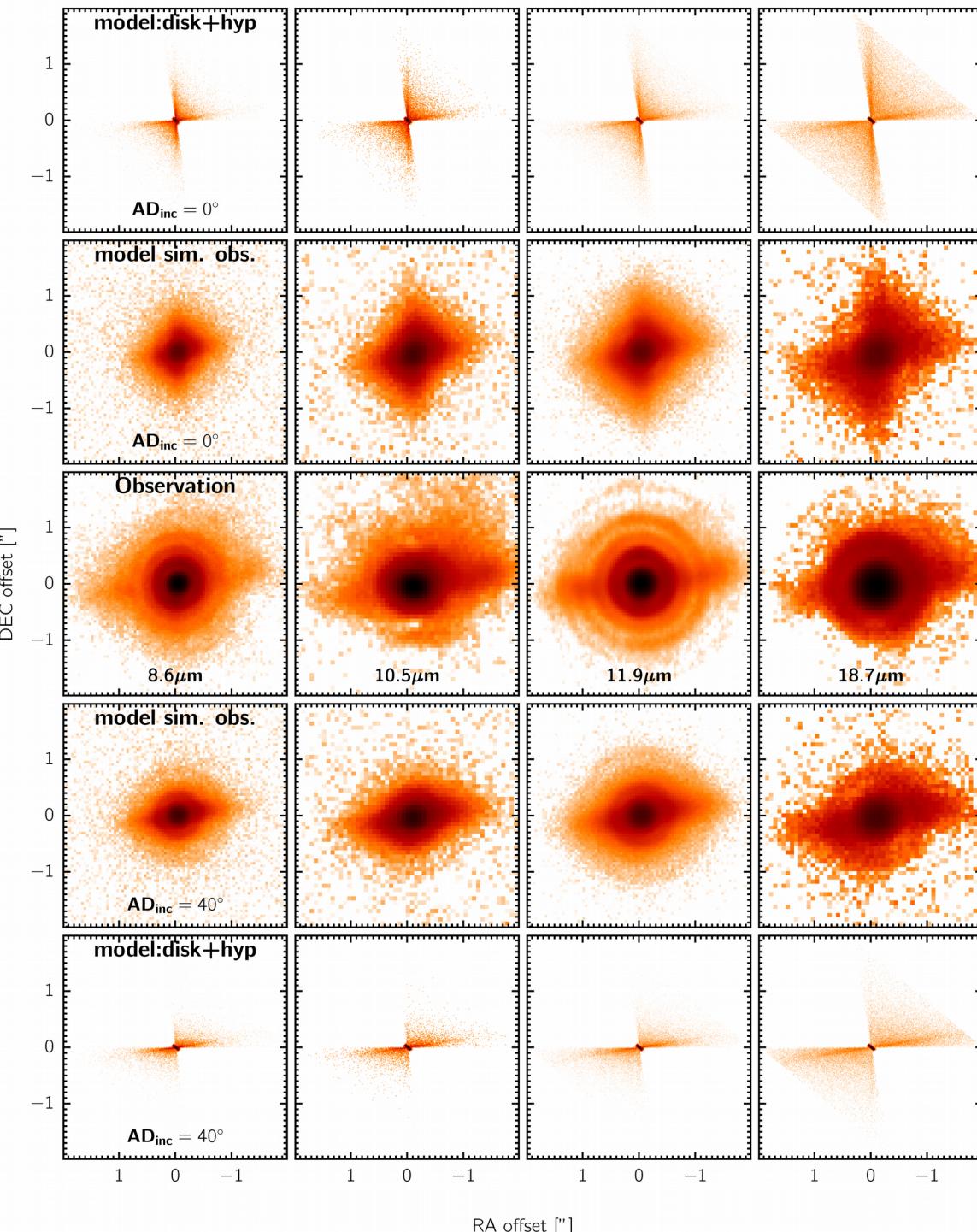
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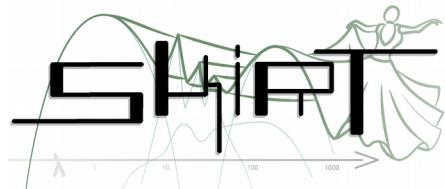
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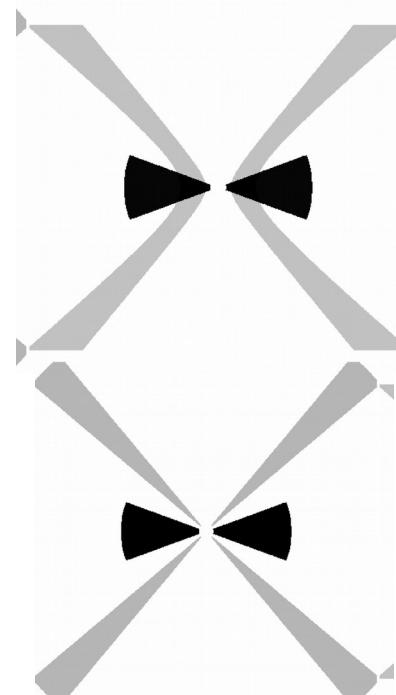
disk+hyperboloid/cone: might work !



