

THE LIFE CYCLE OF DUST: DUST AS A TRACER OF STAR FORMATION

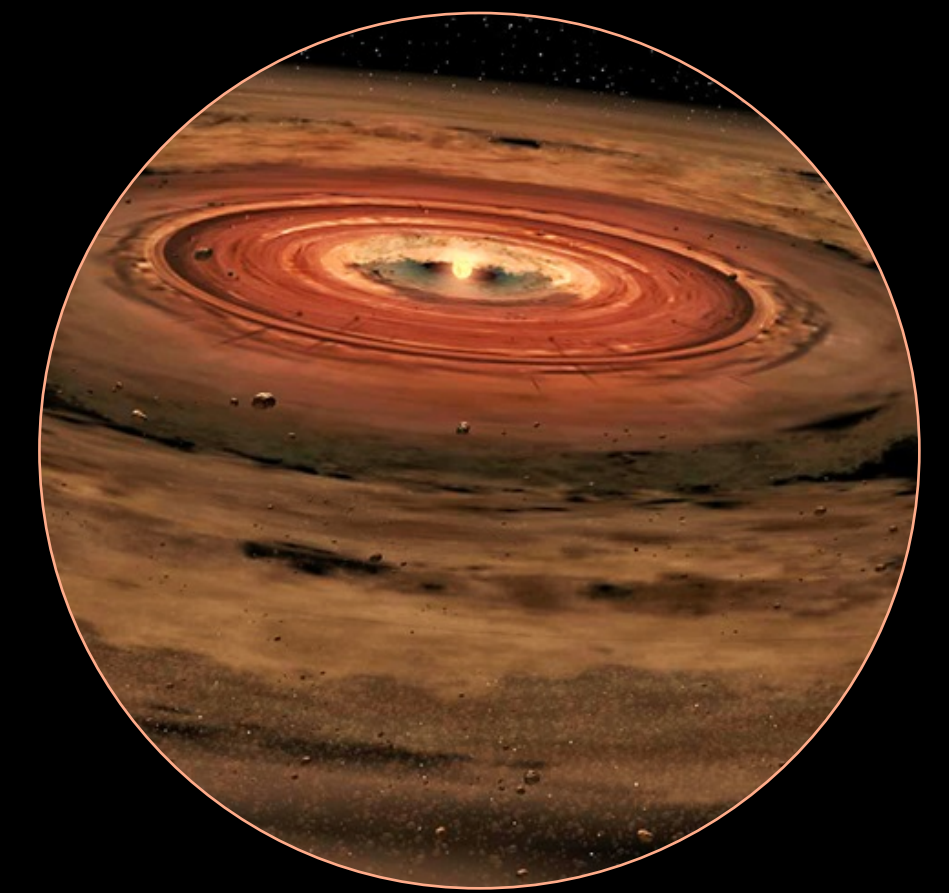
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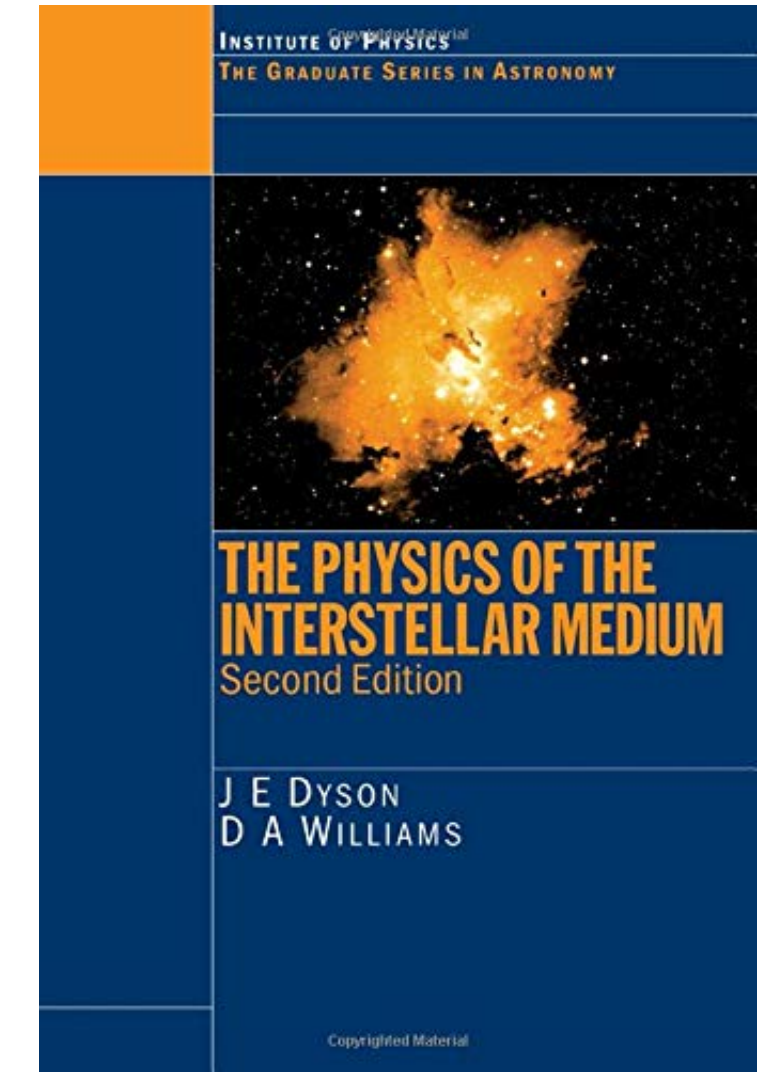
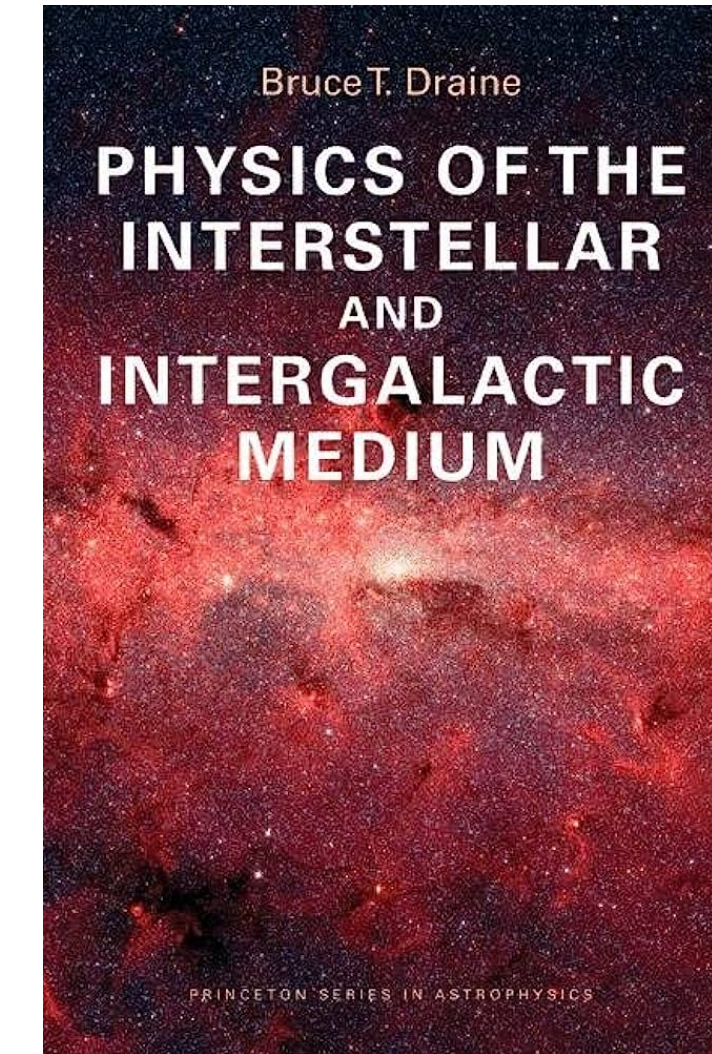
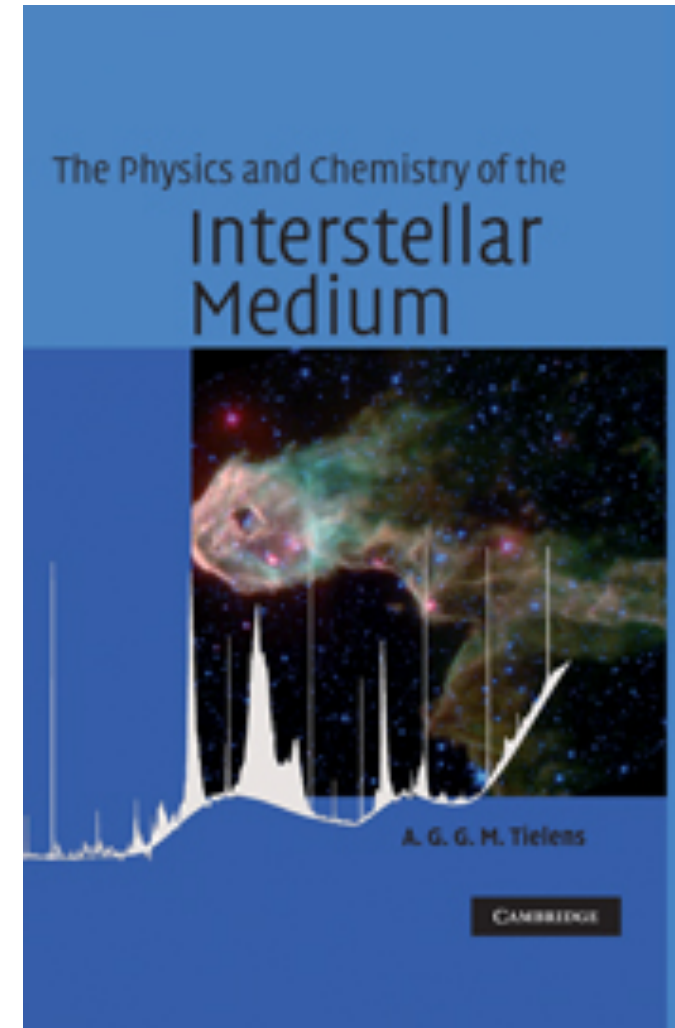
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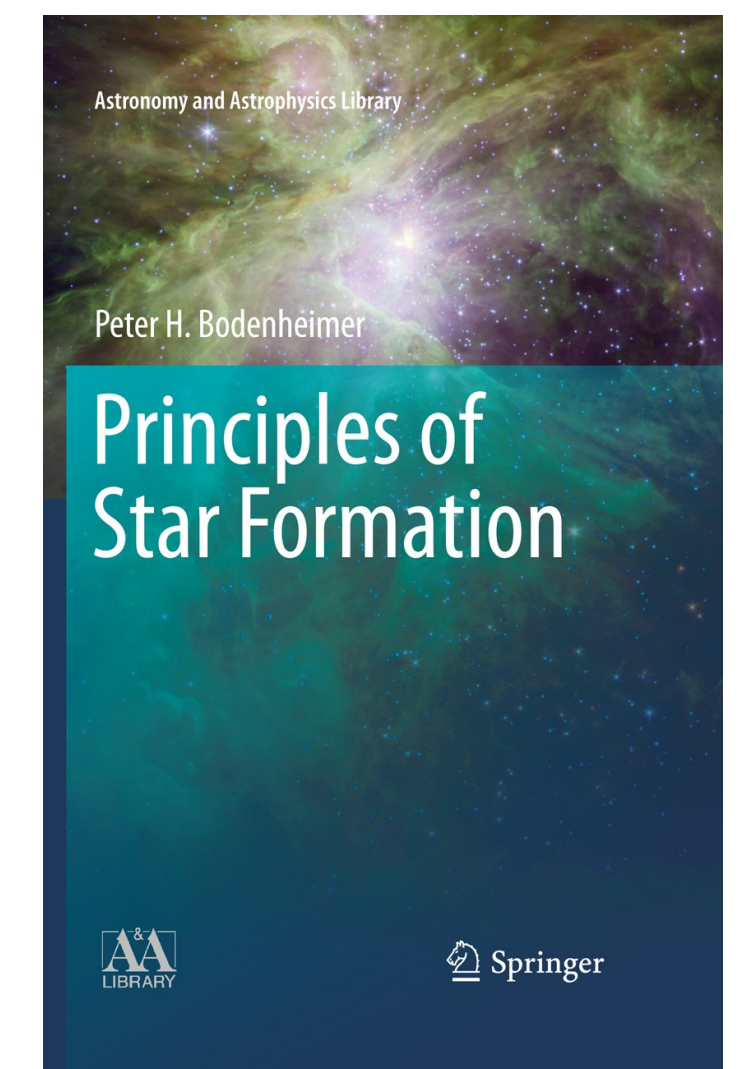
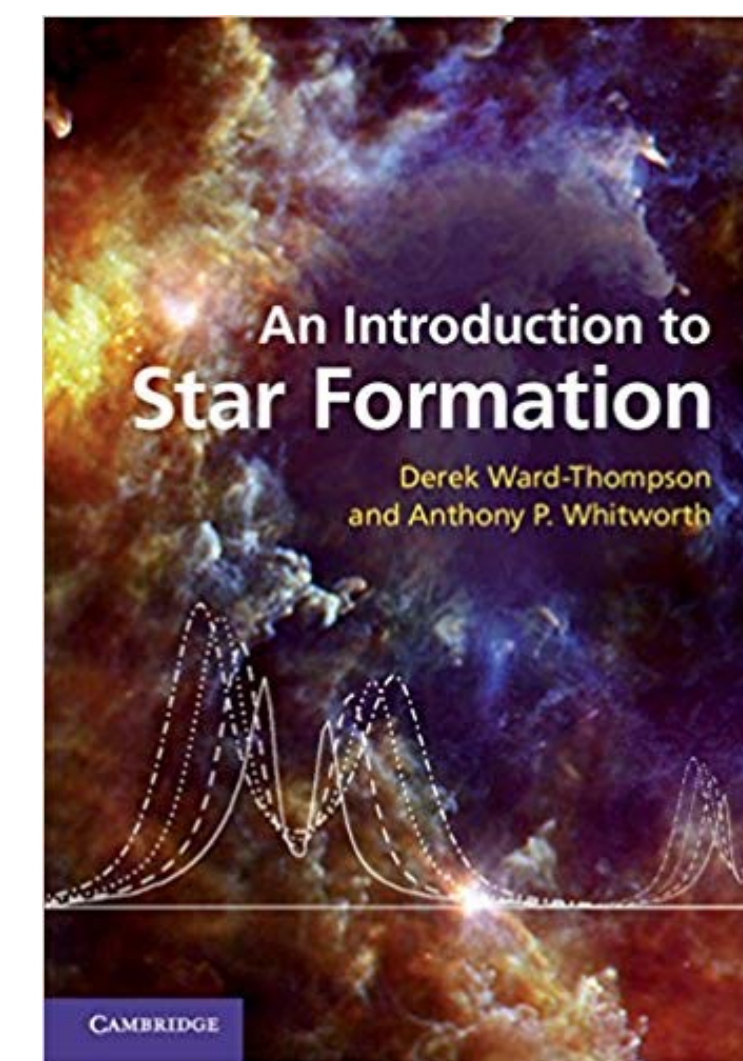
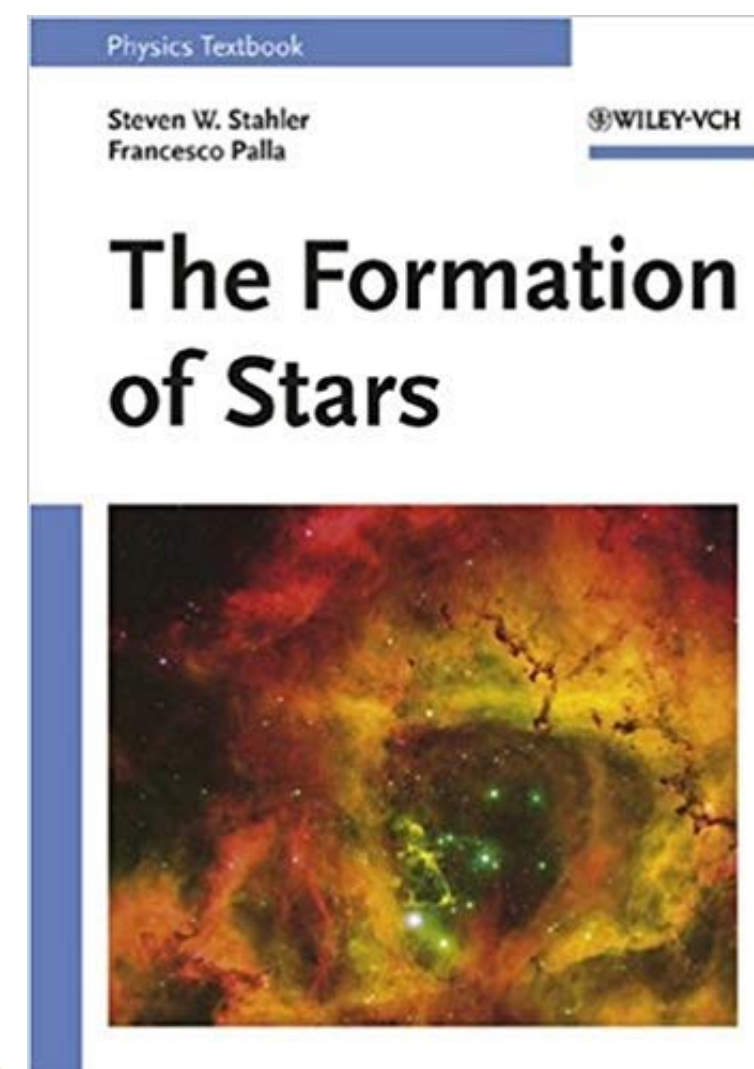
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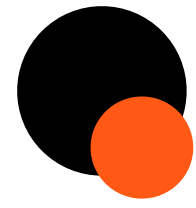
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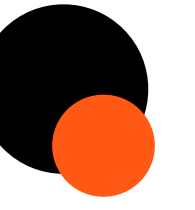
STAR FORMATION



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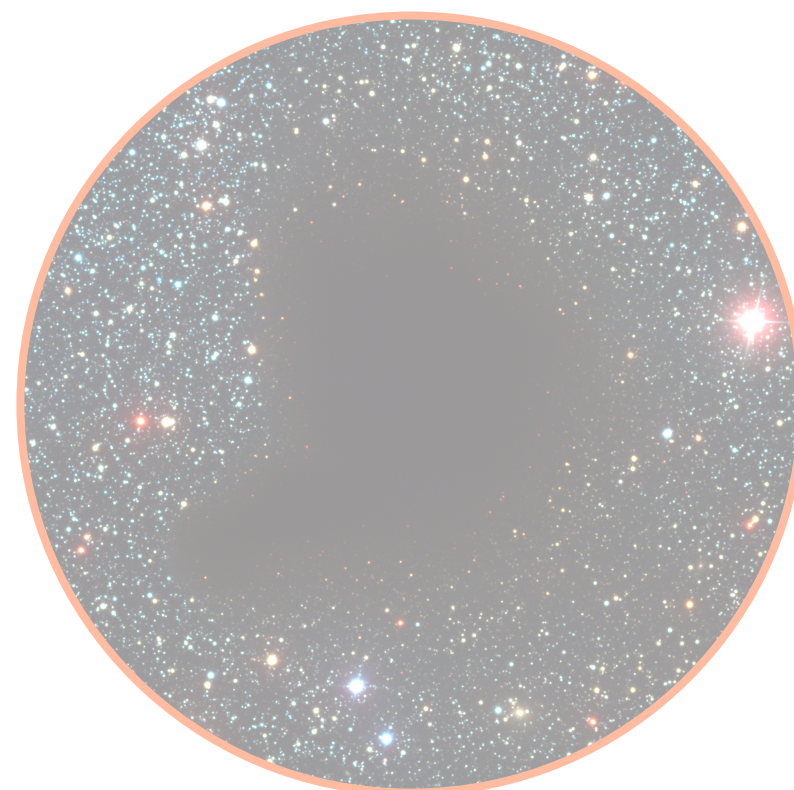


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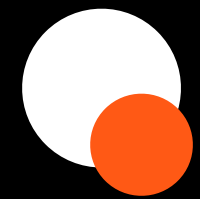
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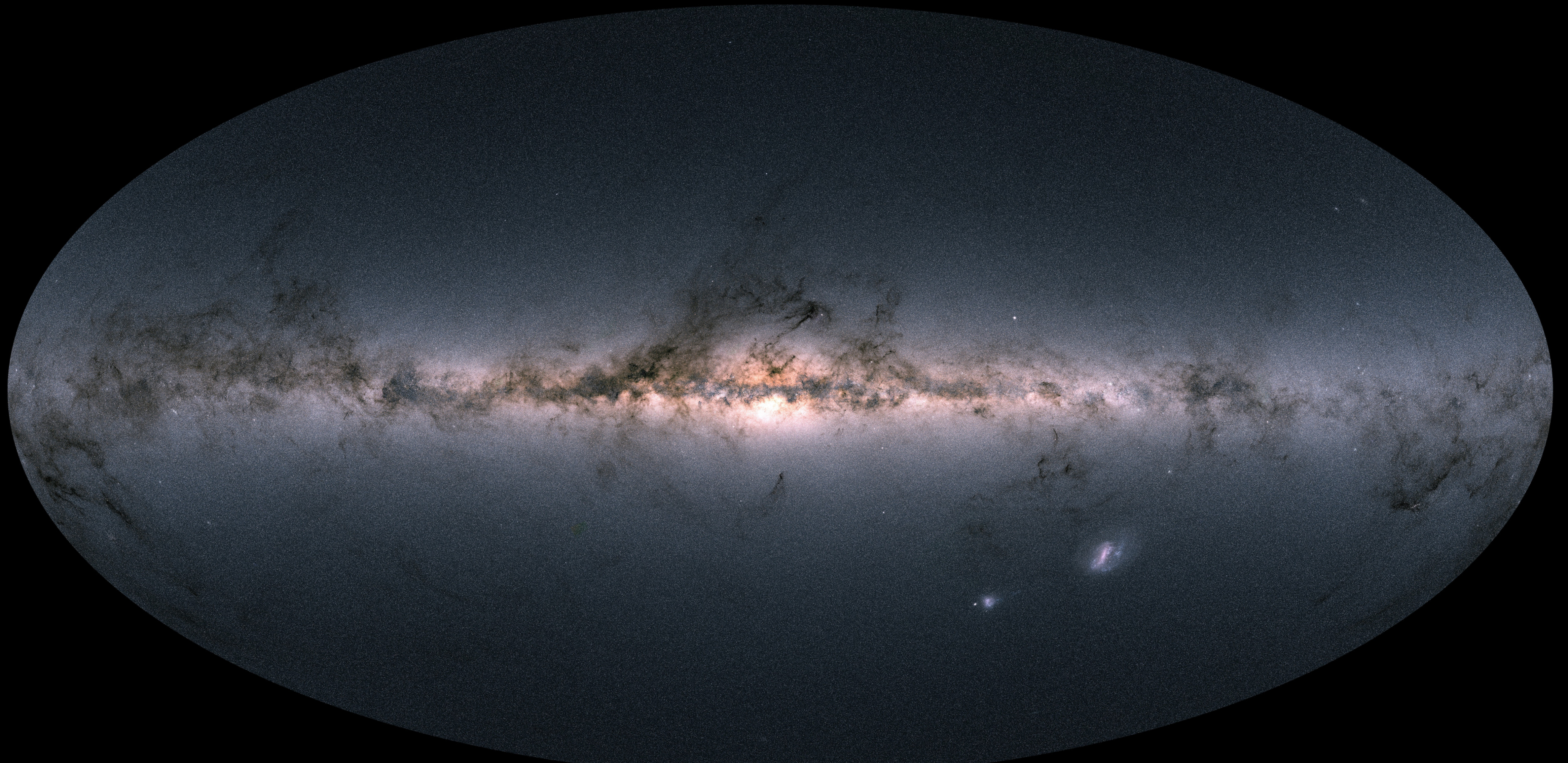
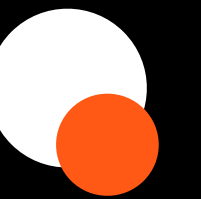
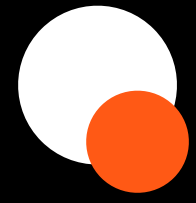


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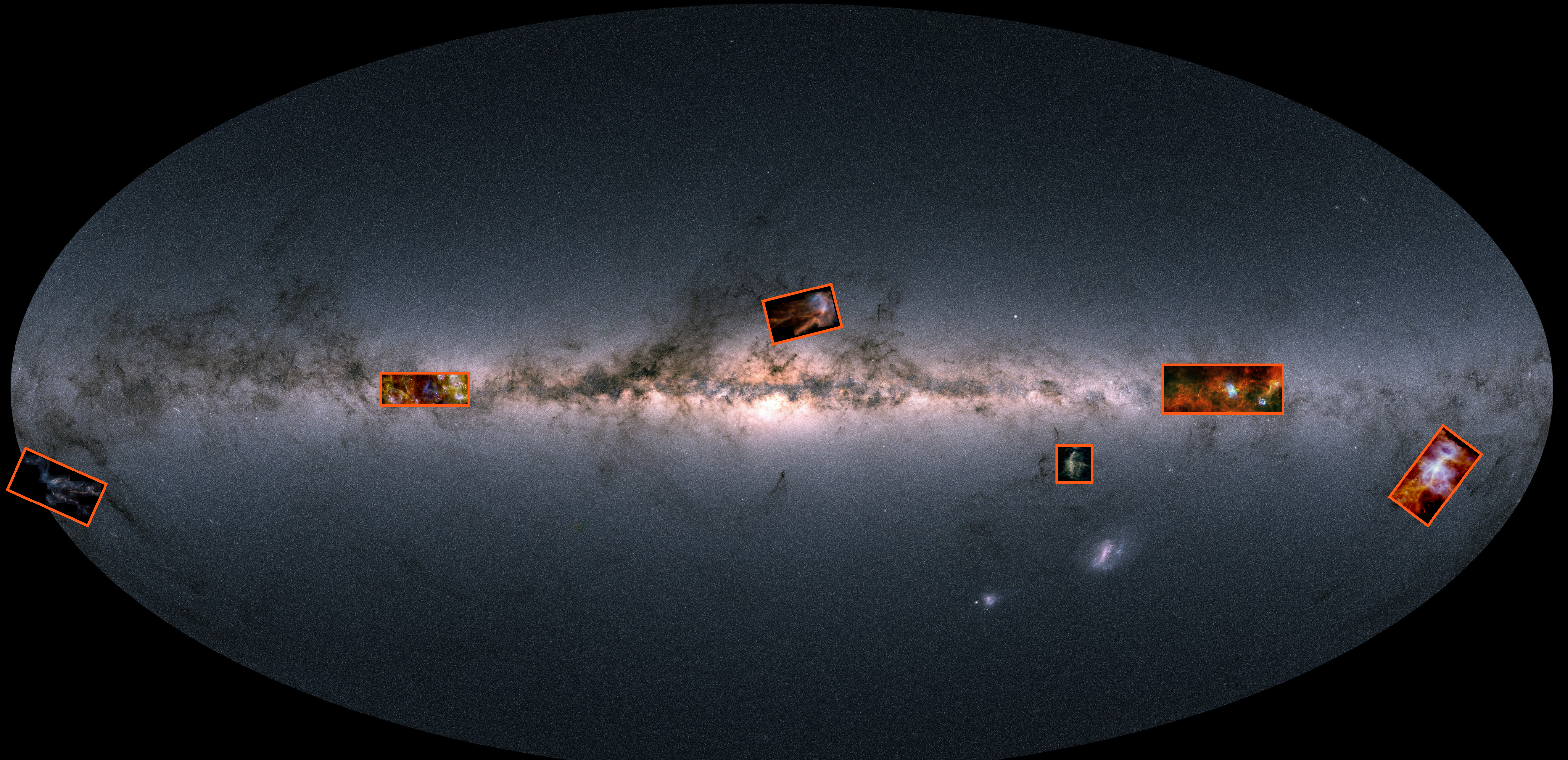
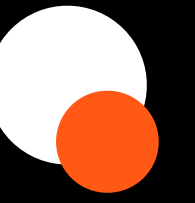
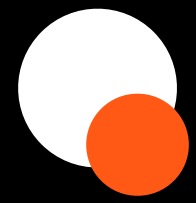
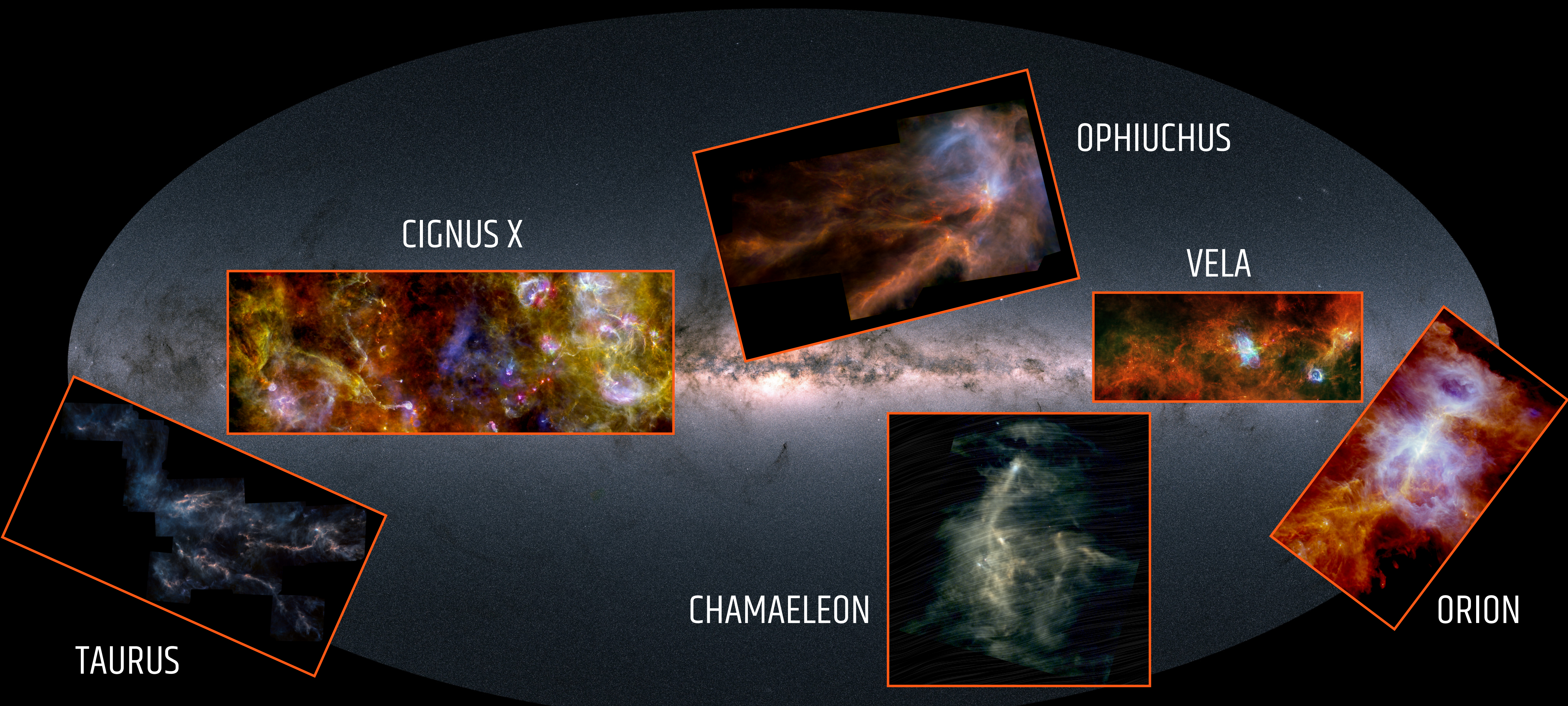
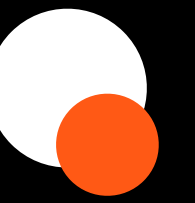


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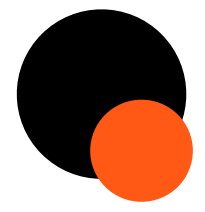
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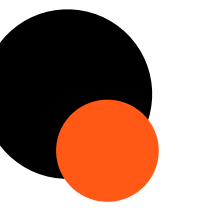
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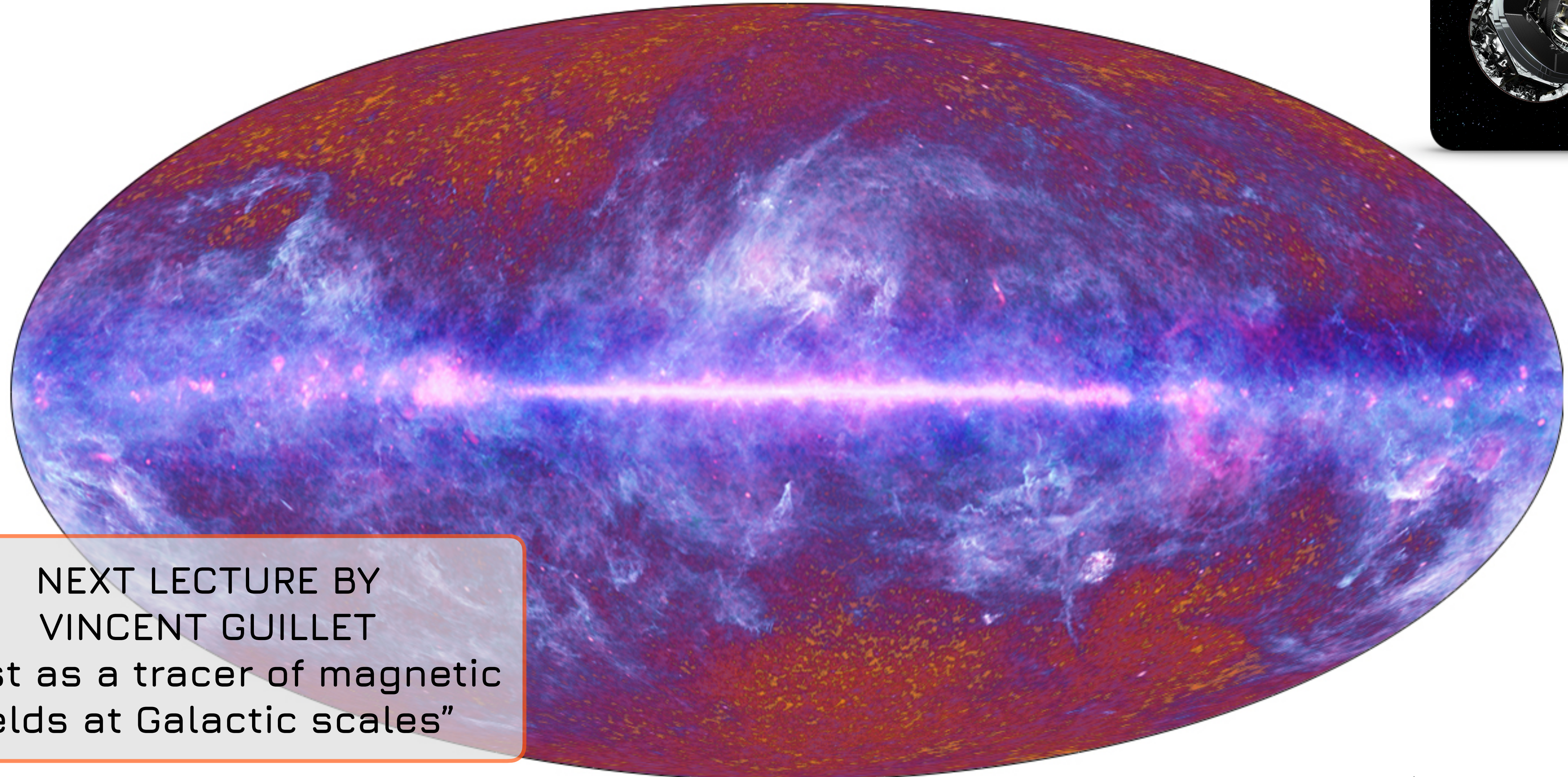
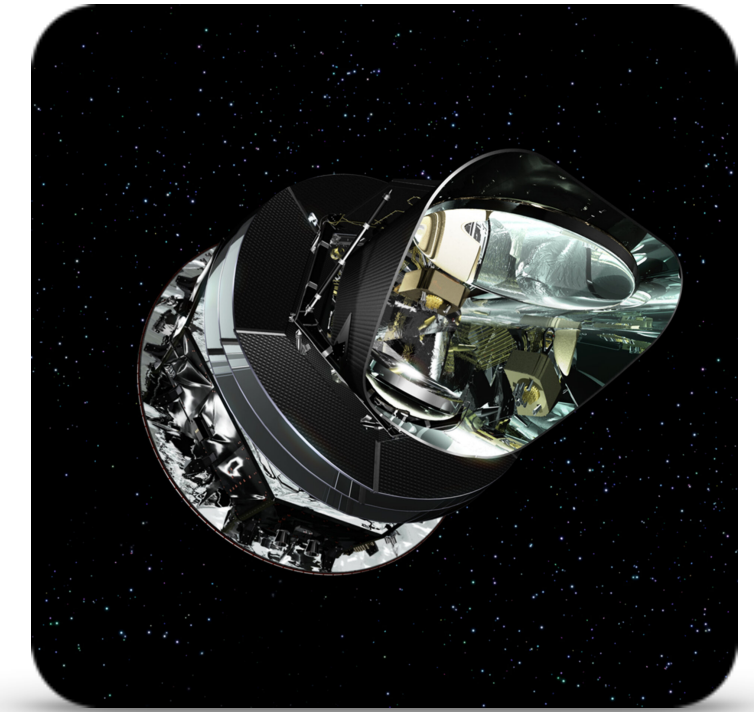


