

Herschel Calibration Workshop, ESAC/Spain: Asteroids as Prime Calibrators

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Idea:

to establish 3-5 asteroids as truly primary calibrators based on object properties derived from flyby and/or in-situ measurements.

Potential candidates:

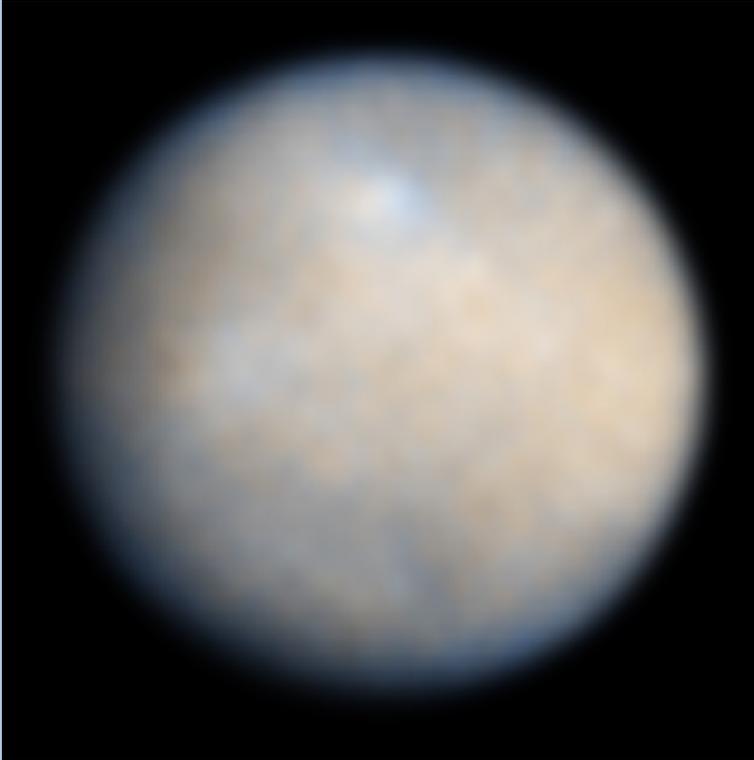
(1) Ceres, (2) Pallas, (4) Vesta, (21) Lutetia



General Aspects

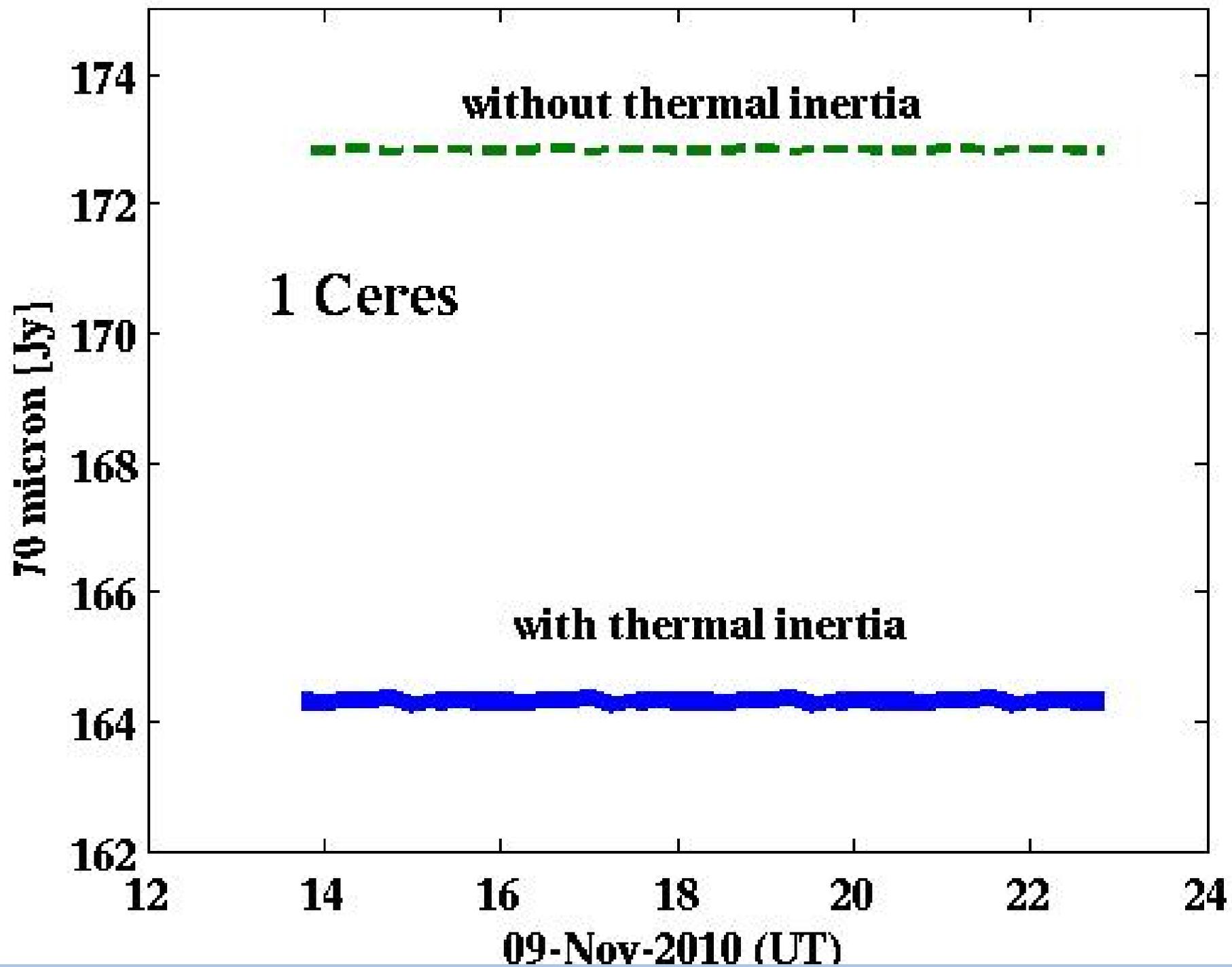
- Data reduction:
 - HIFI data: David Teyssier, March 2013
prime flux calibrator: Mars
 - SPIRE data: Tanya Lim, December 2012
prime flux calibrators: Uranus, Neptune (model version?)
 - PACS chop-nod data: Markus Nielbock, February 2013
prime flux calibrators: 5 fiducial stars (new models)
 - PACS single scan-map data: Zoltan Balog, March 2013
prime flux calibrators: 5 fiducial stars (new models)
- PACS corrections for primary asteroids
 - non-linearity correction: 0 ... 6%
 - evaporator temperature correction: -0.3 ... 3.2%
 - chop-nod flux correction: 4 ... 8%
 - colour-correction: 0 ... 7%

Prime calibrator (1) Ceres

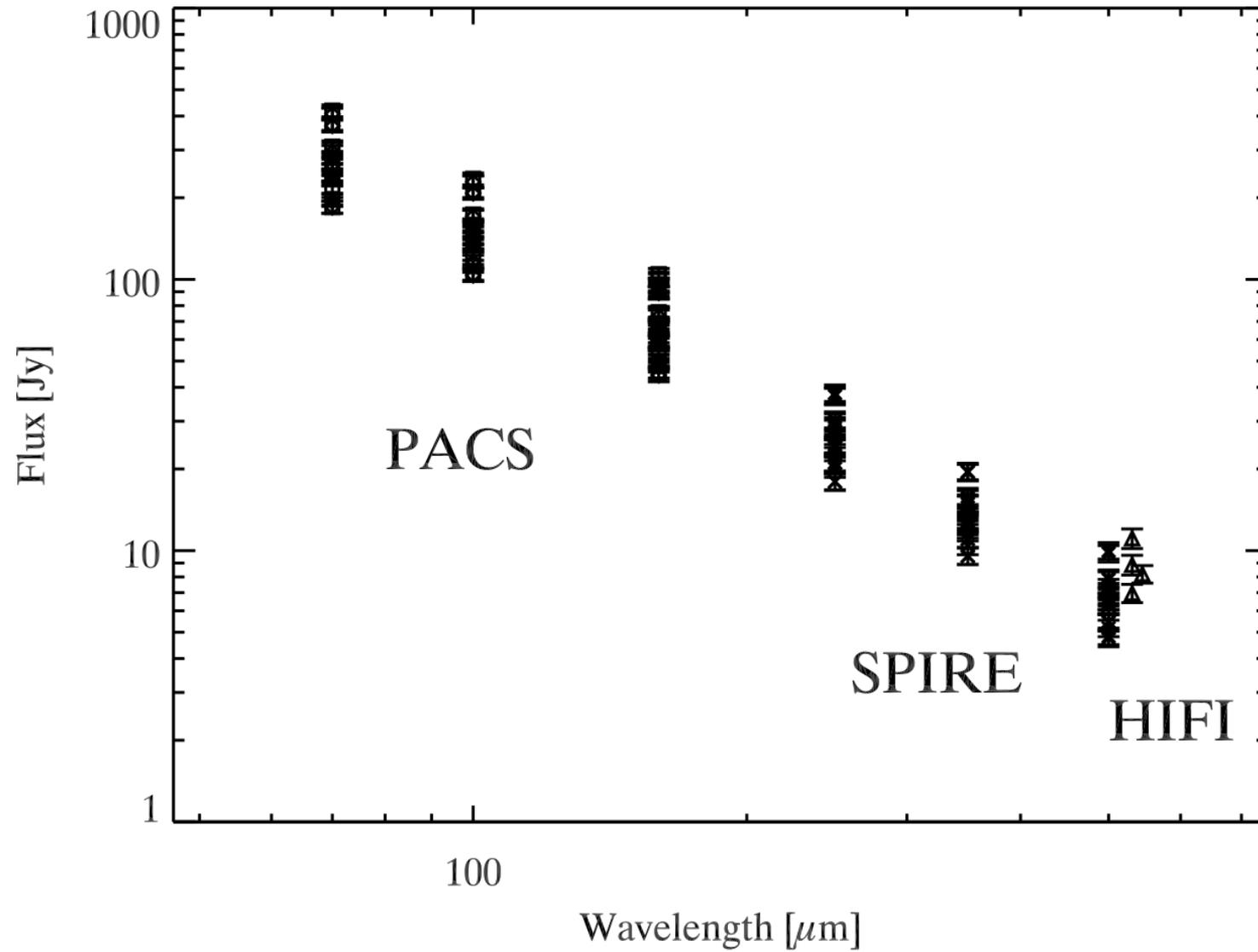


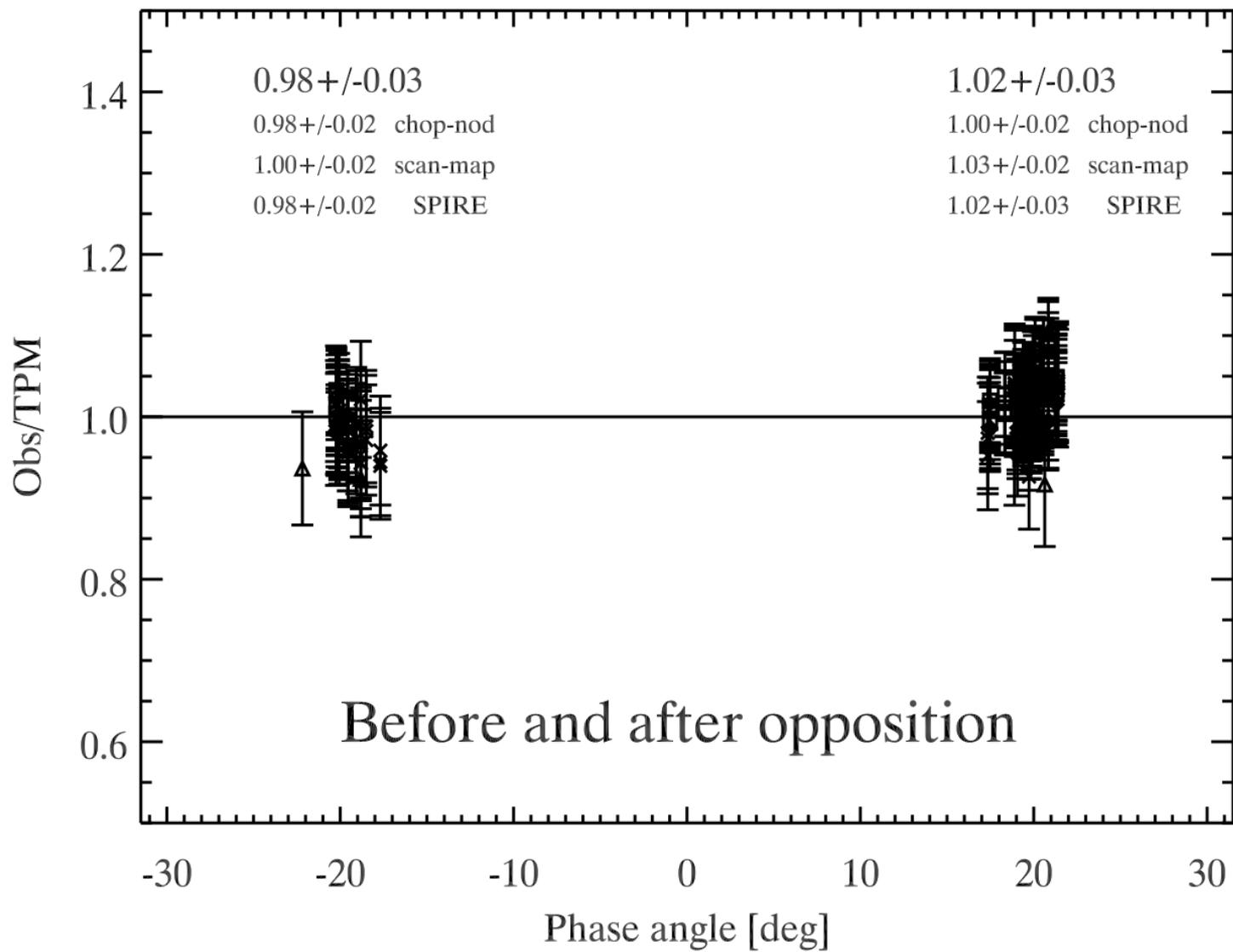
1 Ceres (HST)