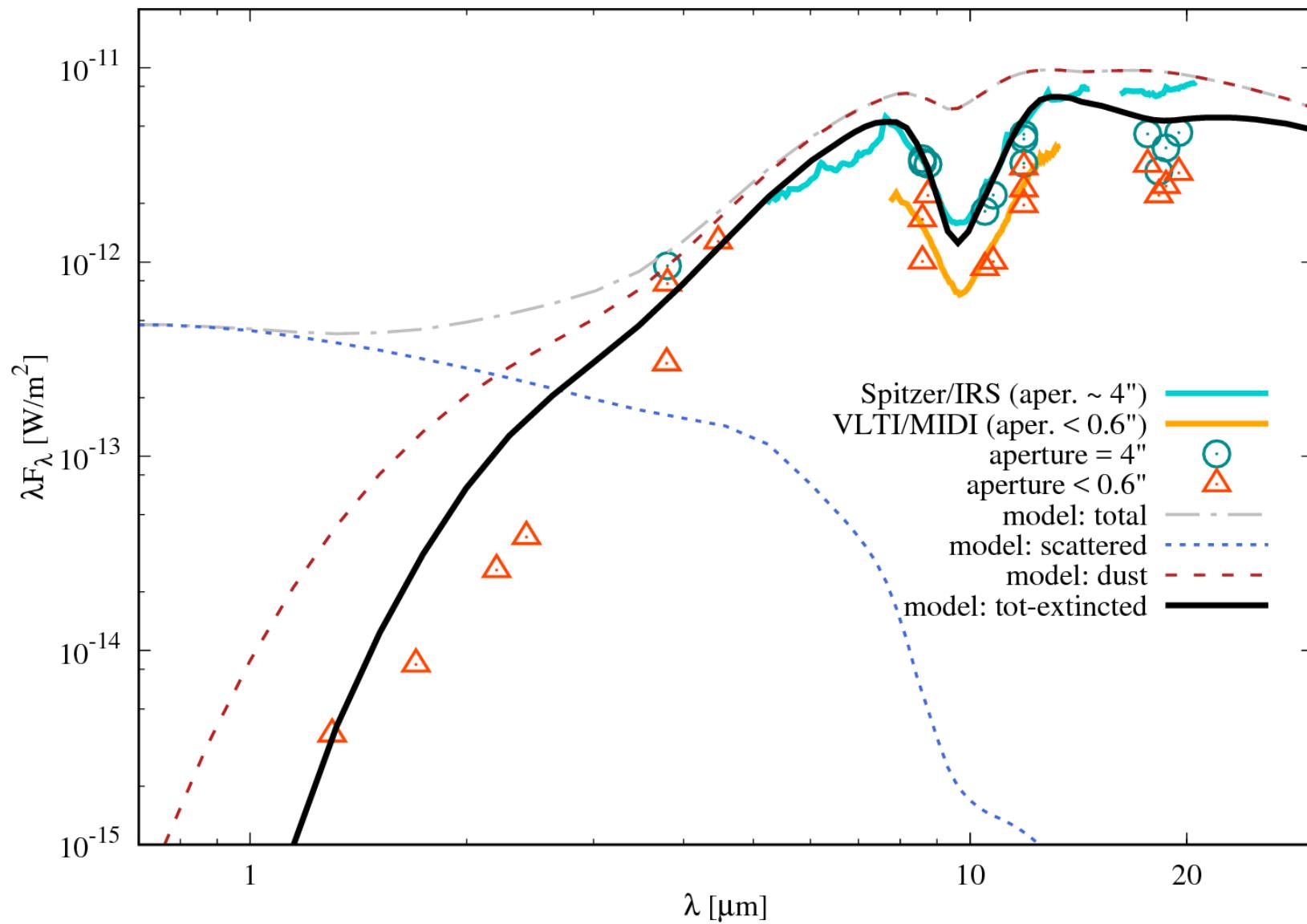
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