GALACTIC DUST EMISSION MAP

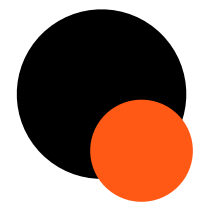


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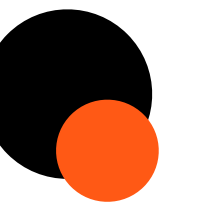
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NEXT LECTURE BY
VINCENT GUILLET
“Dust as a tracer of magnetic
fields at Galactic scales”



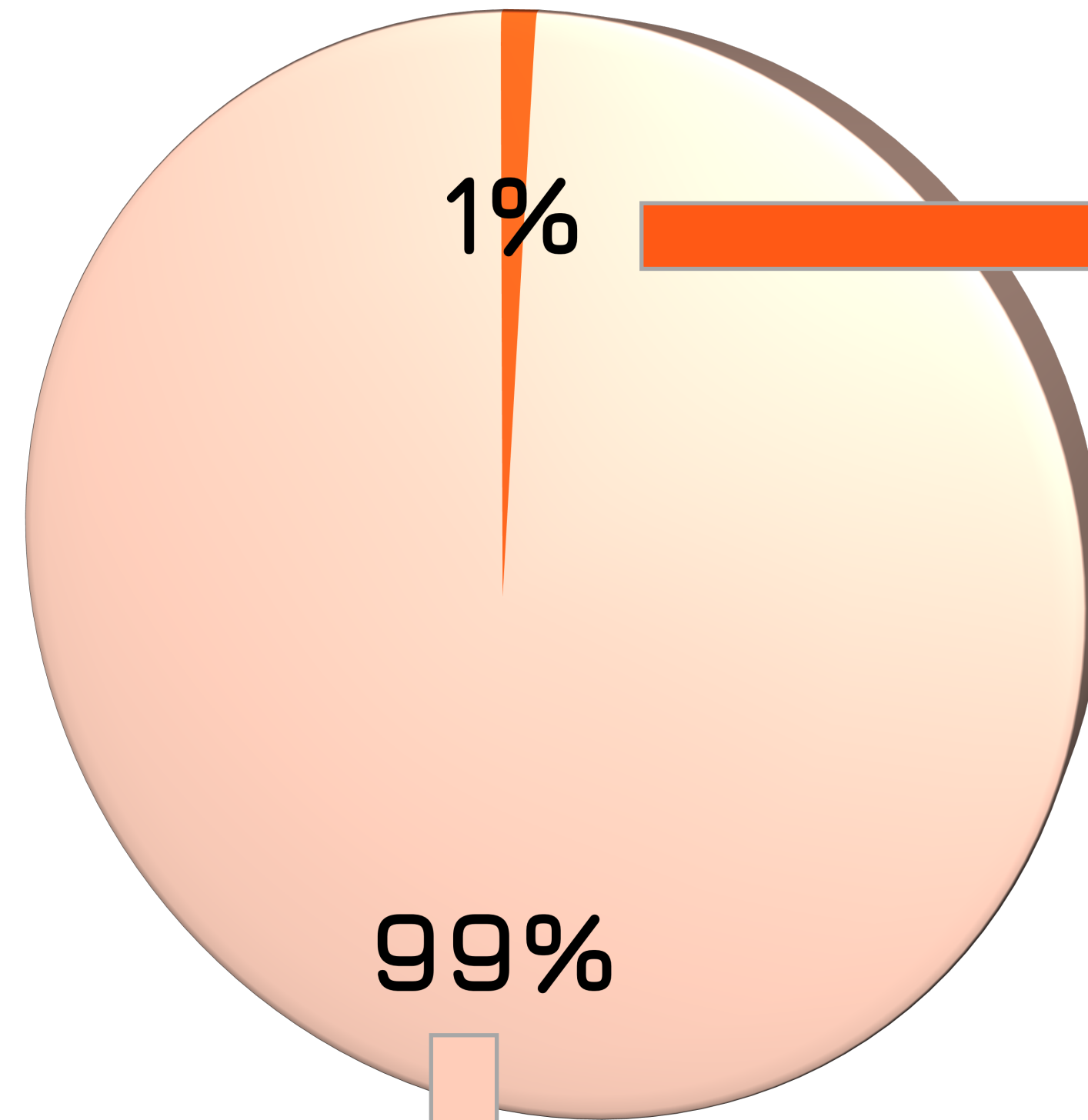
THE INTERSTELLAR MEDIUM: DUST



Very low density $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (compared to Earth's atmosphere $\sim 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$)



Image Credit: ESO



DUST
Small solid particles ($< 1 \mu\text{m}$)

Composition
Amorphous silicates and carbonaceous grains
(in molecular clouds covered by icy mantles)

GAS: ions, atoms and molecules
91% H, 8.9% He, 0.1% heavier elements

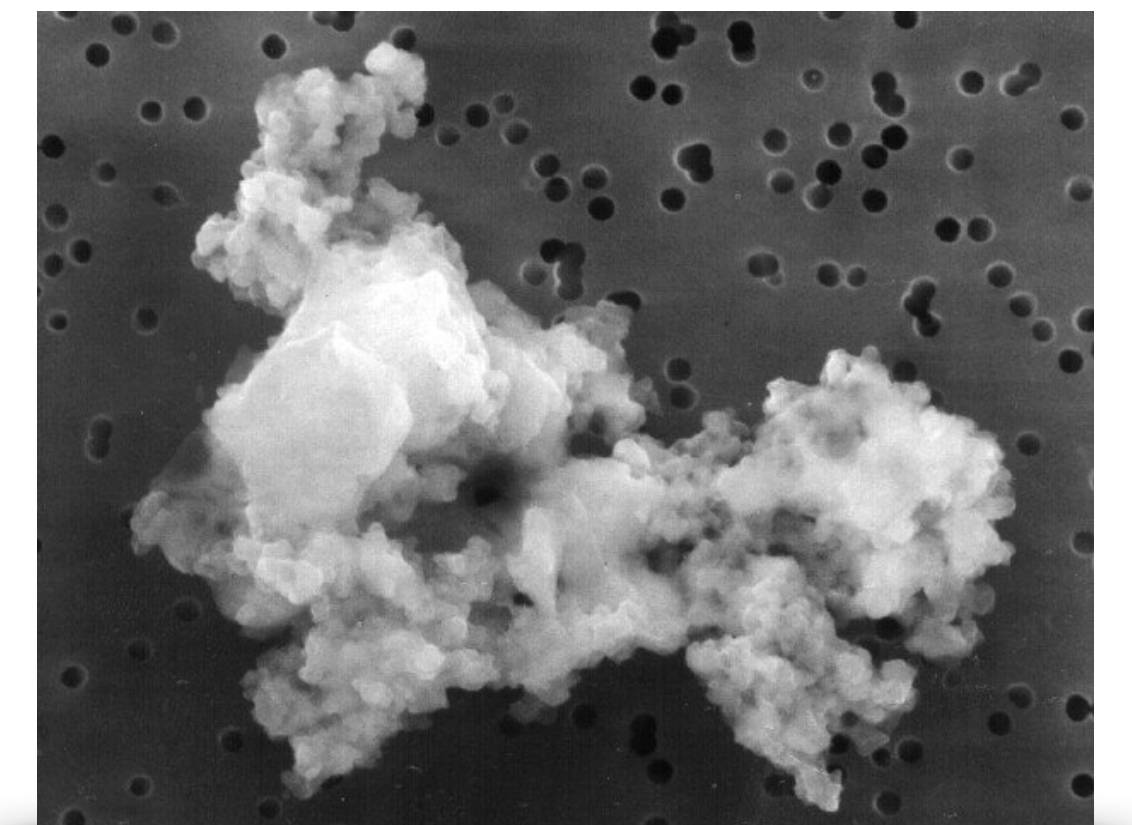
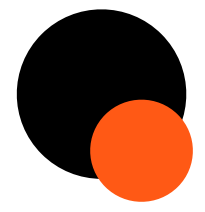
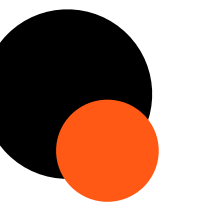


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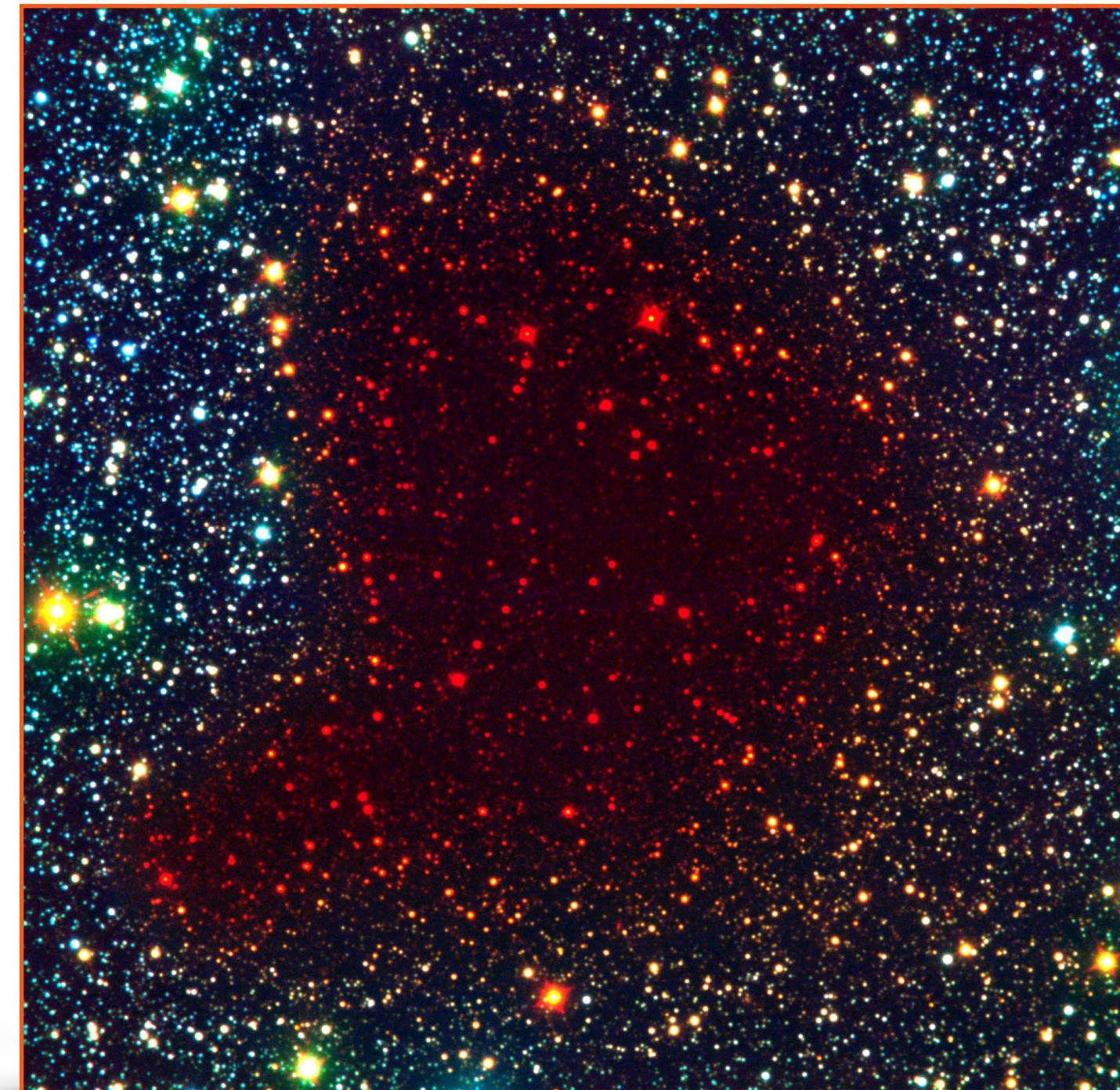
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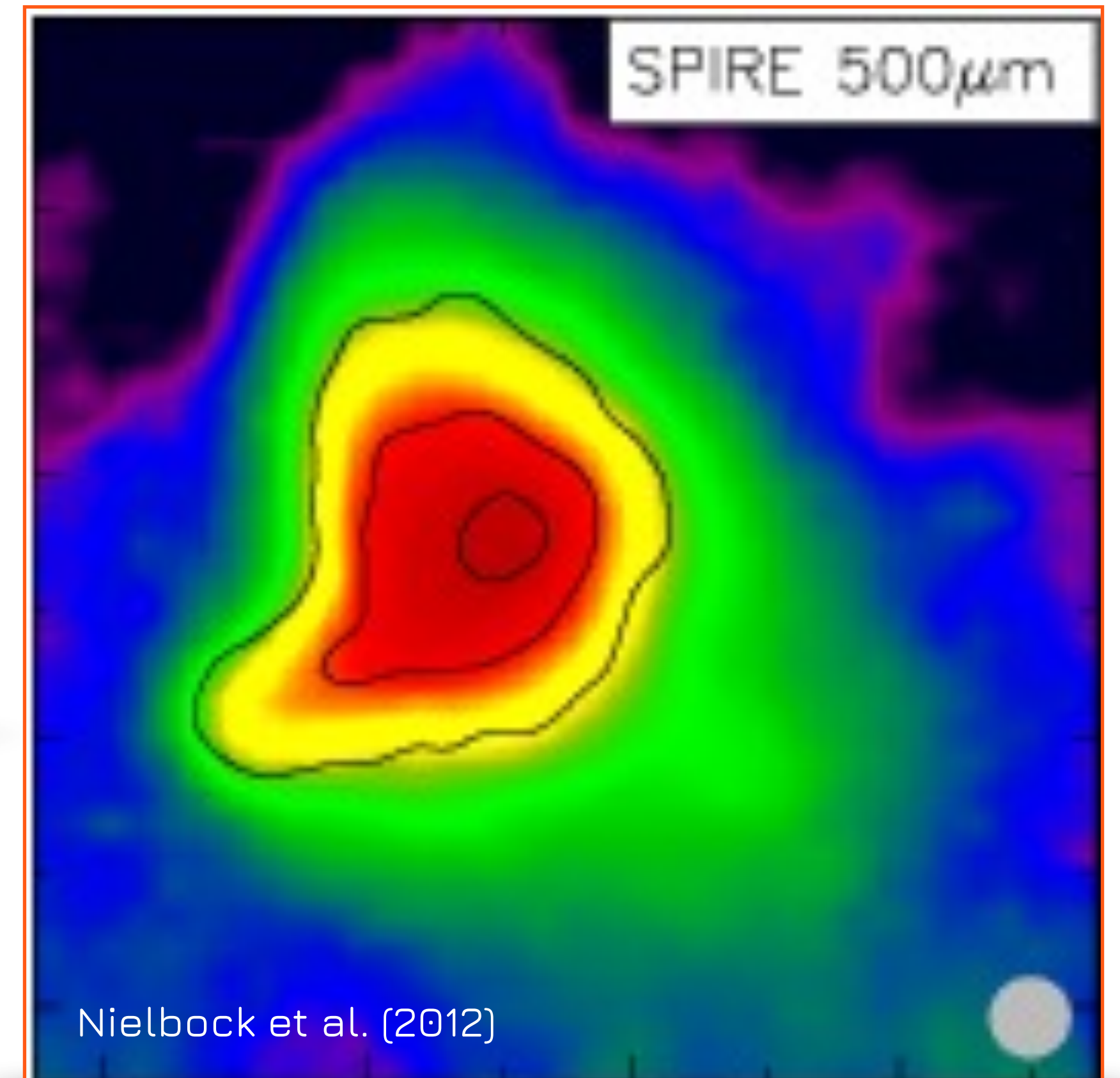
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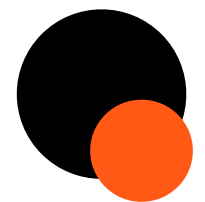


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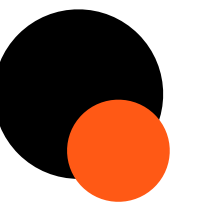


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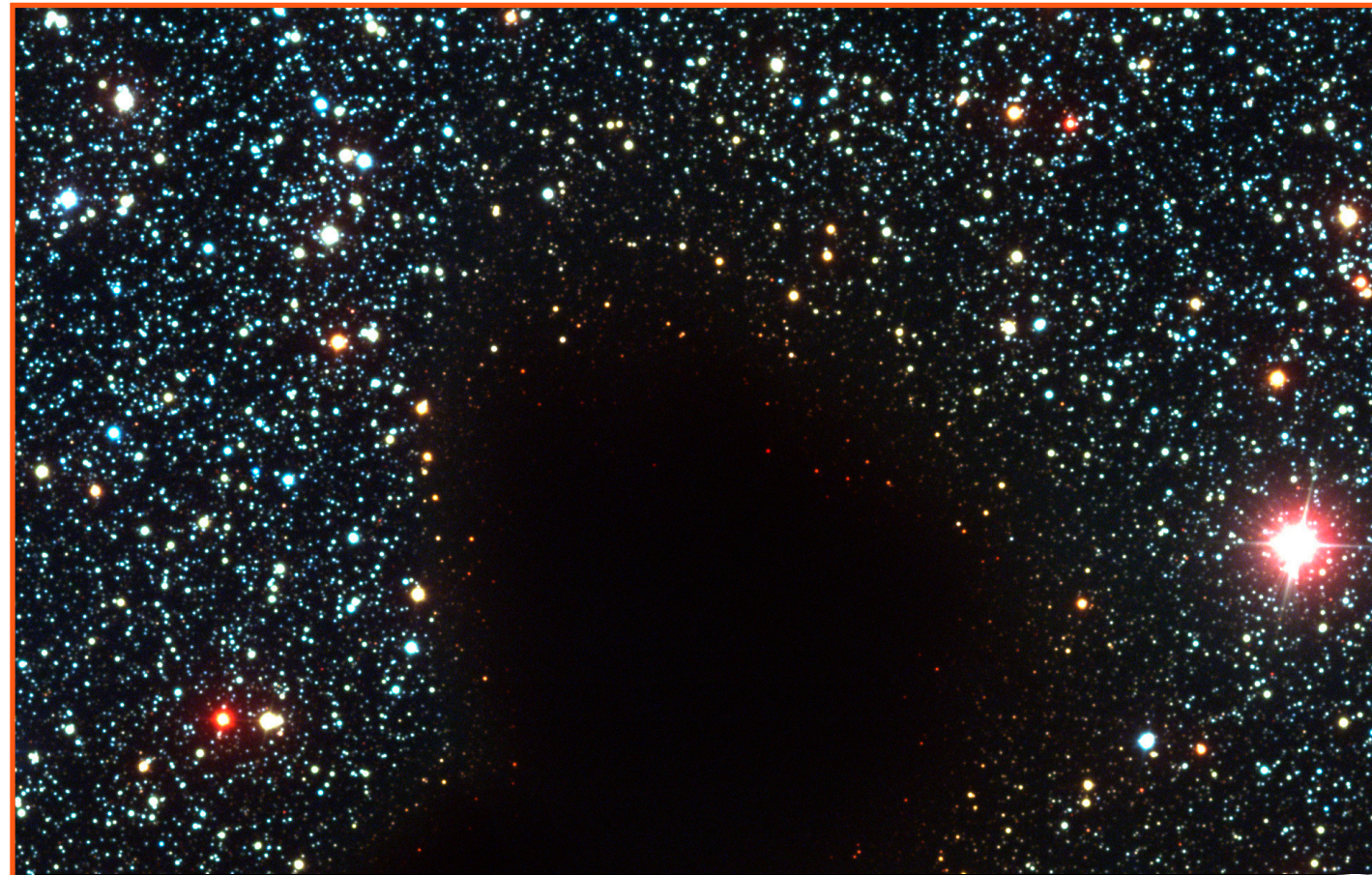
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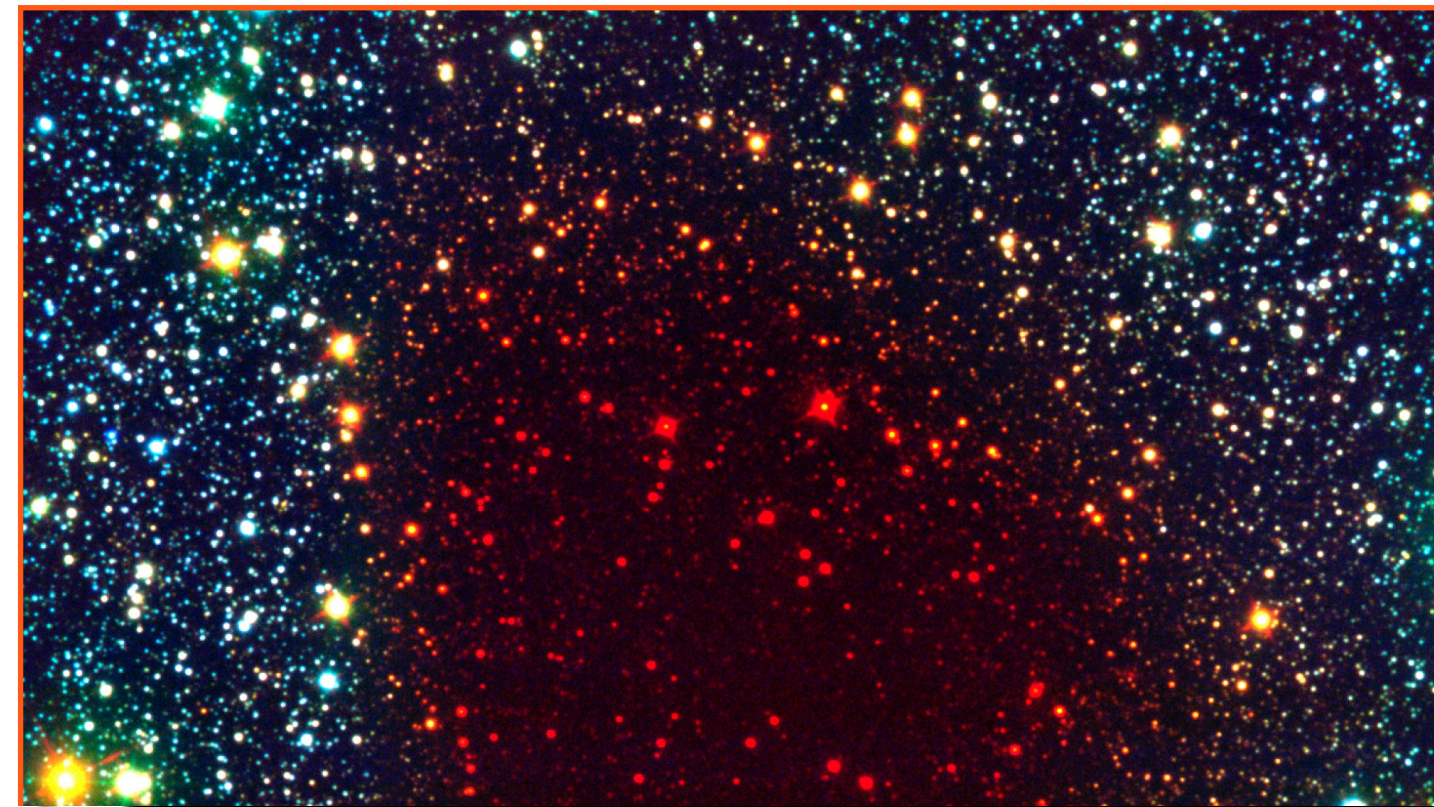
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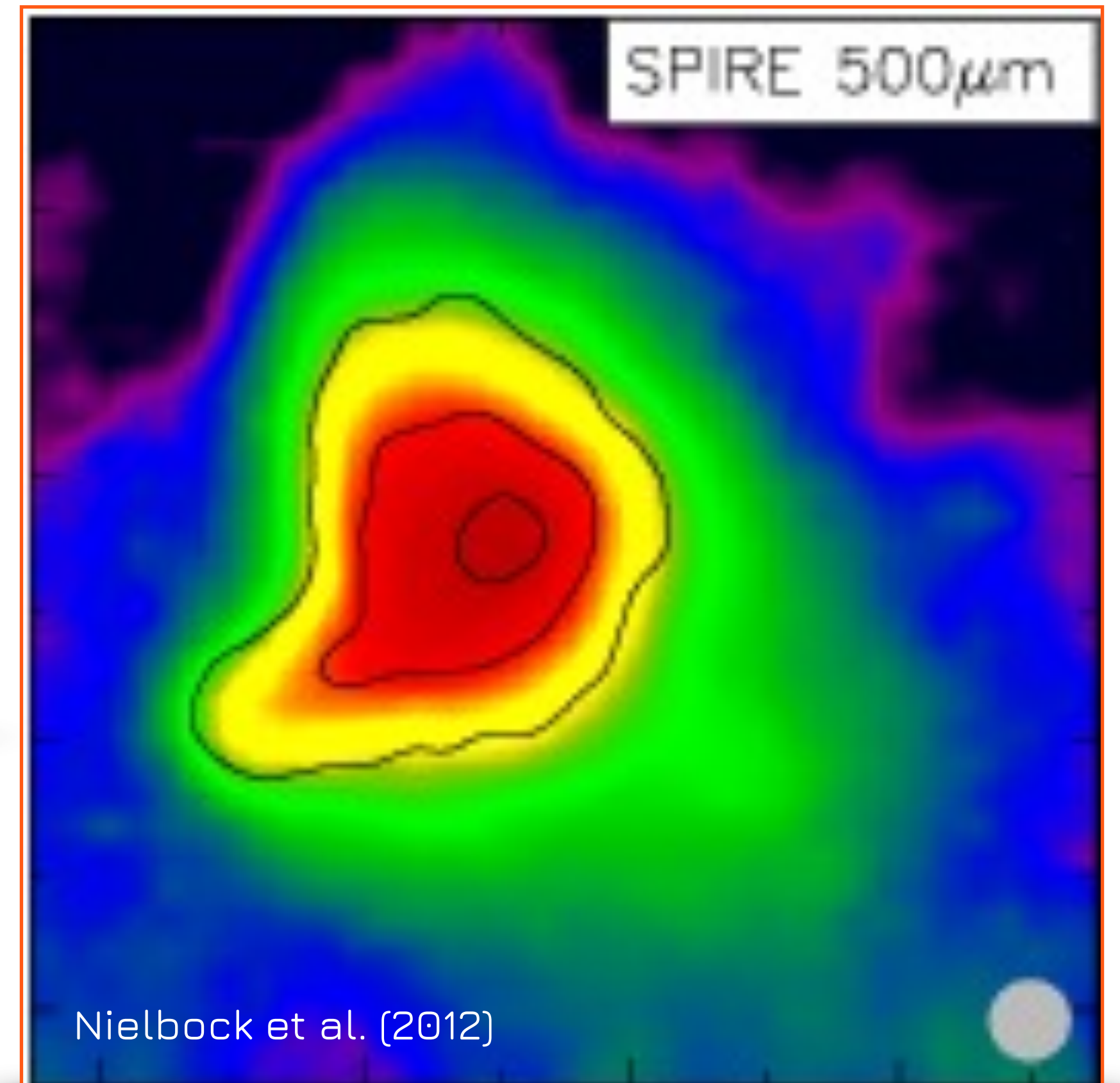
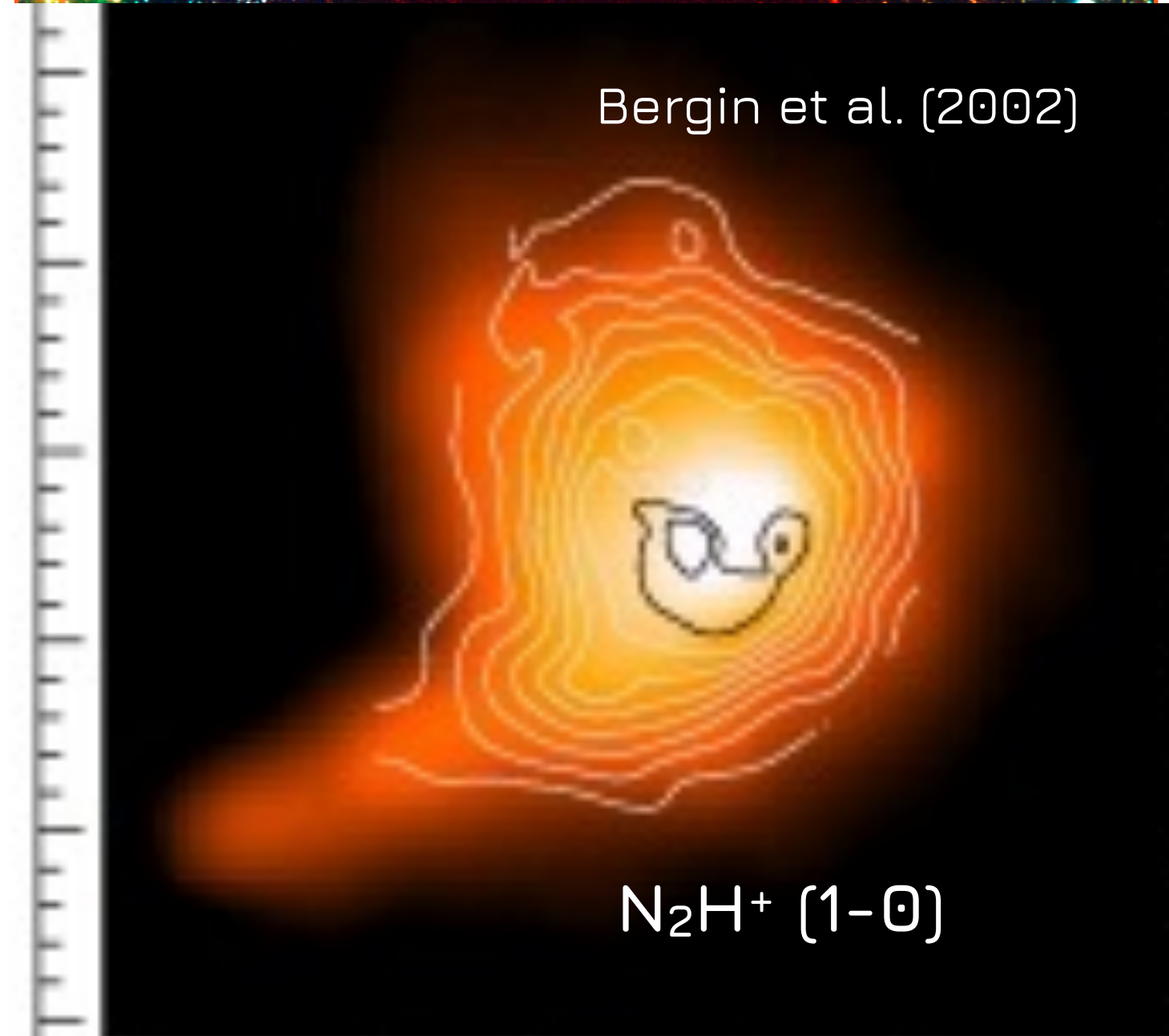
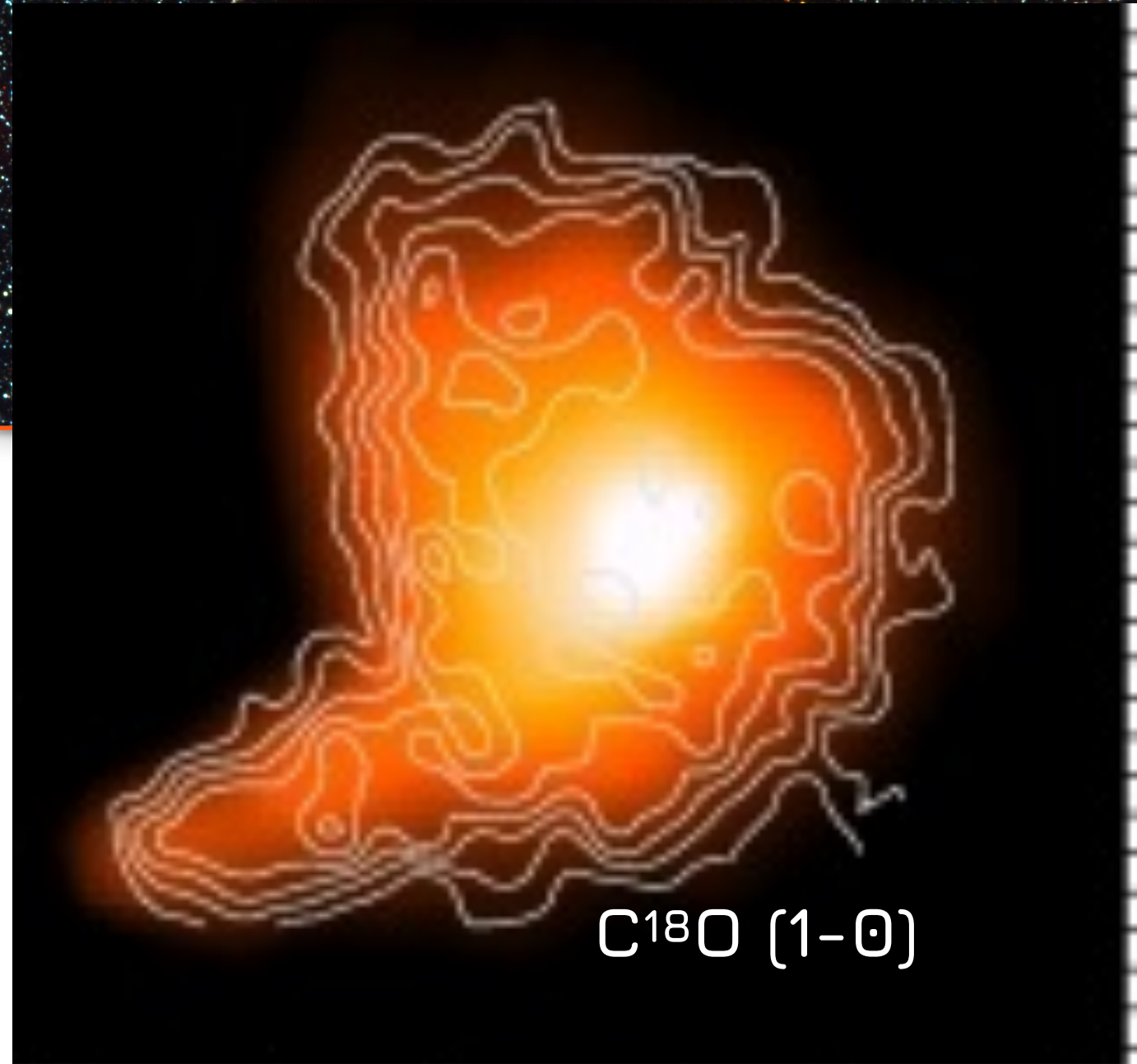
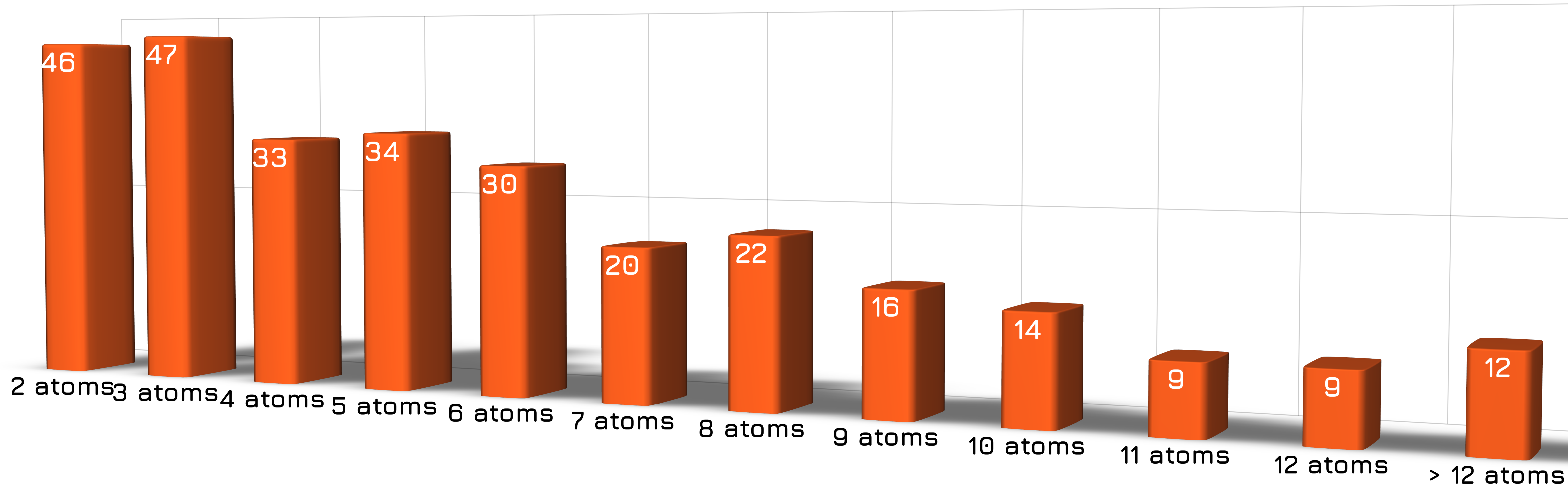


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MOLECULES IN SPACE



About 300 molecules have been detected in the ISM including > 60 complex (6 or more atoms)

➔ First interstellar Complex Organic Molecule (iCOM)* detected in the interstellar medium: Methanol (CH_3OH) in 1970

* iCOMs are carbon-based compounds with > 6 atoms (Herbst & van Dishoeck 2009)

