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Astrophysical Research in Kharkiv

- Theoretical investigations of Active Galactic Nuclei
- Dynamics of galaxies
- Spectroscopy of interstellar molecules
- Gravitational lensing effects
 - Modeling
 - Long-term monitoring
 - Searching of new lensed quasars

Dusty torus in AGNs: unified scheme

 The observational properties of AGNs are explained by the different orientation of the torus relative to an observer

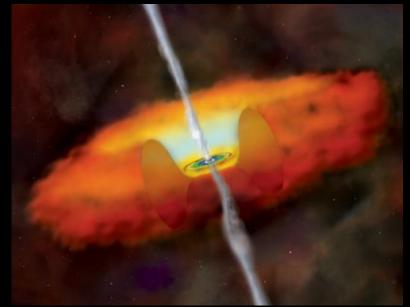
Antonucci ,1985,1993

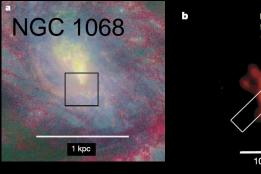
Main properties of a torus

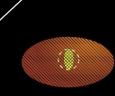
- Geometrically thick
- Clumpy structure
- Parsec scale

Rotation curves (water masers 1.35cm) Greenhill et al. 1996; Gallimore 1996

- VLTI/MIDI: 10 mas (λ≈10µm)
- Thermal emission of dust
- The first direct resolution of torus Jaffe et al. 2004





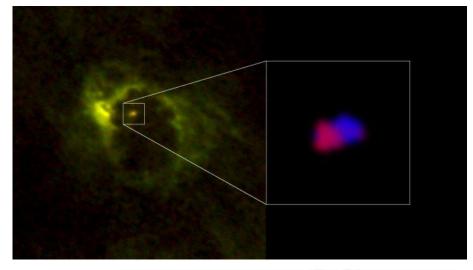


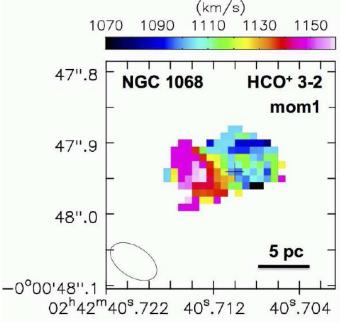
ALMA observations of a torus in NGC1068

- January 2018
- <u>Resolution is 40 mas</u>
- ✓ The motion in the torus is far from Keplerian.
- ✓ The rotational velocity to be v/sin(i) ≈ 20 (km s⁻¹) at distance r ≈ 3pc from the mass-accreting SMBH
- ✓ The mass inside the rotating molecular disk is 9 × 10⁵M_☉, which is much lower than the early estimated SMBH mass.

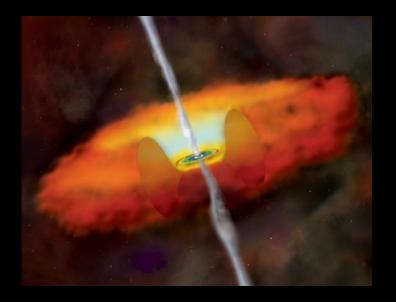
How can we explain these observations ?

Imanishi et al., 2018

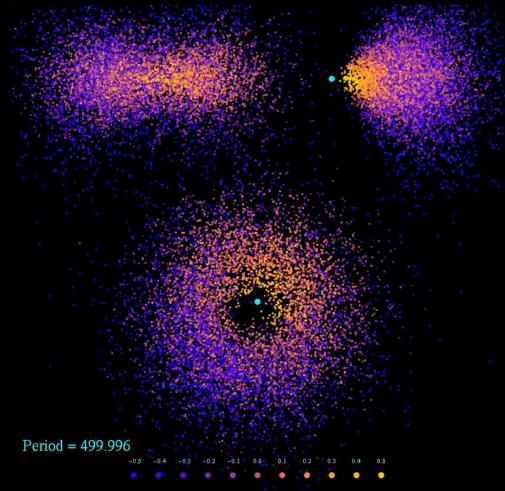




Theoretical model of active galactic nucleus (AGN)