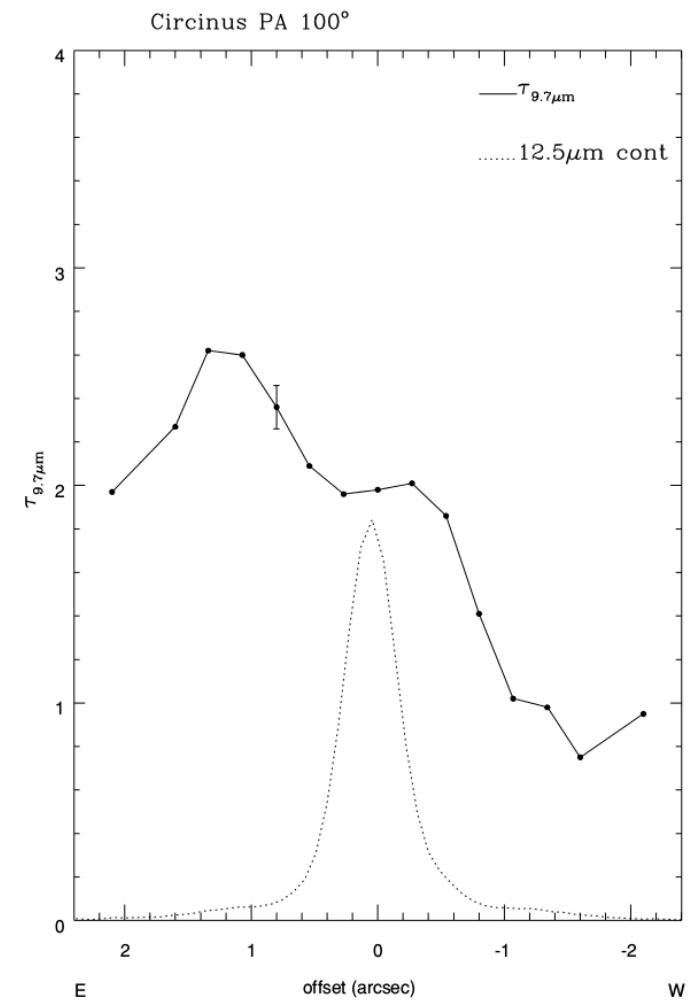
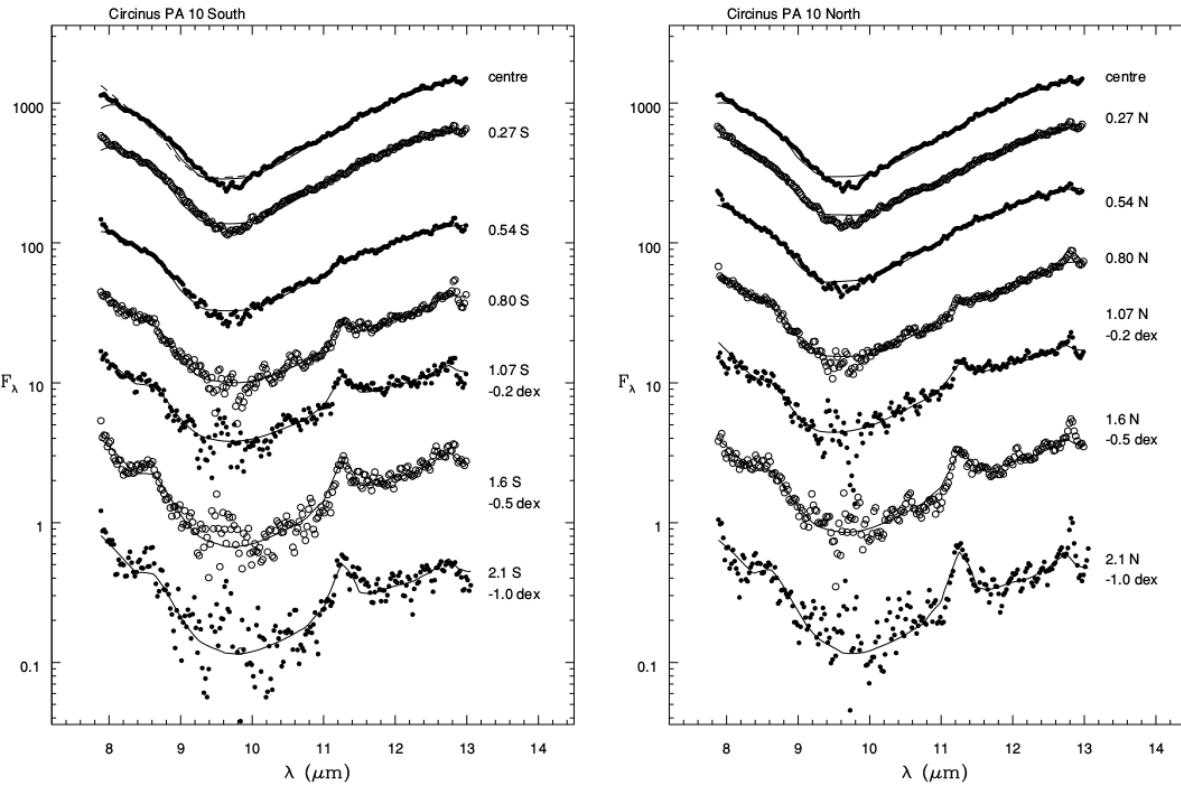