THE ROLE OF DUST IN THE ISM

Extinction

$$m_{\lambda} = M_{\lambda} + 5 \log\left(\frac{r}{10 \text{ pc}}\right) + A_{\lambda}$$

Reddening

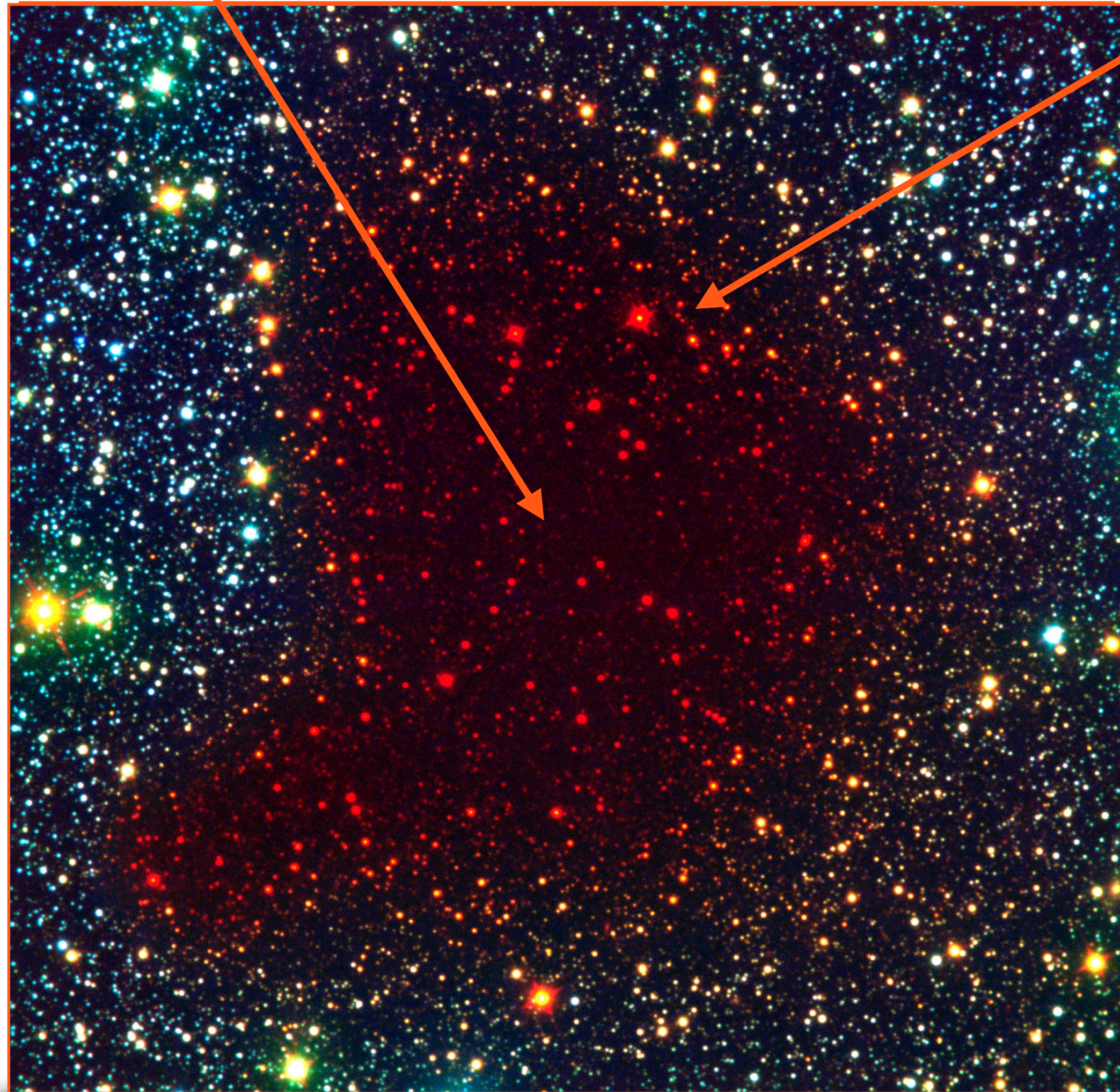
$$(m_{\lambda_1} - m_{\lambda_2}) = (M_{\lambda_1} - M_{\lambda_2}) + (A_{\lambda_1} - A_{\lambda_2})$$

$$E_{12} = A_{\lambda_1} - A_{\lambda_2}$$

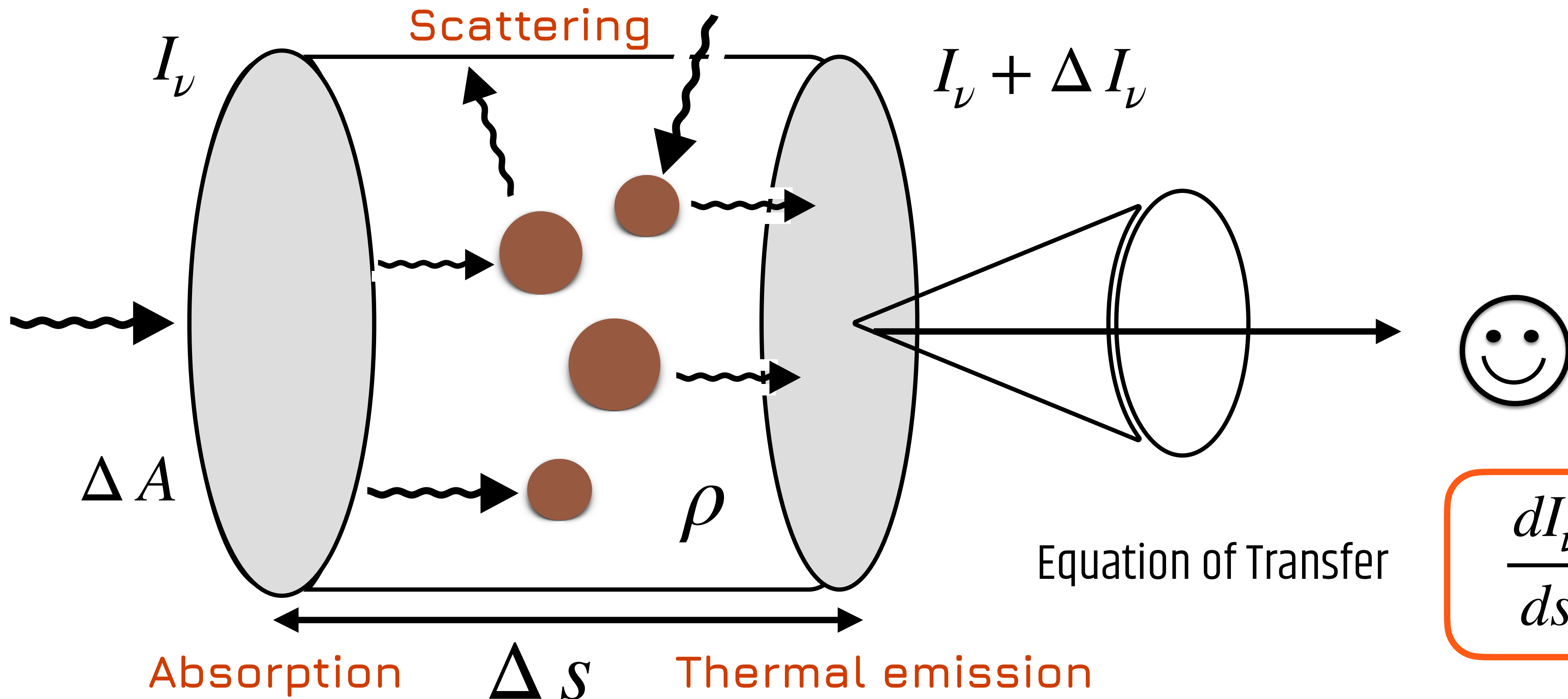
→ Extinction and color excess are proportional to the column density of dust grains along the line of sight

$$A_V / N_H = 5.3 \times 10^{-22} \text{ mag cm}^2$$

→ Reflect light from nearby stars
(Reflection Nebula)



THE ROLE OF DUST IN THE ISM



$$\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = -\rho \kappa_\nu I_\nu + j_\nu$$

Optical depth

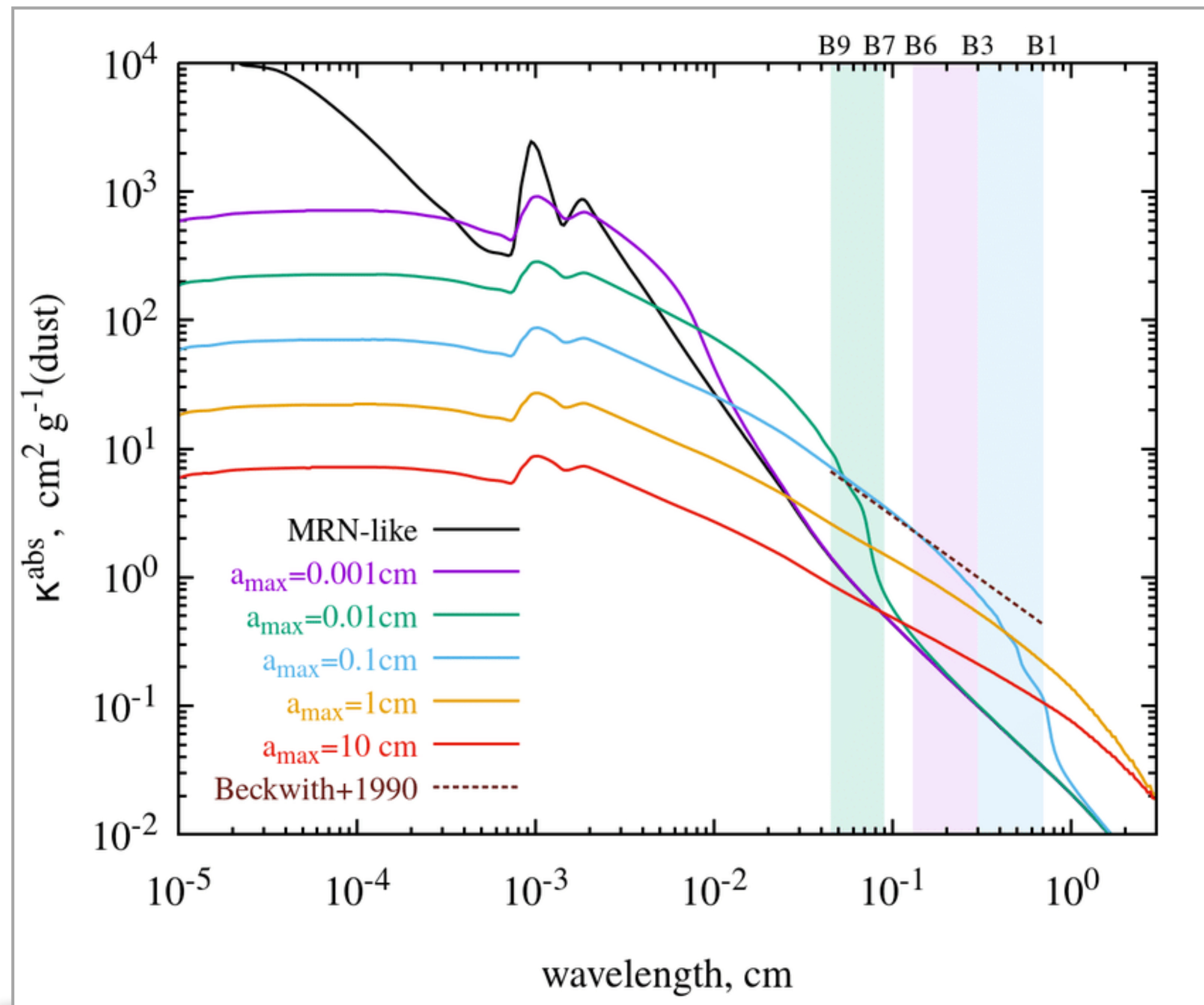
$$\rho \kappa_\nu \Delta s = \Delta \tau_\nu$$

Optically-thick medium: $\Delta \tau_\nu \gg 1$

Optically-thin medium: $\Delta \tau_\nu \ll 1$

THE ROLE OF DUST IN THE ISM

- ➔ Polarization: starlight is, in general, partially linearly polarized by a few per cent (proportional to the amount of extinction)
- ➔ Dust absorption coefficient (opacity): $\kappa_\nu \propto \nu^\beta$ with **dust emissivity index** $\beta \sim 1 - 2$ (~1.6 for the diffuse ISM) but it can be < 1 in the envelopes of Young Stellar Objects (YSOs) and in Protoplanetary disks



Tomorrow's Lectures
Anaëlle Maury, Carlos Carrasco-González & François Ménard

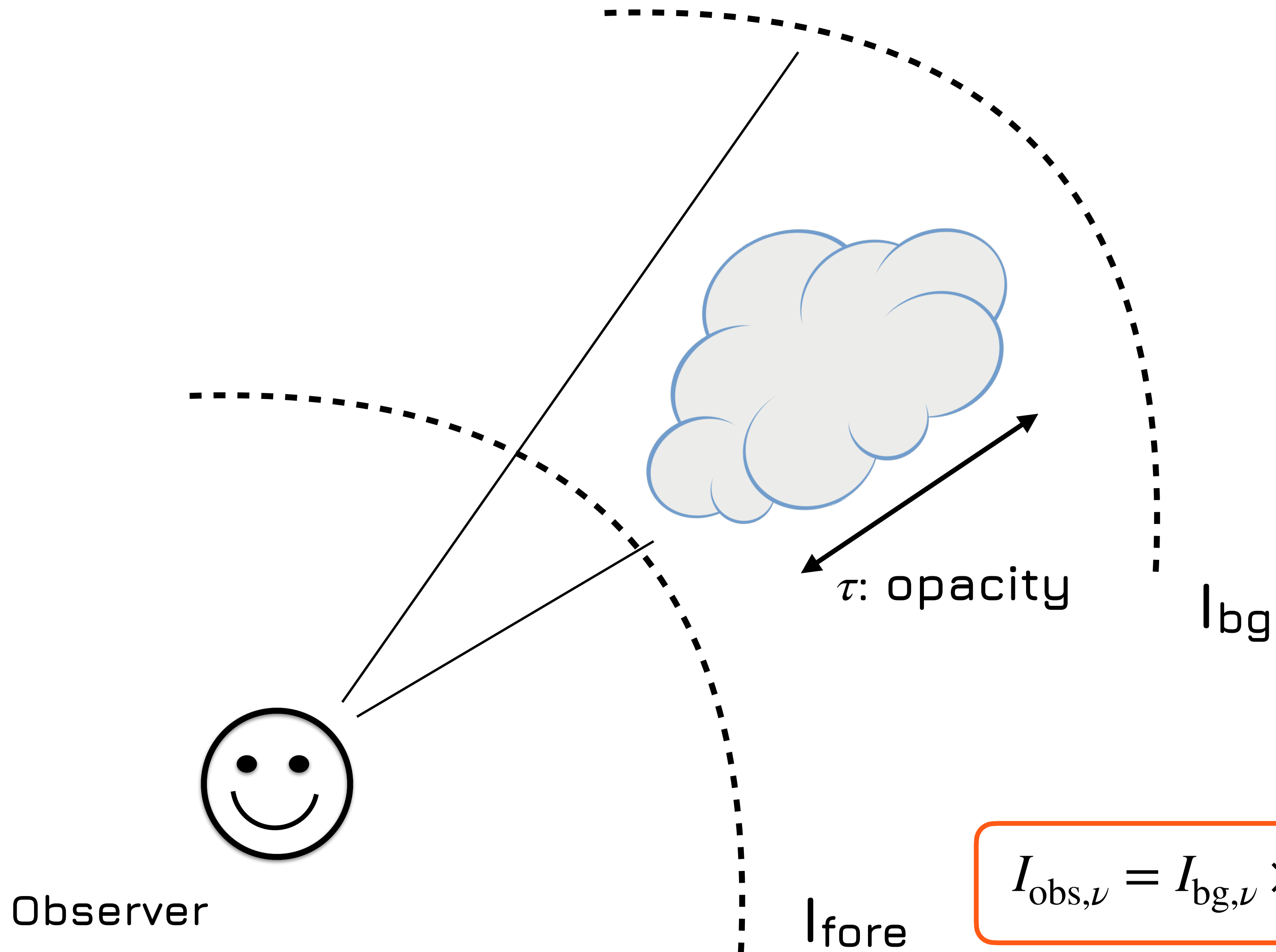
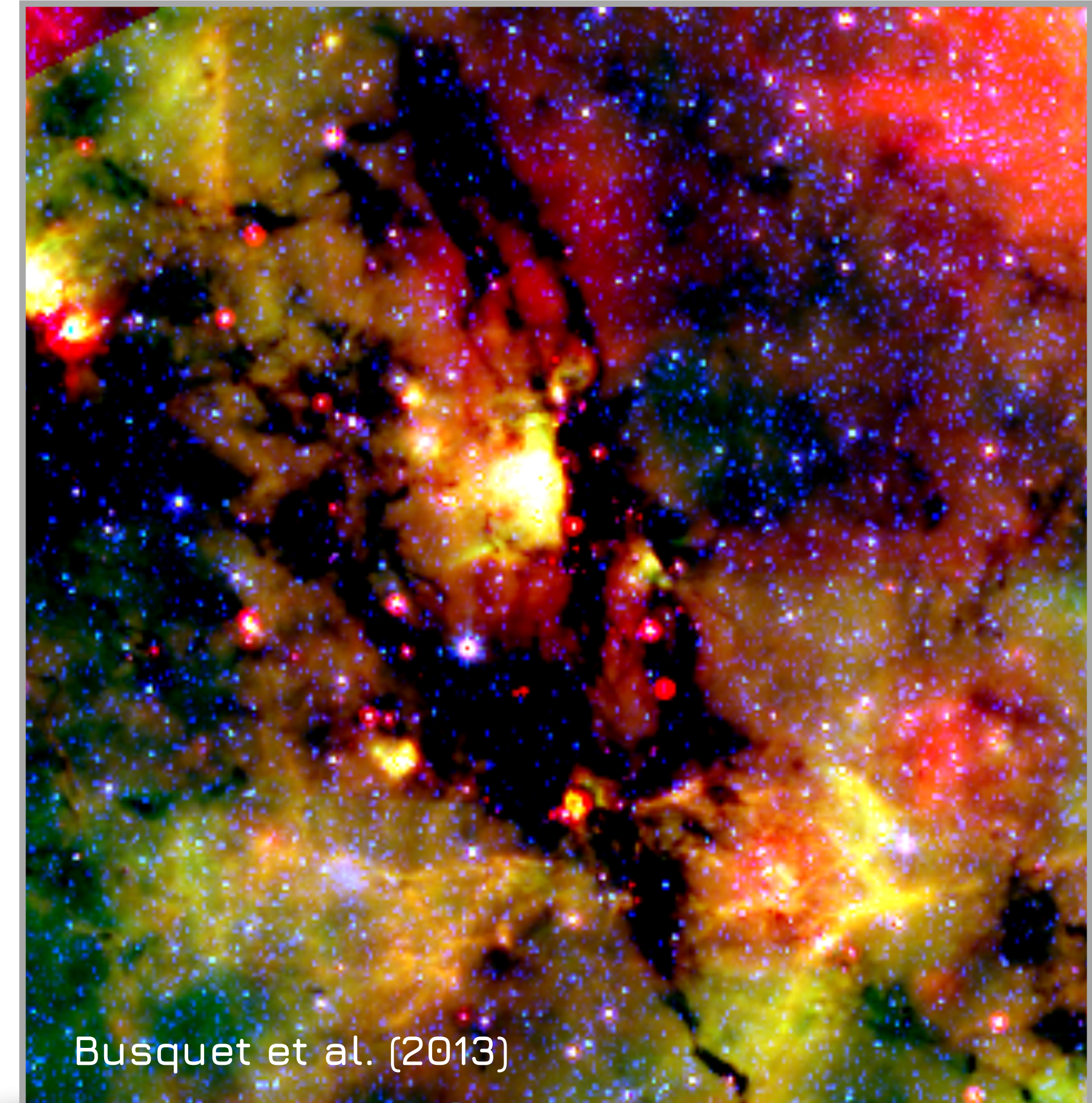
Opacity:

Measurement of the dust absorption cross sections. Depends on the frequency and physical properties of dust grains (composition, mass and size)

$$\kappa_\nu = 10 \left(\frac{\nu}{10^{12} \text{ Hz}} \right)^\beta \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ with } \beta = 1$$

THE ROLE OF DUST IN THE ISM

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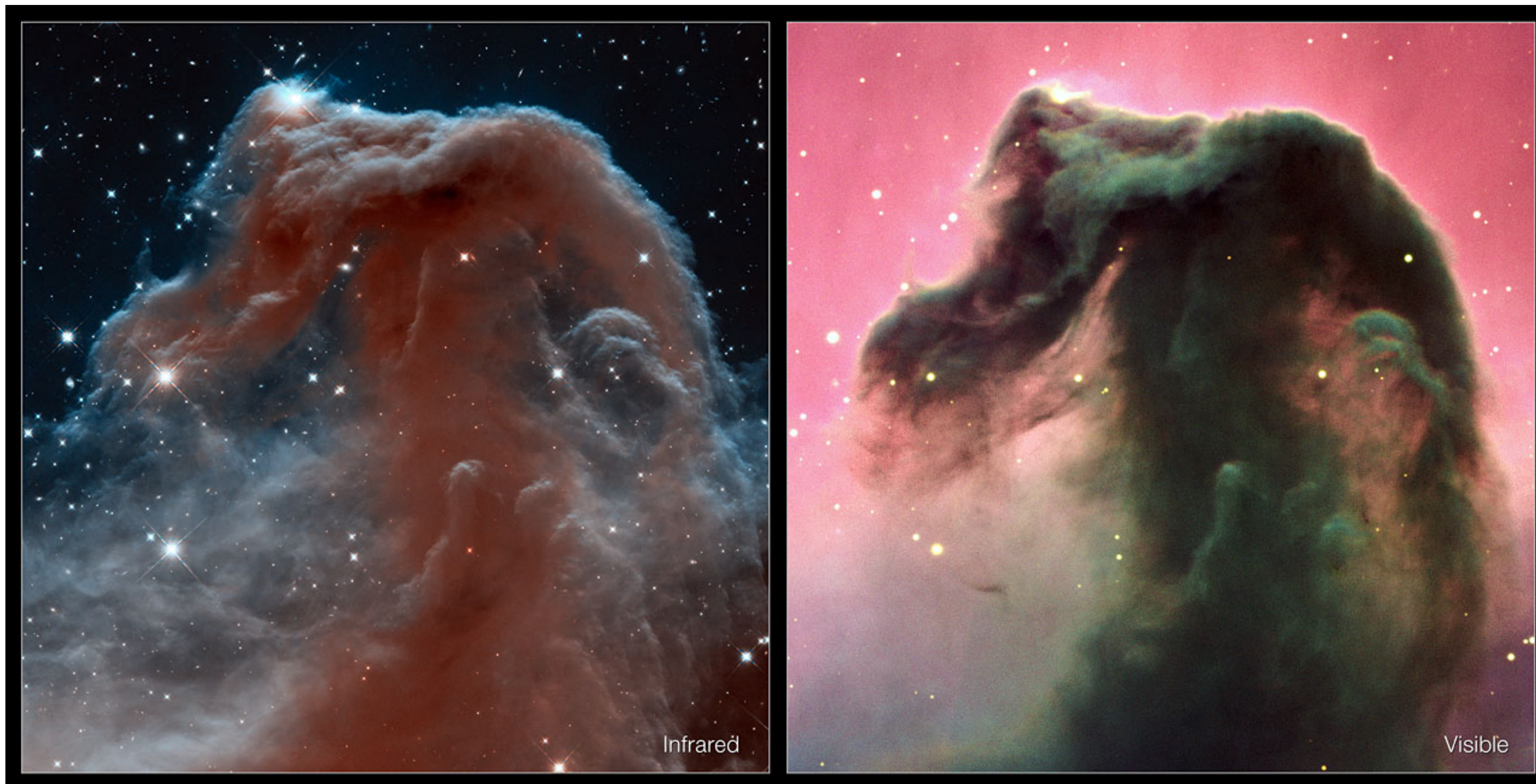


$$I_{\text{obs},\nu} = I_{\text{bg},\nu} \times \exp(-\tau_{\nu}) + I_{\text{fore},\nu}$$

$$\tau_{\nu} = N_{\text{H}_2} \kappa_{\nu}$$

THE ROLE OF DUST IN THE ISM

- ➔ Thermal emission: Energy from starlight absorbed by dust heats the grains and is then re-emitted thermally at the temperature of dust (continuum emission). Emitting dust is described as a blackbody x opacity term (modified blackbody or grey-body)



$$I_\nu = B_\nu(T)(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu})$$

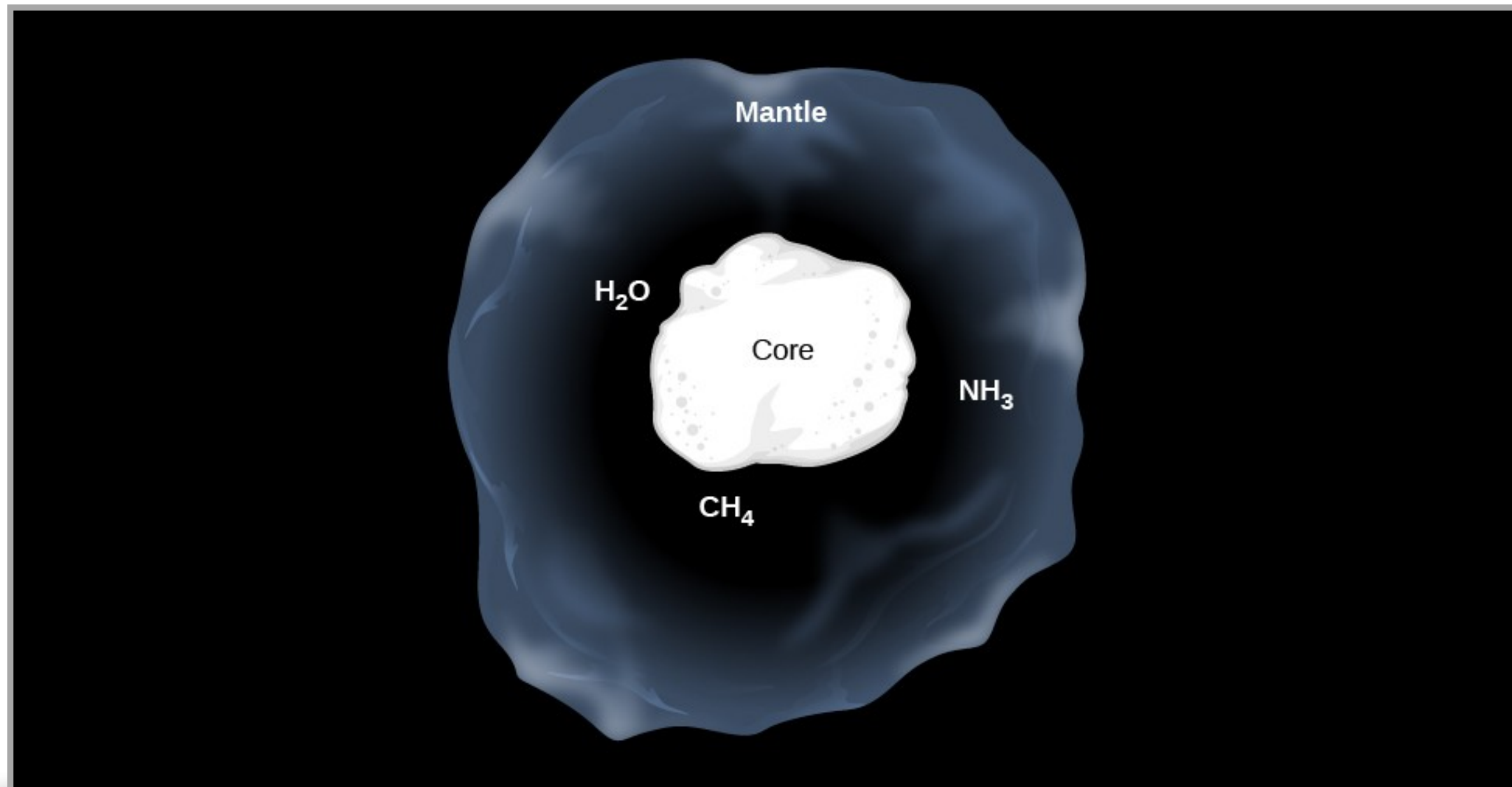
$$I_\nu \approx B_\nu(T) \tau_\nu$$

Planck's law:

$$B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1}$$

THE ROLE OF DUST IN THE ISM

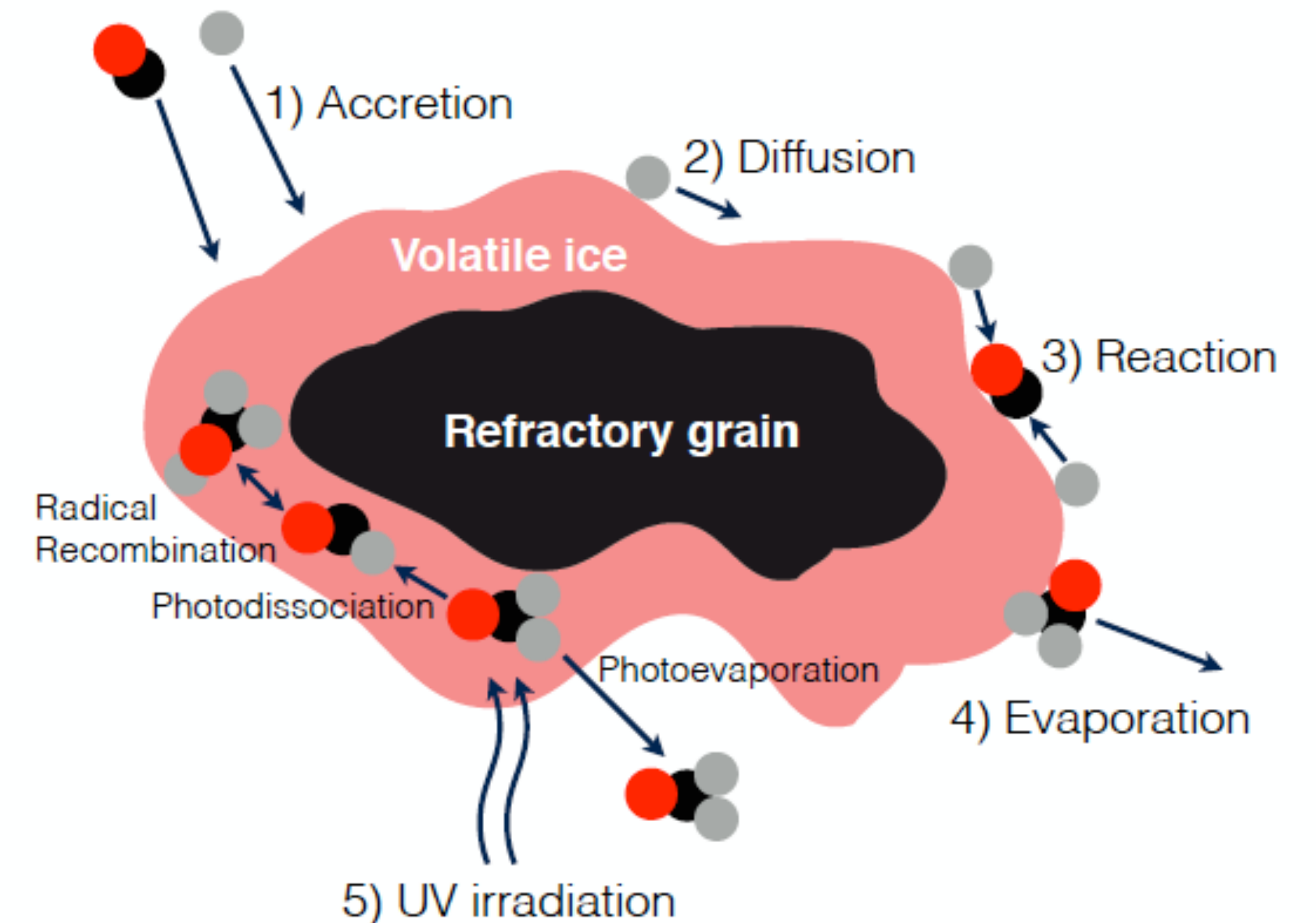
➔ Dust plays a crucial role in cooling down the interstellar material and is at the center of molecule formation process such as H_2 (grain surface chemistry) and in the preservation of molecules once they are formed (prevents the destruction from UV radiation)

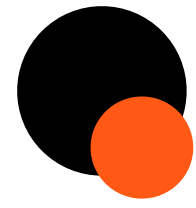


Dominant ice species:

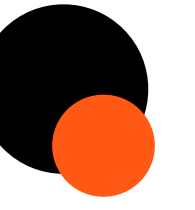
H_2O , CO , CO_2 , CH_4 , NH_3 and CH_3OH

Wednesday Lecture by Albert Rimola
"Chemistry on dust surfaces: H_2 formation and molecular diversity"





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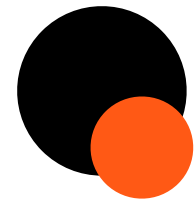
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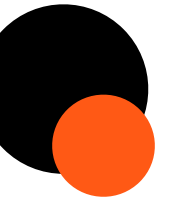
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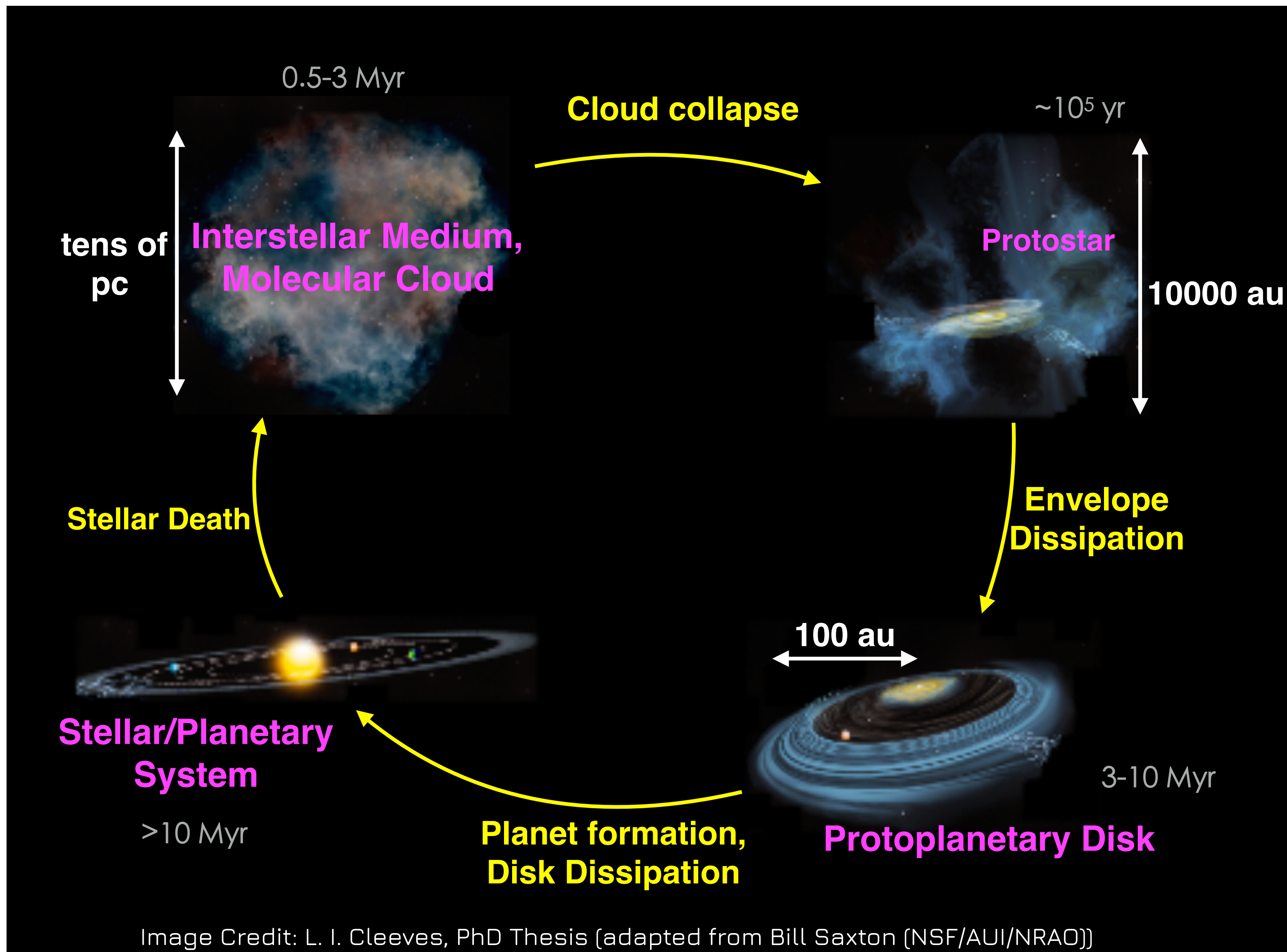
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THE STAR FORMATION CYCLE

- **GMC:** 10^5 - $10^6 M_{\odot}$, $T \sim 10$ K, $n(\text{H}_2) \sim 10^2 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- **Pre-stellar cores** [0.01-0.1 pc] onset of future star formation
- **Protostar** (0.1 - $1 M_{\odot}$) + **disk system:** powerful jets + a natal disk (0.01 - $0.1 M_{\odot}$) + large scale envelope [0.1 pc in size]
- **Protoplanetary disk:** envelope is dissipated. A young star (or stars) and a disk (1 - $10\% M_{\star}$) remain
- **Main sequence phase:** cessation of accretion on the star and dispersal of the molecular gas