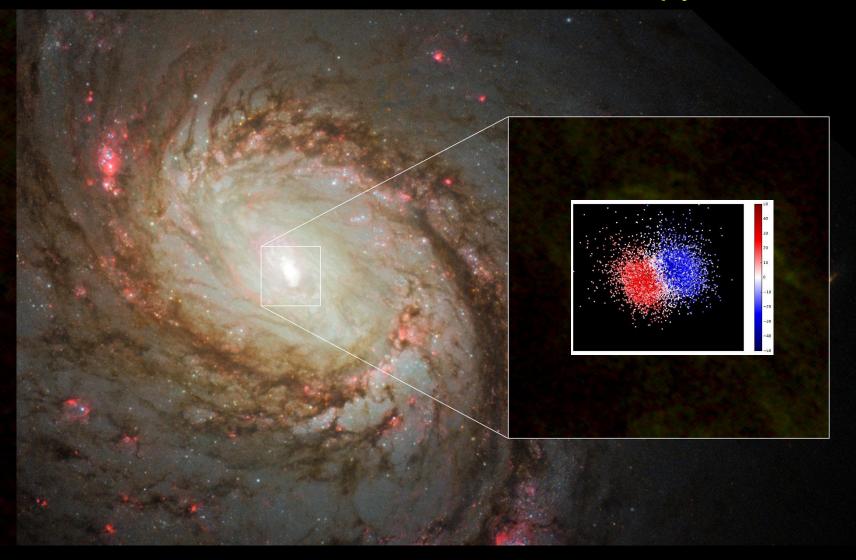
- N-body simulation of clumpy torus taking into account the dissipation effects and influence of winds.
- Investigation of thick torus stability and its role in the evolution of AGNs.
- Explanation of non-Keplerian rotation and observational velocity dispersion in the obscuring tori of Sy 2 galaxies



Bannikova&Sergeyev, 2017 Bannikova et al,2012, MNRAS

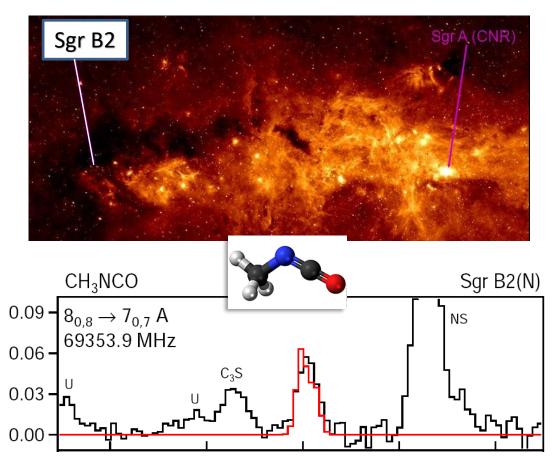
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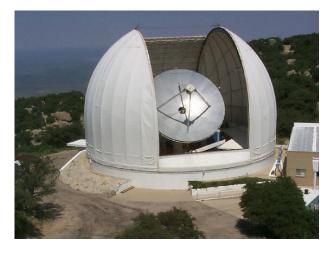


Detection and identification of interstellar molecules

Galactic Center, Sgr B2(N)



Arizona Radio Observatory (ARO): 12m ALMA prototype antenna



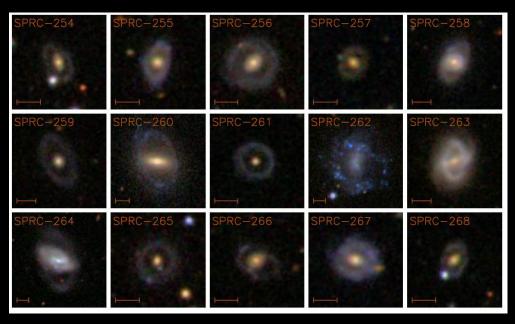
Identification of **CH₃NCO** molecule (methyl isocyanate)

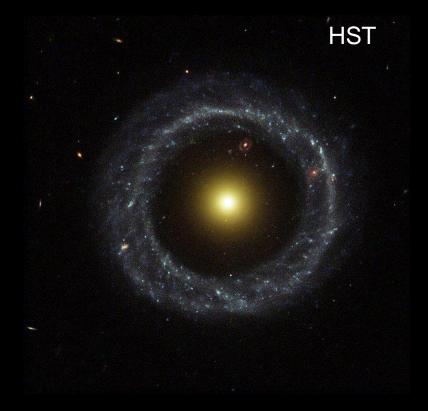
Halfen, Ilyushin et al. 2015

3 from ~190 molecules are identified by spectroscopy team in Radio Astronomy Institute.