Good match with SED !

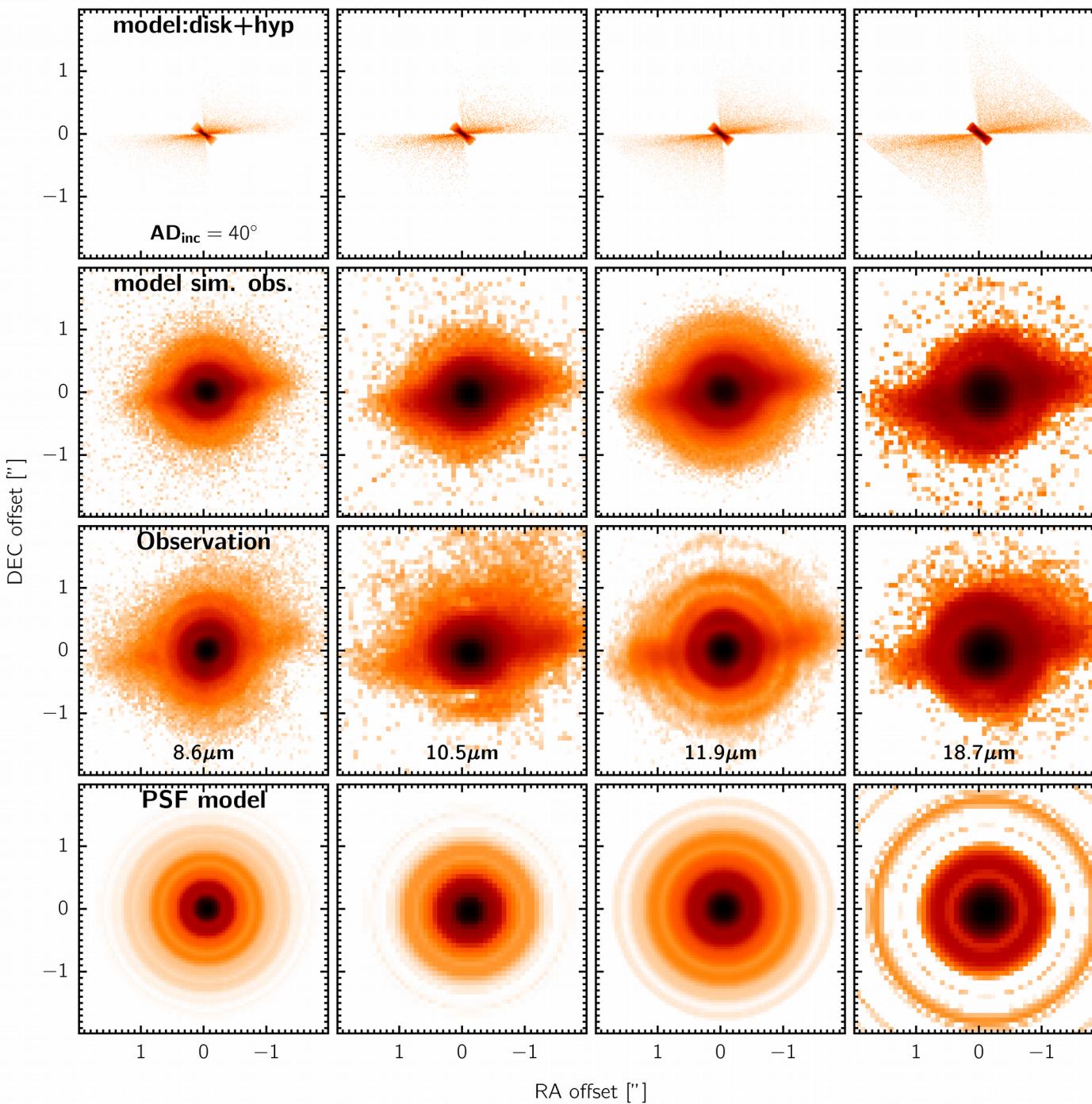


[Significant foreground absorption by host galaxy]