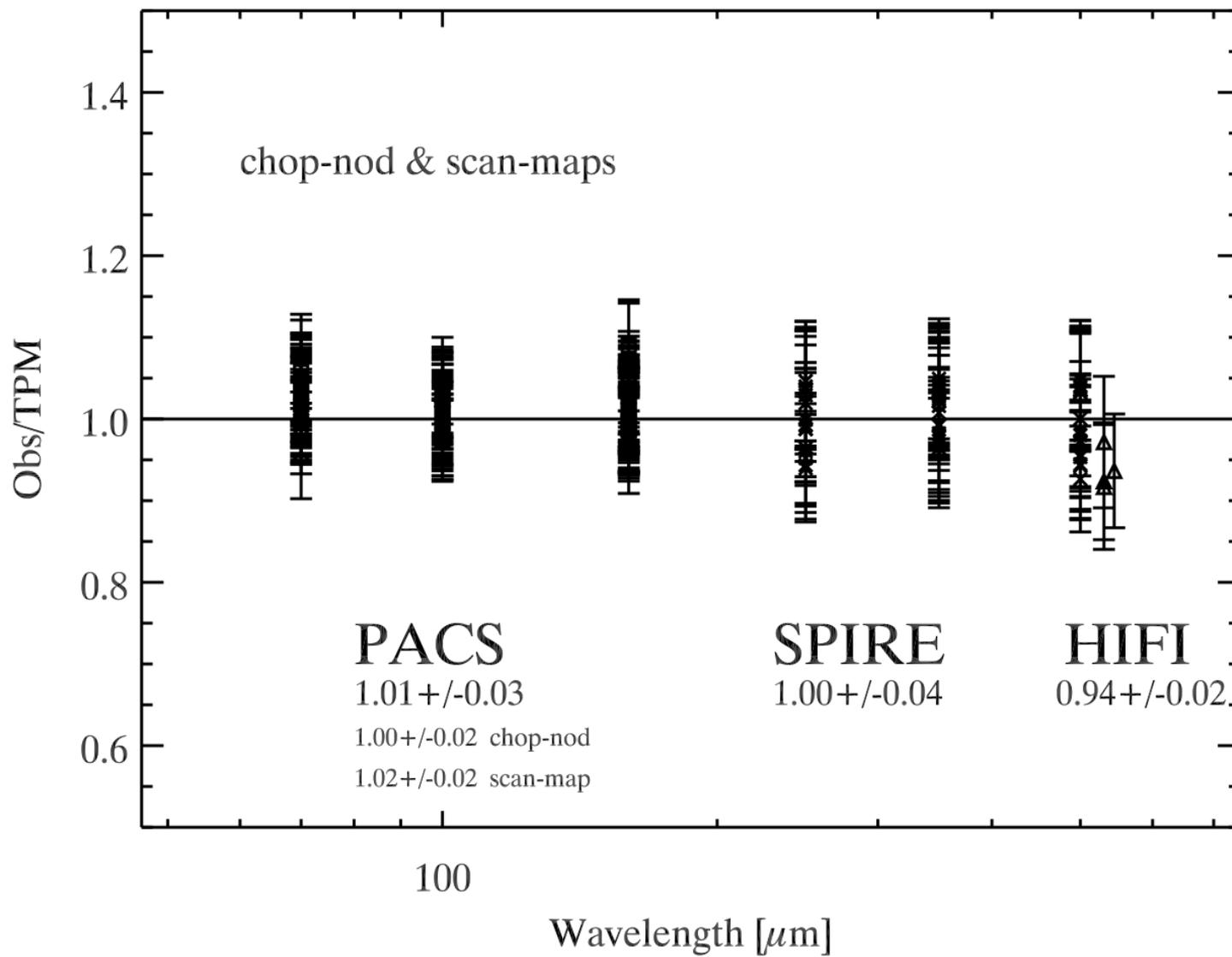
- Ellipsoidal shape model derived from HST (Thomas et al. 2005, Nature 437)
- Spin-axis and rotation period (Chamberlain et al. 2007, Icarus 188)
- H-G values: reflected light (Lagerkvist et al. 1992, A&A)
- Size from HST (Thomas et al. 2005, Nature 437)
- geometric albedo from HST (Li et al. 2006, Icarus 182)
- default thermal properties & roughness MBAs (Müller & Lagerros 2002, A&A)