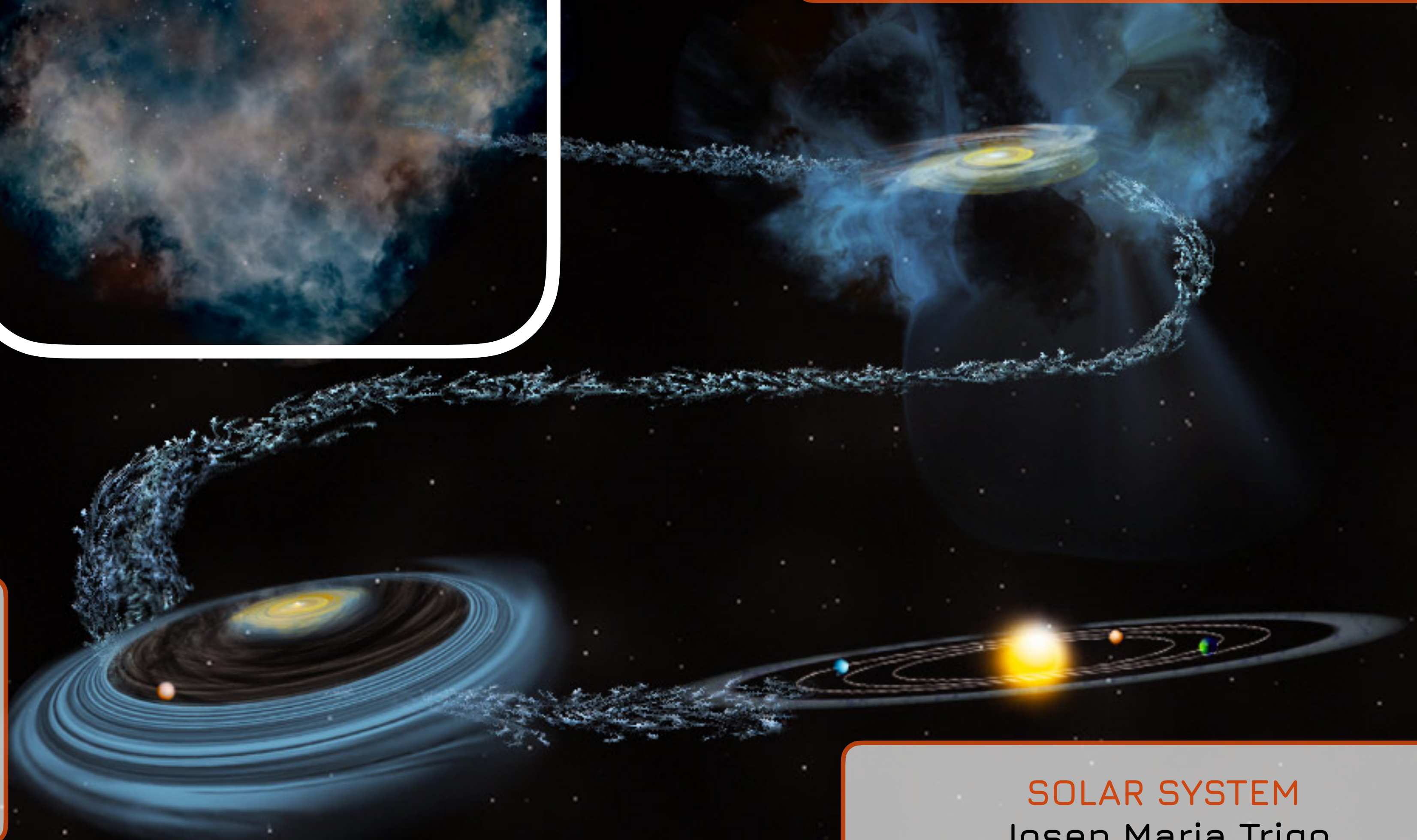


MOLECULAR CLOUDS



DENSE CORES

Josep Miquel Girart (B-field)
Anaëlle Maury (mm observations)

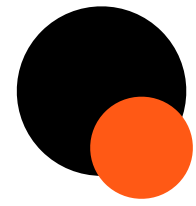


PROTOPLANETARY DISKS

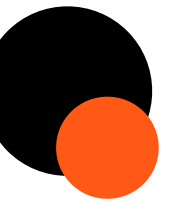
Mayra Osorio (disk models)
Carlos Carrasco-González (mm observations)
François Menard (grain growth)

SOLAR SYSTEM

Josep Maria Trigo
(Meteorites, Solar system dust)

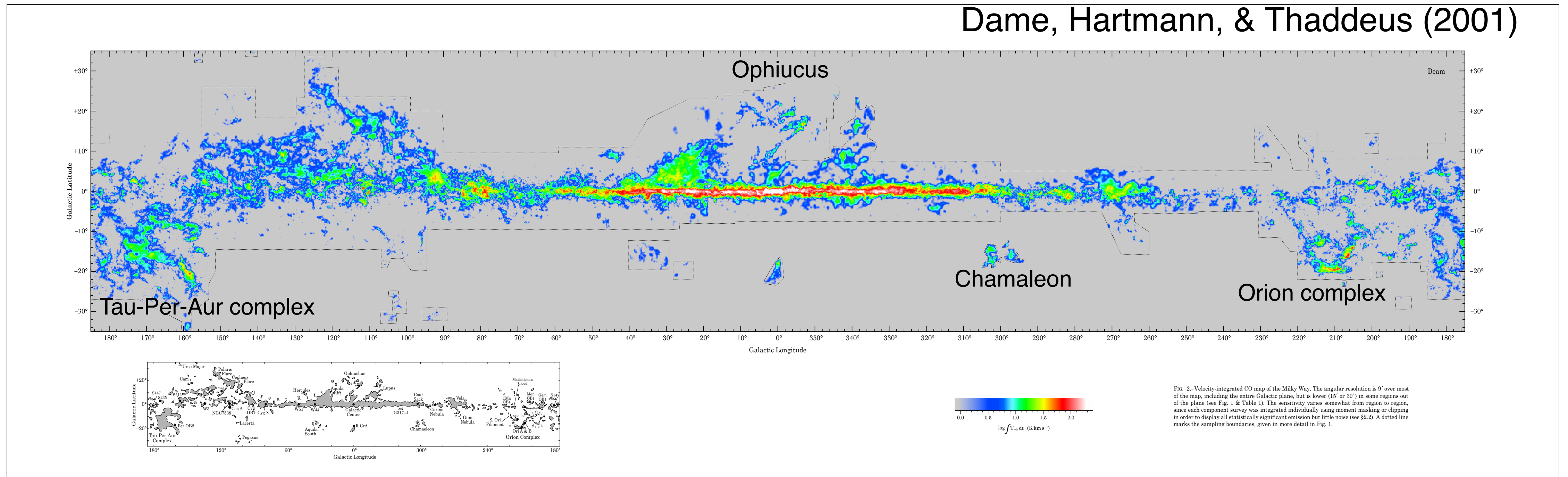


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Molecular clouds are the densest phase of the ISM.

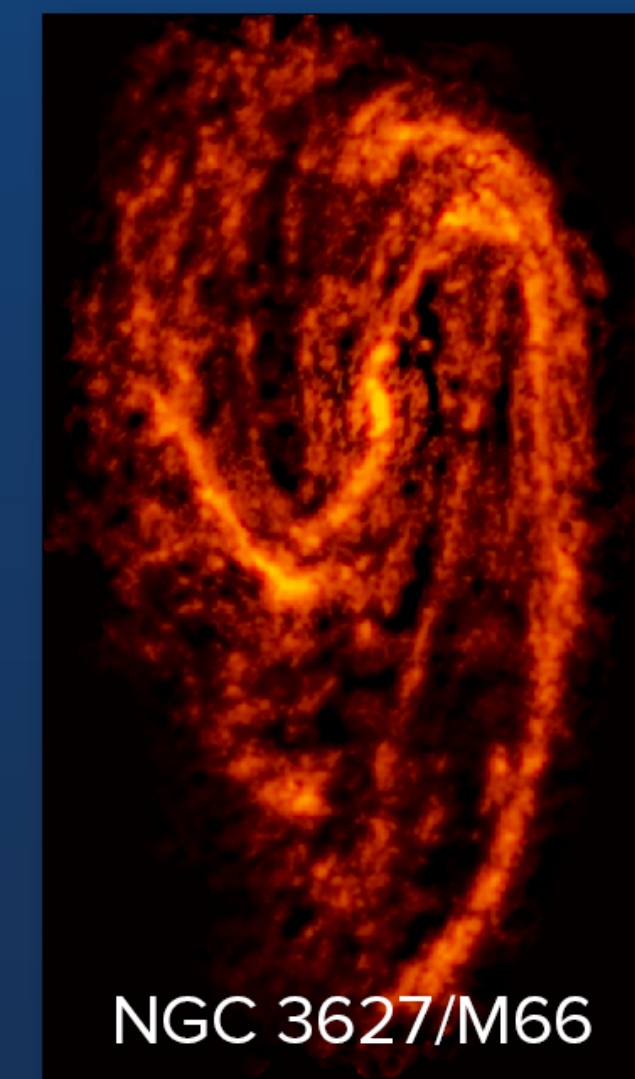
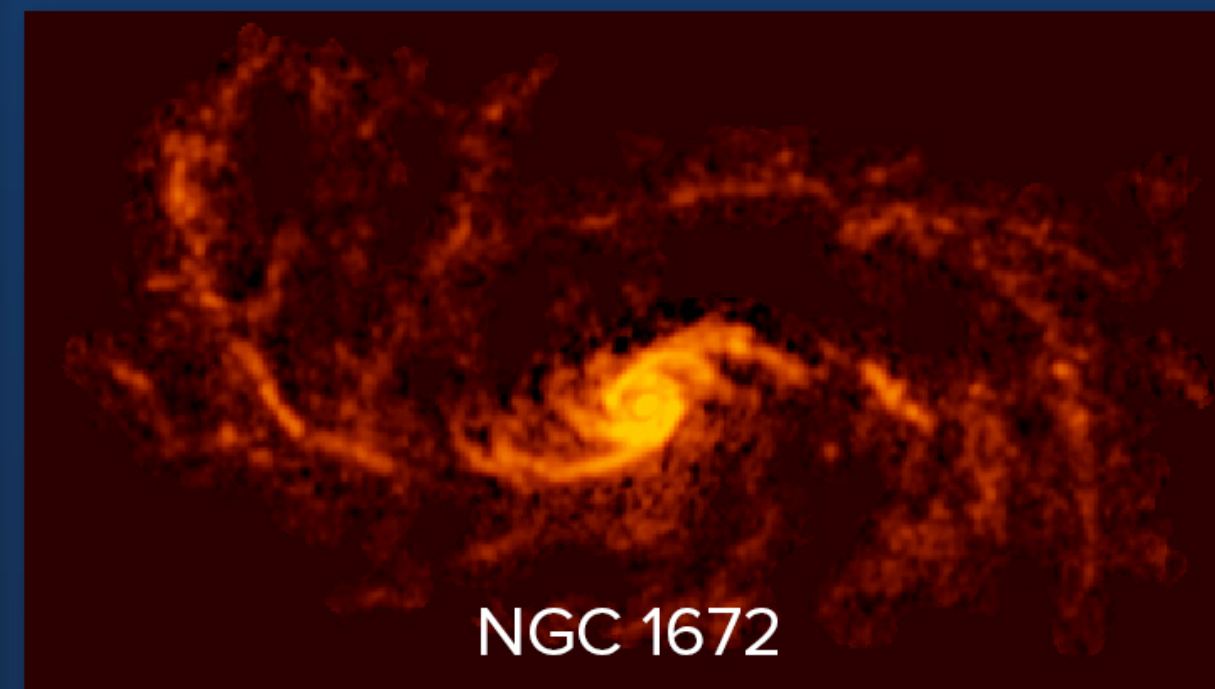
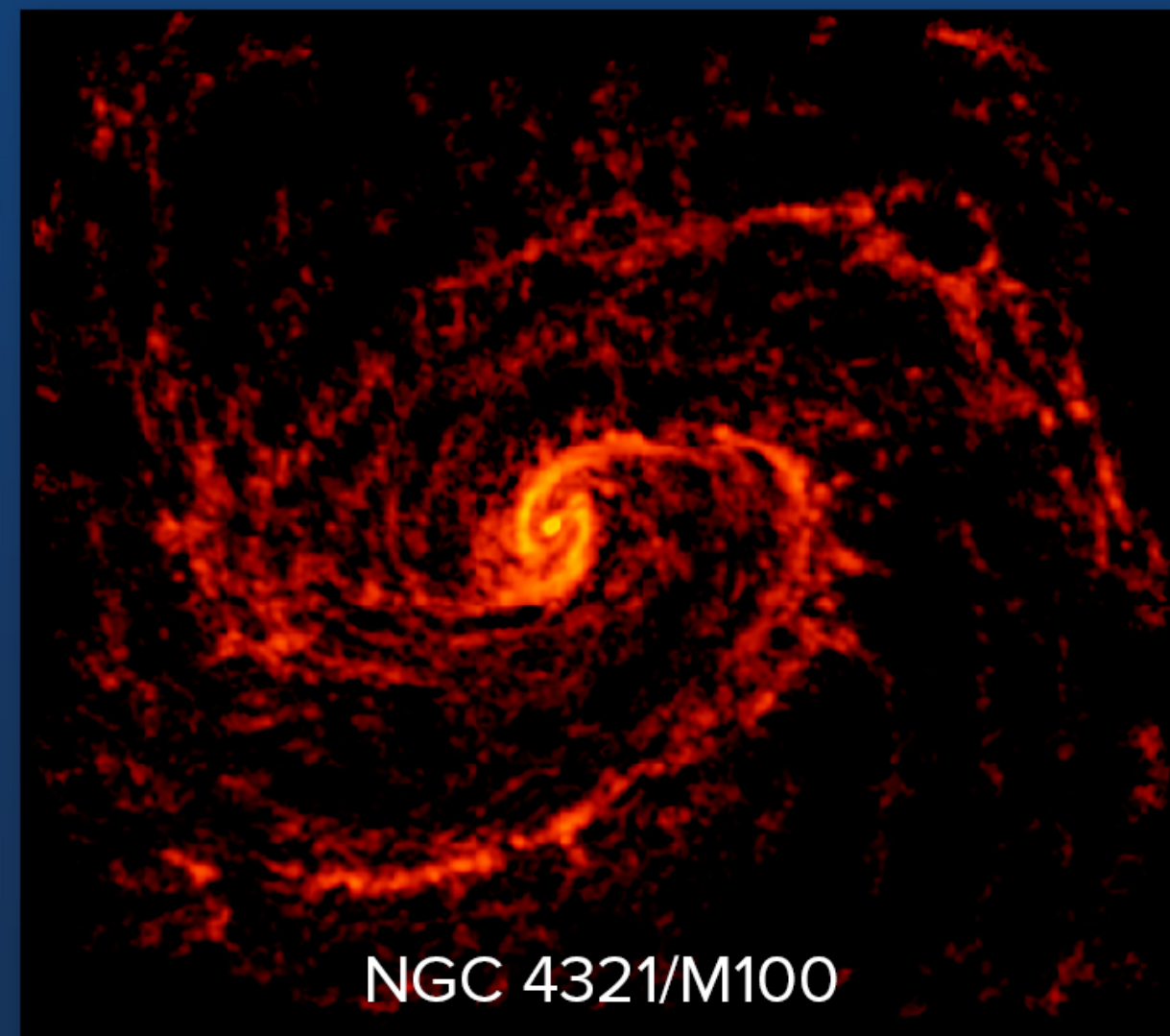
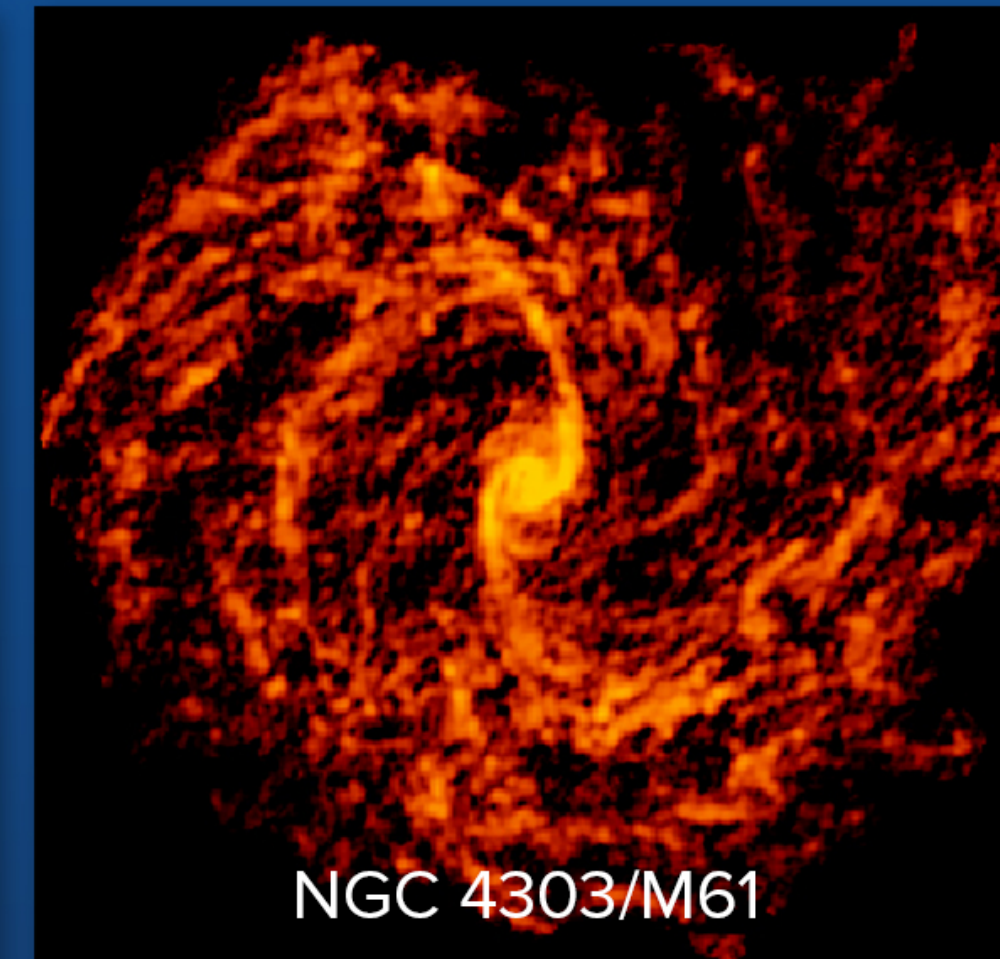
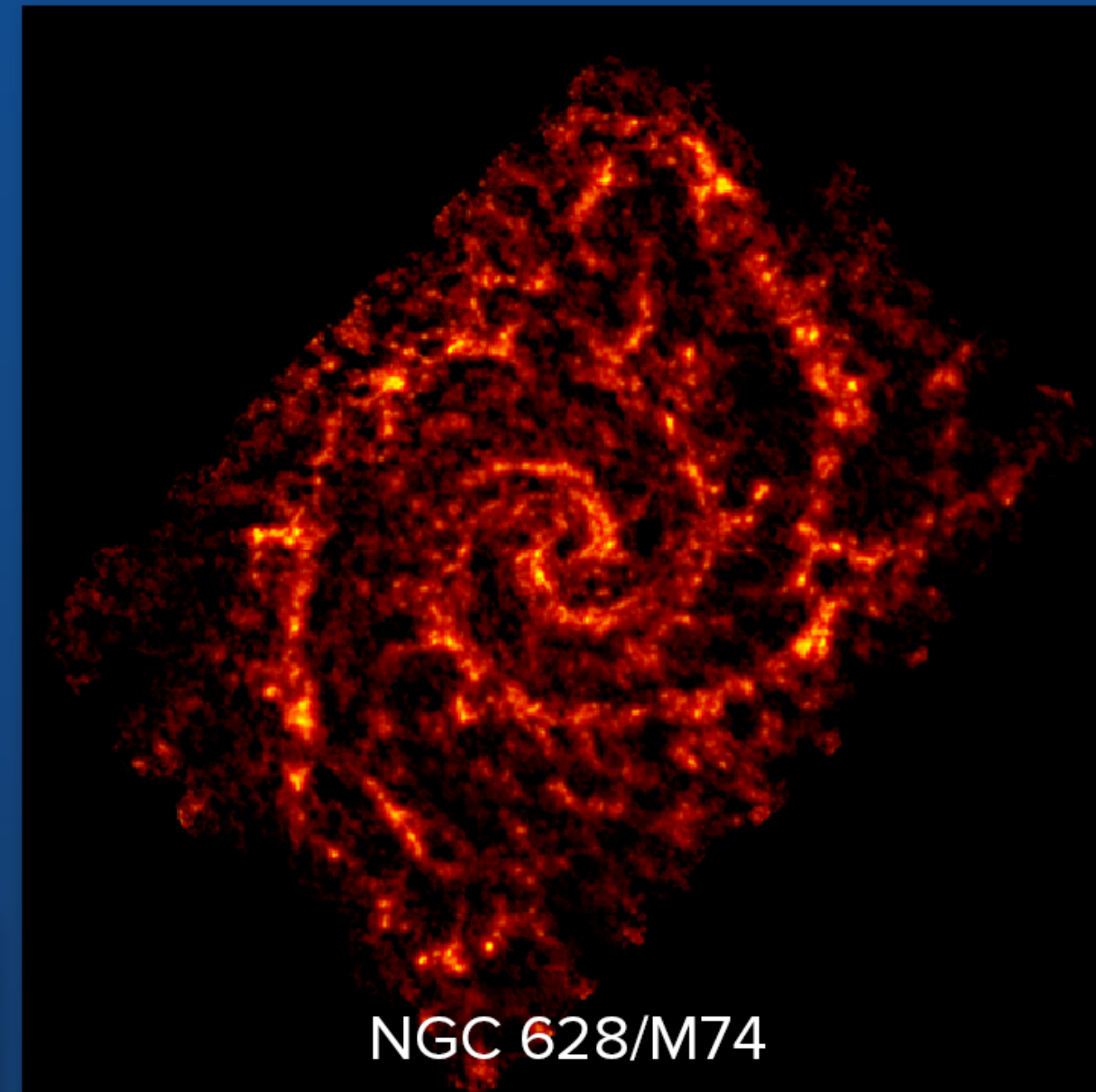
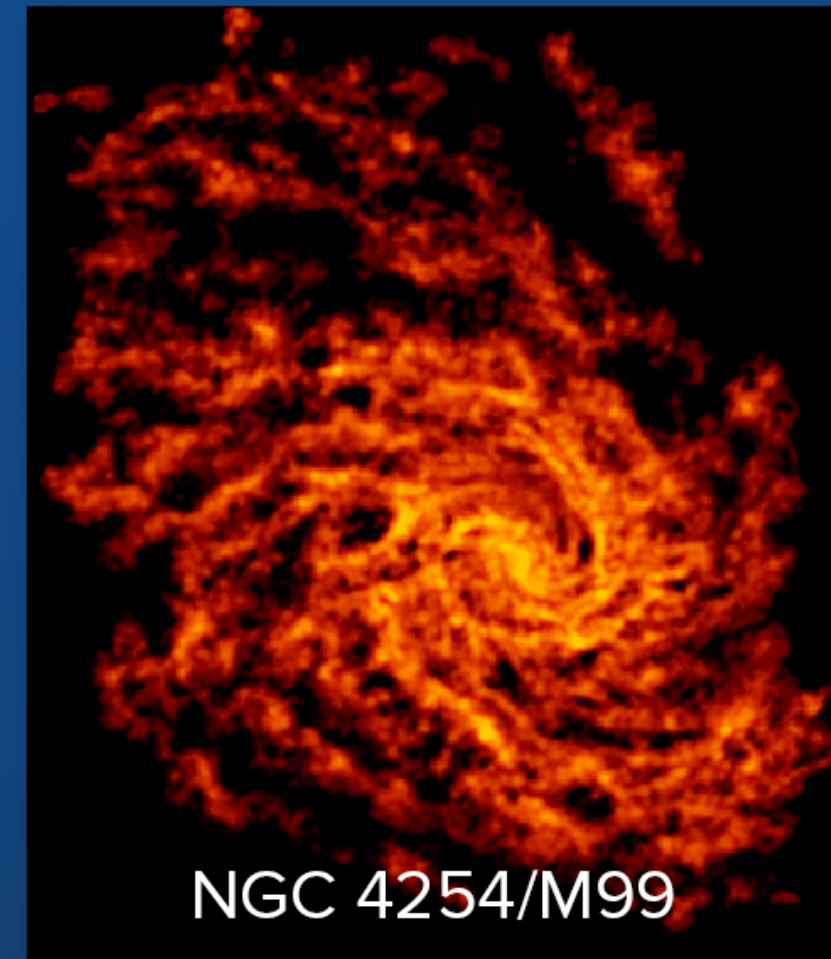
- ★ FUV photons are absorbed at the surface in a region of $A_V \sim 1$: PDR
- ★ H_2 can survive after it has formed on dust grains thanks to the PDR-shield
- ★ Dust effectively shields the interiors of a dense cloud from the UV radiation, which destroys molecules
- ★ Chemistry is initiated as other molecules form together with H_2



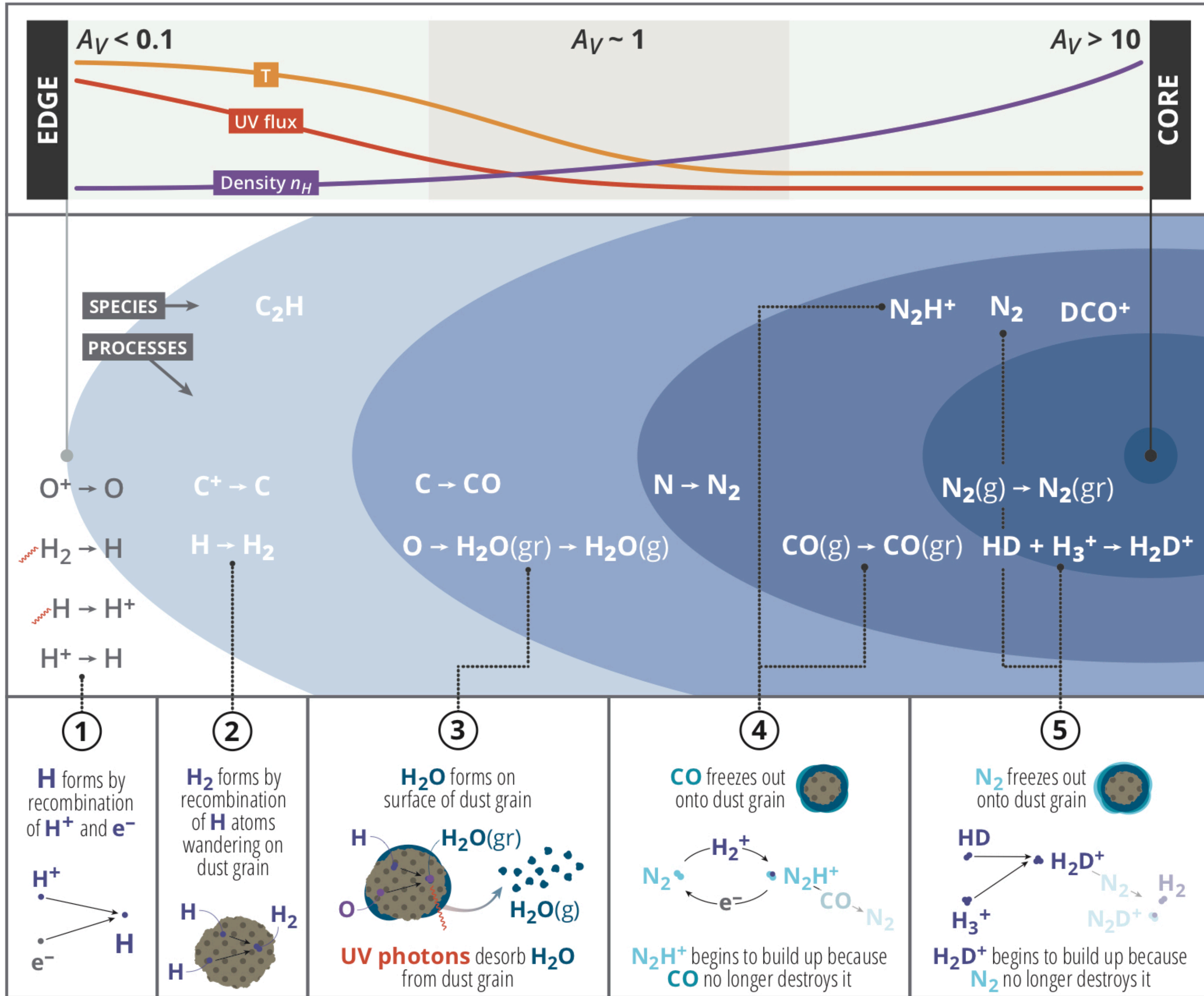
$$T_{\text{kin}} = 10 \text{ K}, n(\text{H}_2) > 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}, \text{ size} \sim 50 \text{ pc}$$

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The Physics at High Angular resolution in Nearby Galaxies (PHANGS) ALMA Survey



SETTING THE CHEMICAL TRAJECTORY FOR STAR AND PLANET FORMATION



➔ In Molecular Clouds: major volatile carriers of oxygen, carbon and nitrogen form: H_2O , CO , N_2

➔ Formation sites of most abundant volatile organics (CH_4 , CH_3OH , NH_3):
Building blocks of any organic chemistry

3 Inner surface layer: C is rapidly converted into CO , effectively locking in most of the volatile carbon budget. Remaining O is incorporated into the much less volatile H_2O .

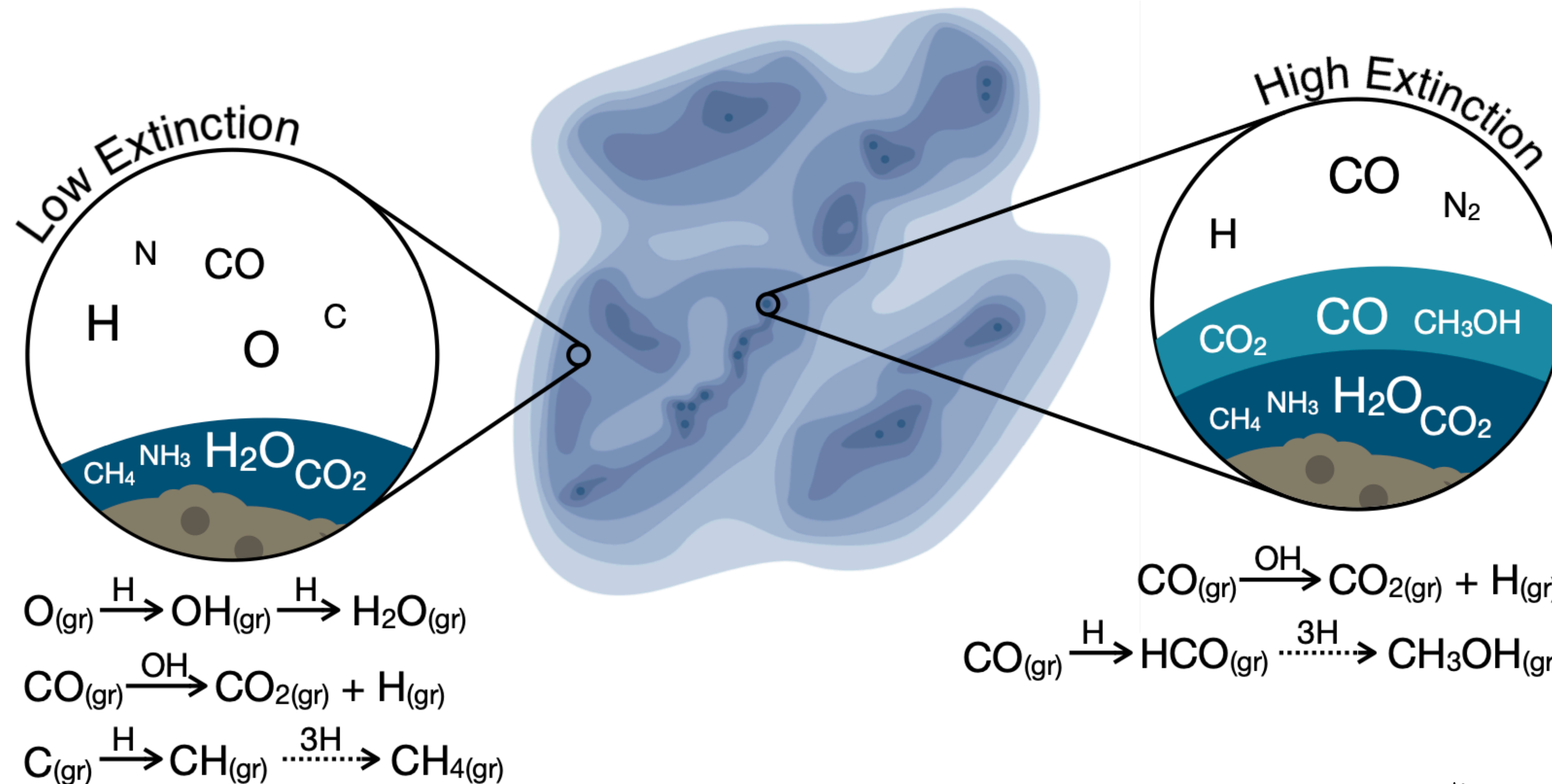
4 Deepest molecular cloud region: all molecules except for H_2 , H_3^+ rapidly

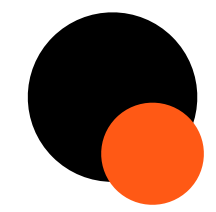
5 freeze-out onto grains (efficient deuterium fractionation)

Image Credit: K. Peek (Öberg & Bergin 2021)

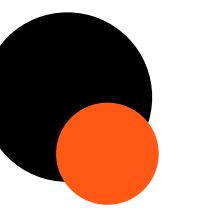
SETTING THE CHEMICAL TRAJECTORY FOR STAR AND PLANET FORMATION

- ➔ Initial icy grain mantles are composed mainly of H₂O and CO₂. Main host of CH₄ and NH₃.
- ➔ At Low Extinction where temperatures are warmer (T > 10 K) and UV radiation is diluted but present.
- ➔ At High Extinction the gas and dust are cold with UV radiation extinguished. Elevated densities result in a CO freeze-out rate that is too high for H-atoms activated grain-surface reaction: CO containing outer ice mantle.





PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF MOLECULAR CLOUDS




➔ Solution of the radiative transfer equation for a medium with optical depth τ_ν and for a source function constituted by the Planck blackbody B_ν at temperature T is:

$$I_\nu = B_\nu(T)(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) \quad \text{where} \quad B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/k_B T} - 1}$$

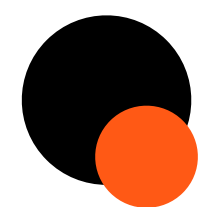
➔ Assuming I_ν being uniform over the solid angle Ω , the corresponding flux is:

$$F_\nu = \Omega(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) B_\nu(T)$$

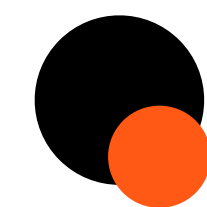
➔ Empirical behaviour of τ_ν as a function of ν for large interstellar dust grains is modelled as a power law: $\tau_\nu = \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right)^\beta$ where the cut-off frequency $\nu_0 = c/\lambda_0$ is such that $\tau_{\nu_0} = 1$

➔ In the limit of $\nu \ll \nu_0$: $(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) = \tau_\nu$  $I_\nu \approx \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right)^\beta B_\nu(T)$

Observations at three or more wavelengths this simple model can be used to determine both **T** and **β**



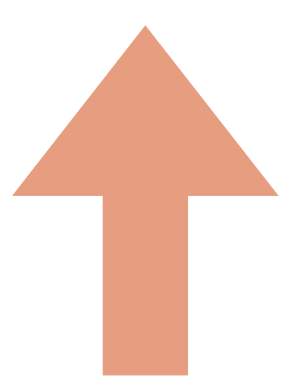
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF MOLECULAR CLOUDS



→ Assumptions:

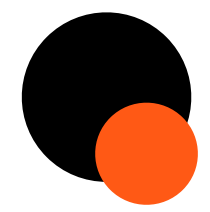
- 1) Single temperature for all dust particles within the beam.
- 2) Spectral index β is constant within the beam and over the observed wavelengths.
- 3) Emission is assumed to be optically thin, making the determination of temperature and spectral index independent of the column density.