Roche et al. 2006

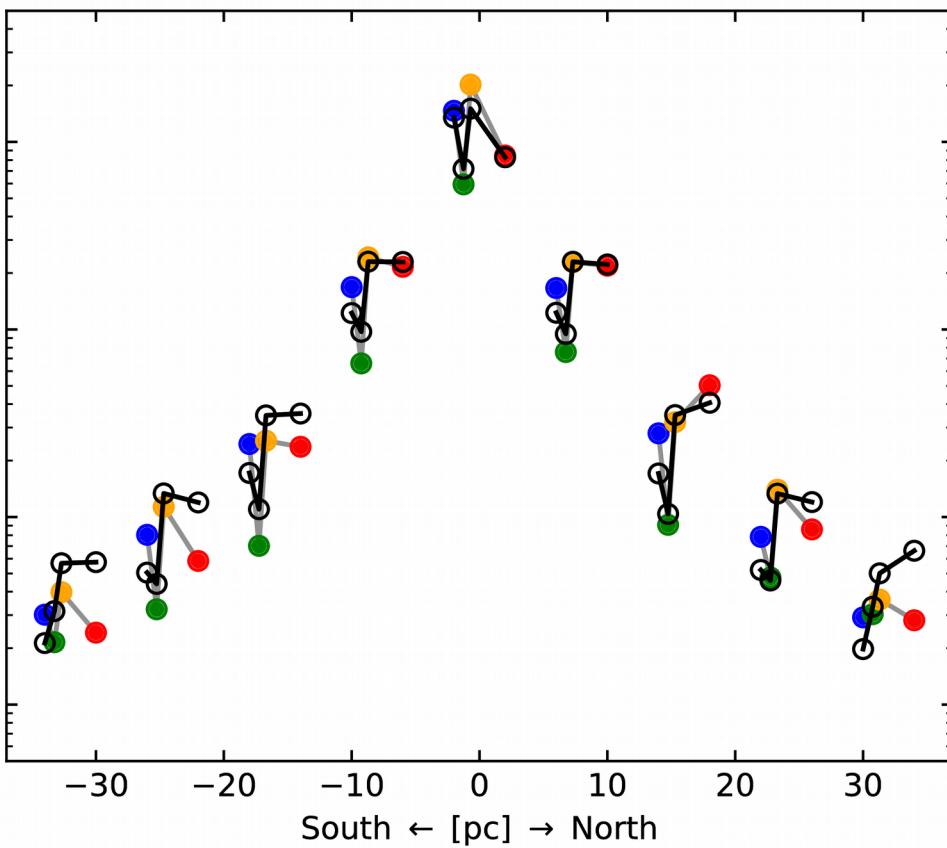
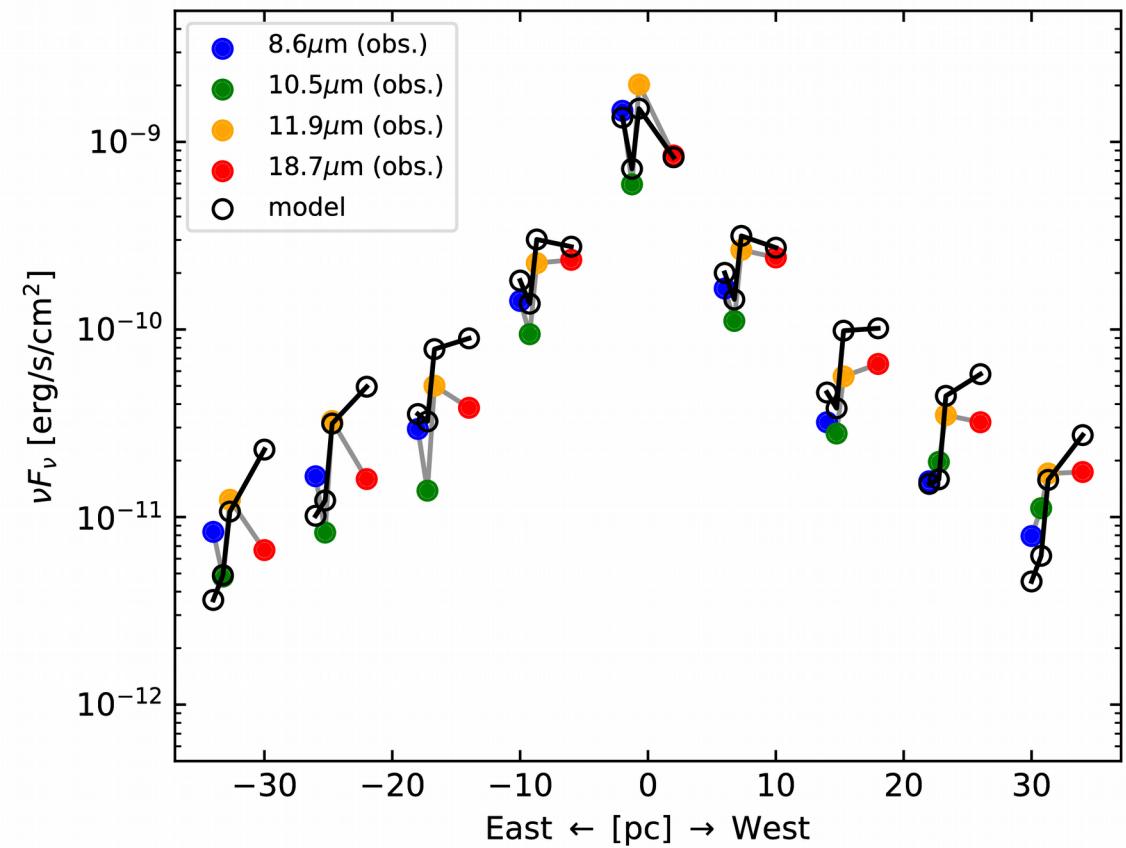
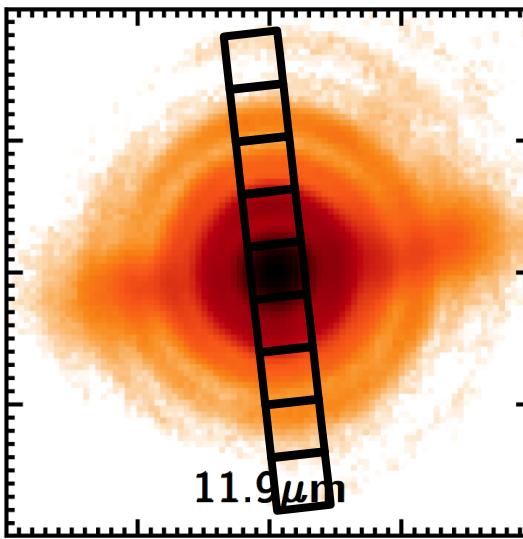
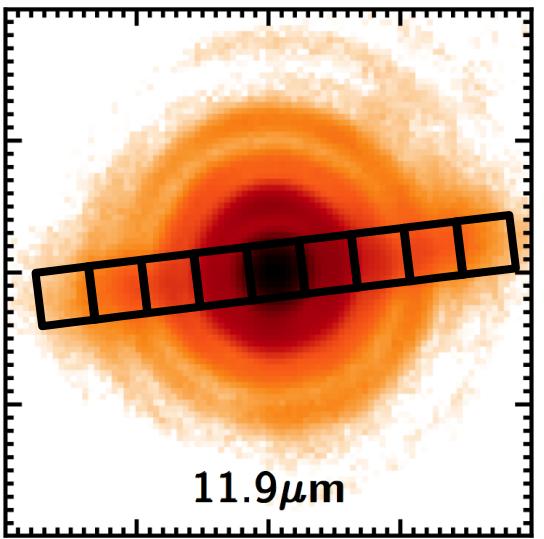