Dynamics in Hoag-like ring galaxies

Catalog by Moiseev et al., 2011



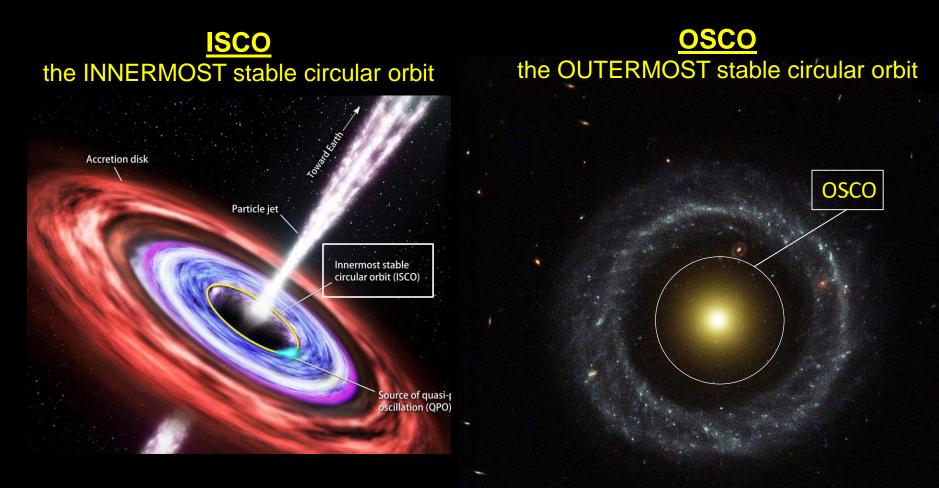


• The mass of the central galaxy is comparable to the mass of the ring

Dynamics in Hoag-like ring galaxies

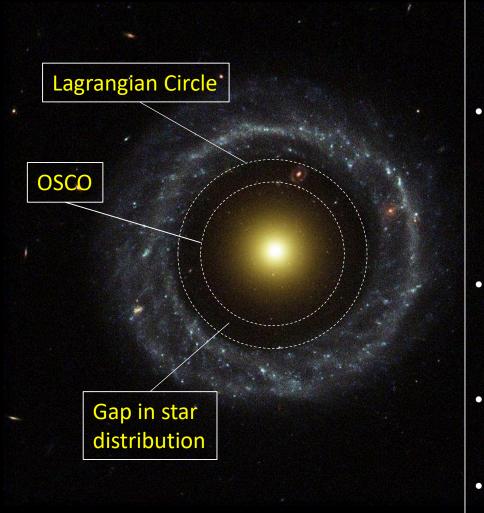
<u>Black Hole</u>

Hoag's Object



The OSCO can be a useful tool for investigating Hoag-like galaxies as well as ISCO is used in order to model black holes via the surrounding accretion disc.

Dynamics in Hoag-like ring galaxies

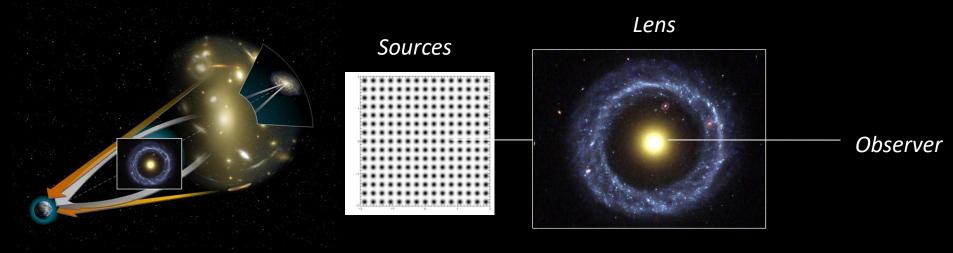


Bannikova, 2018, MNRAS

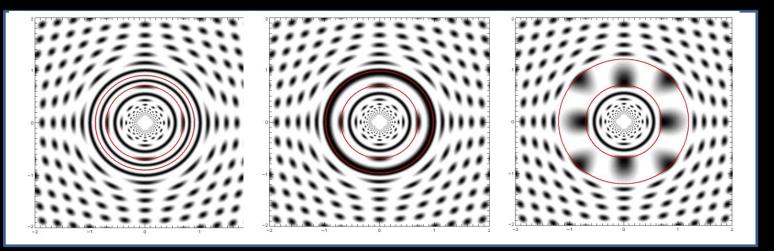
- Lagrangian Circle (LC) is a circle where the forces by the massive ring and the central core balance each other.
- The stable circular motion is possible only inside this last stable circular orbit, which we call *"the outermost stable circular orbit" (OSCO)* in analogy with a relativistic case.
- Region of unstable orbits can lead to the formation of a stellar matter gap in Hoag-like ring systems.
- The width of the region of unstable orbits is about 3kpc for Hoag Object.
- Analysis of gap position can give information about the central core-toring mass ratio

Modeling of gravitational lensing effects

What can we see if a gravitational lens is a ring galaxy?