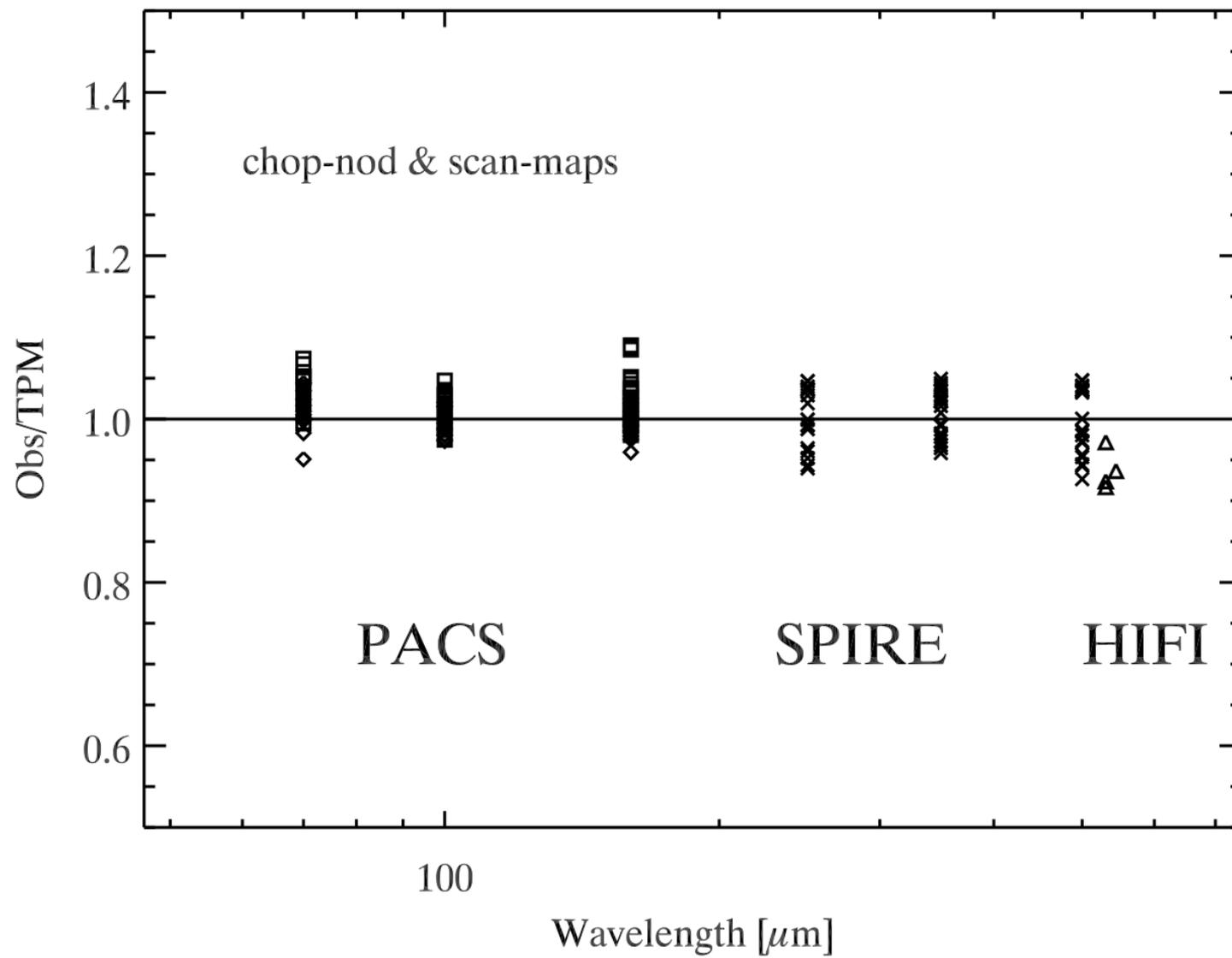


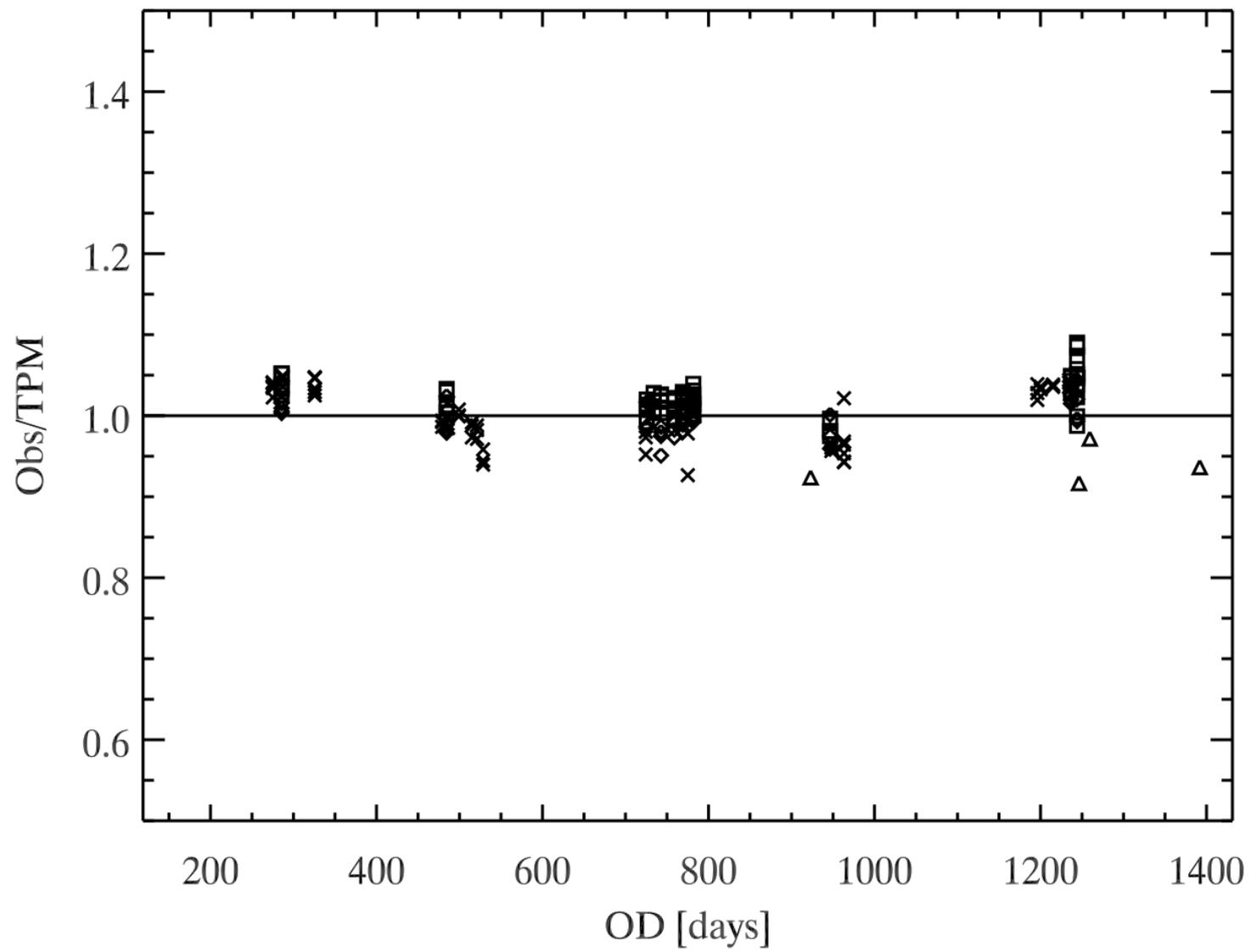
Herschel Ceres observations



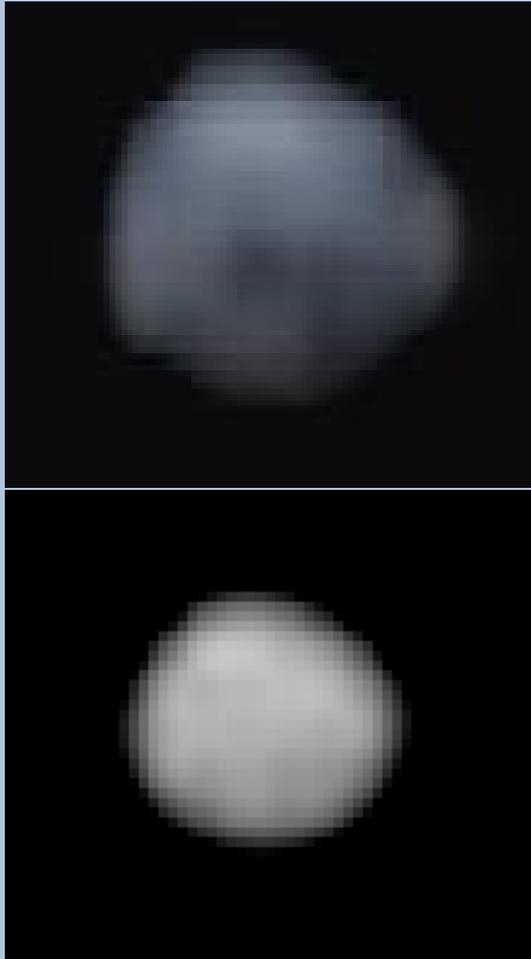






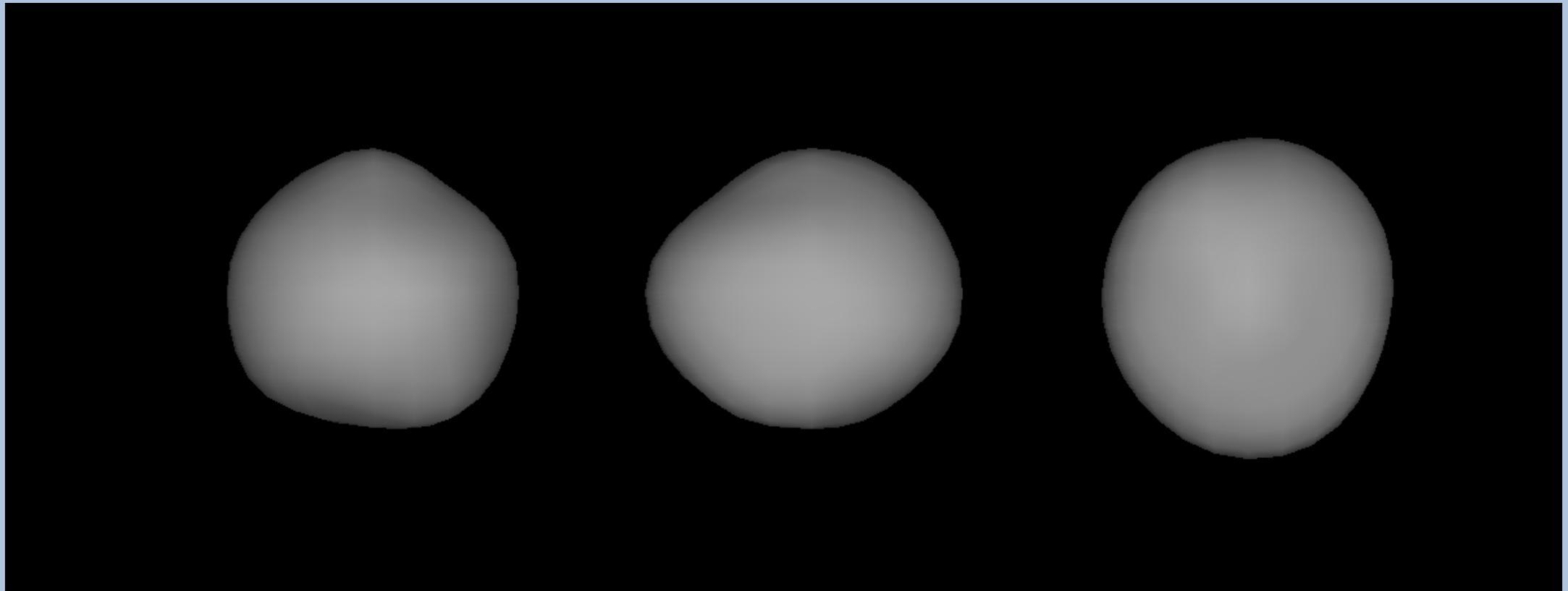


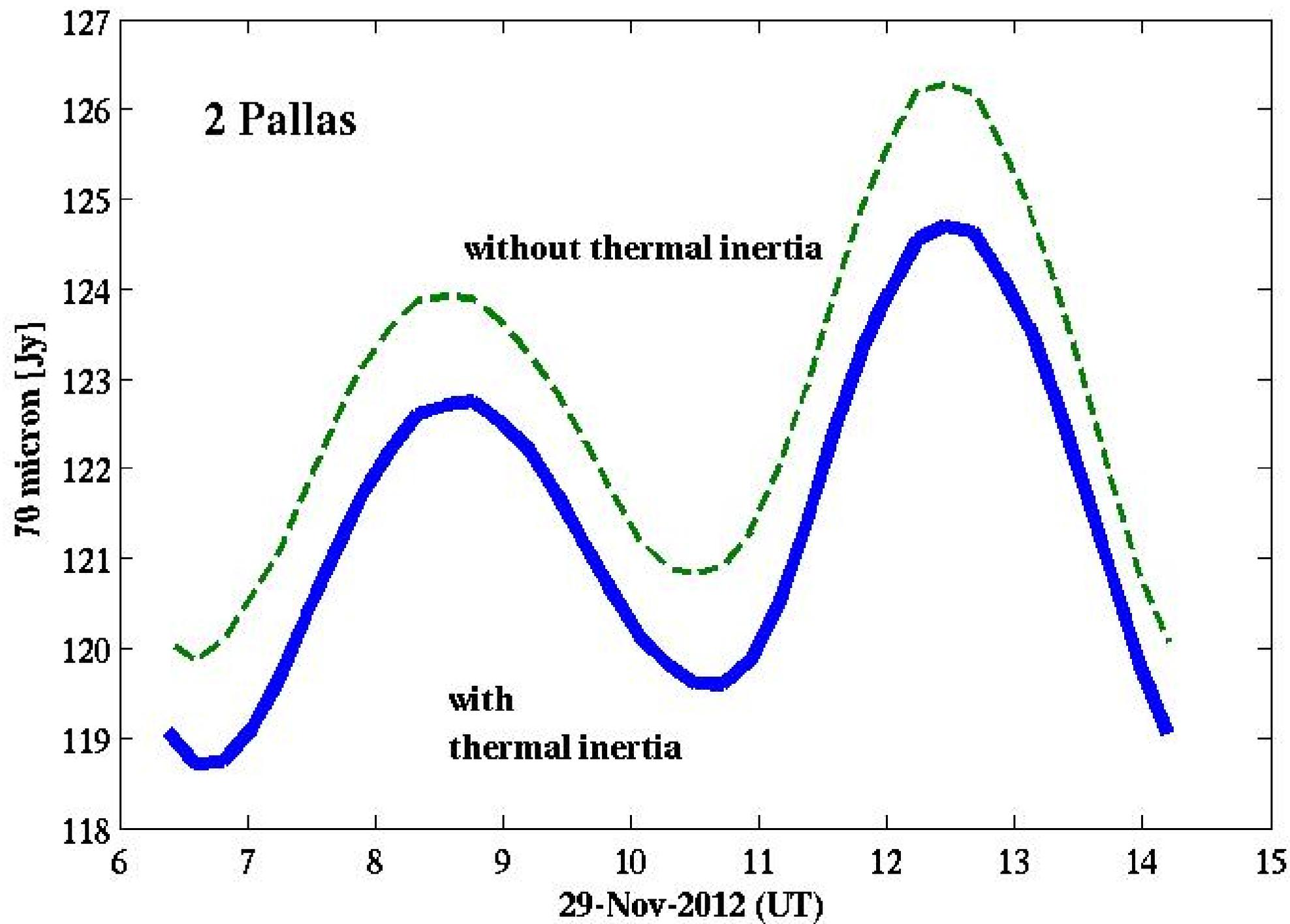
Prime calibrator (2) Pallas



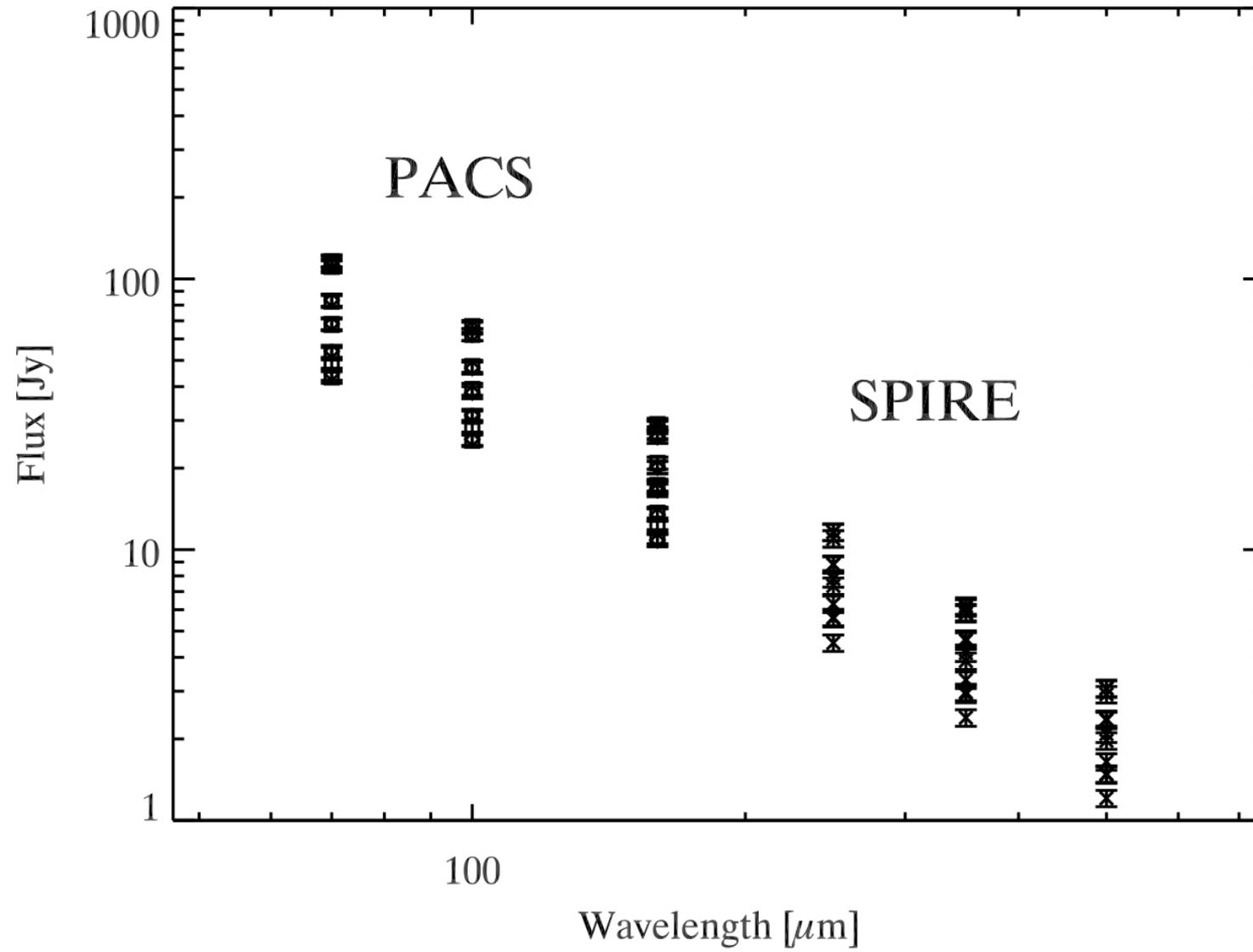
2 Pallas (HST)