Good match with MIR morphology !



Good match of “mini-SEDs”!

Stalevski, Asmus & Tristram, submitted

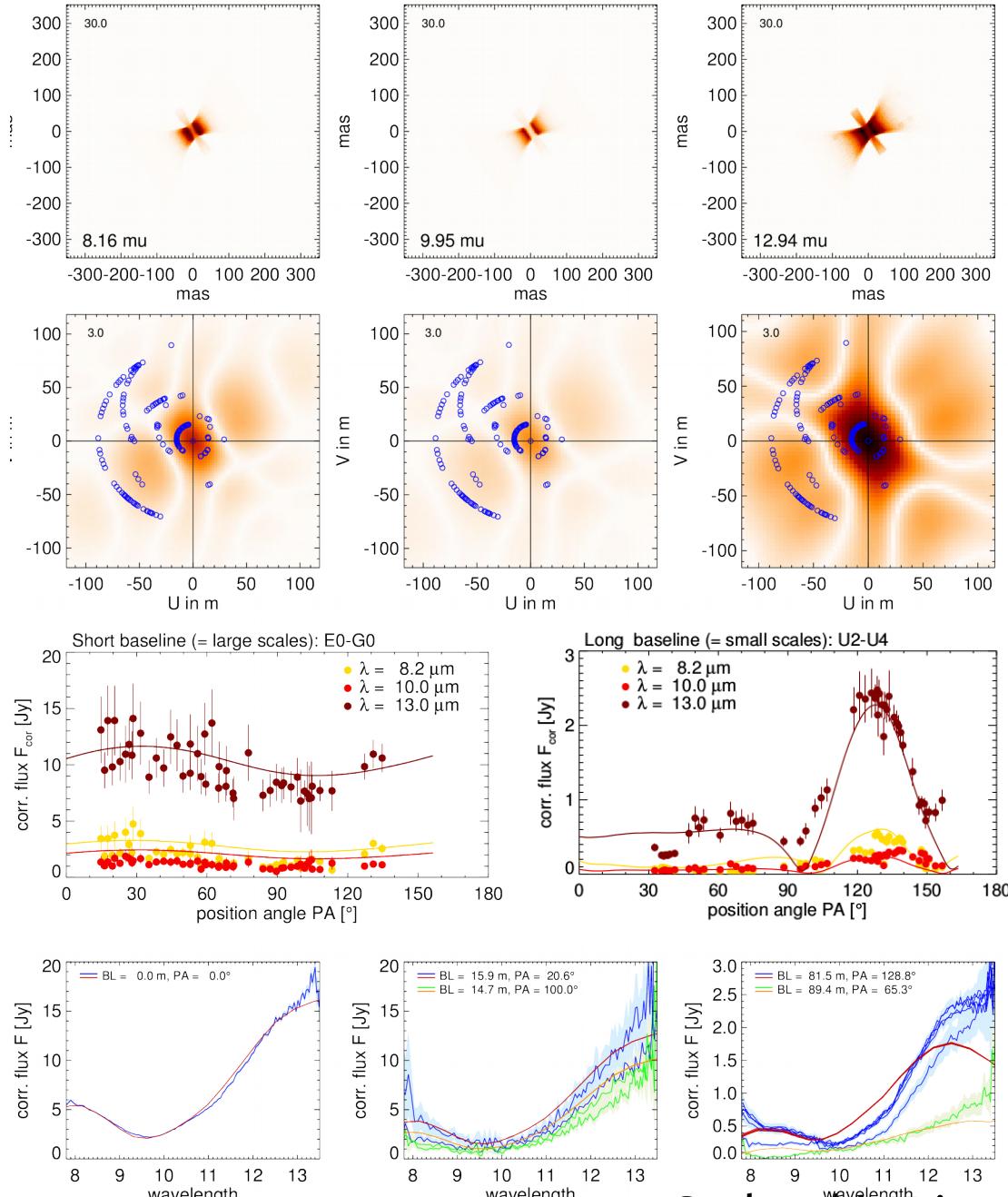


Good match with VLTI/MIDI interferometry !

Circinus Cone Model

Model read from