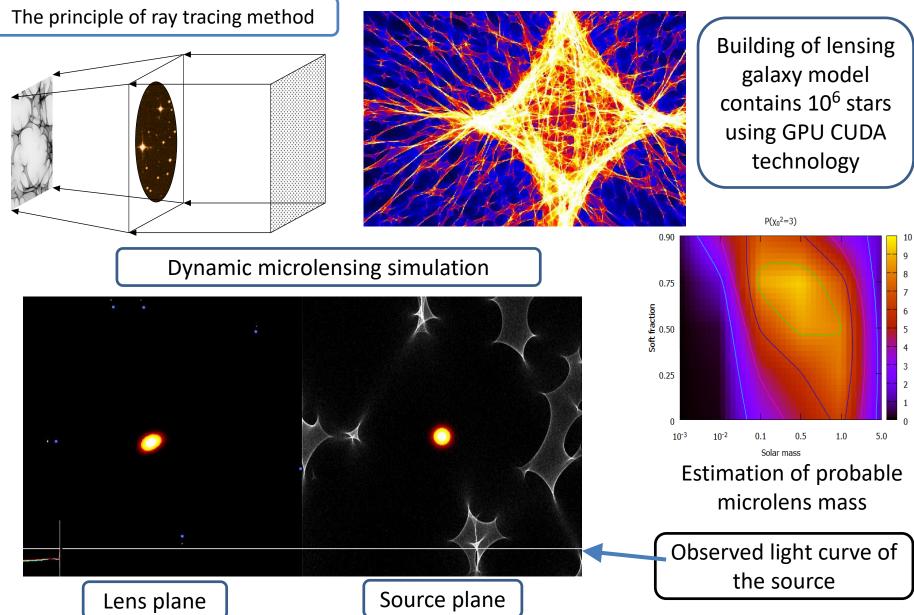
Three Einstein rings



Bannikova & Kotwitsky, 2014, MNRAS

Modeling of gravitational lensing effects using GPU technology

Alexey Sergeyev



Long-term monitoring of gravitationally lensed quasars

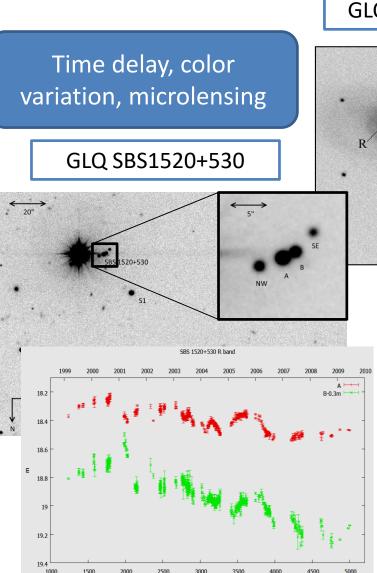
Main goal of monitoring is to obtain light curves of components of lensed quasars

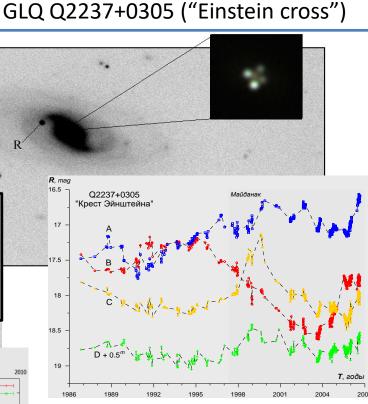


1.5 m AZT-22 telescope



SDSS 1004+4112

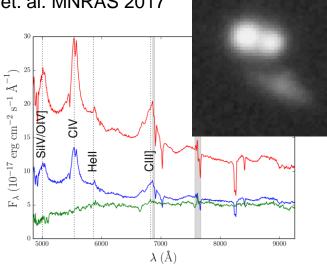




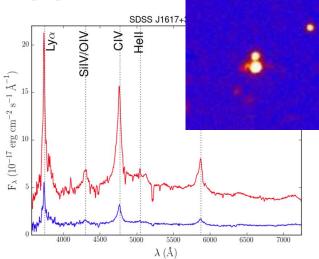
Hubble constant, fine quasar structure, lensing galaxy population

Gravitationally lensed quasar search program

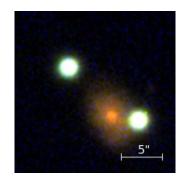
Sergeyev A.V., Zheleznyak A.P. et. al. MNRAS 2017



Shalyapin, V. N., **Sergeyev, A. V.** et. al. in preprint

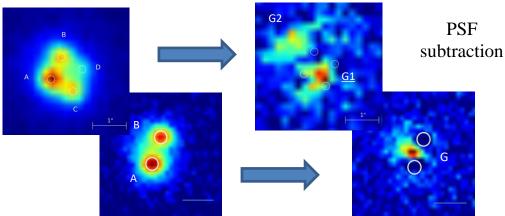


The new method of GLQ candidates search use **KiDS (VST)** frames for direct image analysis.





Perfect quality of the KiDS frames allow to extract the lensing galaxy under pint-like (quasar) images.



Grazie mille !