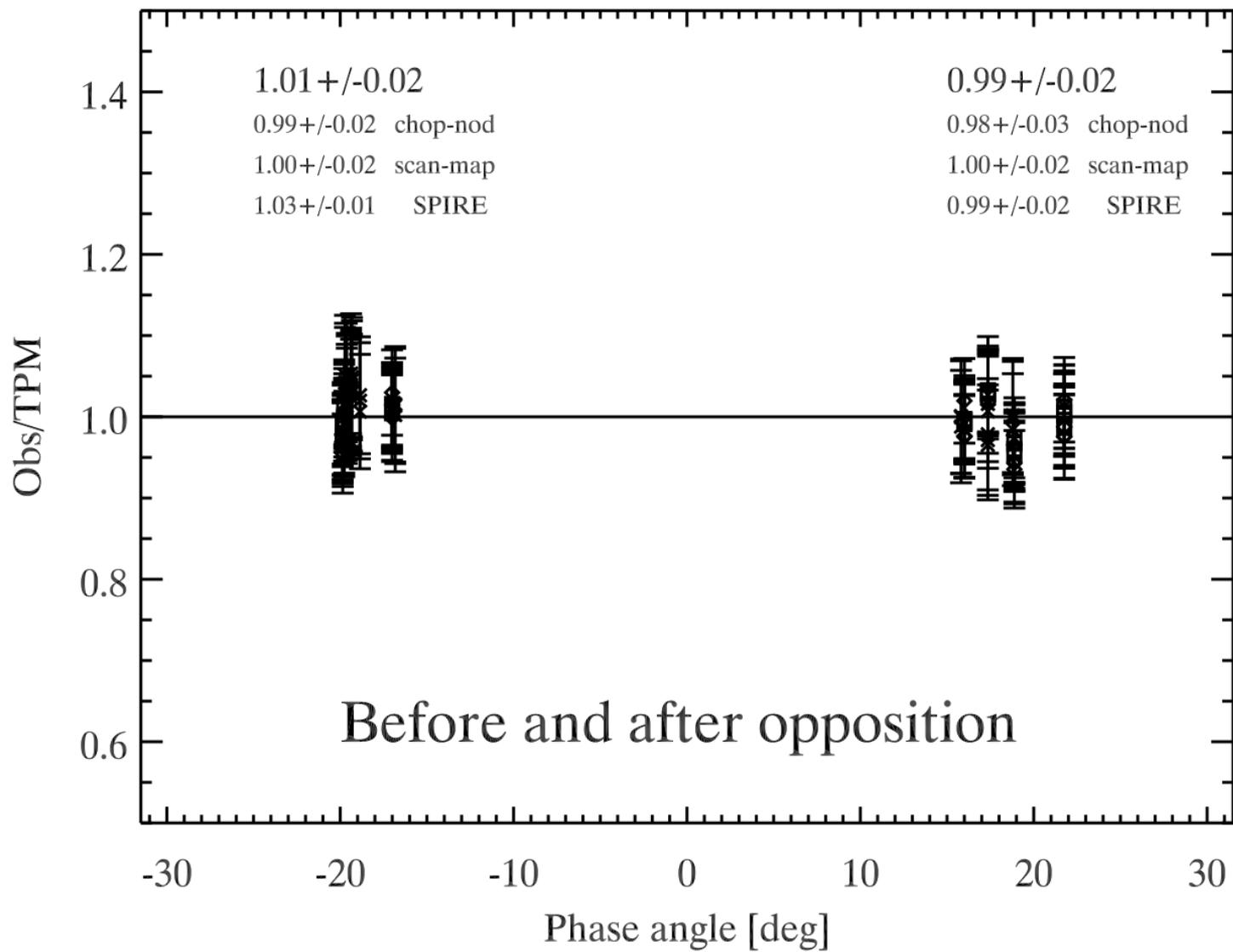
- nonconvex shape model & spin-axis properties from lightcurve inversion, adaptive optics, occultations (DAMIT; Durech et al. 2010, Carry et al. 2010)
- H-G values (Lagerkvist et al. 1992, A&A)
- most accurate size from multiple occultations (Dunham et al. 1990)
- geometric albedo calculated via size & H-mag
- default thermal properties & roughness for MBAs (Müller & Lagerros 2002, A&A)

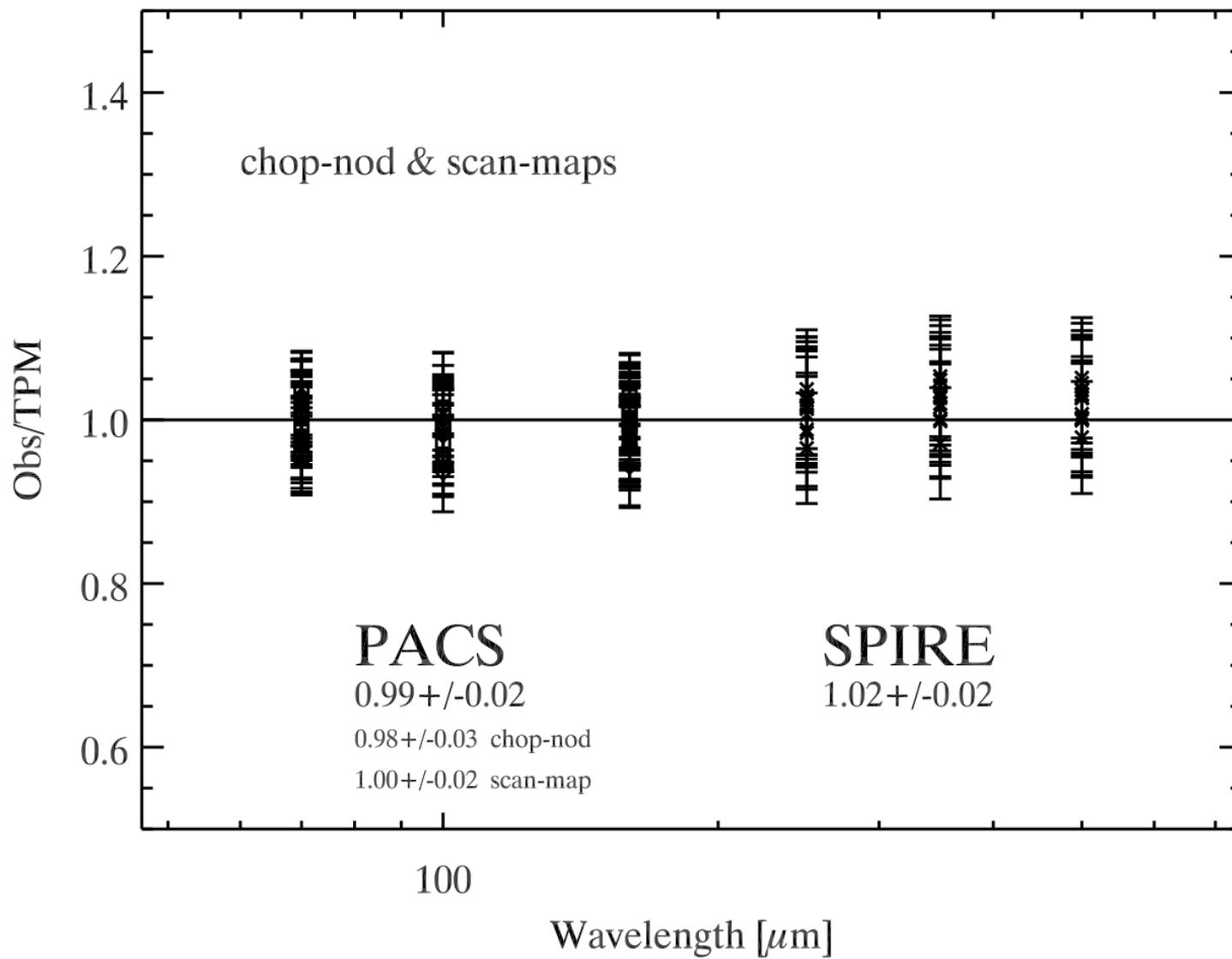


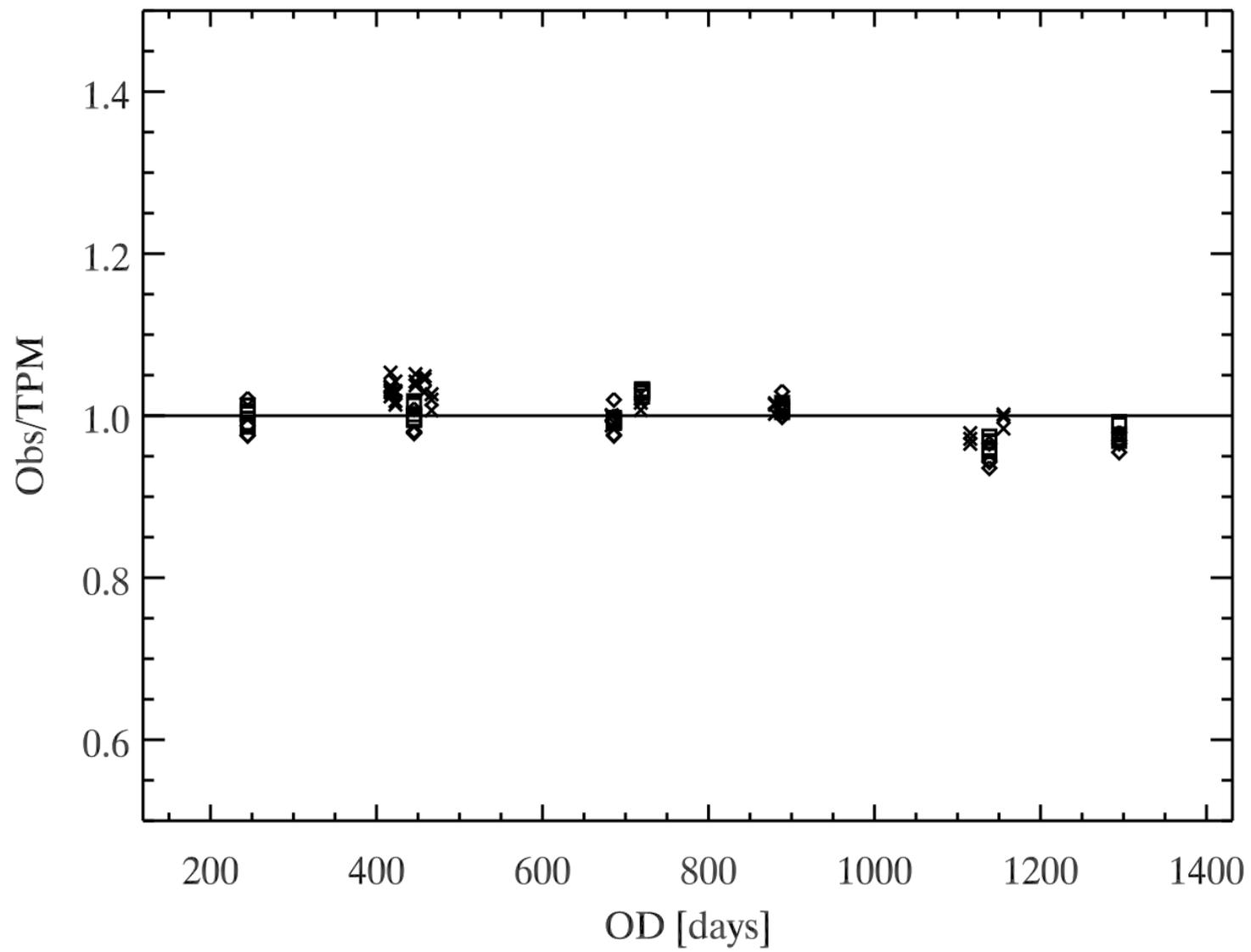


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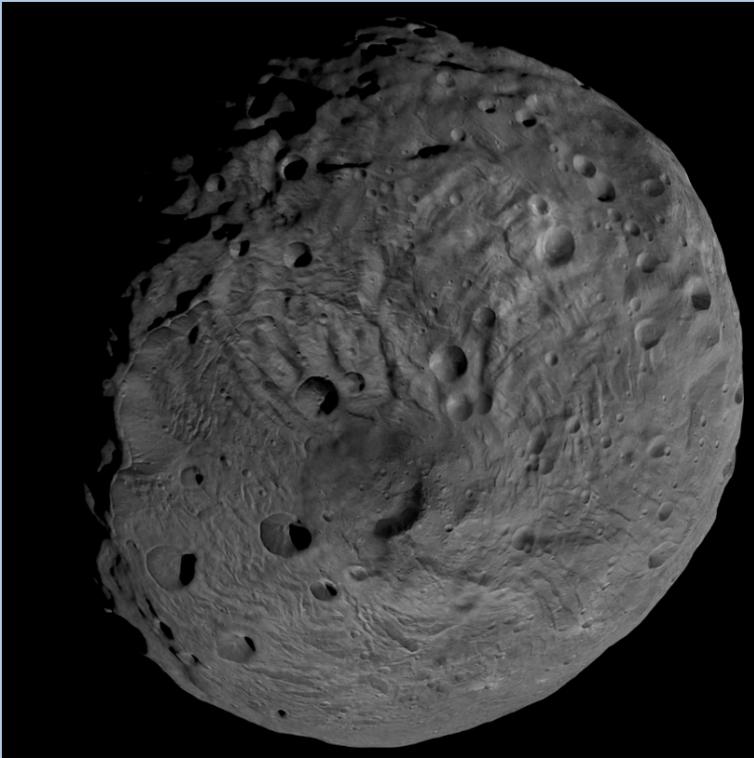