tor_t9-5.0sg_Rout1.5_Rin0.13_p0_oa10_hypSh_tV-30.0g_D4_a0.2-0.4_tlt25_L0.25_oa30_i90_

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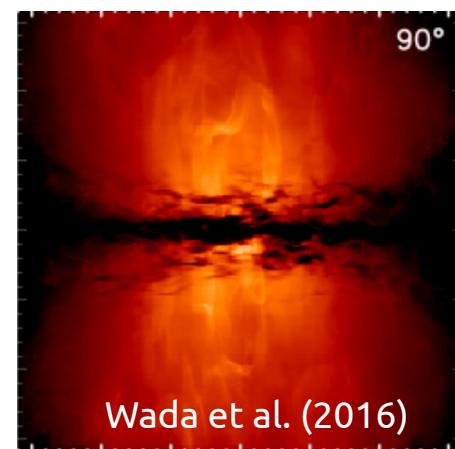
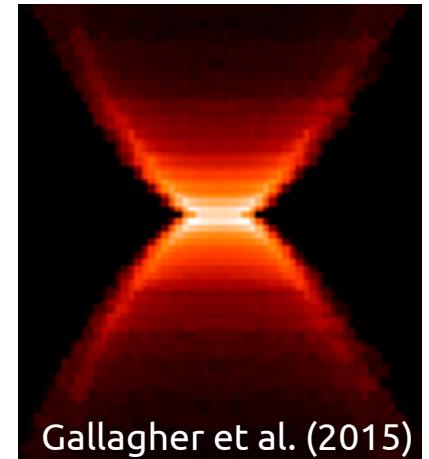
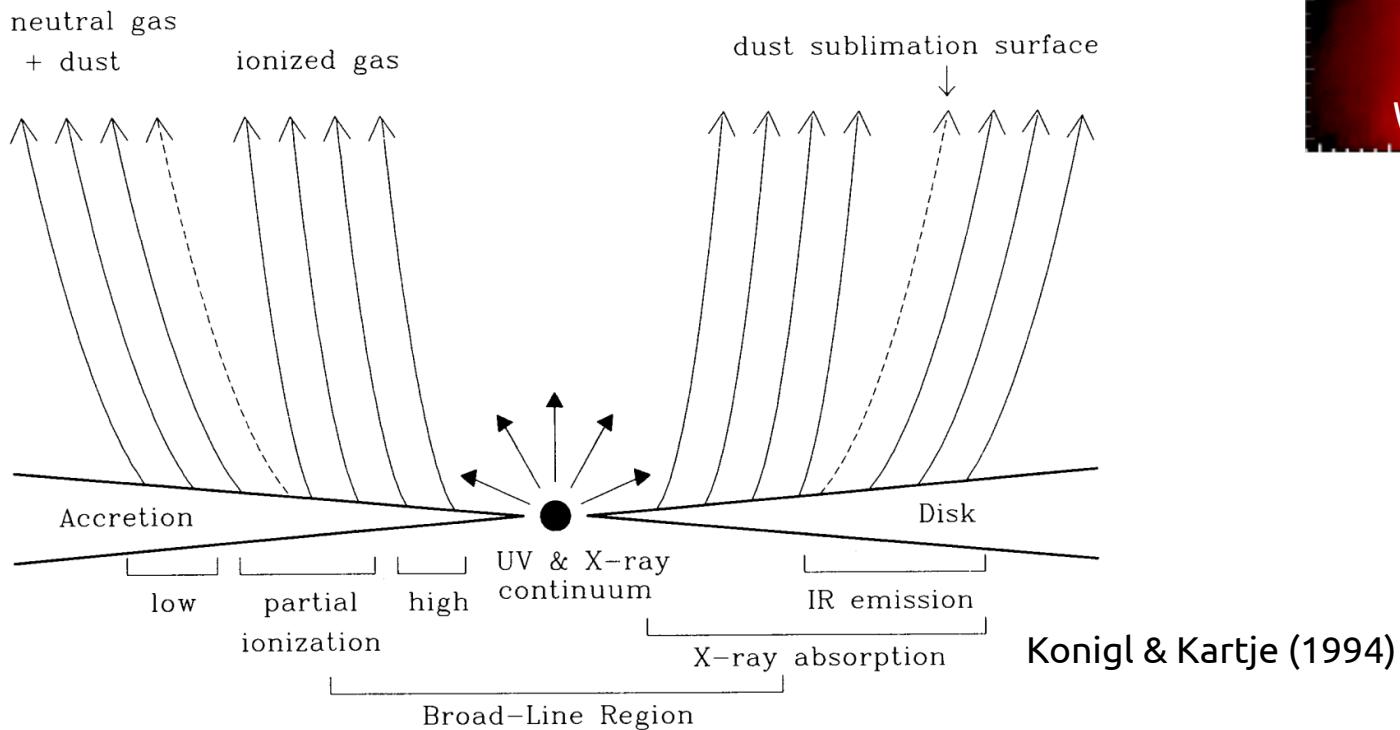
Radiation pressure driven dusty wind