→ Obtain Mass/Column density: $I_\nu \approx \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right)^\beta B_\nu(T)$ Definition of optical depth: $\tau_\nu \equiv \kappa_\nu \int \rho ds$

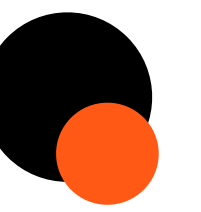
$$\tau_\nu \approx \kappa_{ref} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_{ref}}\right)^\beta \Sigma$$


Surface/column density:

$$\Sigma = M/A$$



PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF MOLECULAR CLOUDS



→ For a source located at a distance d : $A = \Omega d^2$

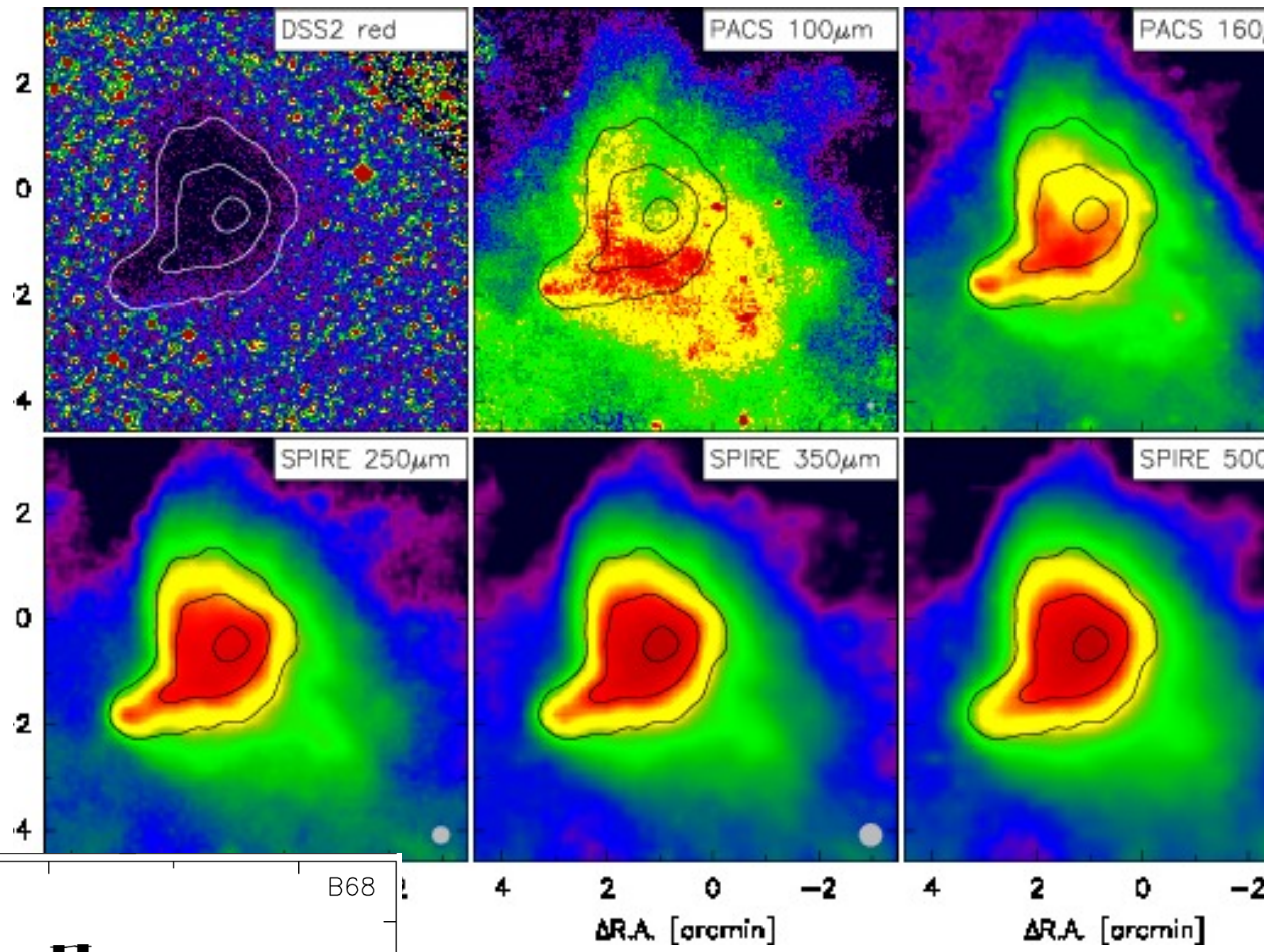
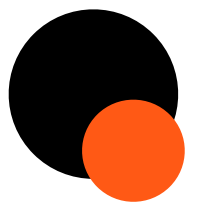
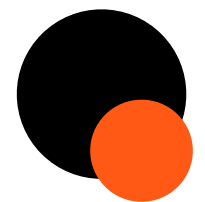
$$\Omega = M/(\Sigma d^2) = M\kappa_{ref}/\tau d^2$$

$$F_\nu = \Omega(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) B_\nu(T) = \frac{M\kappa_{ref}}{d^2} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_{ref}}\right) B_\nu(T)$$

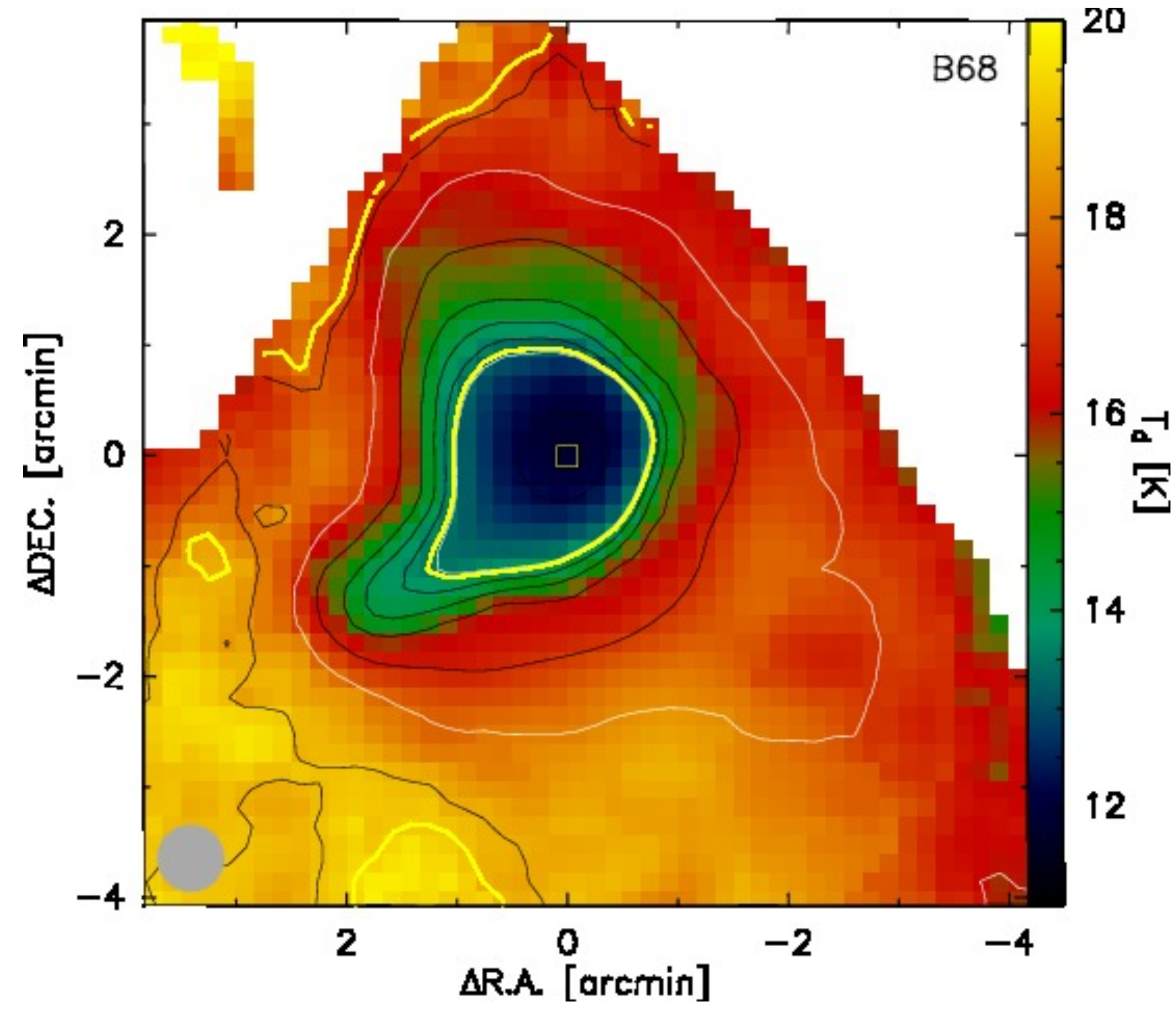
→ Under the assumption that the emission at (sub)millimeter wavelengths is **fully optically thin** and in the **Rayleigh-Jeans regime**:

$$\left[\frac{M}{M_\odot}\right] = 1.6 \times 10^{-6} \left[\frac{\nu}{1000 \text{ GHz}}\right]^{-(2+\beta)} \left[\frac{S_\nu}{\text{Jy}}\right] \left[\frac{T_d}{\text{K}}\right]^{-1} \left[\frac{d}{\text{pc}}\right]^2$$

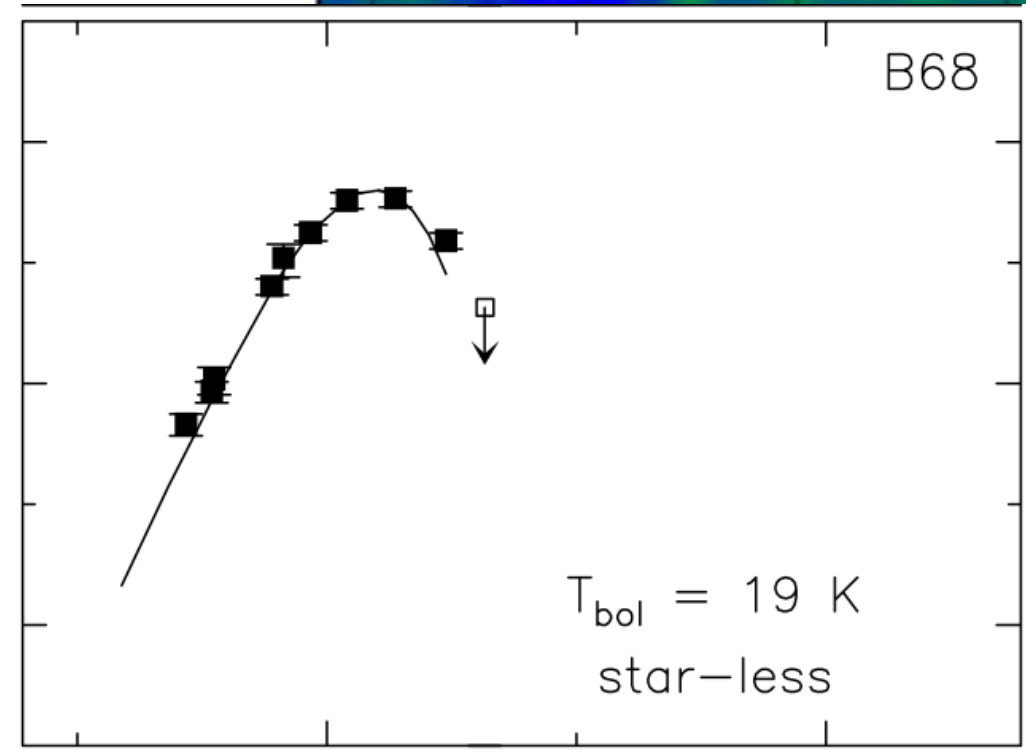
SED FITTING



B68 TEMPERATURE MAP

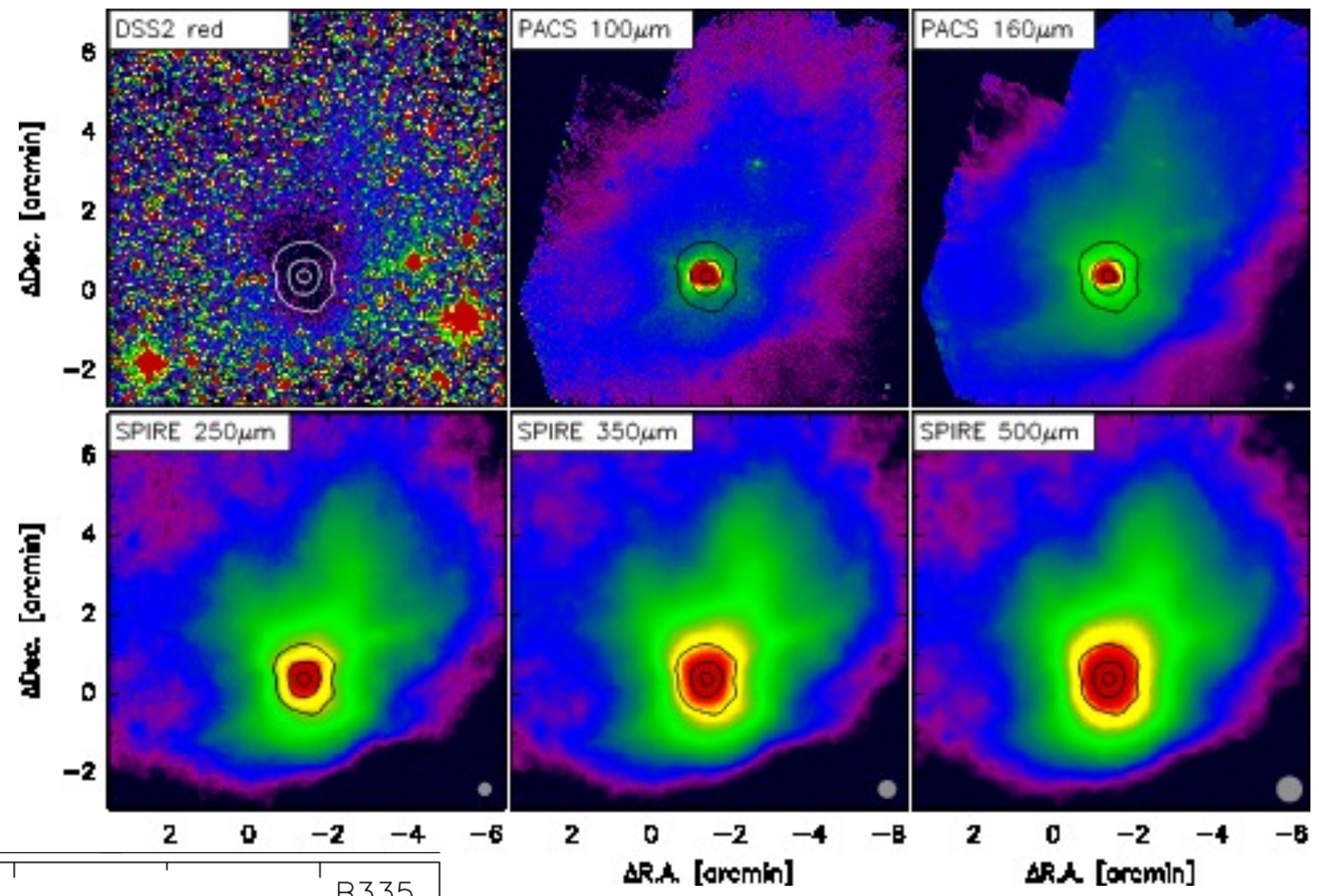


Nielbock et al. (2012)

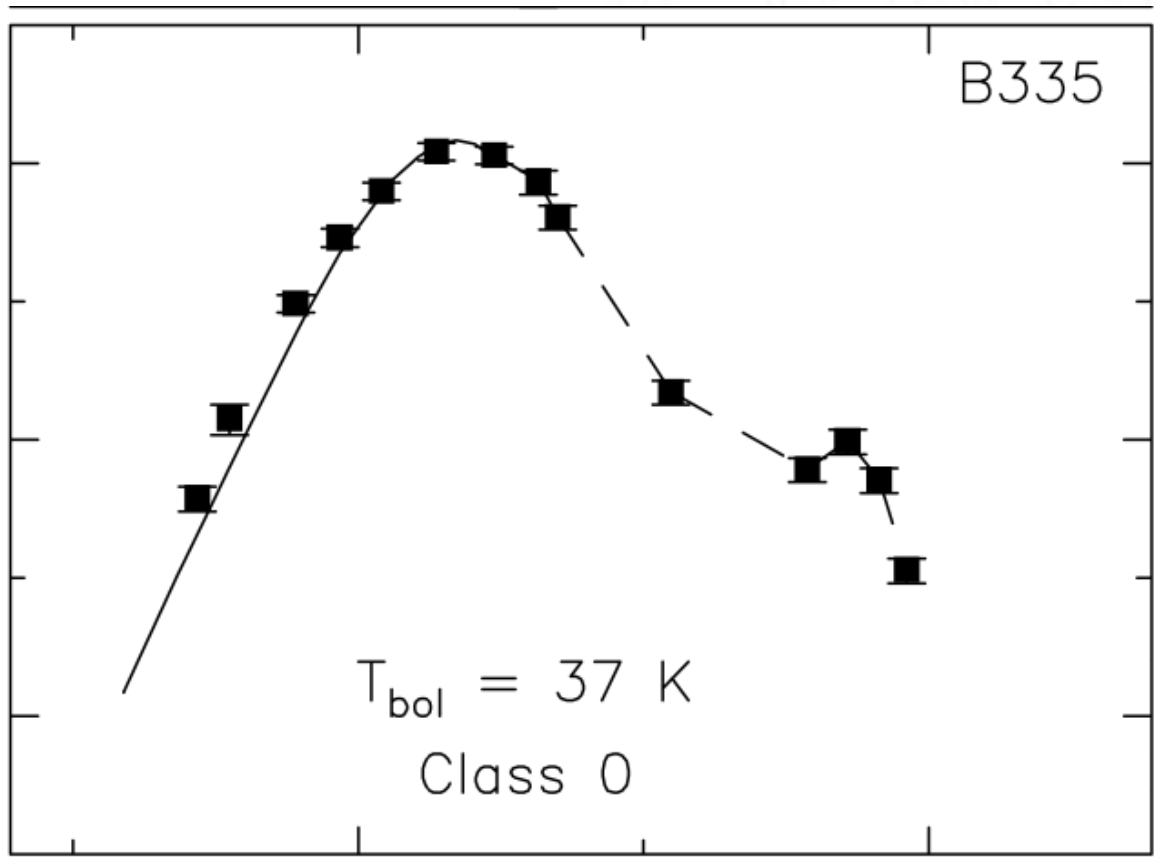
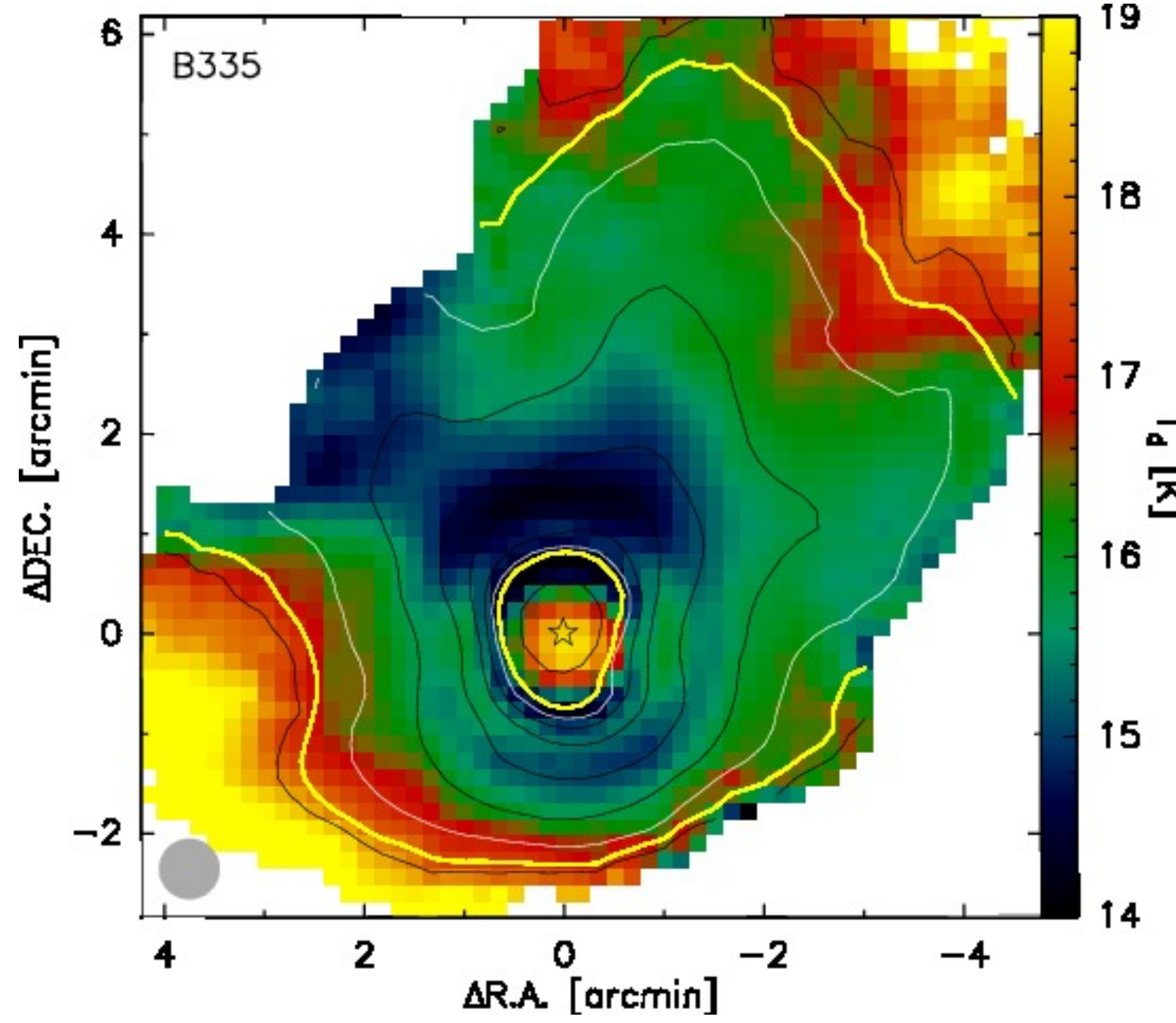


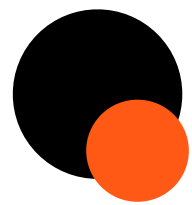
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Launhardt et al. (2013)



B335 TEMPERATURE MAP



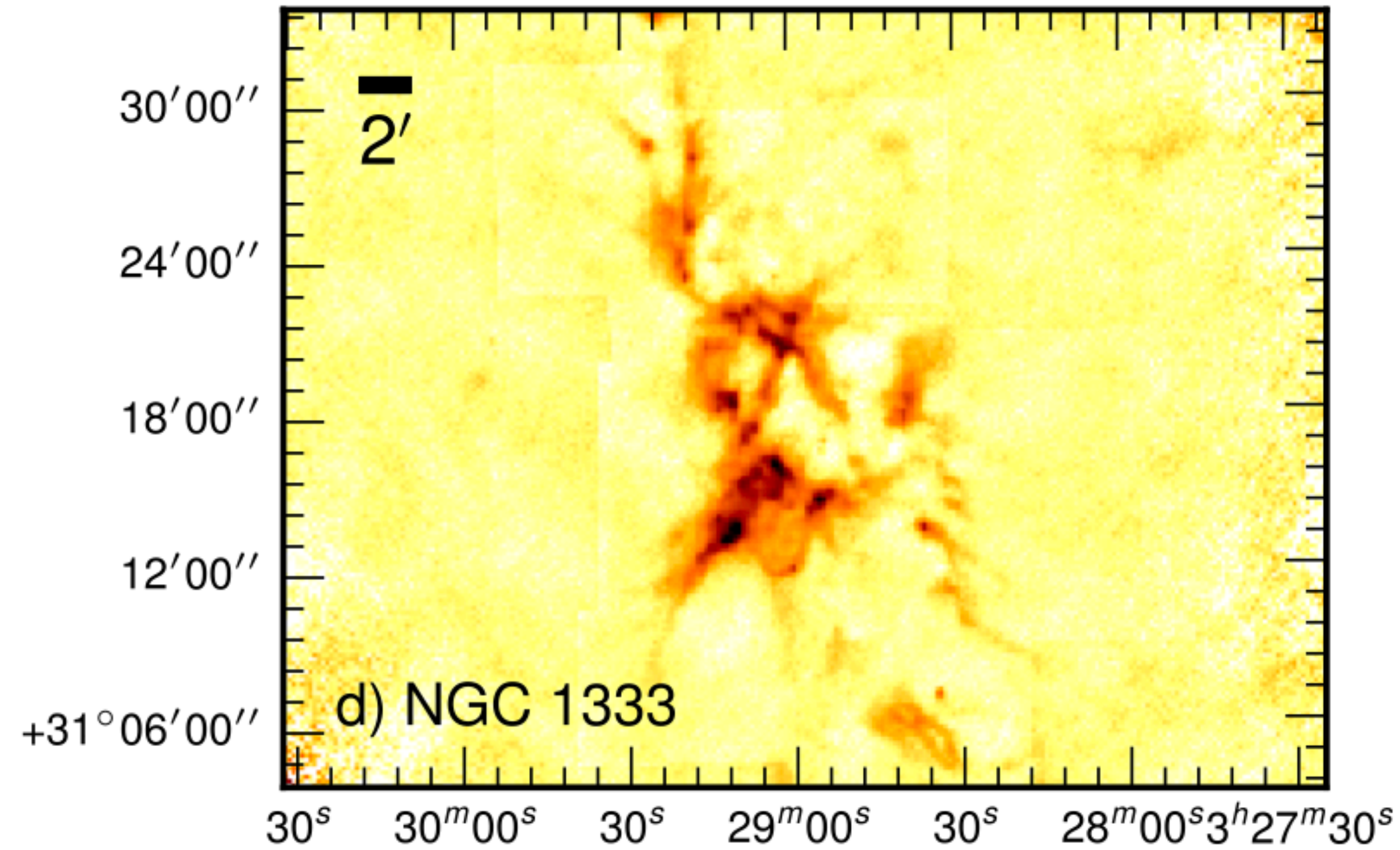


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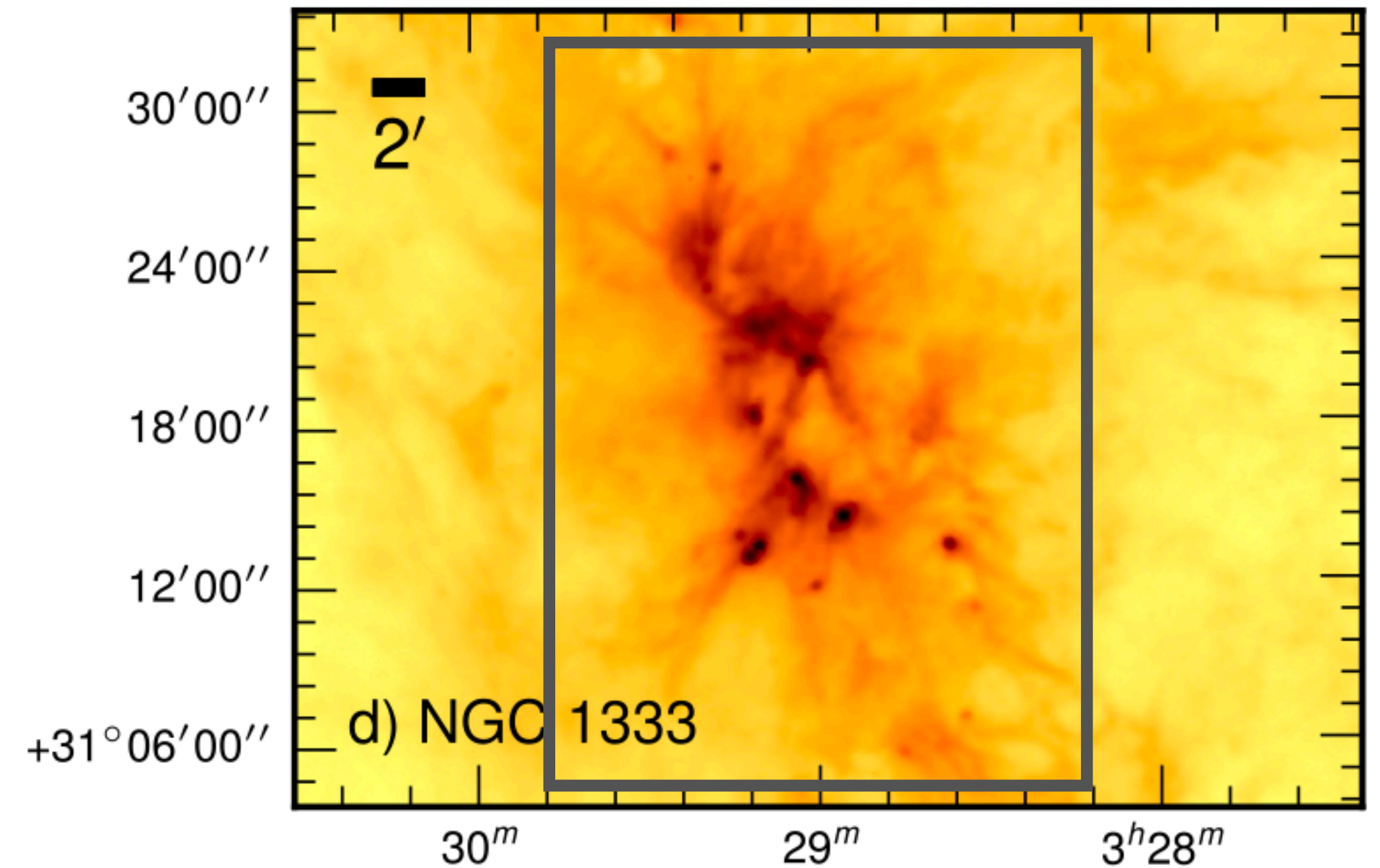


NGC1333 star-forming region in Perseus cloud

JCMT SCUBA-2 map at 850 μm



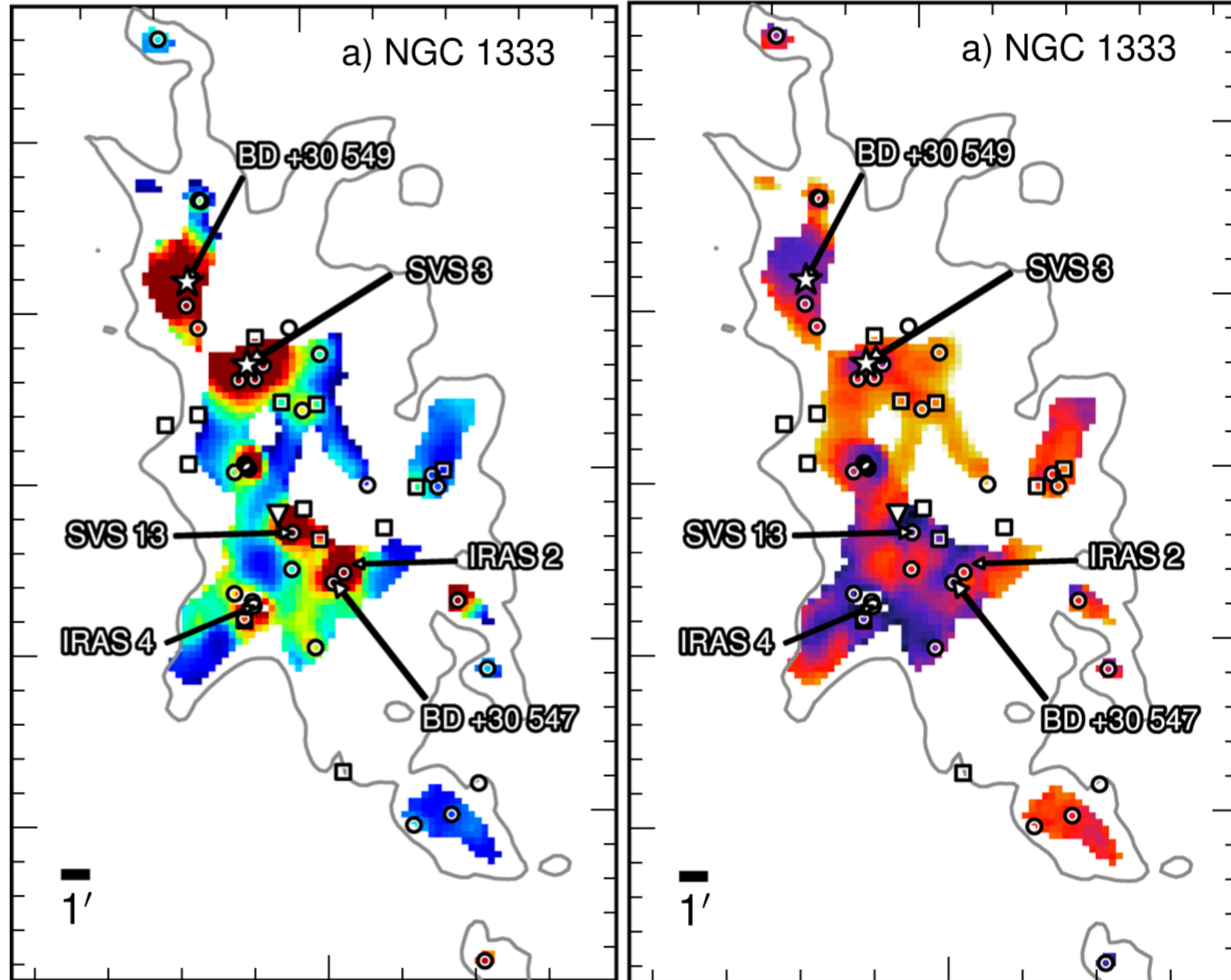
Herschel SPIRE map at 250 μm



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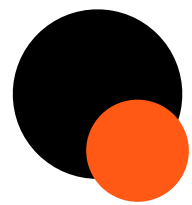
NGC1333 star-forming region in Perseus cloud

Temperature map:
[9-18 K]

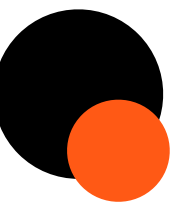


β map: ranges from 1 to 3

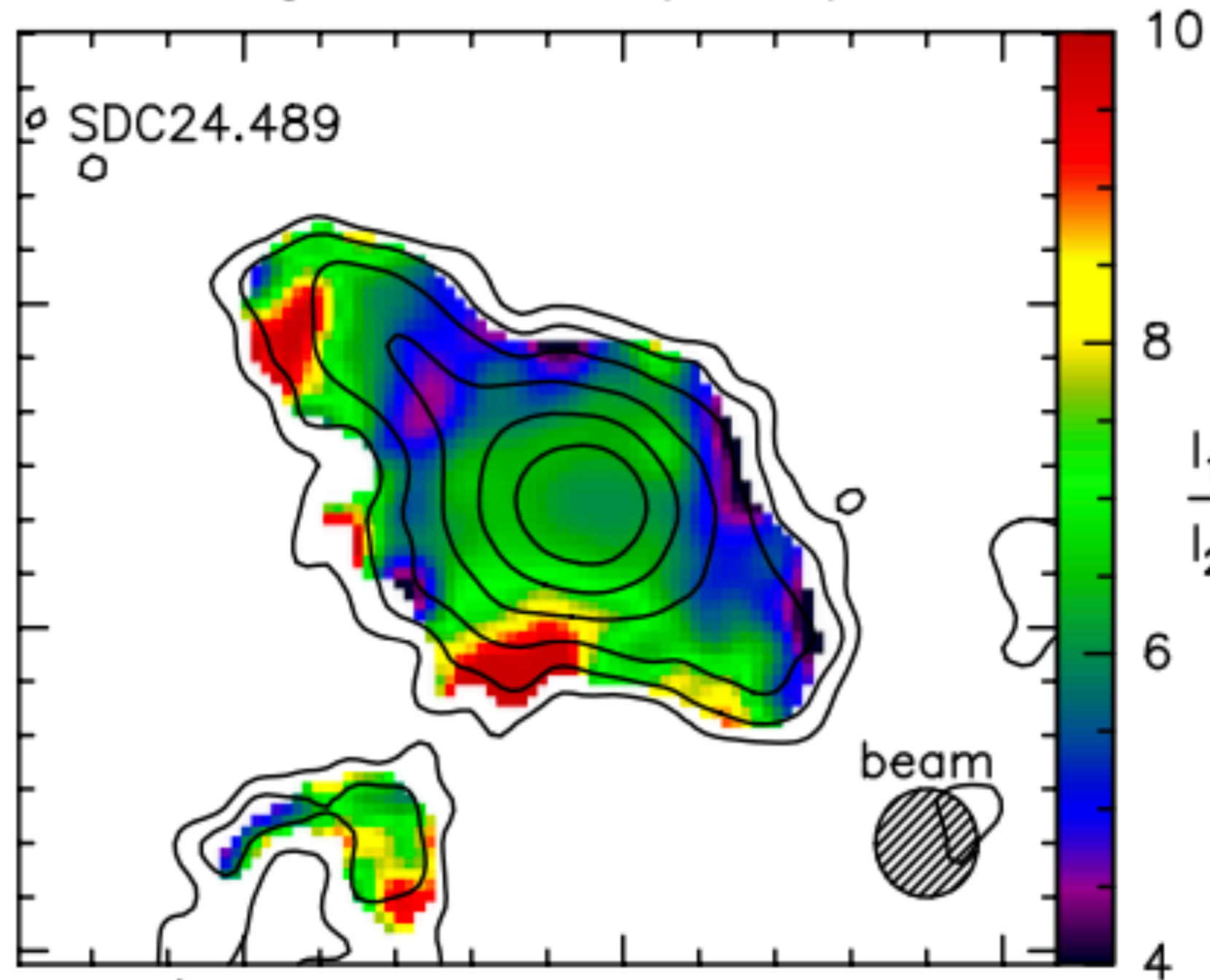
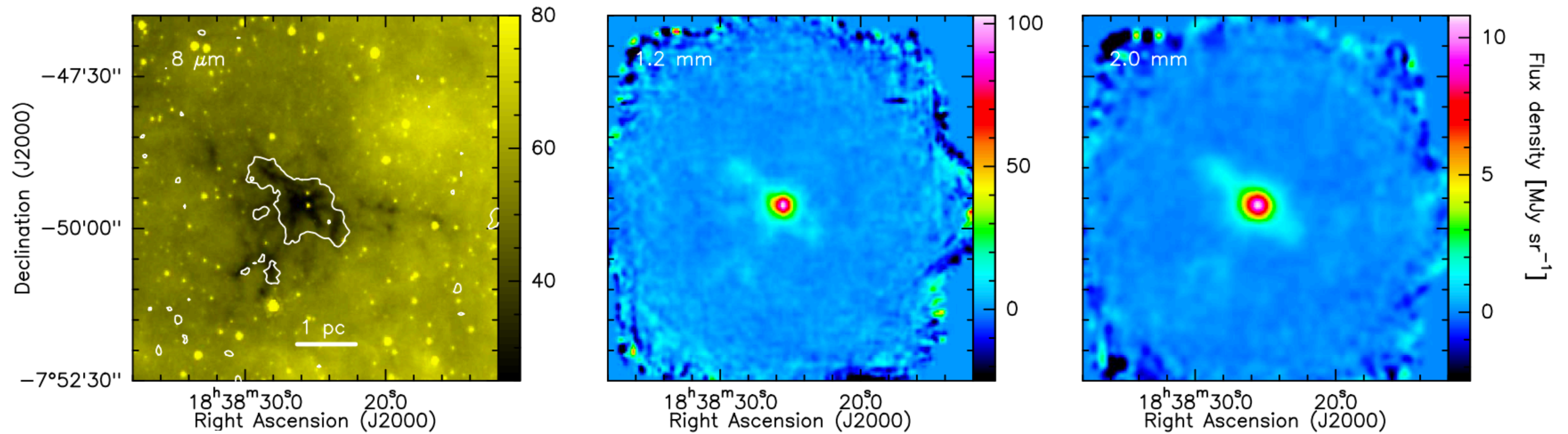
- Low values tend to correlate with T_d peaks
- β values can be intrinsically temperature dependent (Boudet et al. 2005)
- Grain growth can cause β values to decrease significantly