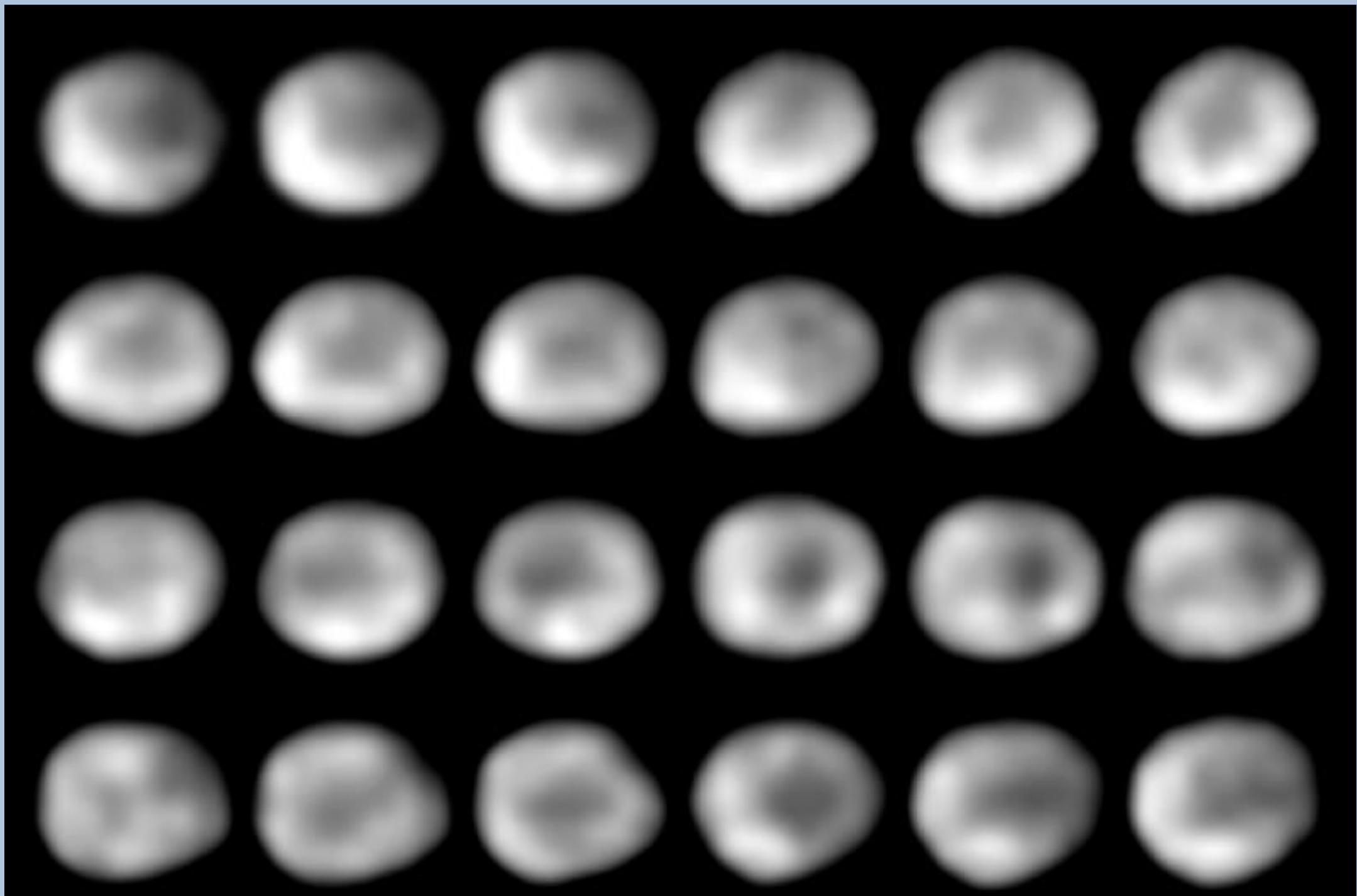


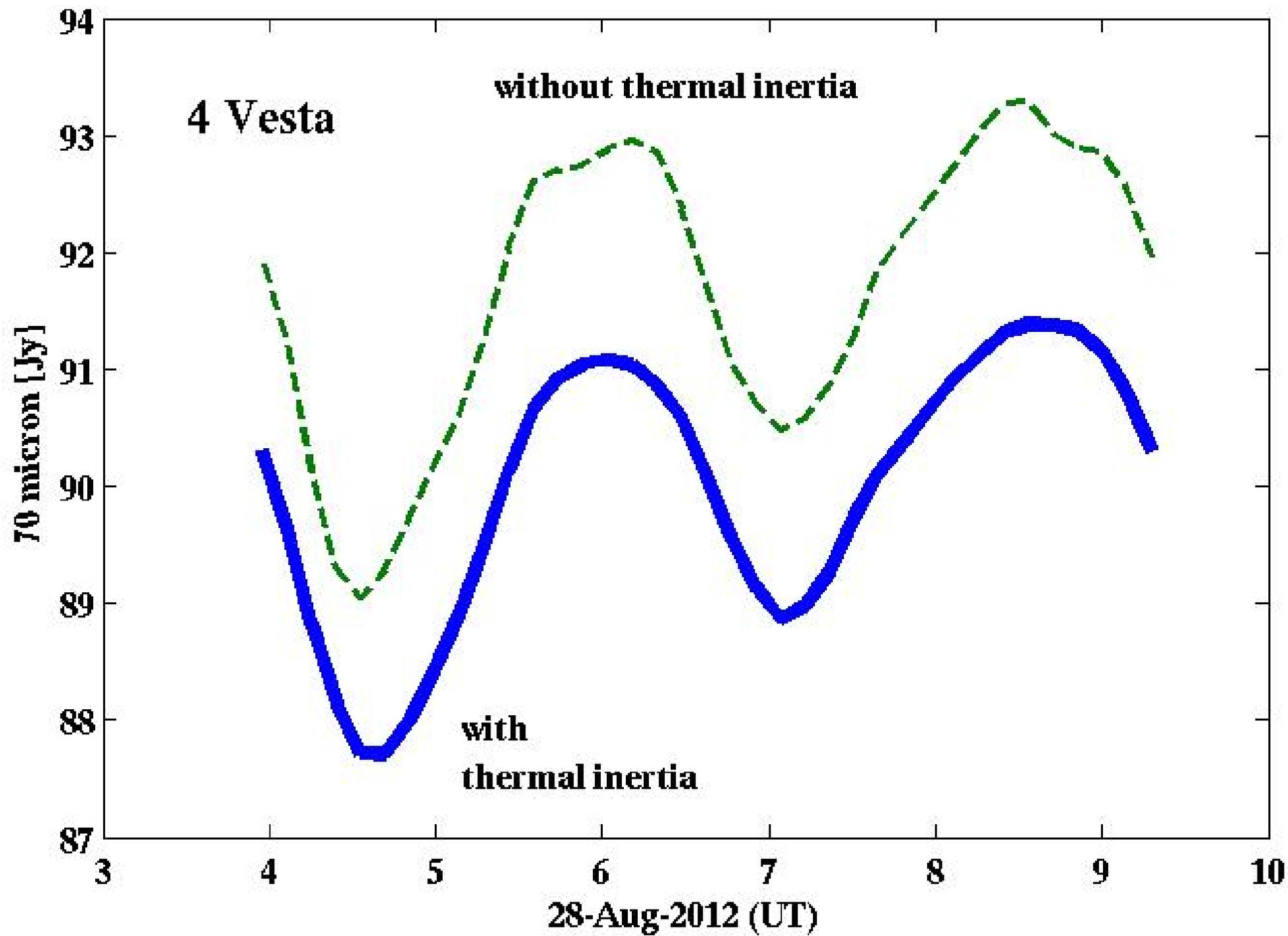
Prime calibrator (4) Vesta



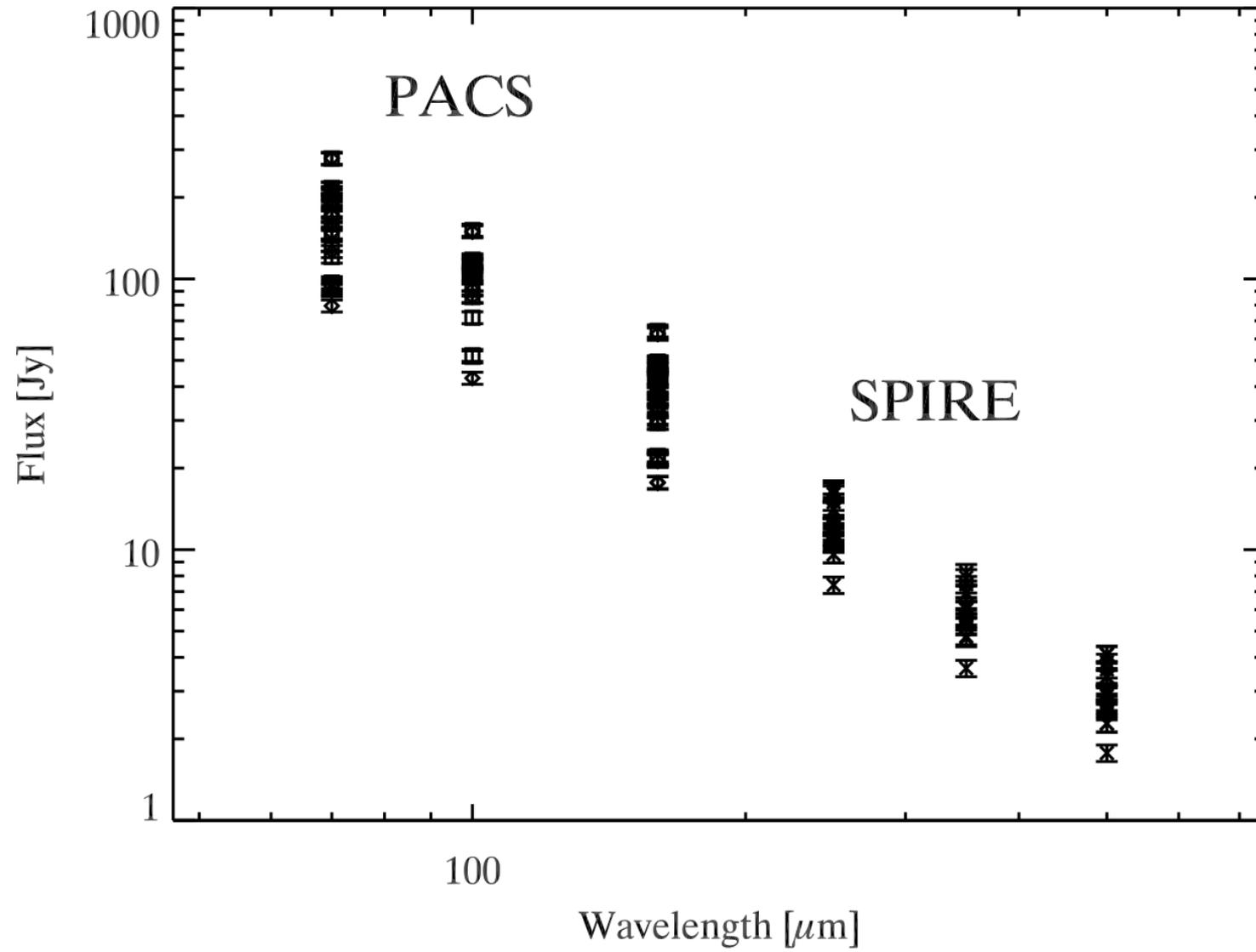
4 Vesta (DAWN)