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

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

[Dorodnitsyn et al. 2011, 2012; Dorodnitsyn & Kallman 2012; Dorodnitsyn et al. 2016]

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



Keeping an eye out for AGN polar dust with upgraded VLT/VISIR

Are powerful polar dusty winds ubiquitous in AGN?

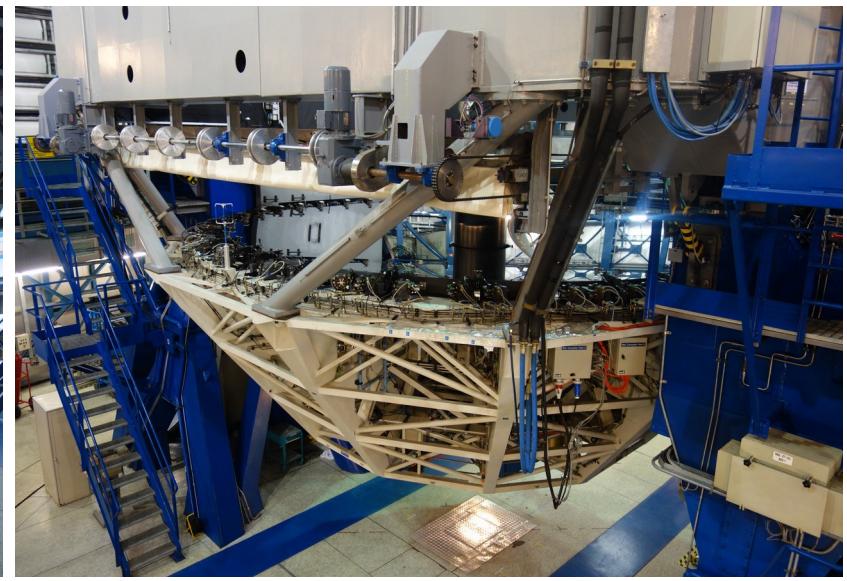
(PI: Daniel Asmus) (deep imaging of 9 nearby type 2 AGN)

Revolutionising our view of AGN: from the classical torus to the new dusty wind paradigm

(PI: Sebastian Höning) (spectroscopy and multi-band imaging of 18 AGN)

Does a hollow dusty cone instead of a dusty torus explain the mid-IR emission of the Circinus AGN?

(PI: Marko Stalevski) (coronography + sparse aperture masking of Circinus)

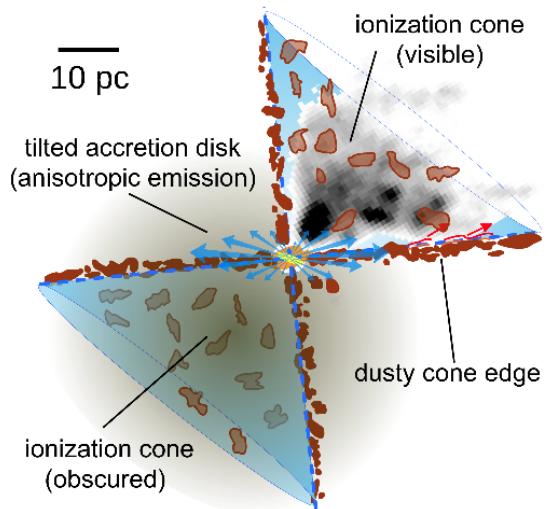


Conclusions

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- * AGN in Circinus
dusty disk + dusty polar wind explains:

- MIR morphology
- SED
- Resolved photometry



- * A prototype for
polar-elongated AGN

- * Caution when using torus
models to interpret the data