SED FITTING

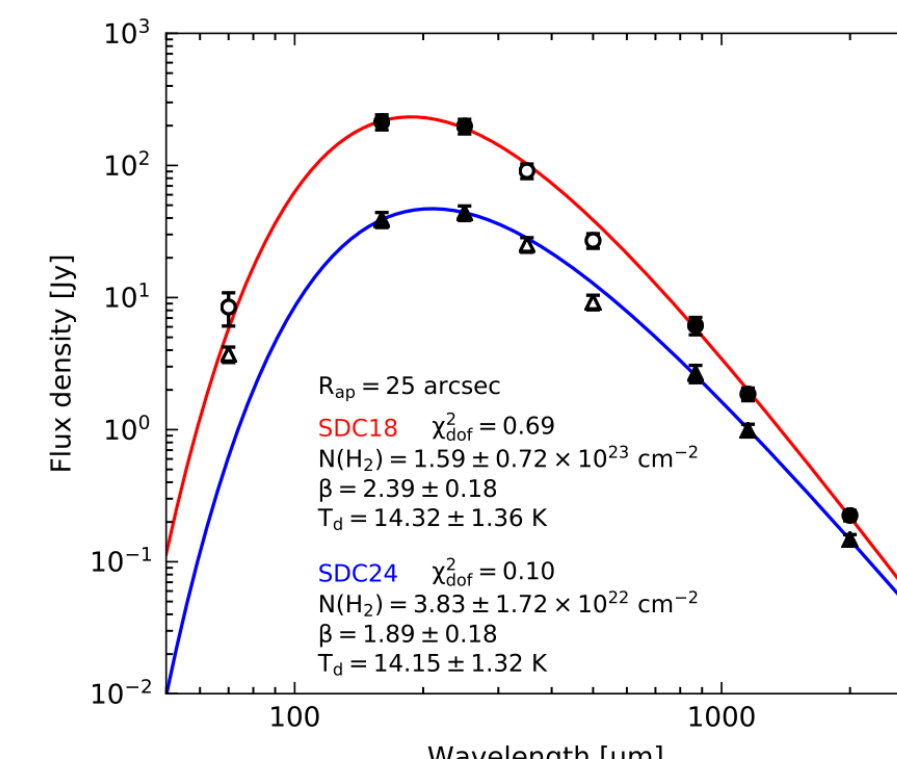
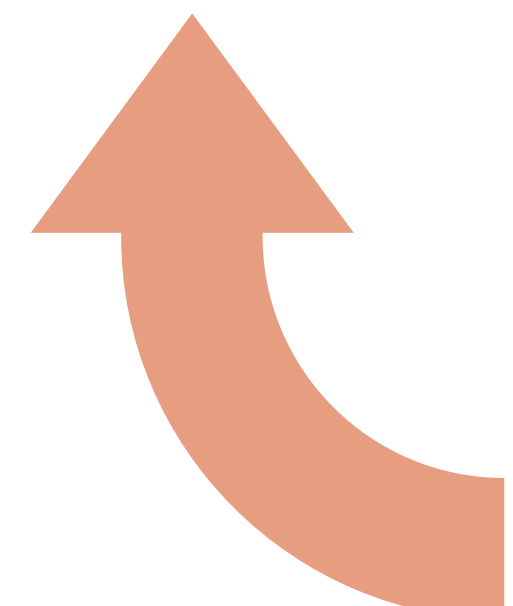


The Infrared Dark Cloud SDC24-489-0.689



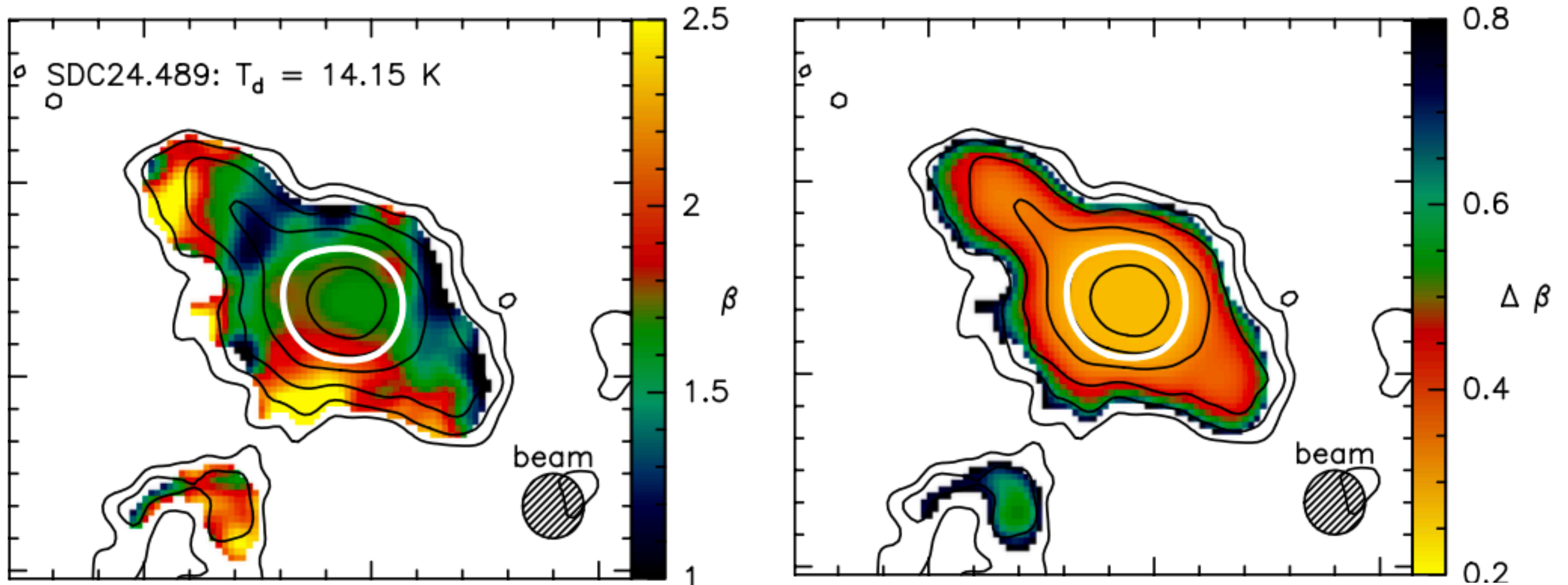
$$\beta = \ln\left(\frac{I_1 B_2(T_d)}{I_2 B_1(T_d)}\right) \times \left[\ln\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\right]^{-1}$$

$I_1 = 1.2 \text{ mm}$
 $I_2 = 2 \text{ mm}$



SED FITTING

The Infrared Dark Cloud SDC24-489-0.689



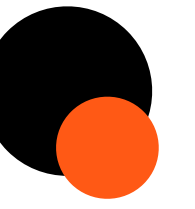
SUMMARY

- ➔ Dust emissivity spectral index (β) is a critical parameter to obtain Mass and dust Temperature (T_d) of star forming regions → Gravitational stability
- ➔ β depends on various grain properties: size, porosity, and surface composition
- ➔ Expected to vary as dust grains evolve
- ➔ Difficult to measure β (requires the SED)
- ➔ Wide range of β values ($\beta \sim 1-3$) have been reported in star-forming regions (Friesen et al. 2005, Shirley et al. 2005, 2011, Chen et al. 2016, Rigby et al. 2018 and many many more!)

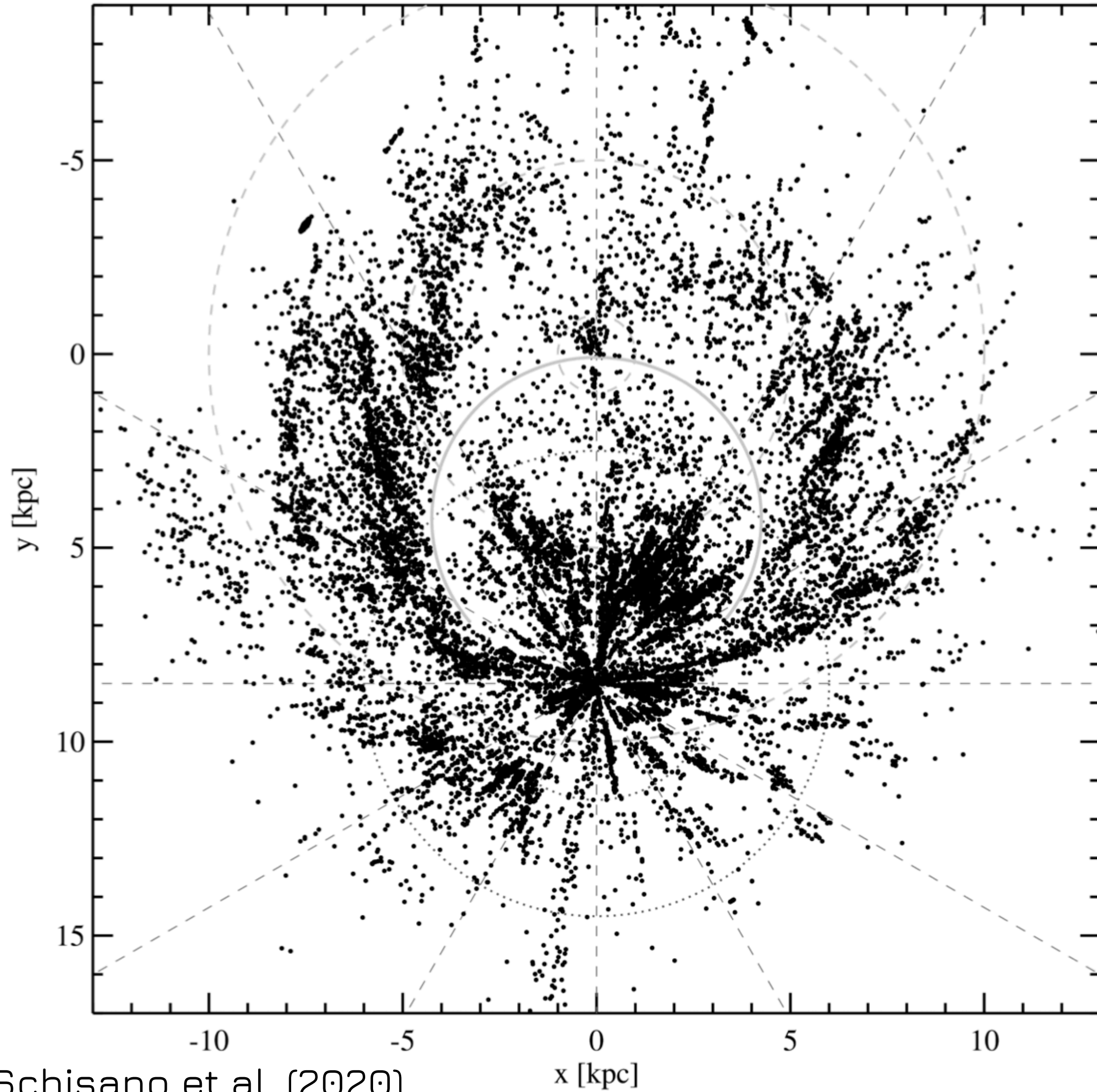
FILAMENTS AND CLUMPS: THE HERSCHEL REVOLUTION



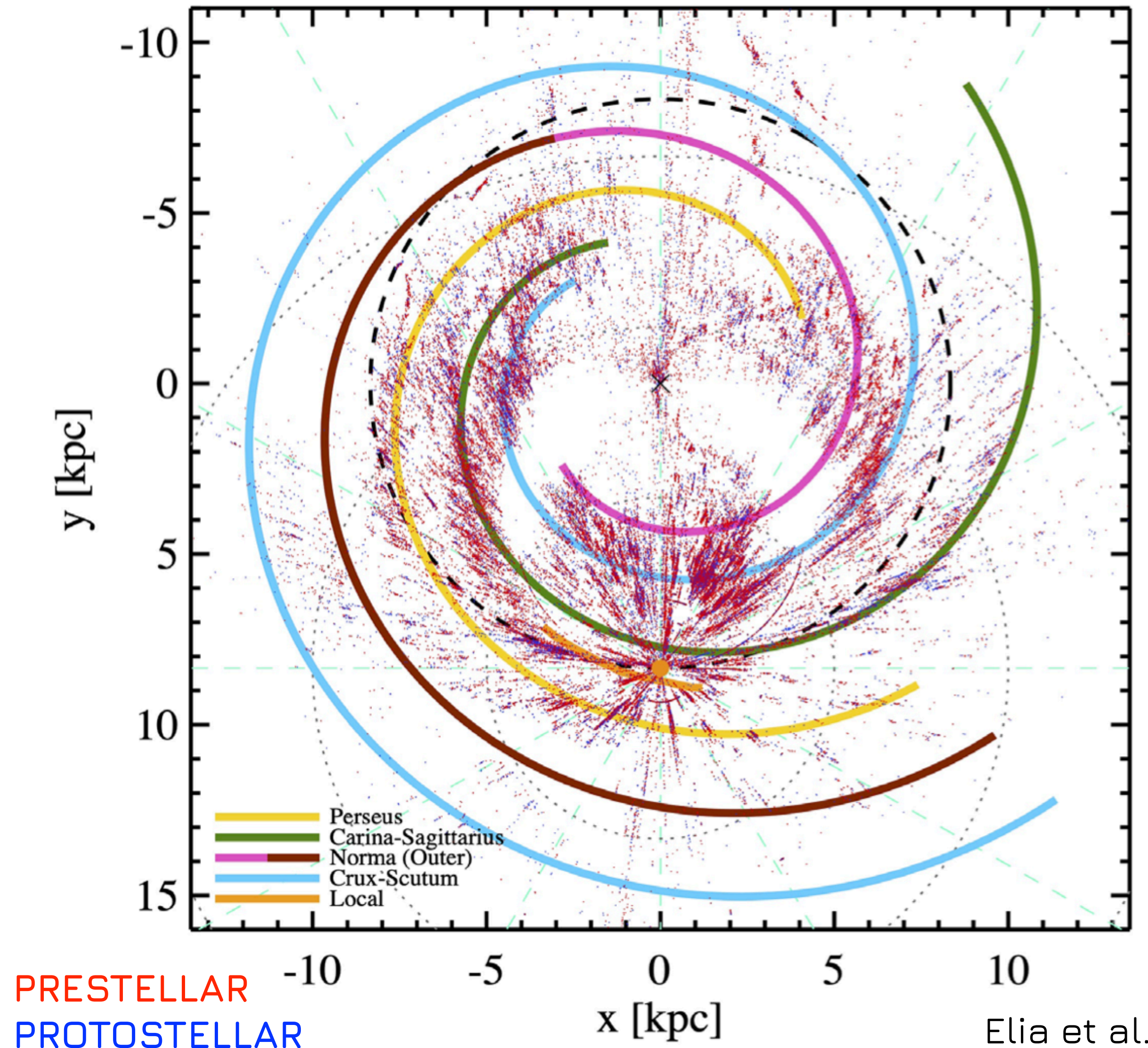
FILAMENTS AND CLUMPS



Location of 16.861 candidate filaments from Hi-GAL survey

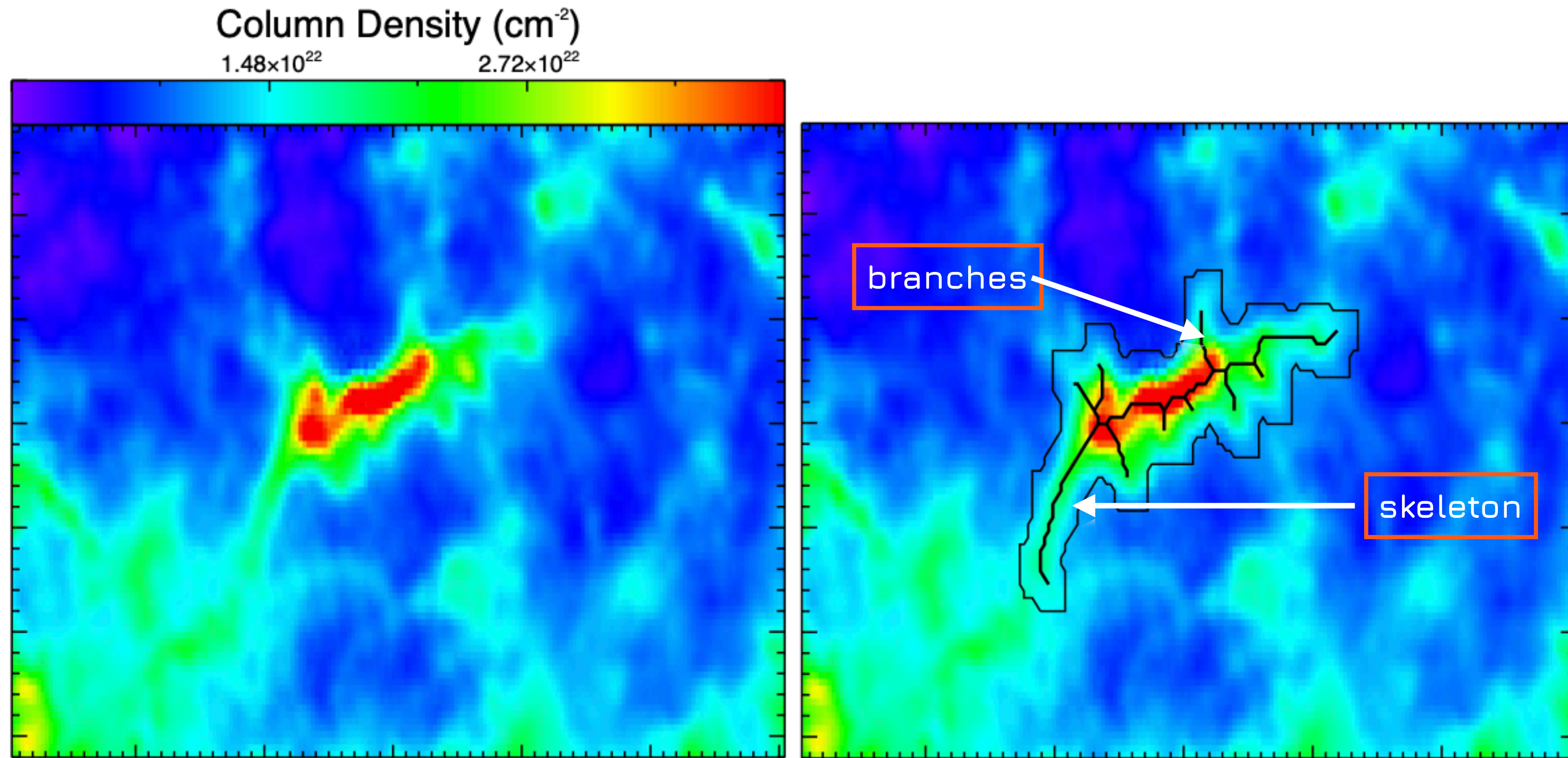


Location of Galactic plane Hi-GAL objects



FILAMENTS

Schisano et al. (2020)

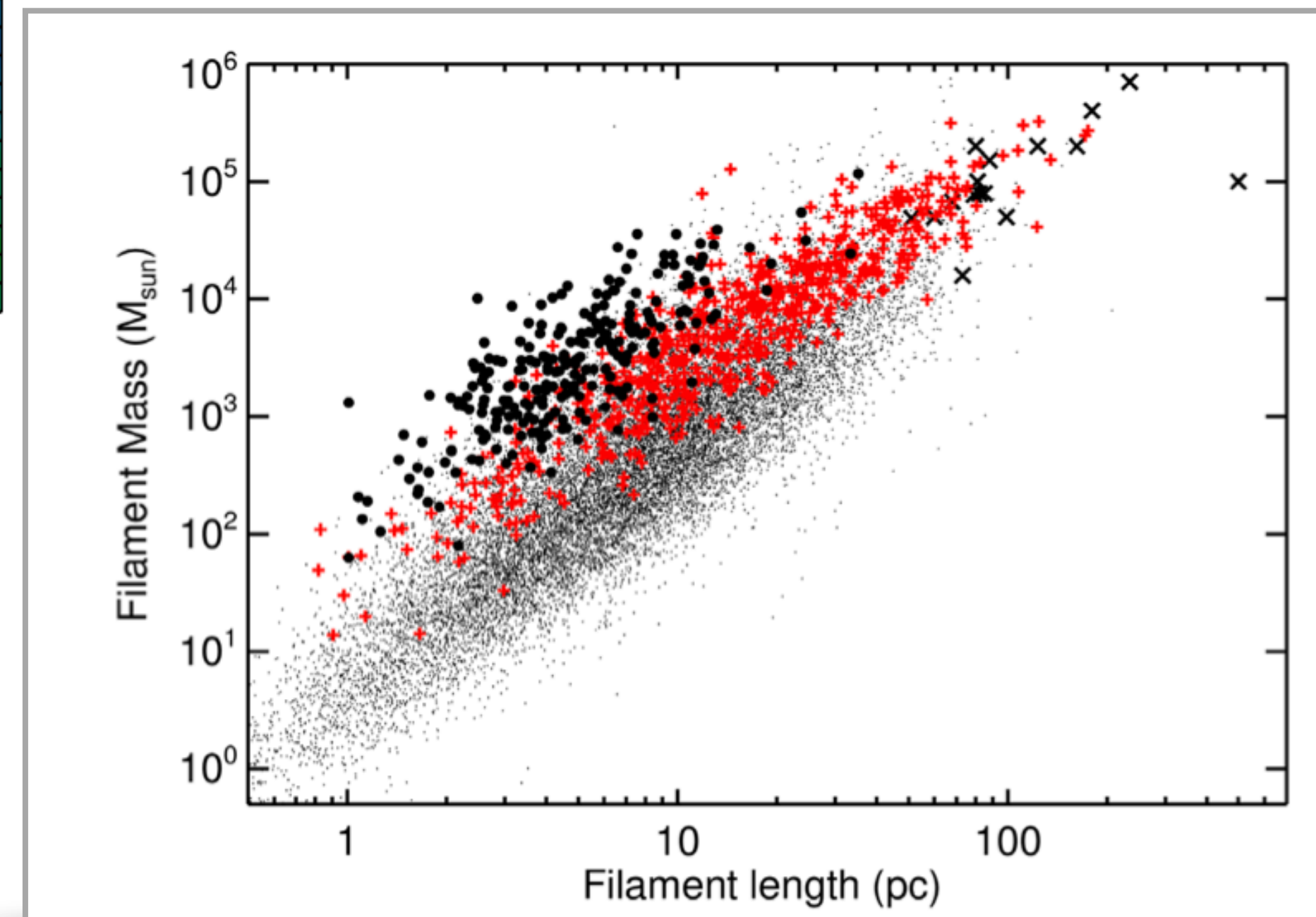


Hi-GAL (small dots and crosses)
ATLASGAL (large filled dots)
Red crosses: Hi-GAL objects that match ATLASGAL

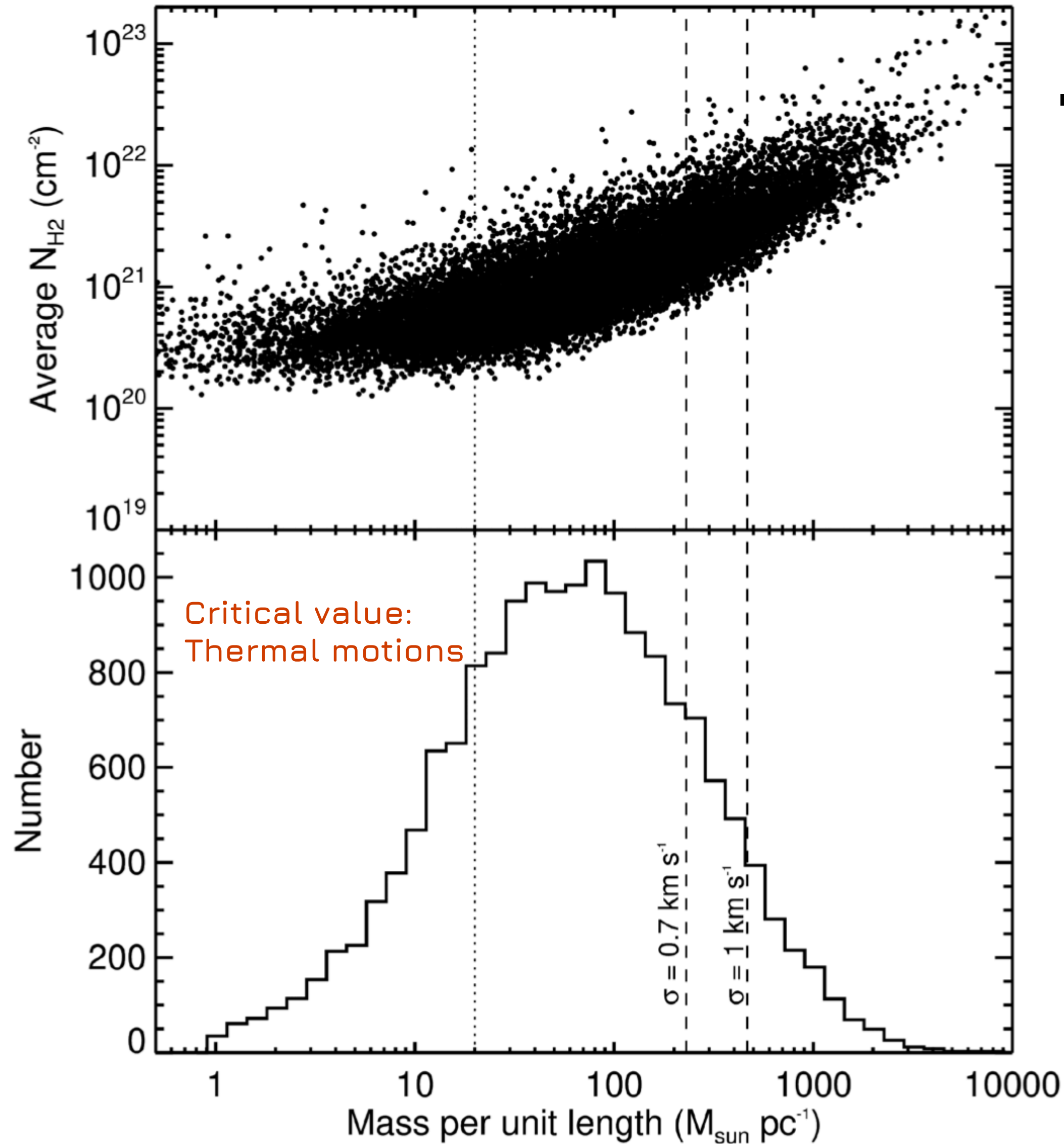
$$M^{\text{fil}} = \mu_{\text{H}_2} m_{\text{H}} (\theta d)^2 \sum_{i,j}^{\text{mask}} N_{\text{H}_2}^{\text{fil}}(i, j),$$

θ : angular pixel size

μ_{H_2} : mean molecular weight of the ISM with respect to hydrogen molecules (2.8)



FILAMENTS



➔ Critical line mass (mass per unit length) of a filament:
hydrostatic, isothermal cylinder model (Stodólkiewicz 1963,
Ostriker 1964, see Hacar et al. 2022 for a review)

$$m_{\text{crit}}(T) = \frac{2c_s^2}{G} \sim 16.6 \left(\frac{T}{10 \text{ K}} \right) M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-1}$$

$$m_{\text{lin}} \lesssim m_{\text{lin}}^{\text{crit}}$$



Subcritical filament:
hydrostatic equilibrium

$$m_{\text{lin}} \gtrsim m_{\text{lin}}^{\text{crit}}$$



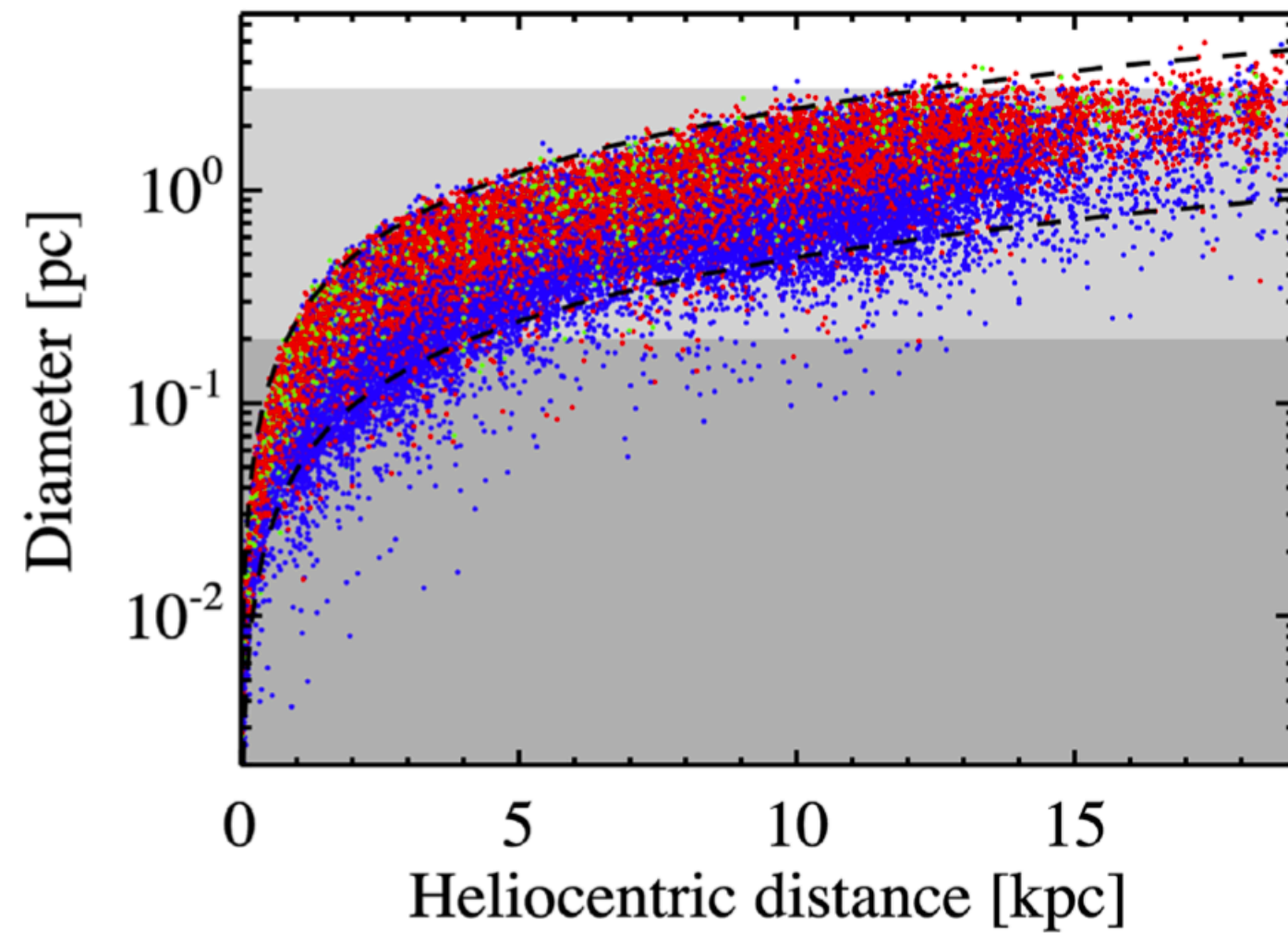
Supercritical filament:
unstable and must
collapse under their own
gravity

STAR FORMATION RATE IN THE MILKY WAY

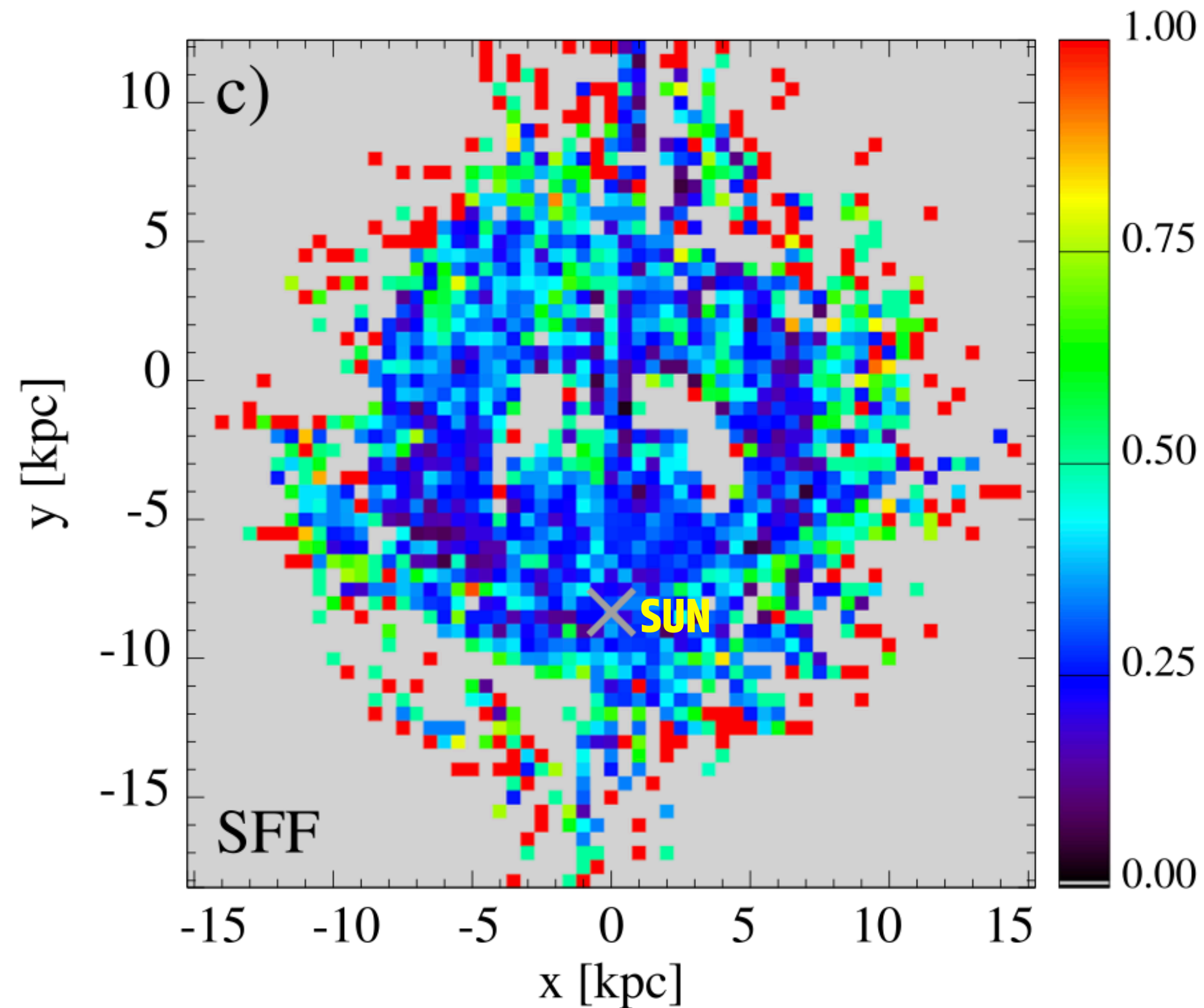
Hi-GAL compact sources catalog

Elia et al. (2021)

$$SFR_{cl} = (5.6 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-7} (M_{cl}/M_{\odot})^{0.74 \pm 0.03} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

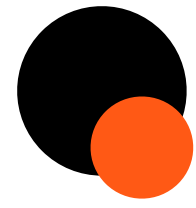


CLUMPS: diameter ($0.3 < D < 3$ pc)
Bergin & Tafalla (2007)

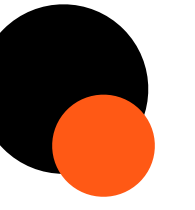


➔ Considering all clumps classified as protostellar and provided with heliocentric distance:

$$SFR = (1.7 \pm 0.6) M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$



OUTLINE



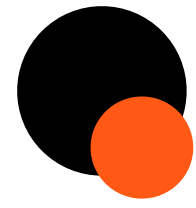
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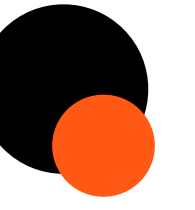
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THE STELLAR NURSERIES**



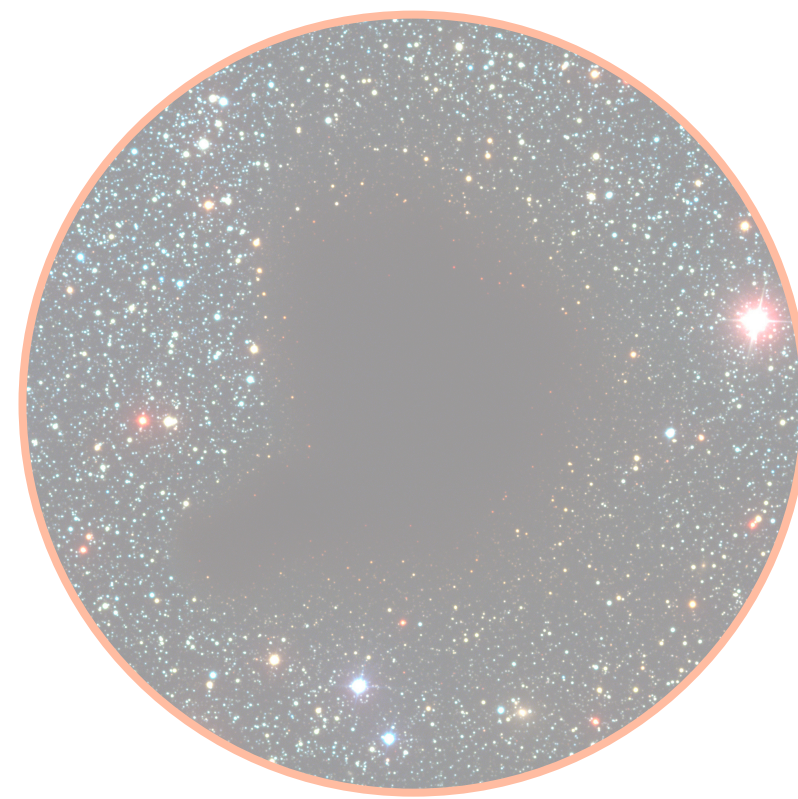
**CLOUD FRAGMENTATION AND
CLUSTER FORMATION**



OUTLINE



**THE INTERSTELLAR
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**MOLECULAR CLOUDS:
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**CLOUD FRAGMENTATION AND
CLUSTER FORMATION**

WHY STAR CLUSTER FORMATION?