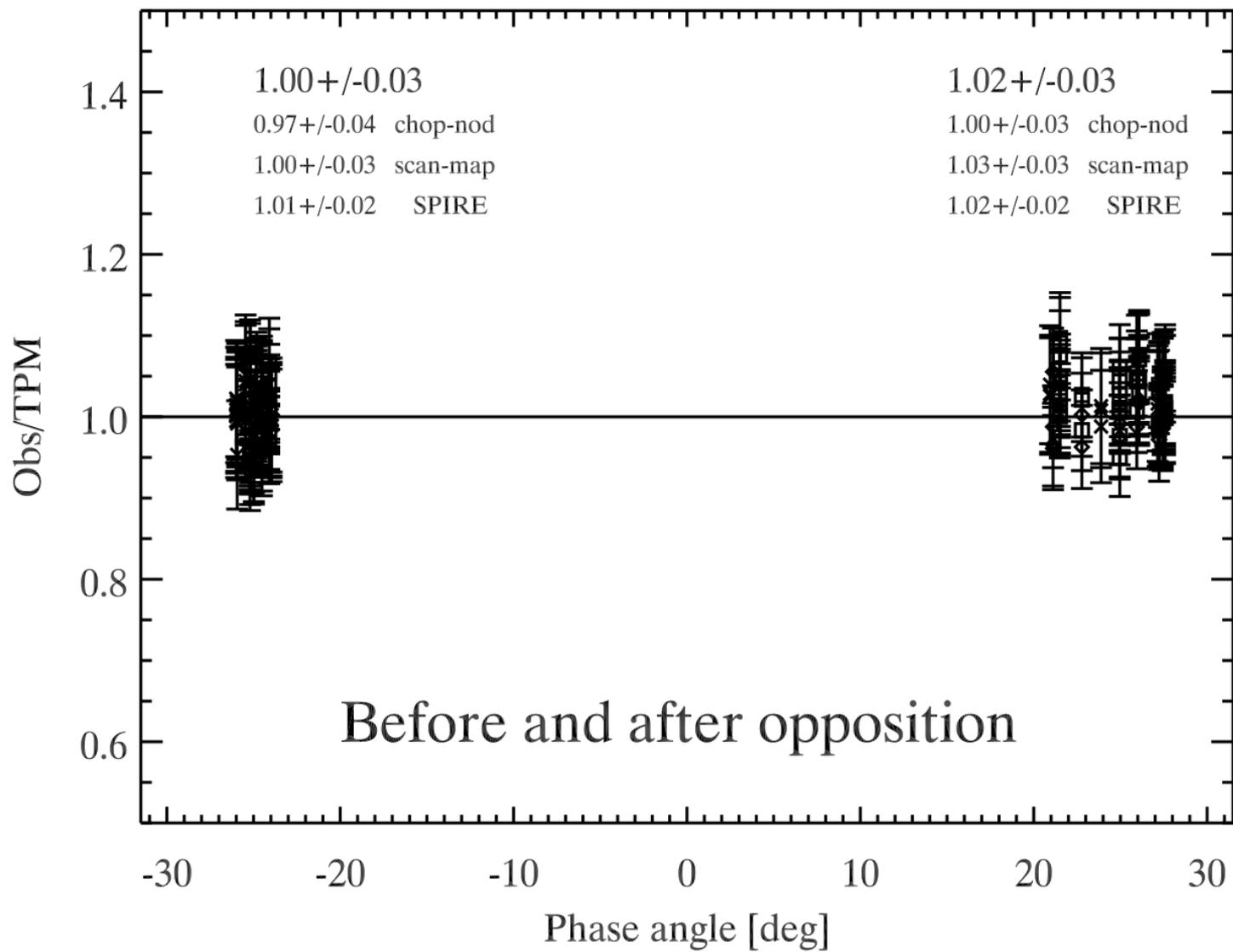
- shape model, spin-axis & rotation period derived from lightcurves and HST (Thomas et al. 1997, Nature & Note added in proof)
- H-G values: reflected light (Müller & Lagerros 1998, A&A)
- Size from the DAWN-mission (Russel et al. 2012, Science 336)
- geometric albedo calculated via size & H-mag
- special thermal properties & roughness for Vesta (Müller & Lagerros 2002, A&A)