- ★ Most stars in the Galaxy form in clusters or in groups of at least a few tens of stars (e.g., Lada & Lada 2003)
- ★ Our Sun was born in a cluster environment (Adams 2010)

THE ORION NEBULA CLUSTER

CLUMPS: PROGENITORS OF STAR CLUSTERS

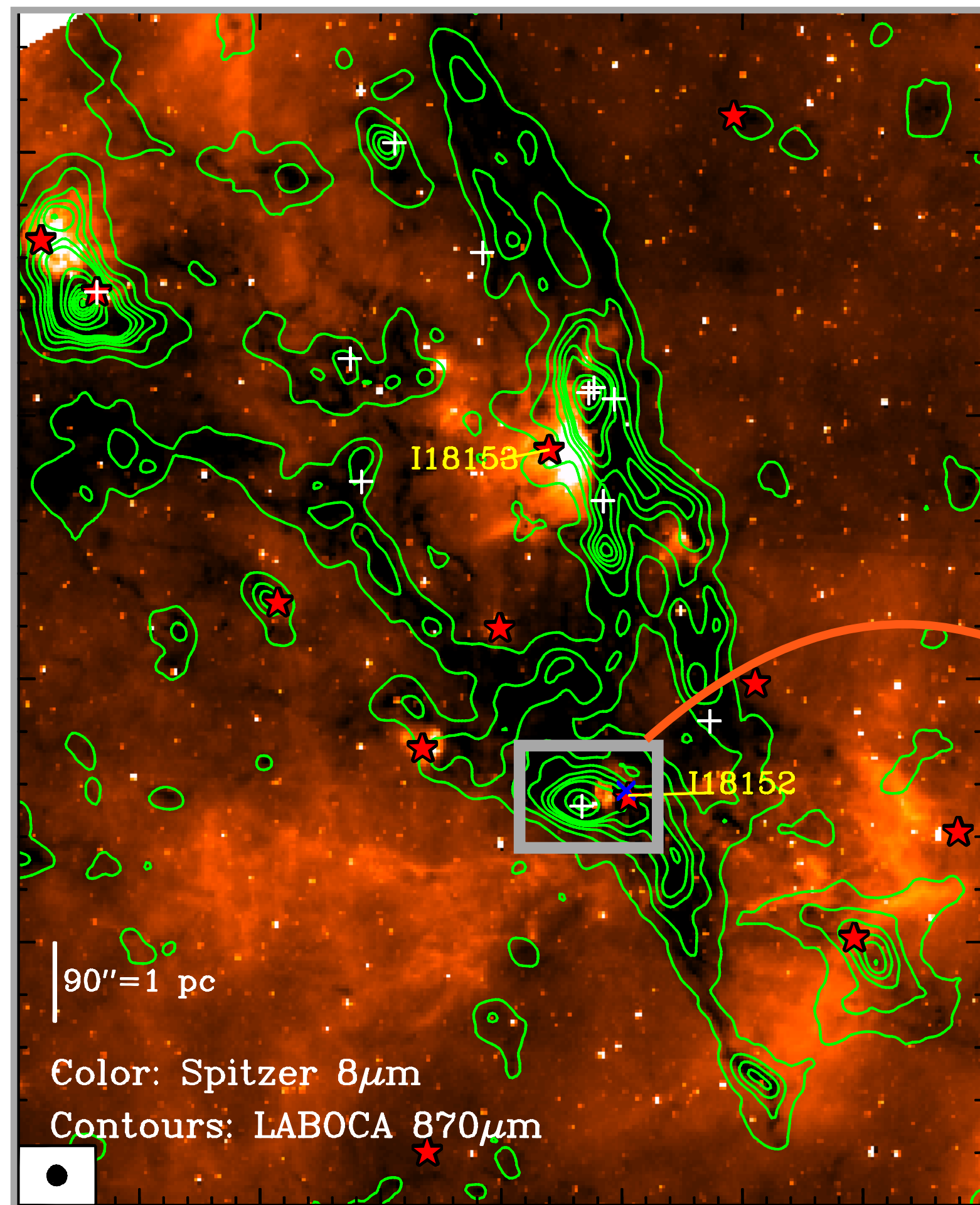
Cloud

Protocluster

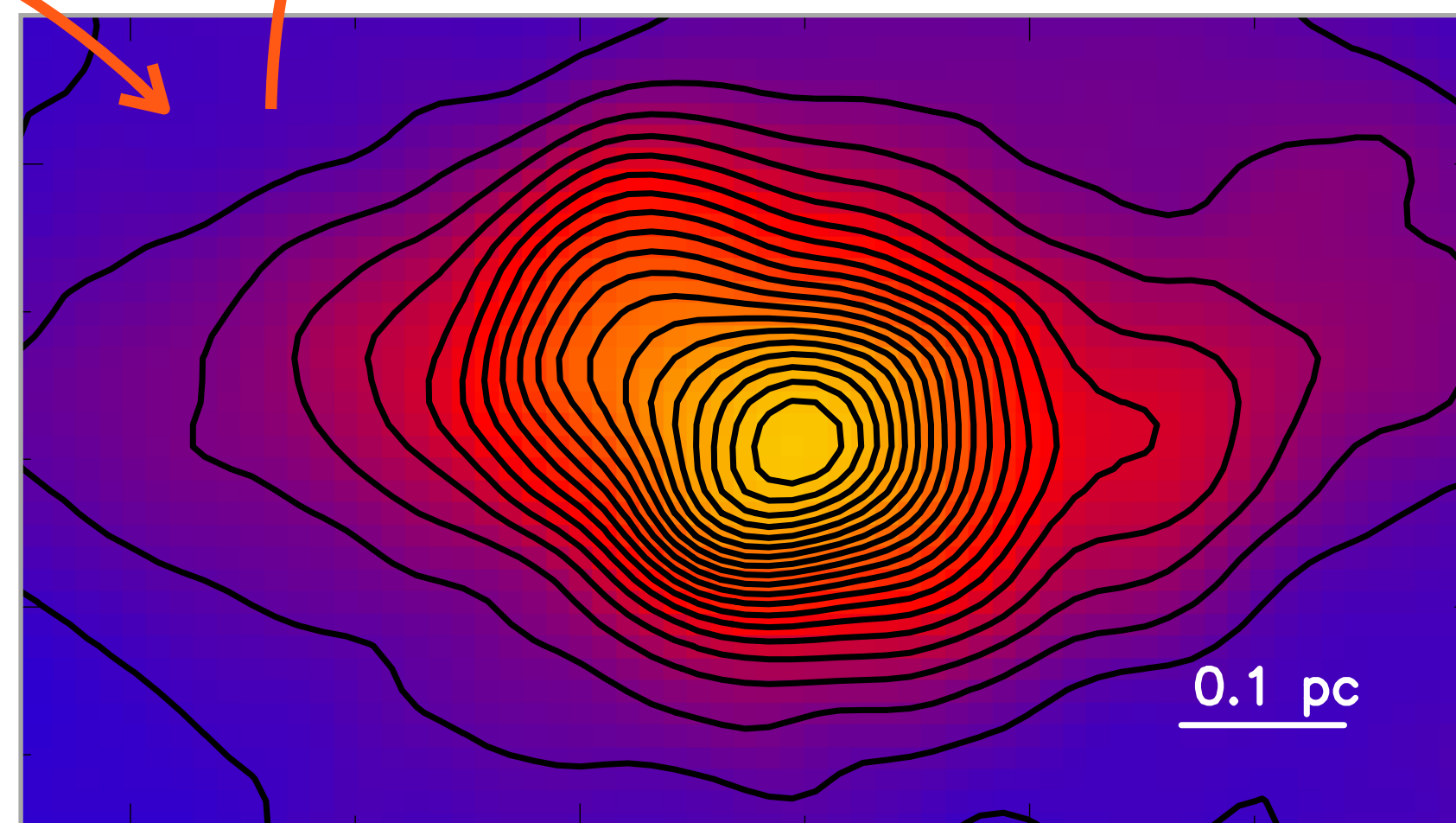
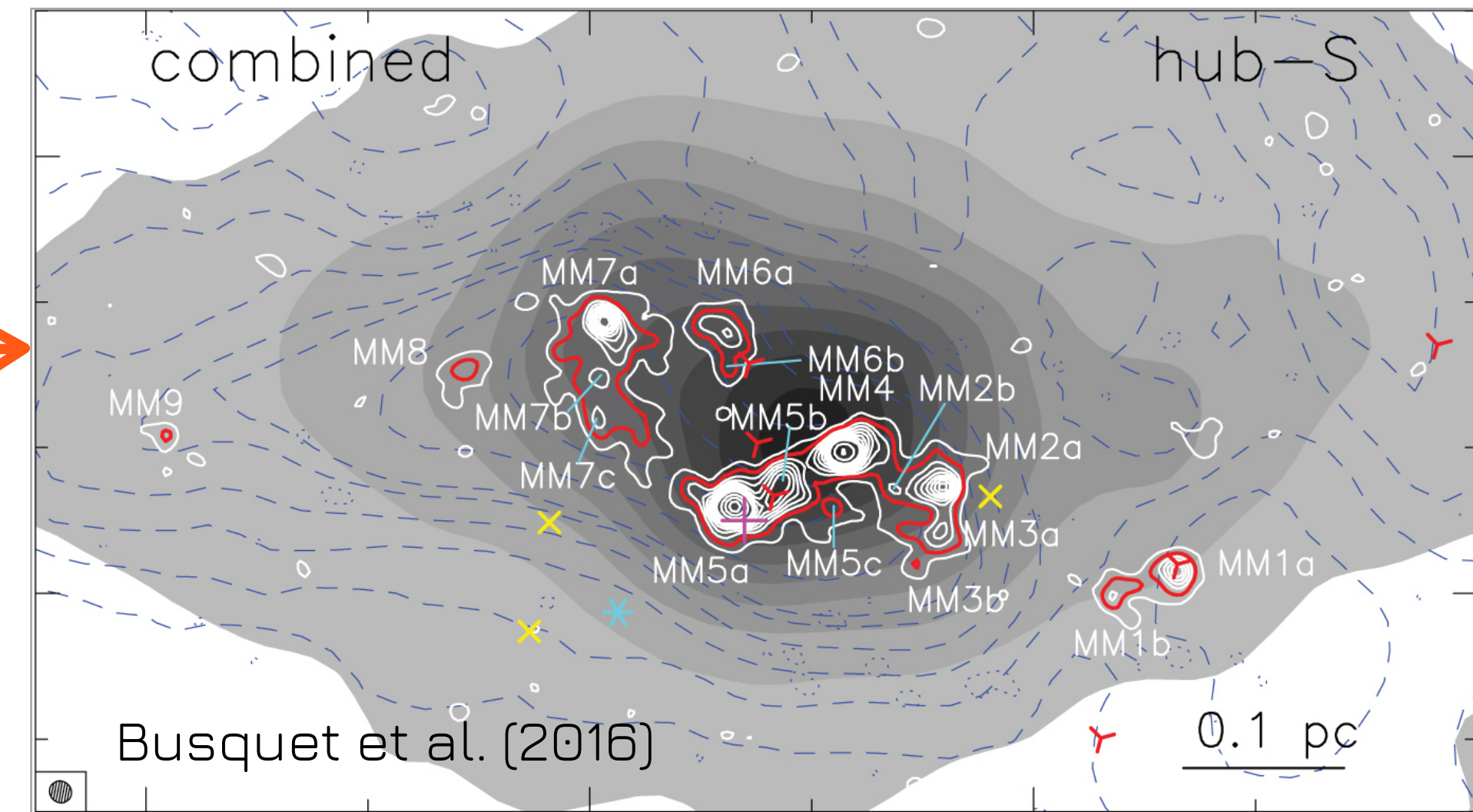
High degree of Fragmentation

Hub/Clump

Stellar cluster



Busquet (2010) PhD Thesis

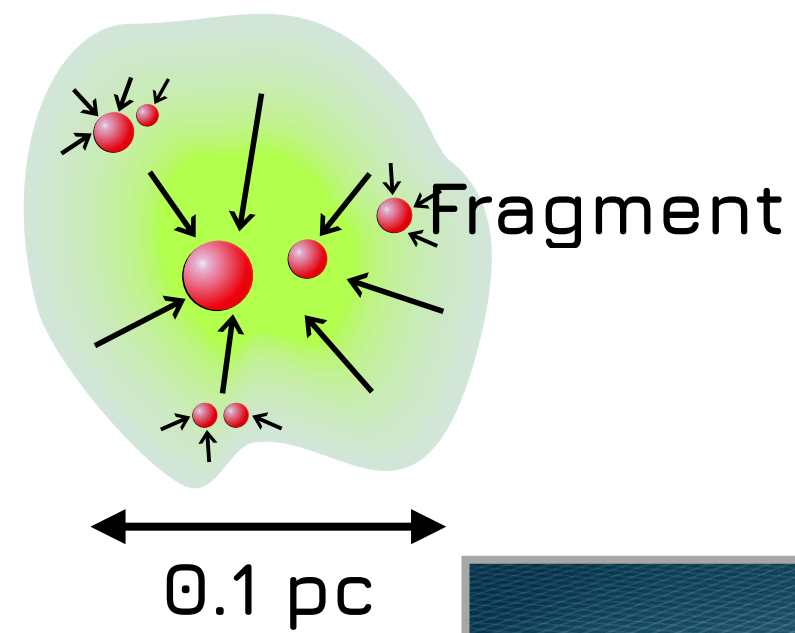
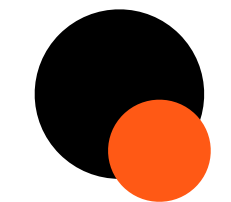


~1 pc

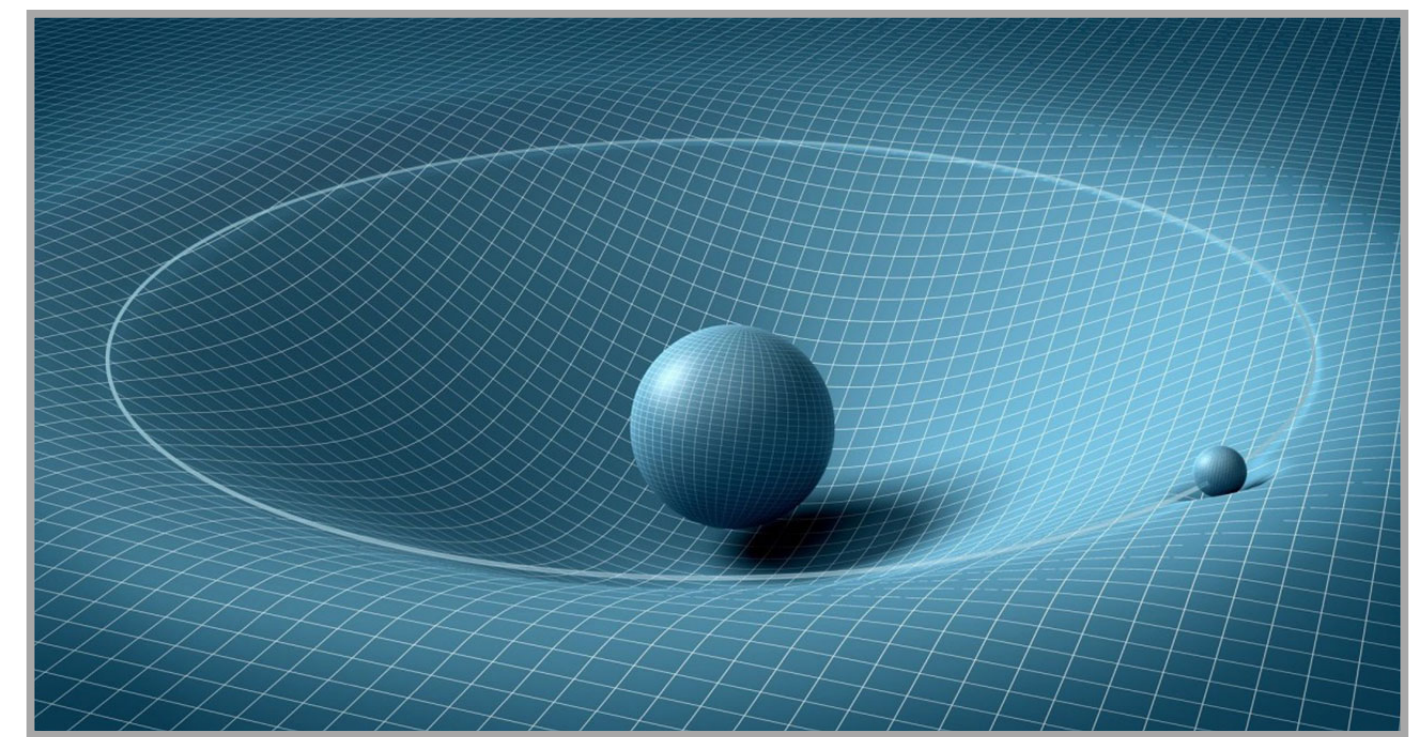


Massive Dense Core
 $M \sim 50 - 1000 M_{\odot}$

THE MAIN PLAYERS



Gravity



Turbulence



B-fields

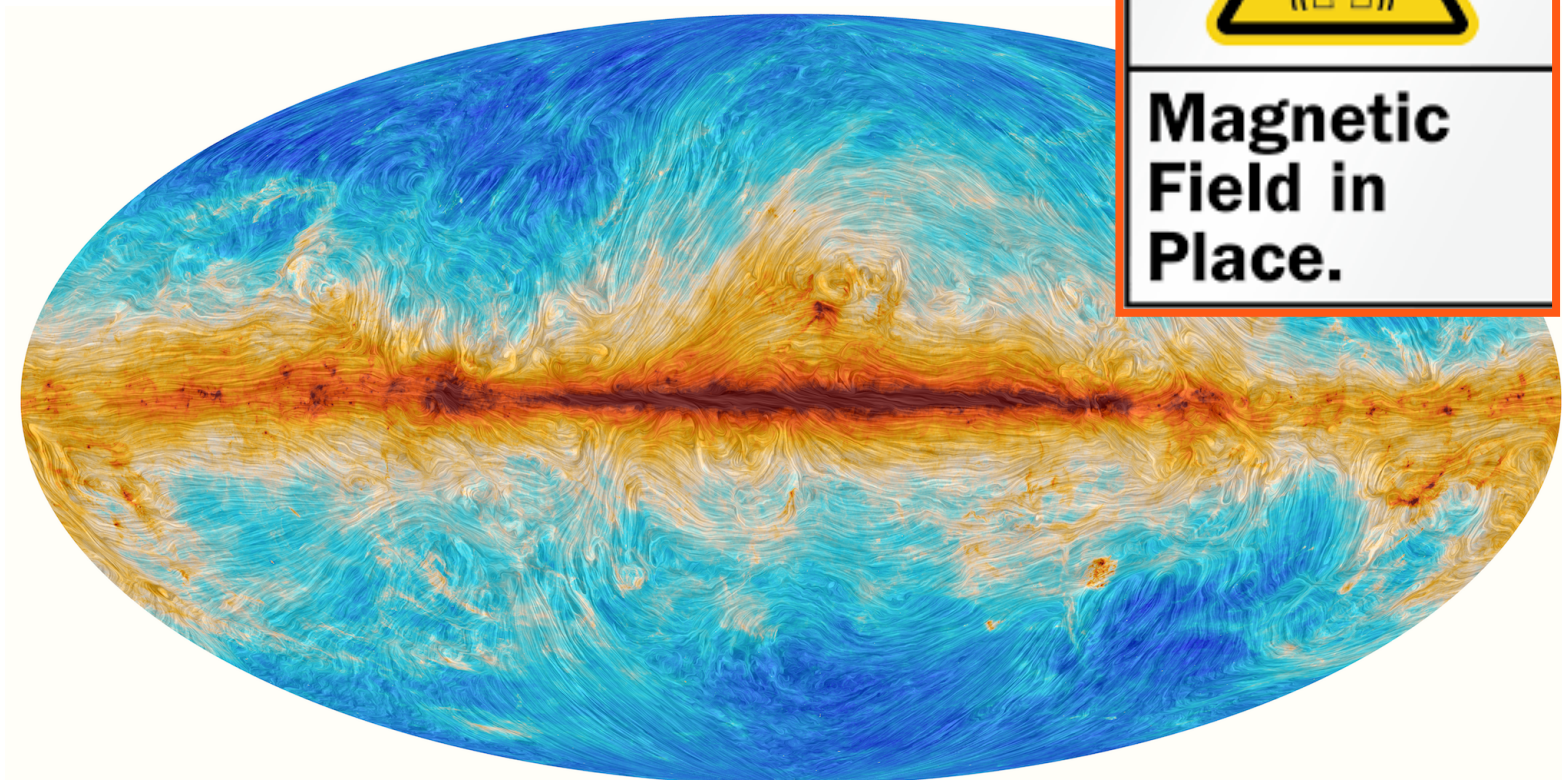


Image Credit: Planck/ESA

Angular momentum



Stellar feedback

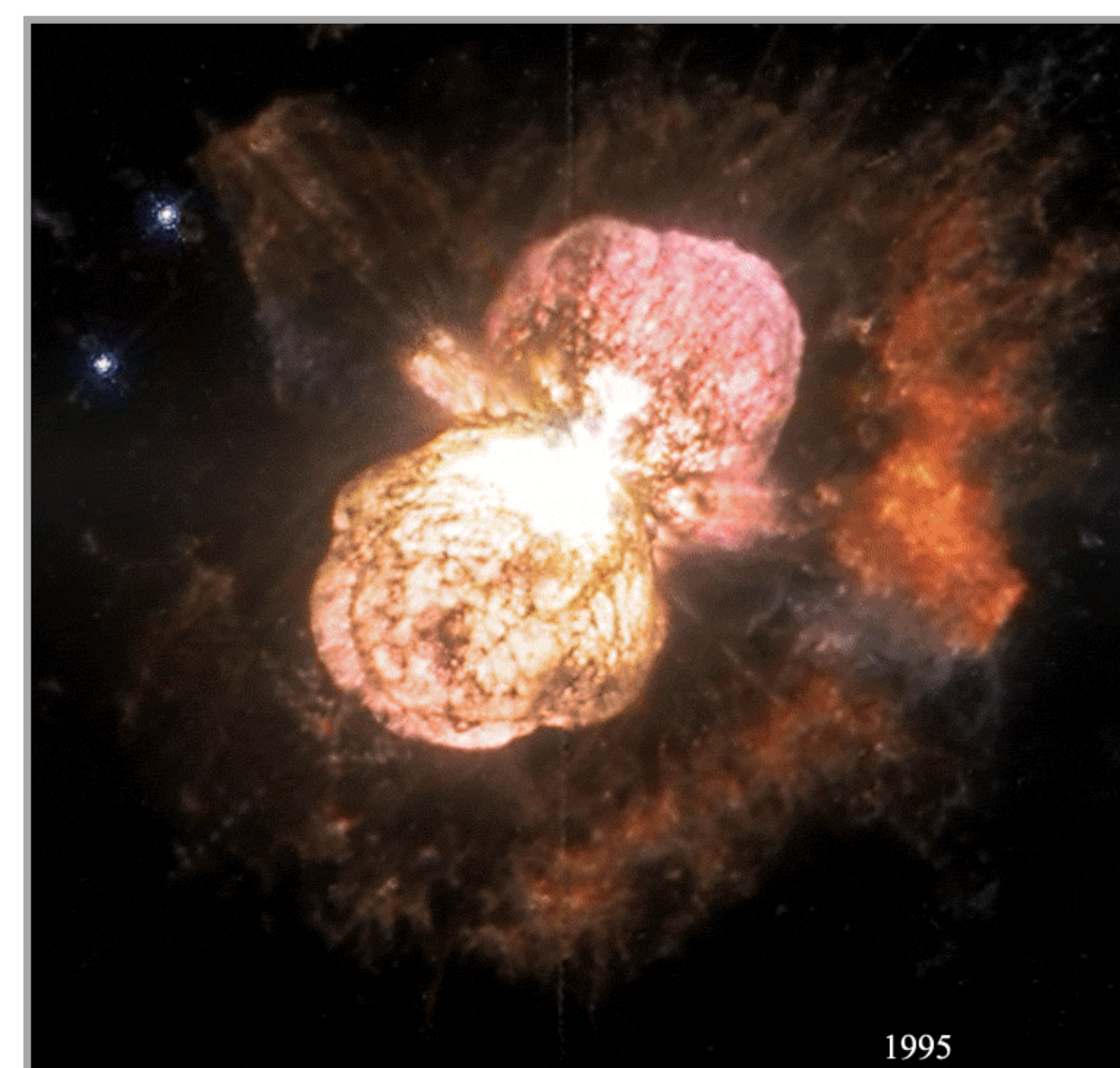


Image Credit: Hubble/NASA/ESA

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COLLAPSE AND FRAGMENTATION

- ➔ Consider an infinite static 3D medium with initial uniform density ρ and uniform isothermal sound speed c_s .
- ➔ Due to a random fluctuation a portion of this medium become slightly more dense.

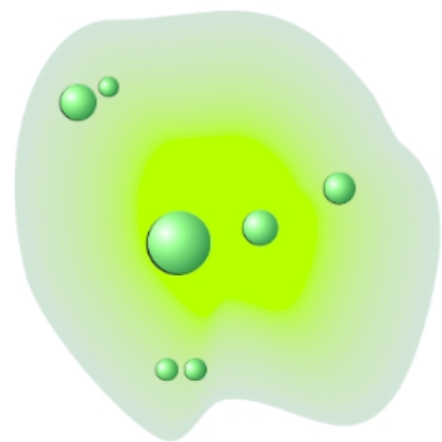
Will the spherical portion become denser and condenses out due to its self-gravity?

Will the internal pressure make it to expand back to the same density as the surrounding medium?



James Jeans
(1877-1946)

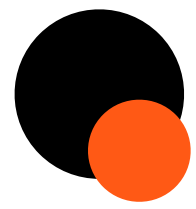
Core: T, n



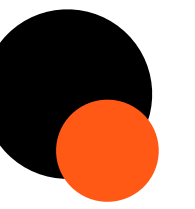
Fragment ~ 0.01 pc

$$\left[\frac{M_{Jeans}^{th}}{M_{\odot}} \right] = 0.6285 \left[\frac{T}{10K} \right]^{3/2} \left[\frac{n_{H_2}}{10^5 cm^{-3}} \right]^{-1/2}$$

Efficient at producing
low-mass fragments

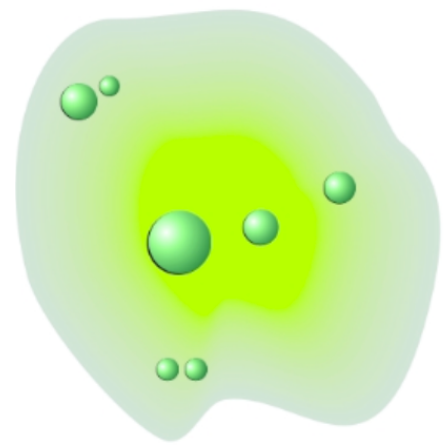


CRITERION FOR FRAGMENTATION



Jeans (1902): A fragment will collapse if its gravitational energy overcome its thermal energy

Core: T, n



$$\left[\frac{M_{Jeans}^{th}}{M_{\odot}} \right] = 0.6285 \left[\frac{T}{10K} \right]^{3/2} \left[\frac{n_{H_2}}{10^5 cm^{-3}} \right]^{-1/2}$$

Efficient at producing low-mass fragments

Fragment ~0.01 pc

“Generalized” Jeans criterion: include other forms of support

TURBULENCE:
$$\left[\frac{M_{Jeans}^{nth}}{M_{\odot}} \right] = 0.8225 \left[\frac{\sigma_{1D,nth}}{0.188 km s^{-1}} \right]^3 \left[\frac{n_{H_2}}{10^5 cm^{-3}} \right]^{-1/2}$$

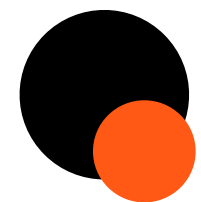
Chandrasekhar 53

$M_J \sim 120 M_{sun}$ ($\sigma \sim 1 km/s$)
naturally produces massive fragments
(but only a few)

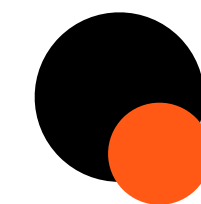
MAGNETIC FIELD:
$$\left[\frac{M_{crit}}{M_{\odot}} \right] = 1020 \left[\frac{R}{Z} \right]^2 \left[\frac{B}{30 \mu G} \right]^3 \left[\frac{n_{H_2}}{10^3 cm^{-3}} \right]^{-2}$$

Bertoldi & McKee 92,
McKee & Ostriker 07

$M_{crit} \sim 150 M_{sun}$
(0.1x0.5 pc, 1 mG, $10^5 cm^{-3}$)
massive fragments (but only a few)

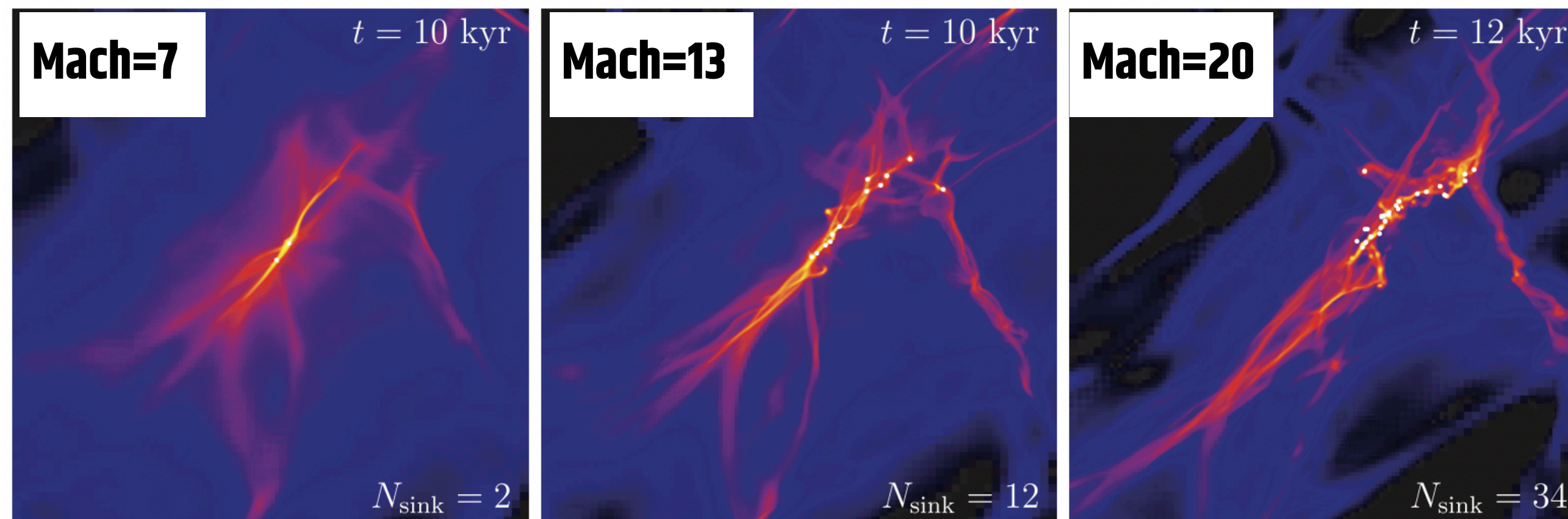


NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS



TURBULENCE: initial kinetic energy

$$\text{Mach number} = \sigma_{3D, nth} / c_s$$

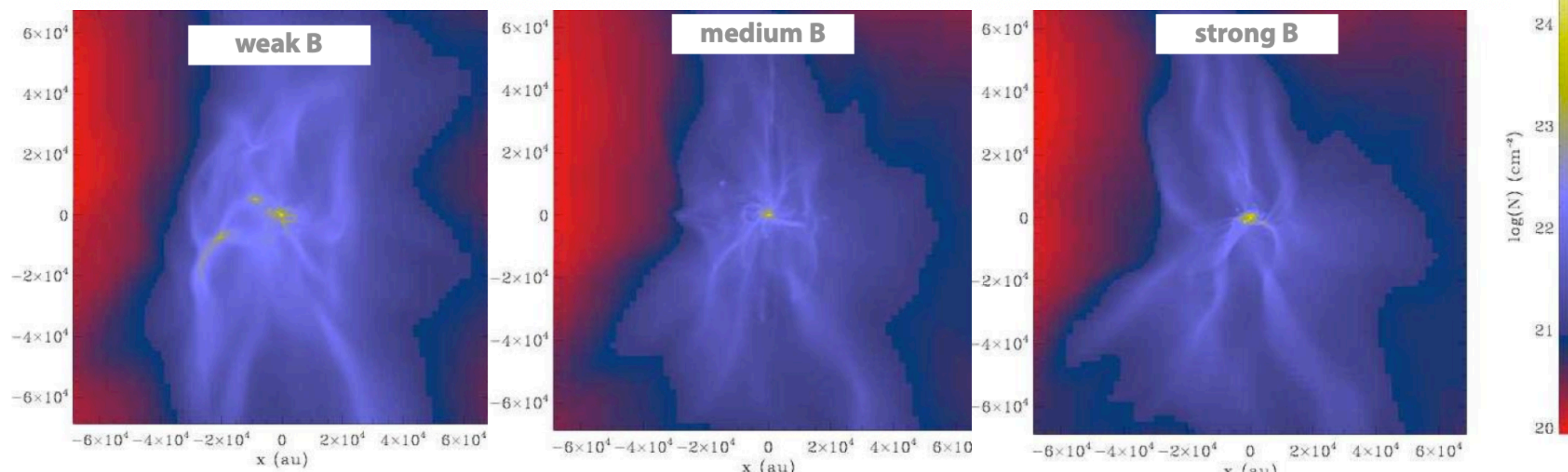


Girichidis et al. 2011;
also Vázquez-Semadeni et al.
1996, Padoan & Norlund 2002,
Schema & Klessen 2004,
Federrath et al. 2008...