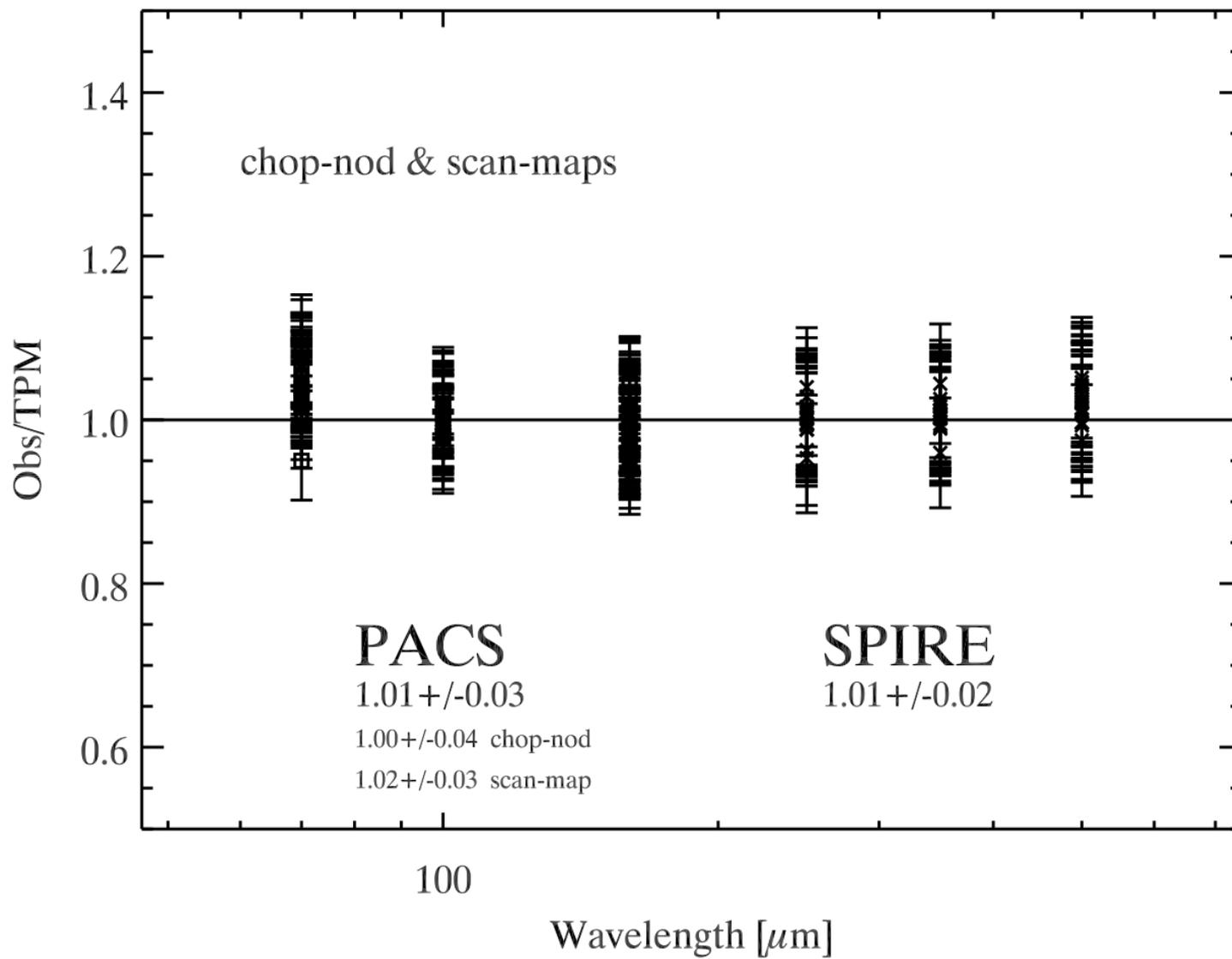


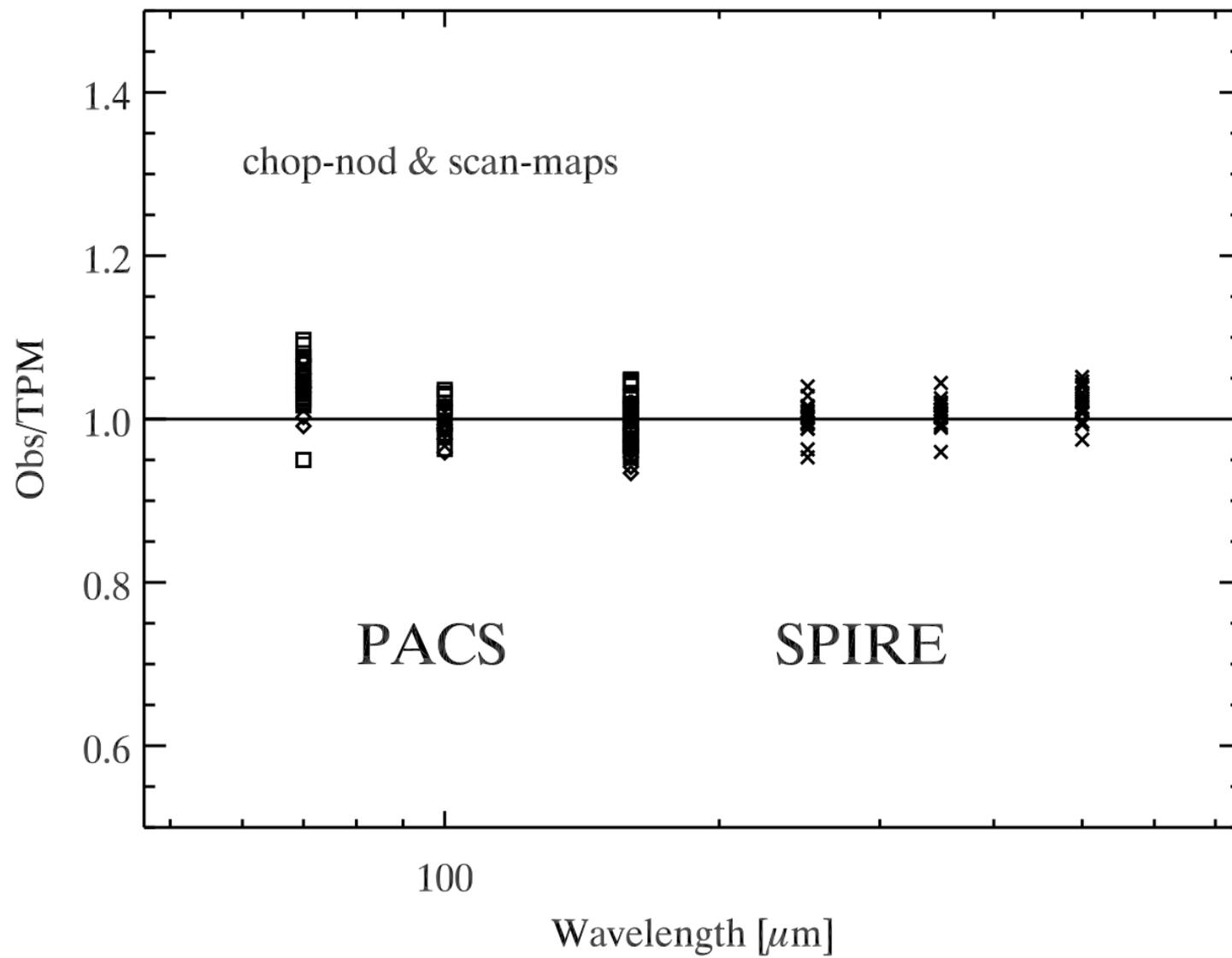


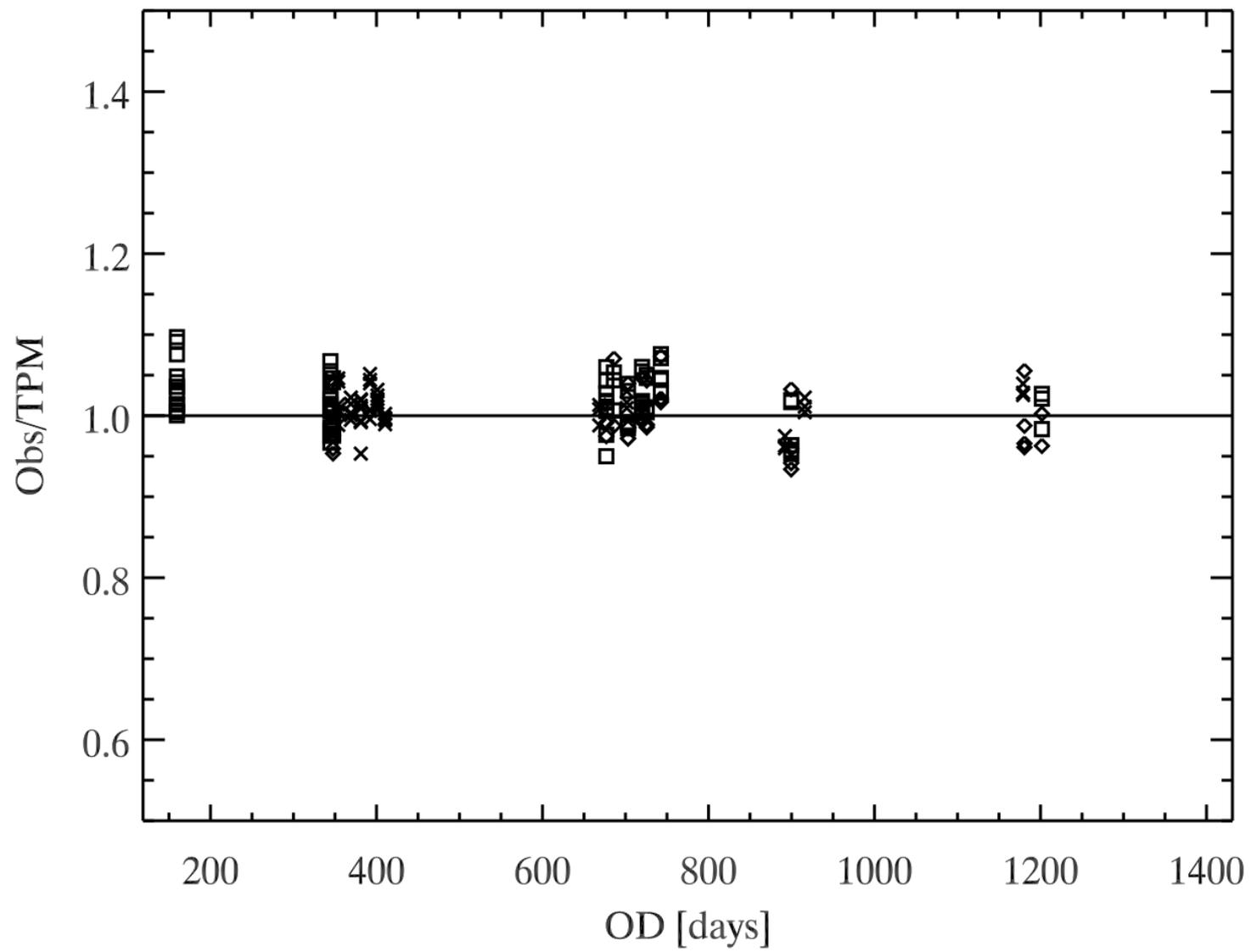
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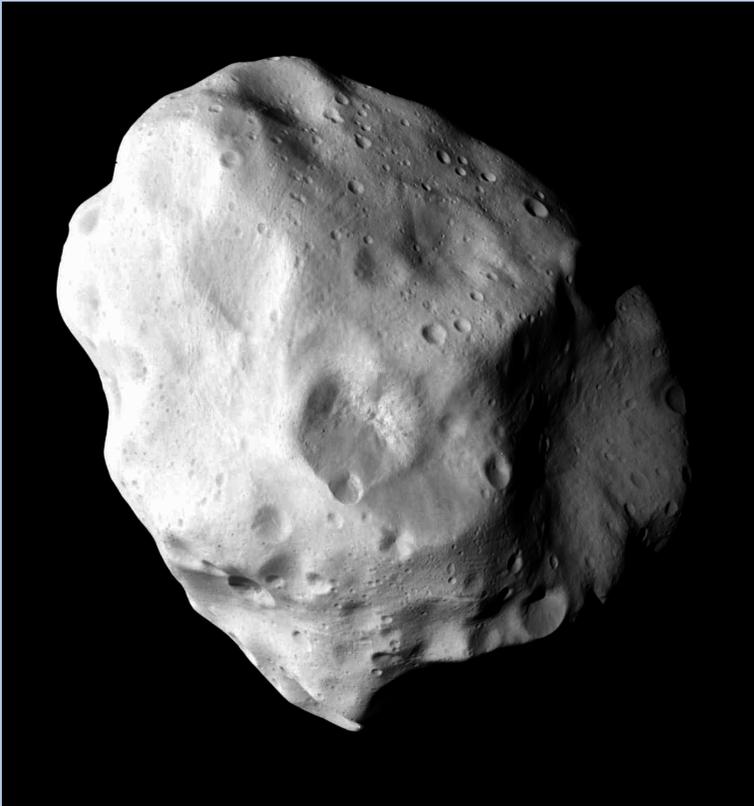








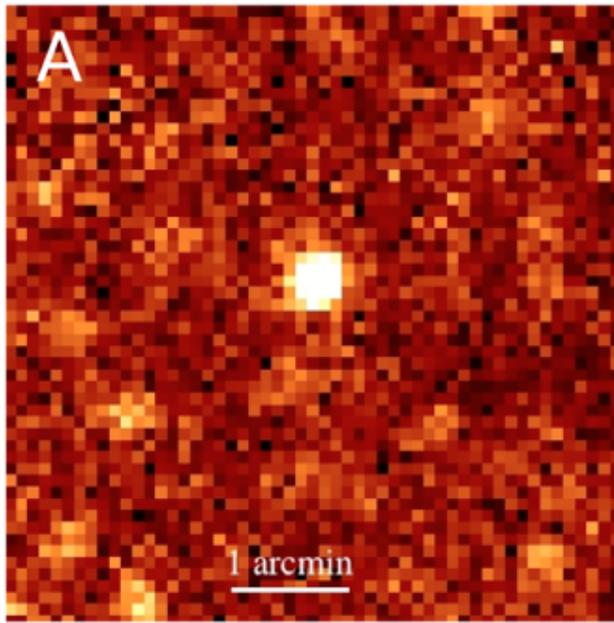
Prime calibrator (21) Lutetia(?)



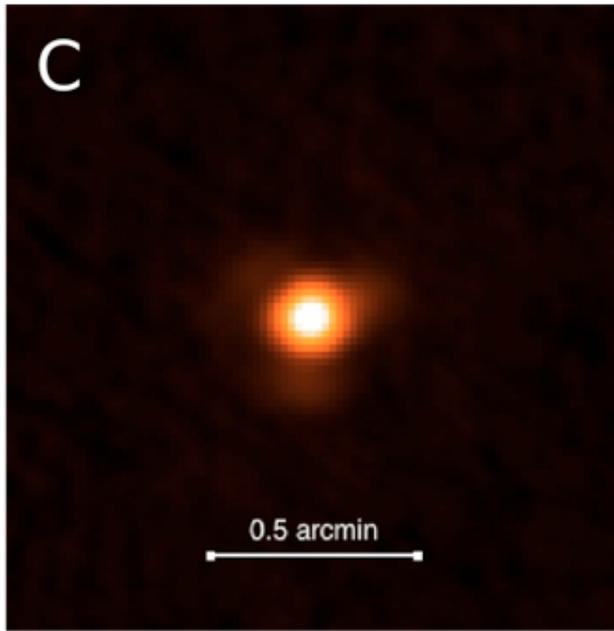
21 Lutetia (Rosetta)

- shape model, spin-axis orientation, rotation period: derived from Rosetta flyby, adaptive optics images, lightcurve inversion (DAMIT, Carry et al. 2012)
- H-G values (Belskaya et al. 2010, A&A)
- Size from the Rosetta-mission (Schulz et al. 2012; Carry et al. 2012)
- albedo from Rosetta measurements (Sierks et al. 2011)
- thermal properties, roughness (Müller & Lagerros 2002; O'Rourke et al. 2012)

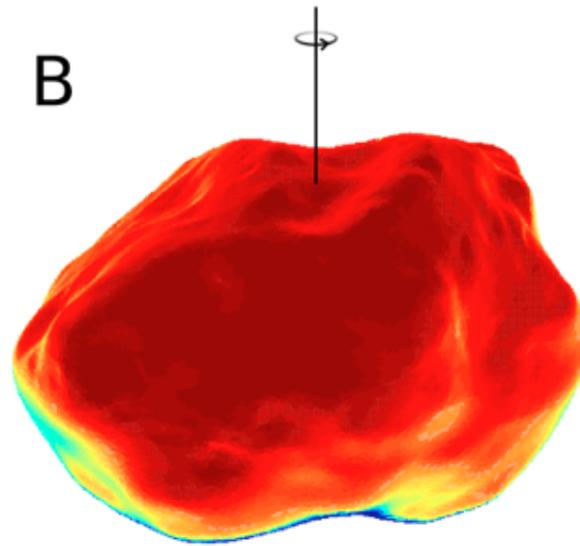
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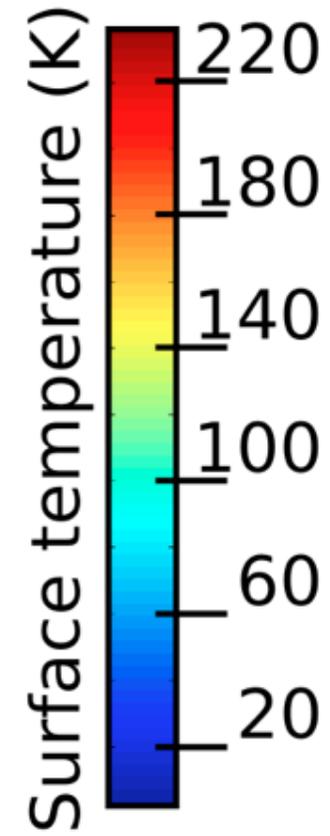
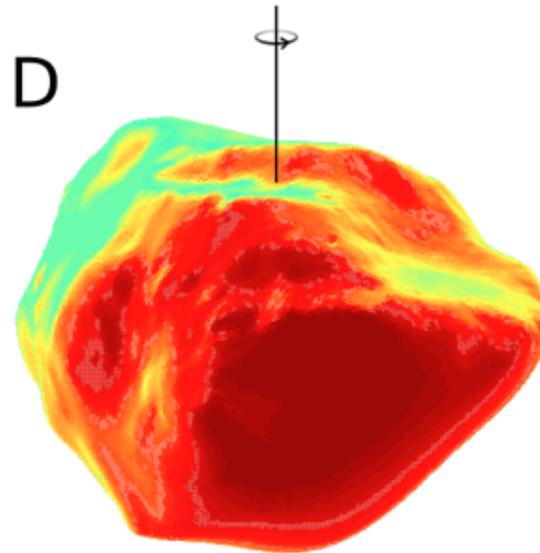
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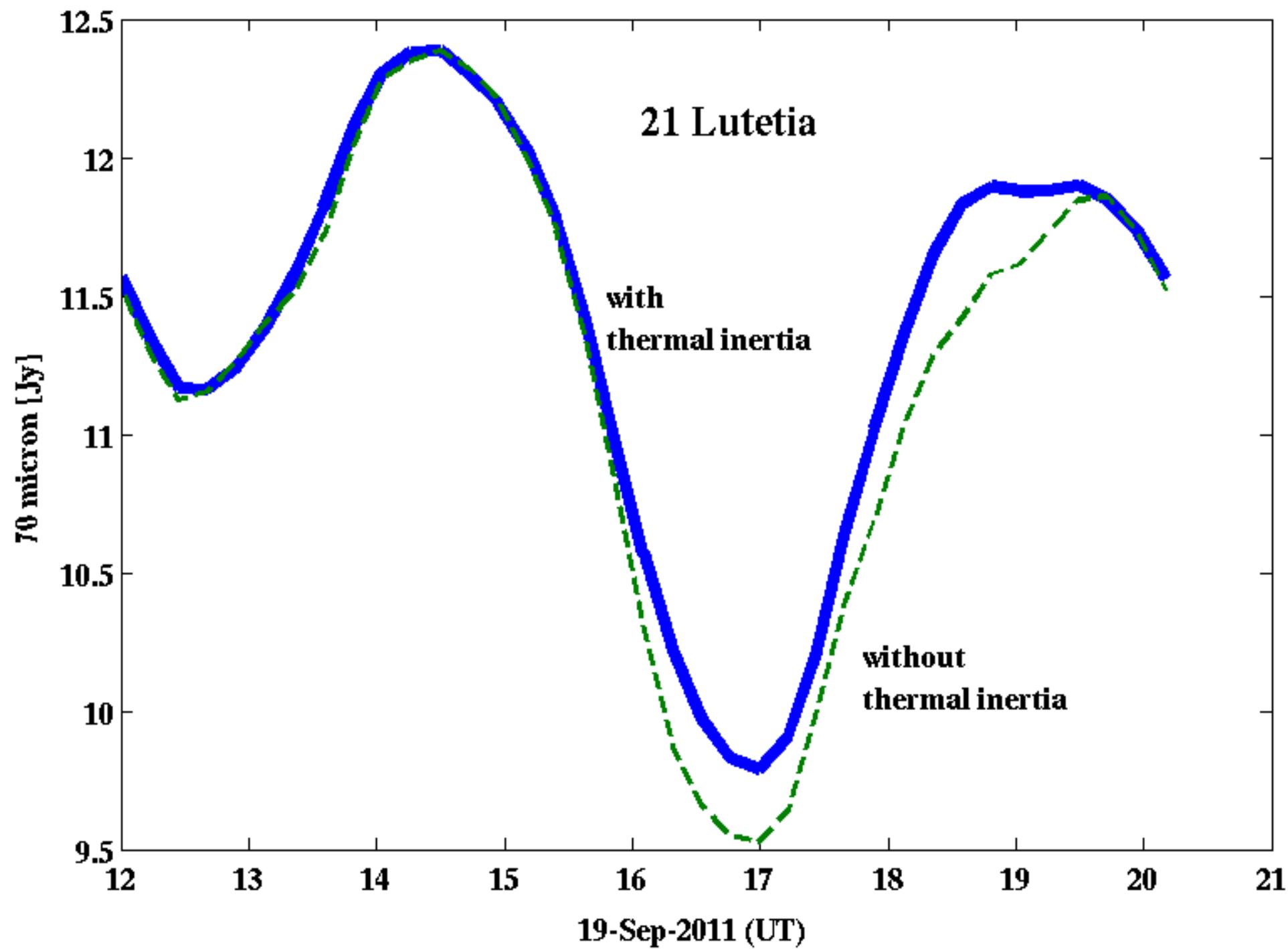


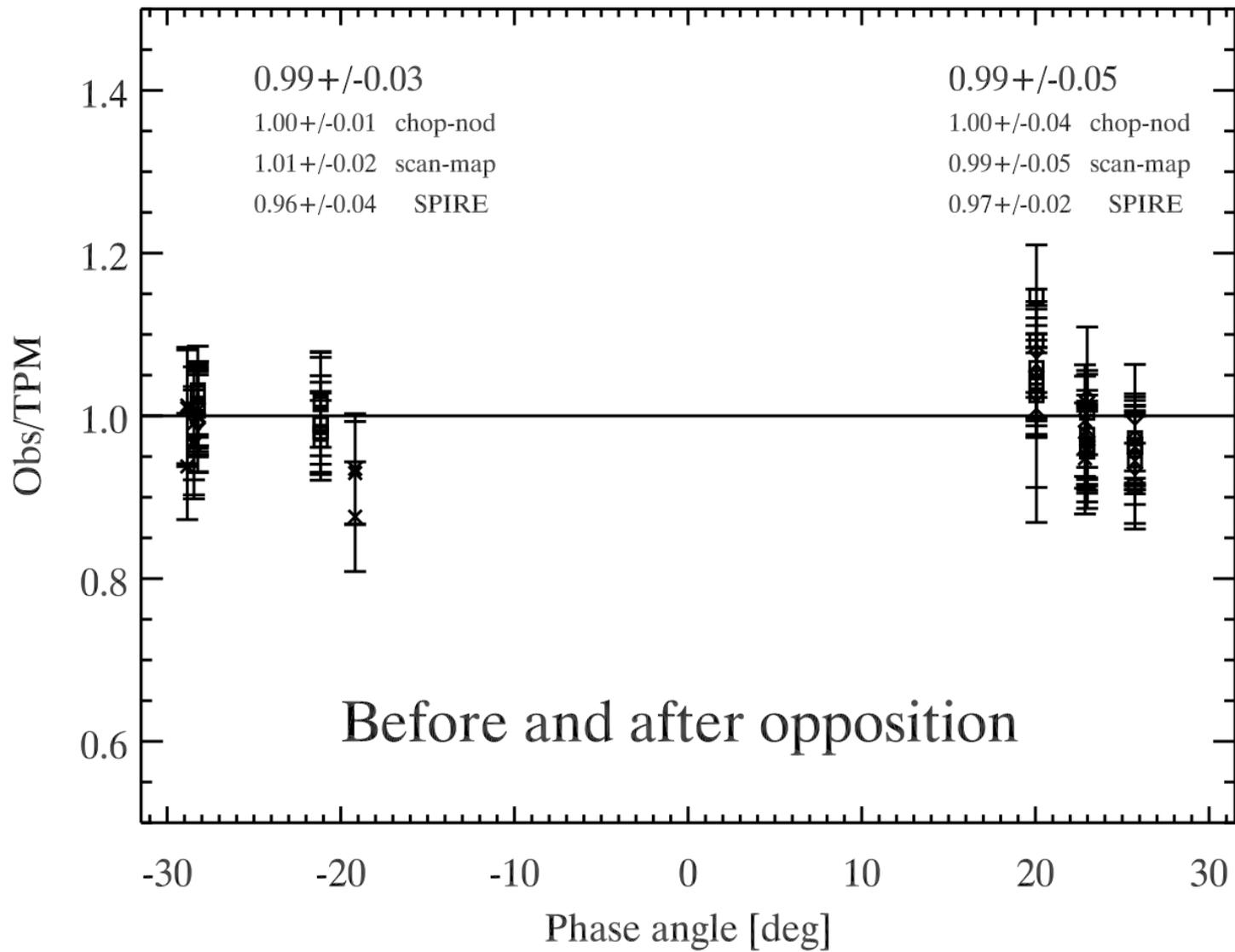
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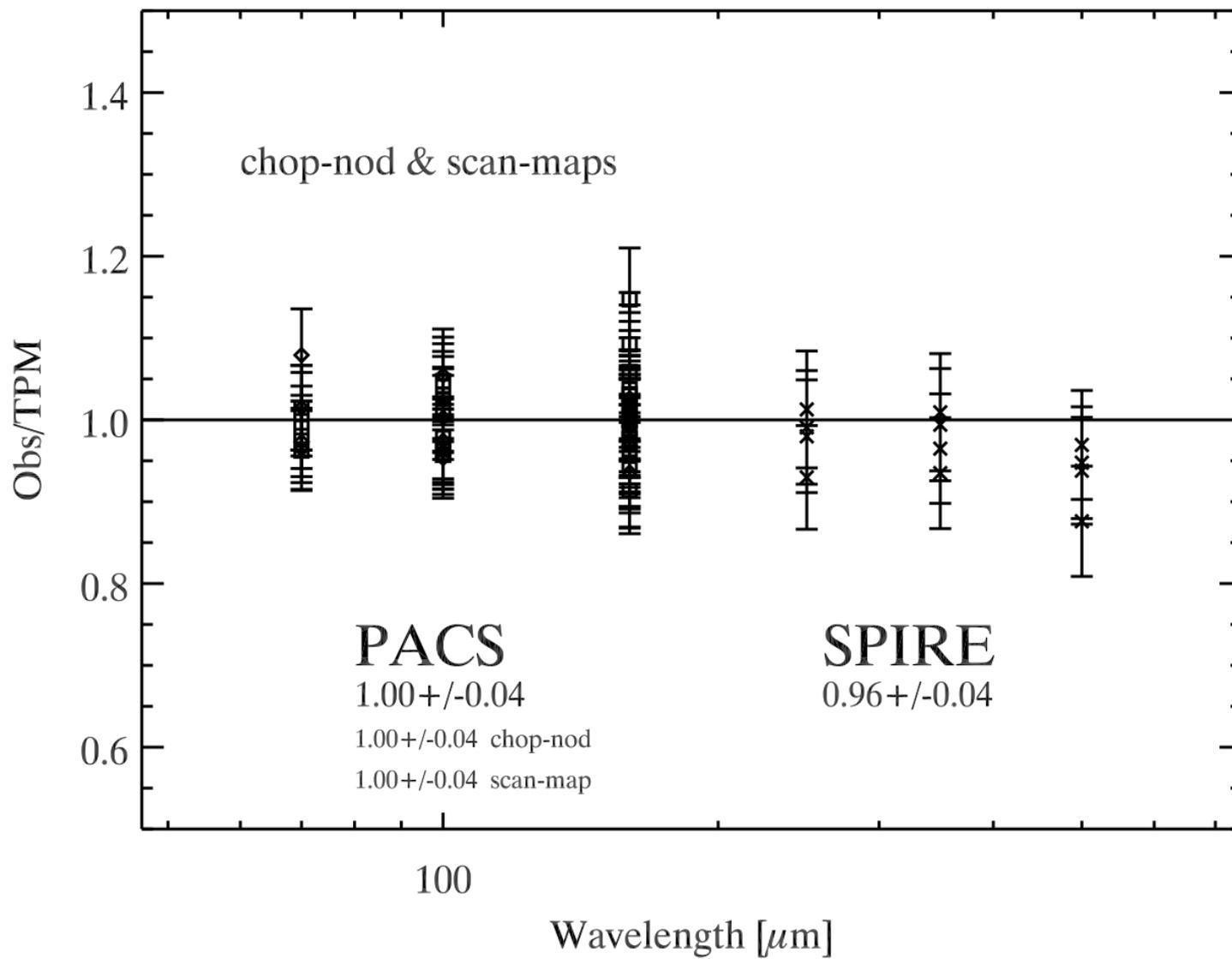


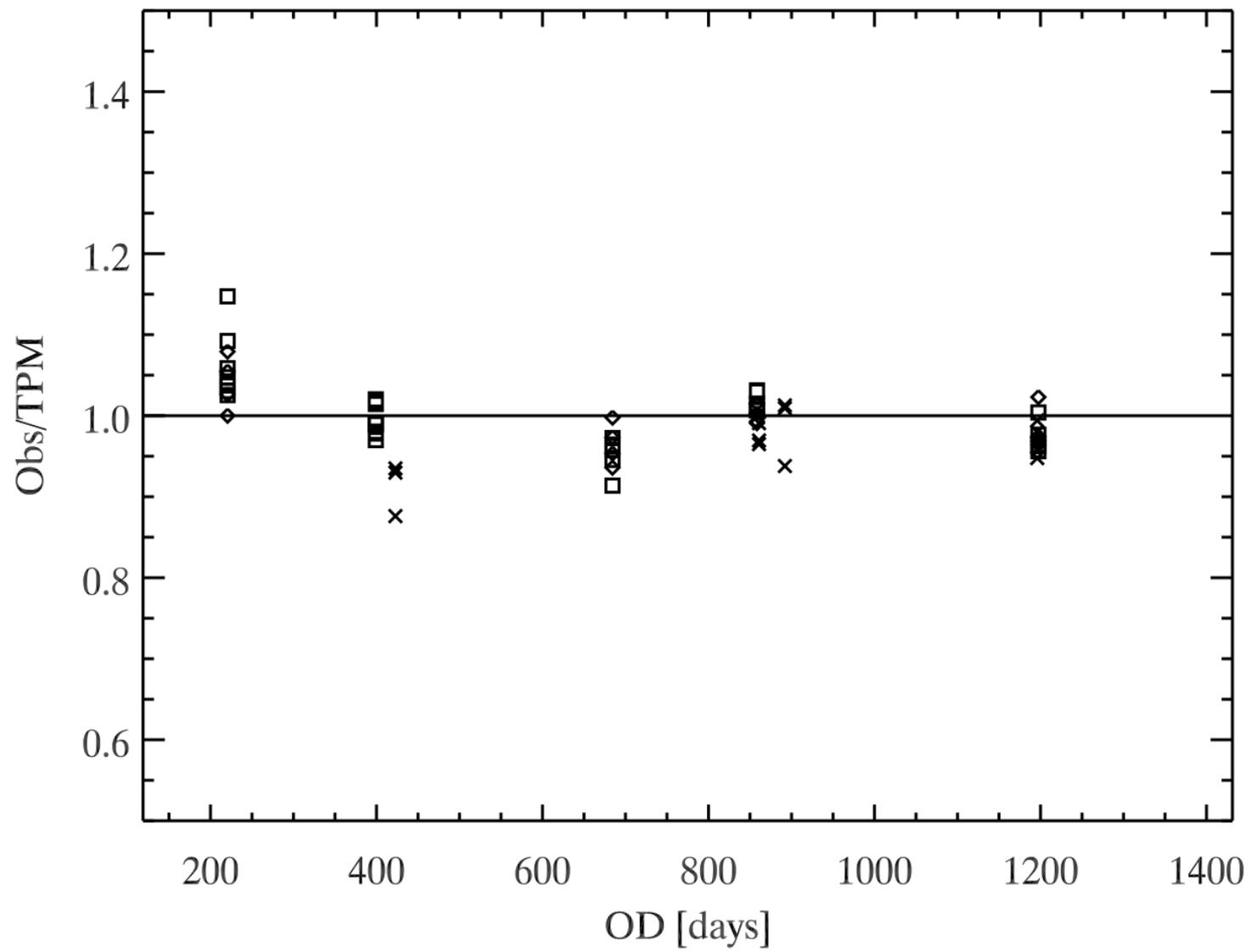
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Results

Object	PACS chop-nod	PACS scan-map	SPIRE	HIFI
(1) Ceres observations	1.00 ± 0.02 40	1.02 ± 0.02 102	1.00 ± 0.04 60	0.94 ± 0.02 4
(2) Pallas observations	0.98 ± 0.03 24	1.00 ± 0.02 56	1.02 ± 0.02 36	— 0
(4) Vesta observations	1.00 ± 0.04 34	1.02 ± 0.03 106	1.01 ± 0.02 54	— 0
(21) Lutetia observations	1.00 ± 0.04 16	1.00 ± 0.04 40	0.96 ± 0.04 12	— 0

With Ceres, Pallas, Vesta, and Lutetia we have established a completely independent and new set of primary flux calibrators for far-IR and submm-wavelengths, connecting the NIR/MIR stellar calibration with the submm/mm U/N calibration, and connecting the high planetary flux regime with the much lower stellar flux regime.

Open Points

- final data reduction by instrument experts after end of Helium
- further updates of SPIRE flux calibration with new Uranus & Neptune models?
- further update of PACS flux calibration after stellar model modifications?
PACS chop-nod data from observations before OD200 have too high fluxes (not yet corrected)
- small correction for the changing telescope flux for PACS data
- update of Vesta model after release of DAWN shape model
- test of validity of model: mid-IR range? mm-range? other phase angles?
other aspect angles?
- test against thermal measurements from other missions: ISO, Akari, Spitzer and groundbased data at mid-IR and submm/mm wavelengths (ongoing)
- HIFI fluxes of Ceres are not final: H/V beam offsets and a potential revision of the aperture efficiencies could increase the fluxes by 3-4%

Re-calculation of all Ceres, Pallas, Vesta, Lutetia models for all Herschel observing epochs foreseen.