MAGNETIC FIELD: higher B-field

suppress fragmentation

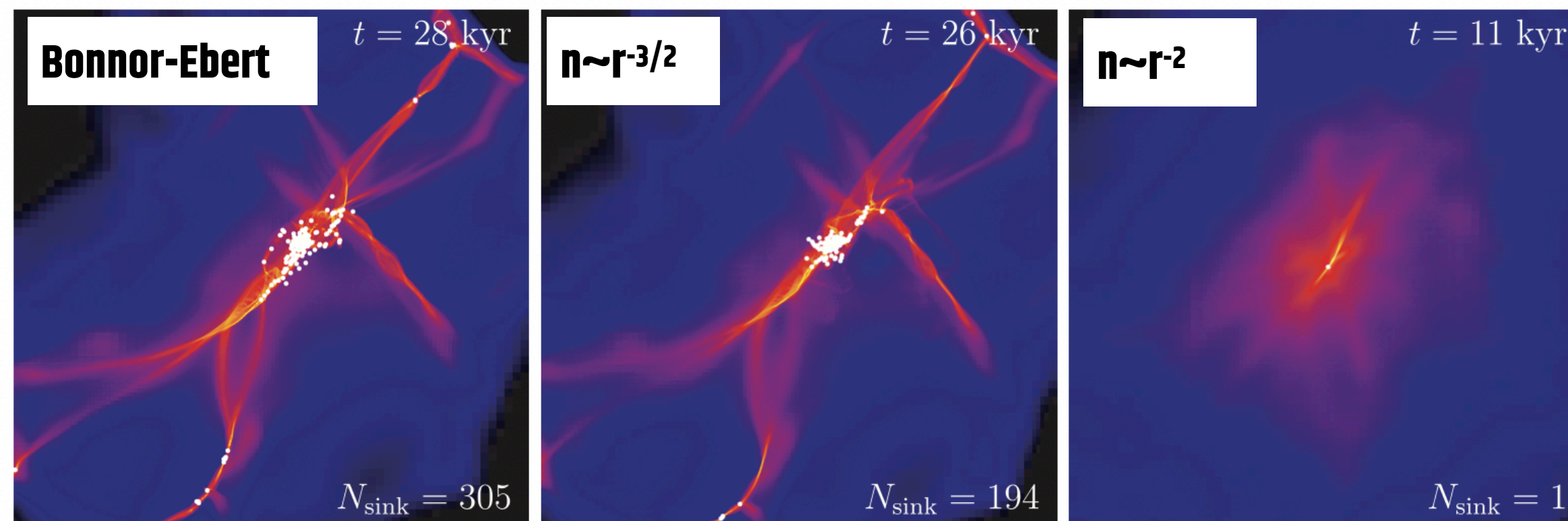
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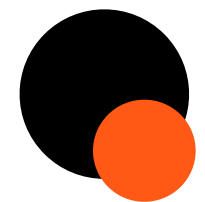
DENSITY STRUCTURE: higher

fragmentation for flatter density

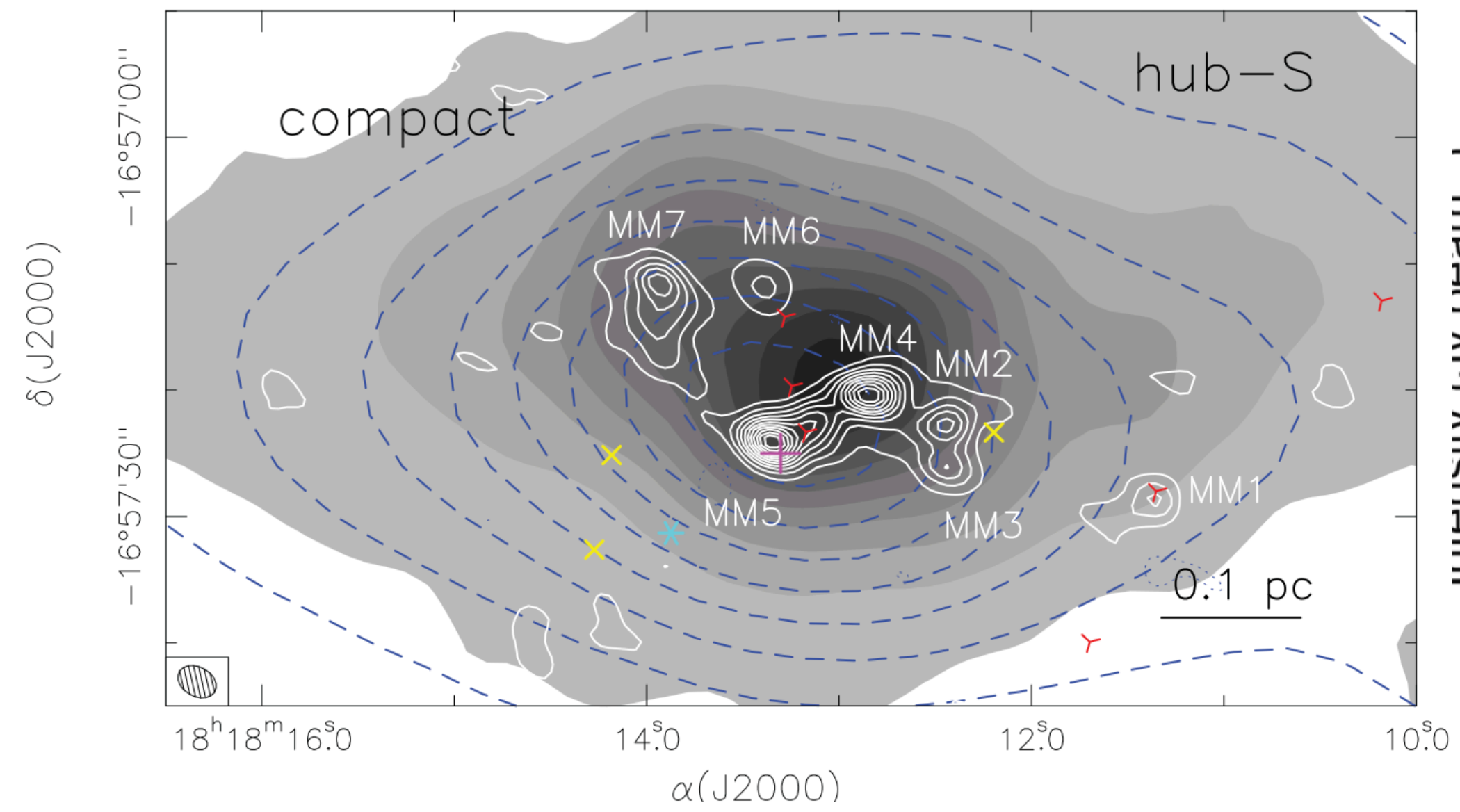
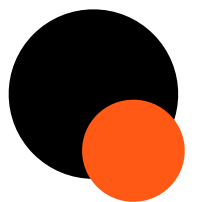
profiles ($n \sim r^{-1}$)



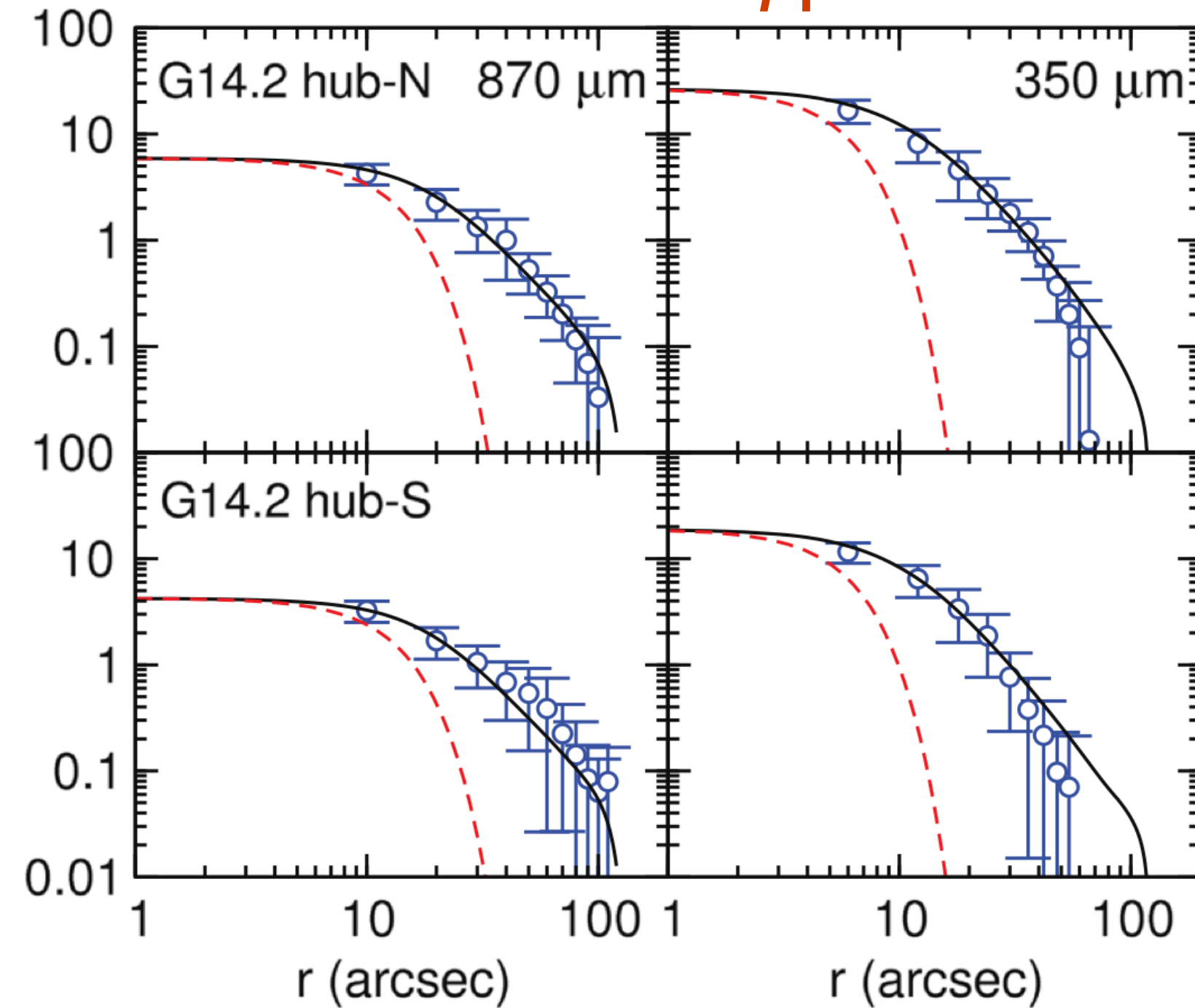
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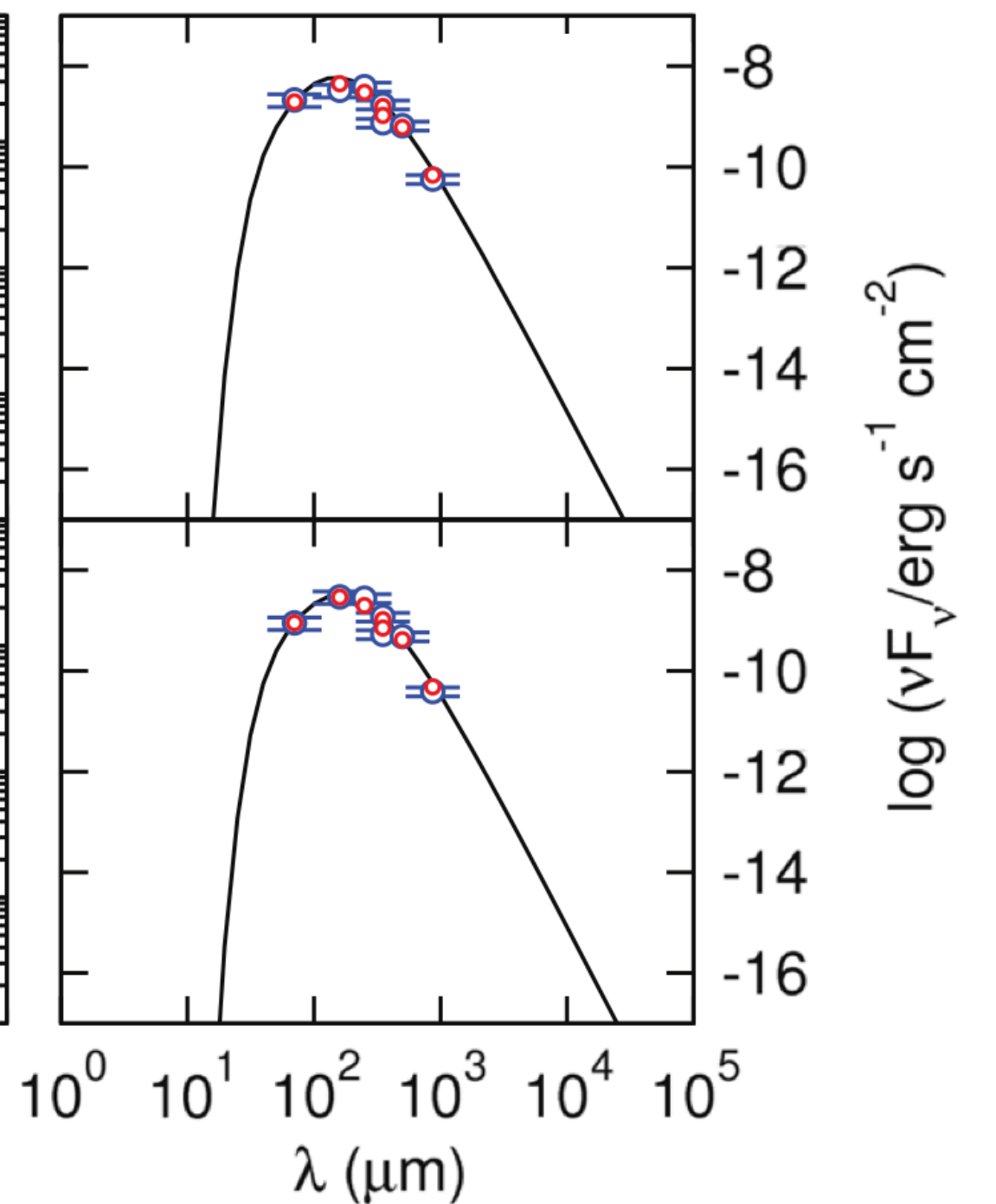
DENSITY STRUCTURE OF MASSIVE CLUMPS



Radial intensity profiles



SED



➔ Density structure: Plummer-like function or a power law

$$\rho(r) = \rho_c \left[1 + \left(\frac{r^2}{r_c^2} \right) \right]^{-p/2}$$

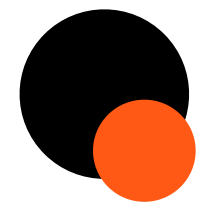
$$\rho_c(r) = \rho_0 (r/r_0)^{-p}$$

➔ Temperature structure: power law function

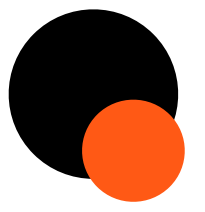
$$T(r) = T_0 (r/r_0)^{-q} \quad q = 2/(4 + \beta)$$

➔ Dust opacity law: $\kappa_\nu = \kappa_0 (\nu/\nu_0)^\beta$

$$\kappa_0 = 0.008991 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ at } \nu_0 = 230 \text{ GHz} \text{ Ossenkopf \& Henning (1994)}$$



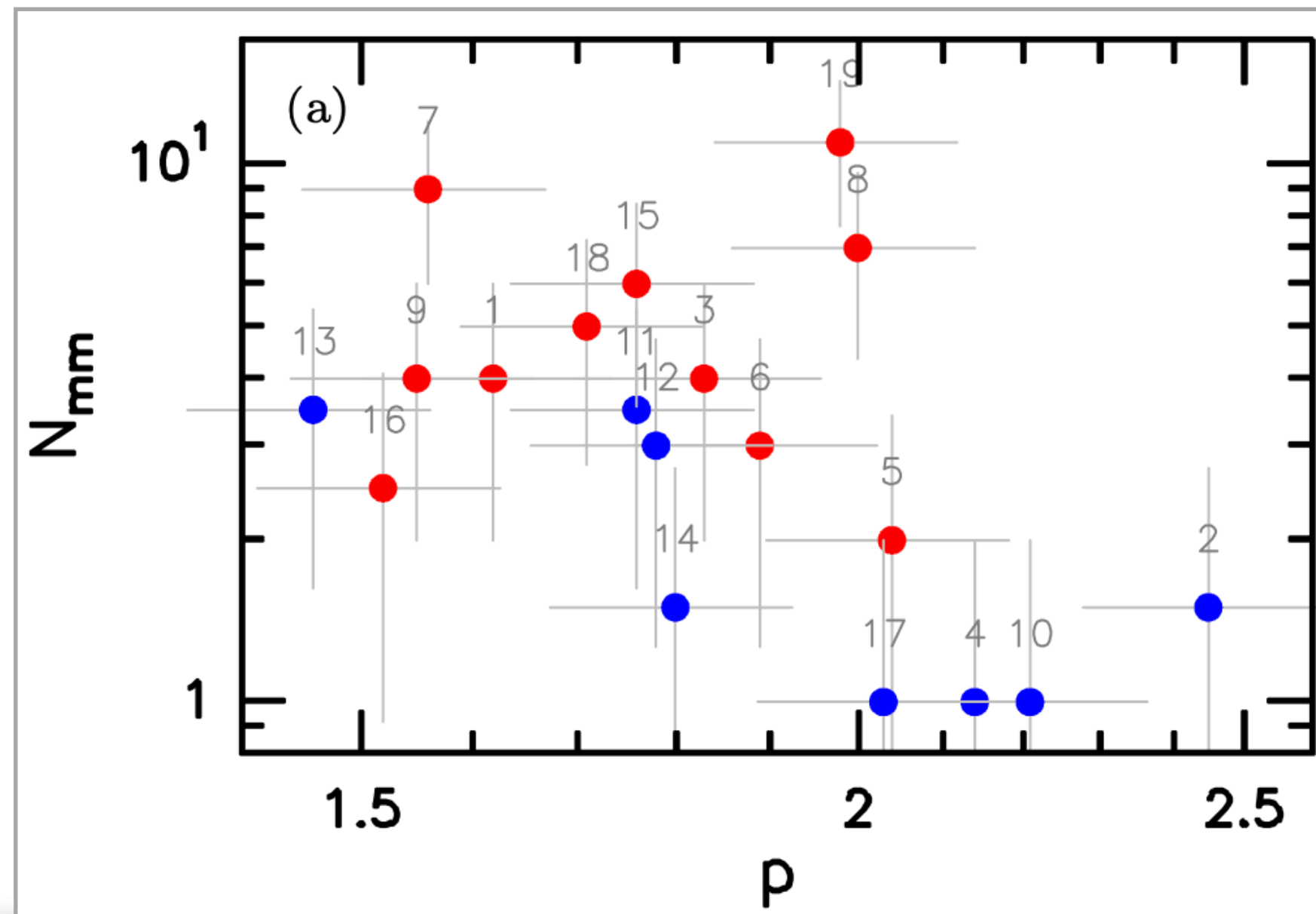
DENSITY STRUCTURE OF MASSIVE CLUMPS



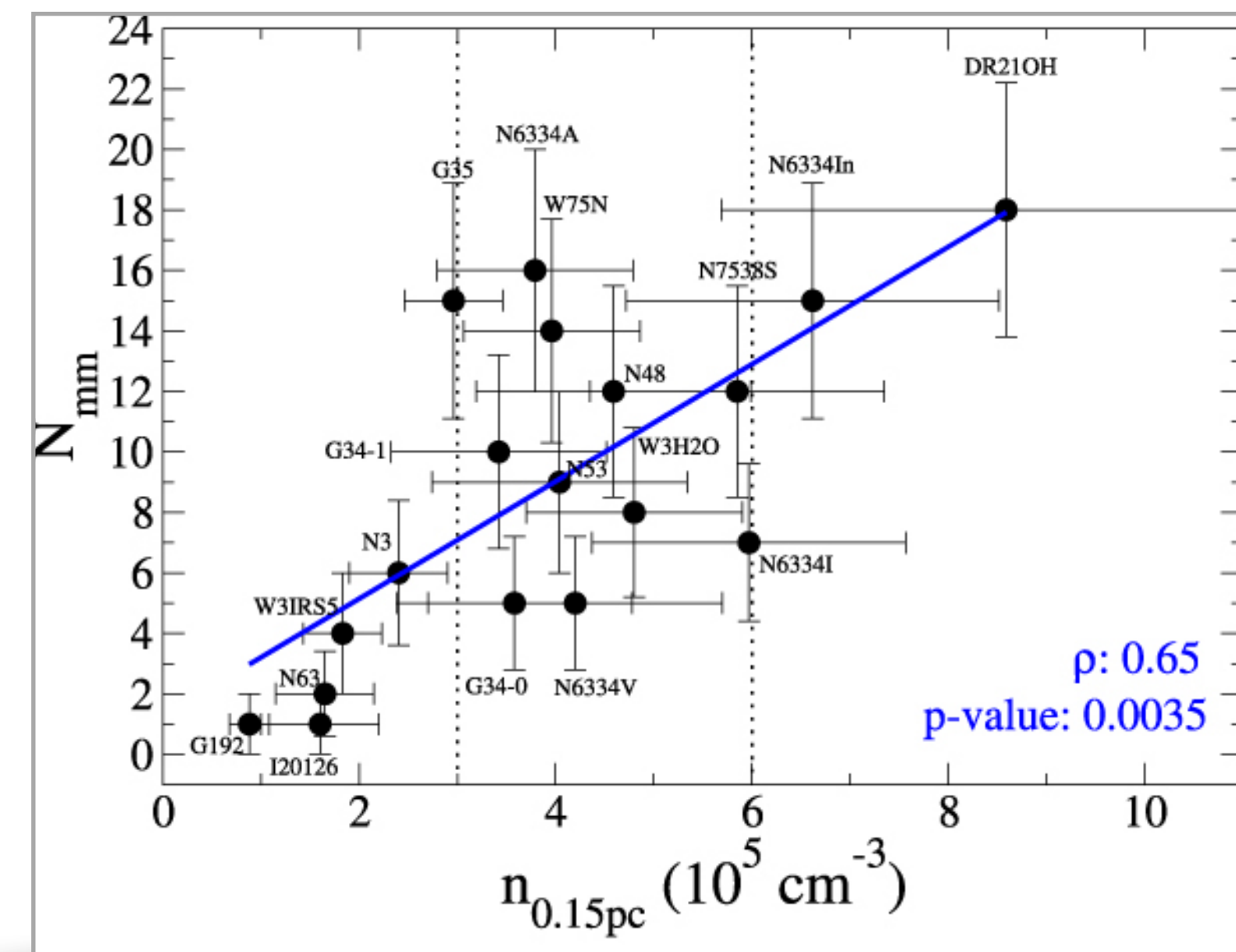
Free parameters fitted by the model

Source	β^a	T_0^a (K)	ρ_0^a (g cm ⁻³)	r_c/r_0^a	p^a	χ_r^a	ρ_c^b (g cm ⁻³)	q^b
hub-N	1.81 ± 0.08	51 ± 2	(1.3 ± 0.2) × 10 ⁻¹⁵	21 ± 4	2.24 ± 0.04	0.69	(1.4 ± 0.6) × 10 ⁻¹⁸	0.34
hub-S	1.89 ± 0.08	45 ± 2	(1.0 ± 0.2) × 10 ⁻¹⁵	20 ± 3	2.24 ± 0.04	0.76	(1.2 ± 0.5) × 10 ⁻¹⁸	0.34

➔ Low fragmentation levels in clumps with steeper density profiles.



➔ High fragmentation levels in clumps with higher density

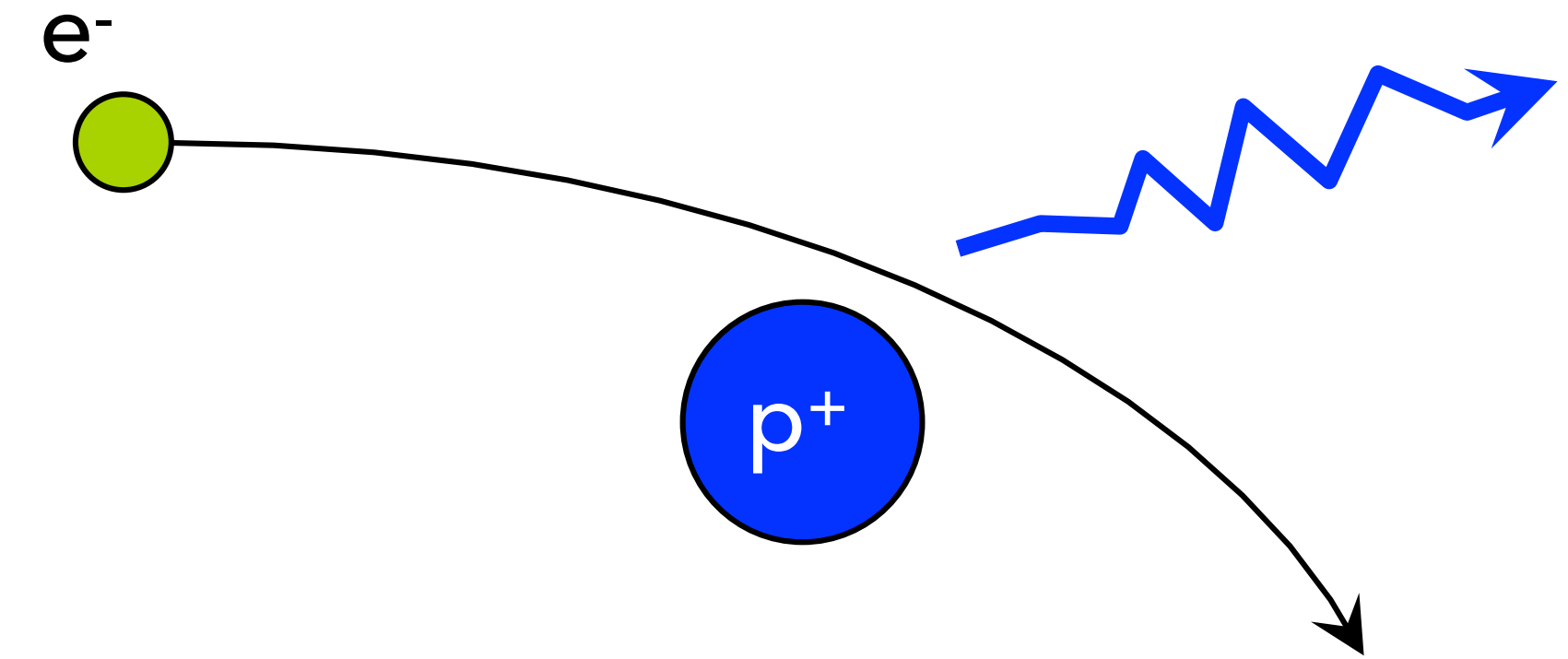
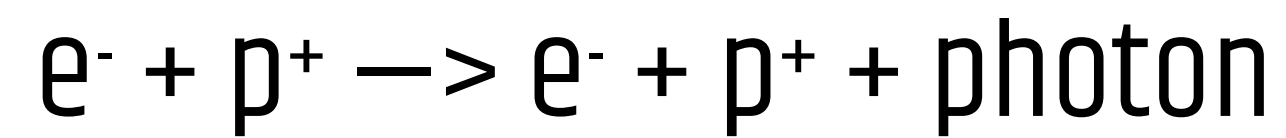


FREE-FREE CONTAMINATION

→ **HII REGIONS**: radiation produced by the acceleration of protons and electrons in an ionised medium



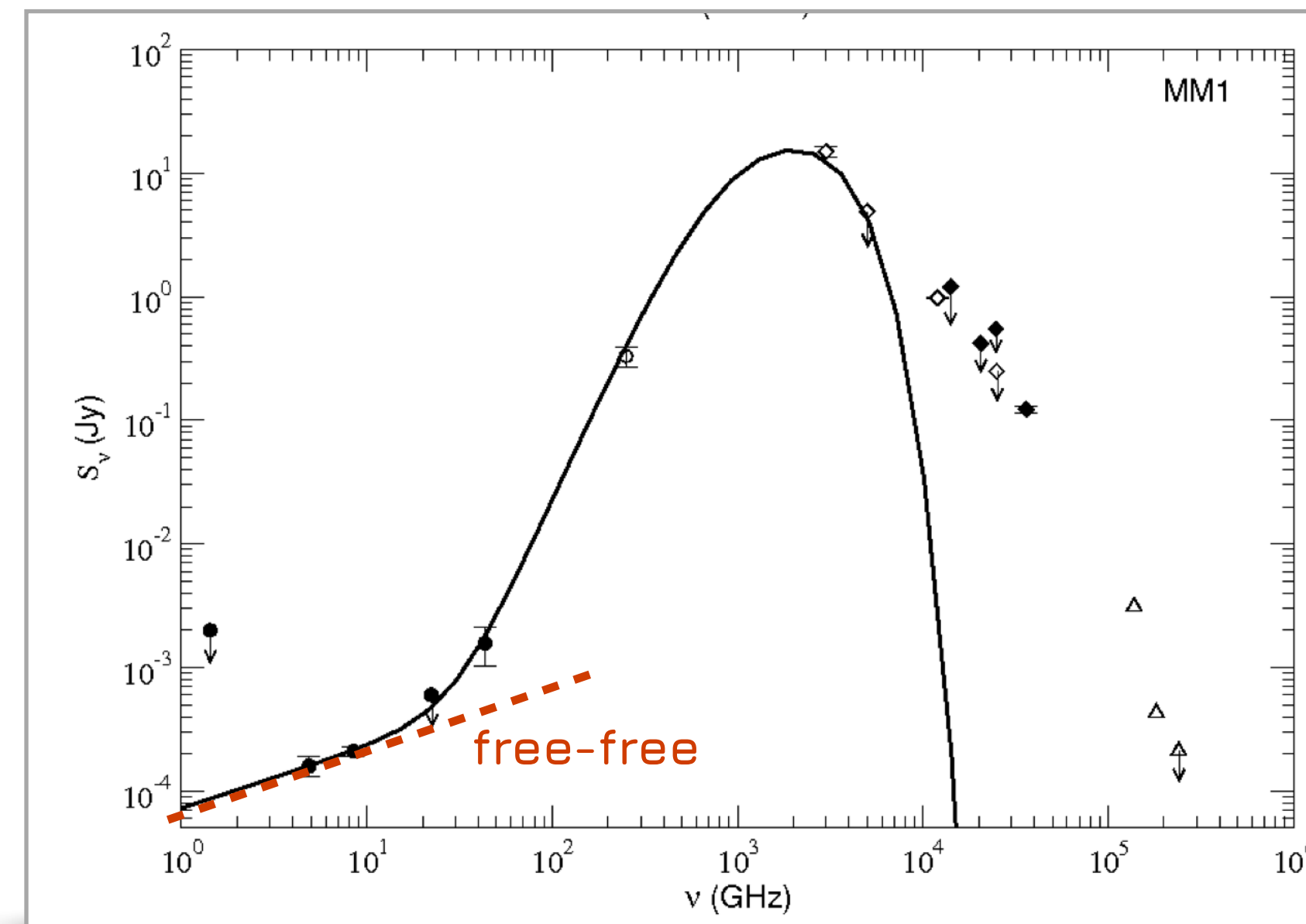
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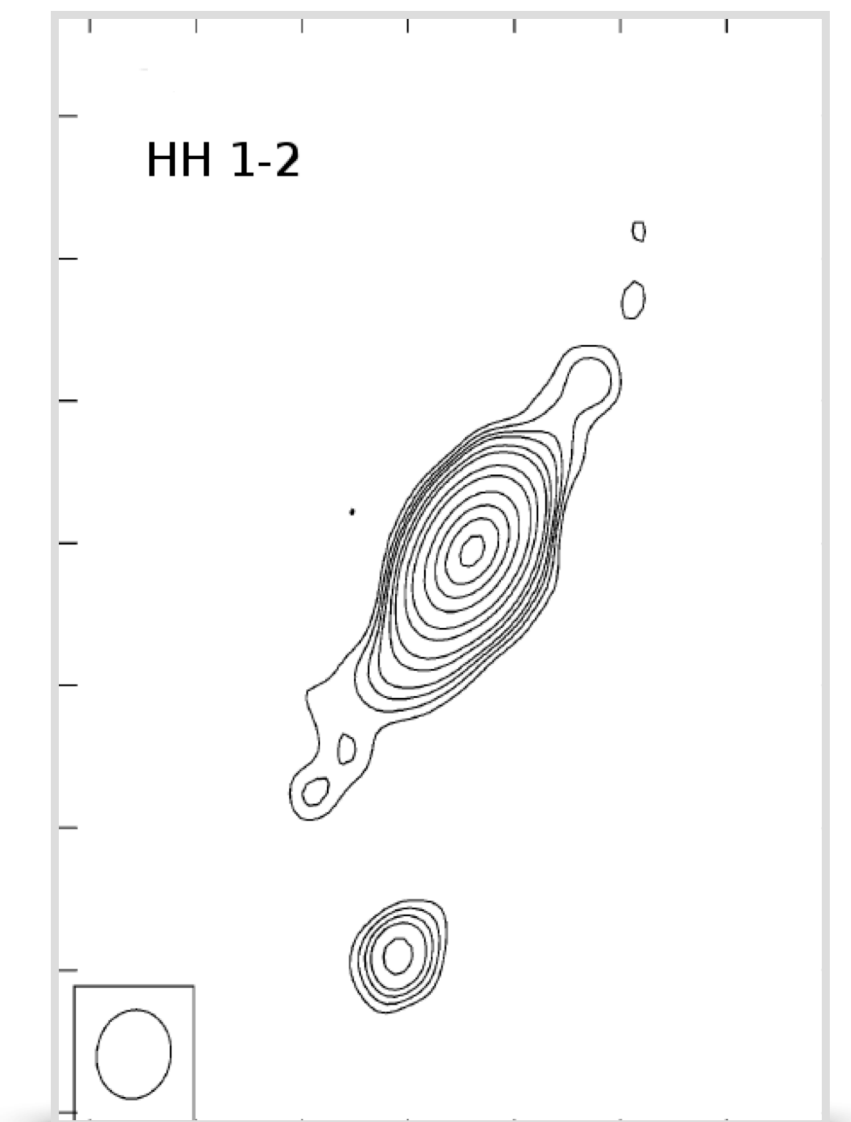
Infrared radiation: dust clouds
Optical light and **Radio emission**:
 hot, young stars ionise the gas

→ **THERMAL RADIO JETS**: ionised by shocks
 (see Anglada, Rodríguez, Carrasco-González (2018) for a review

$$S_\nu \propto \nu^{0.6}$$



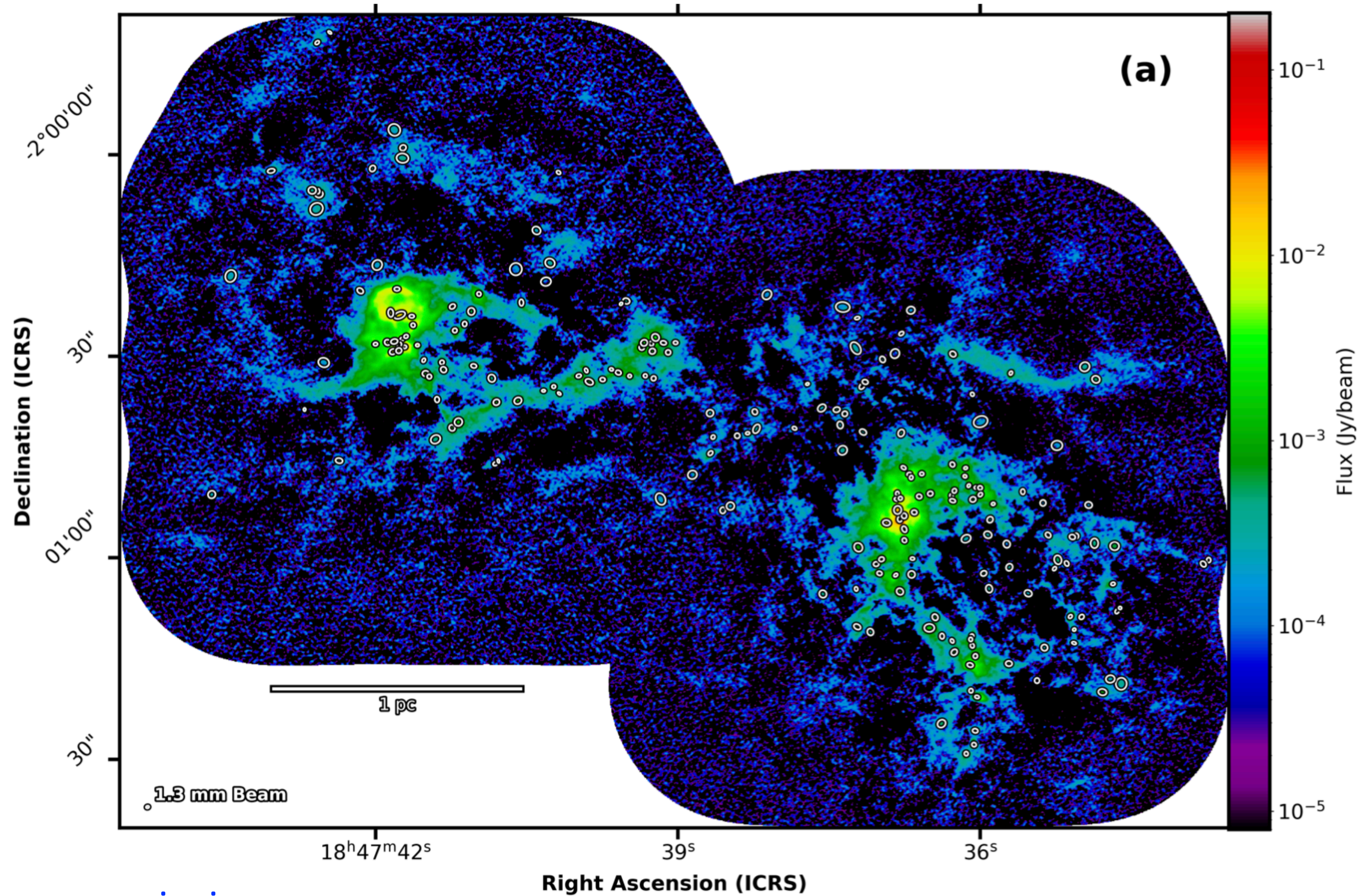
Busquet et al. (2009)



Rodríguez et al. (2000)

FREE-FREE CONTAMINATION

ALMA 1.3 mm continuum image of the W43-MM2&MM3 protocluster cloud



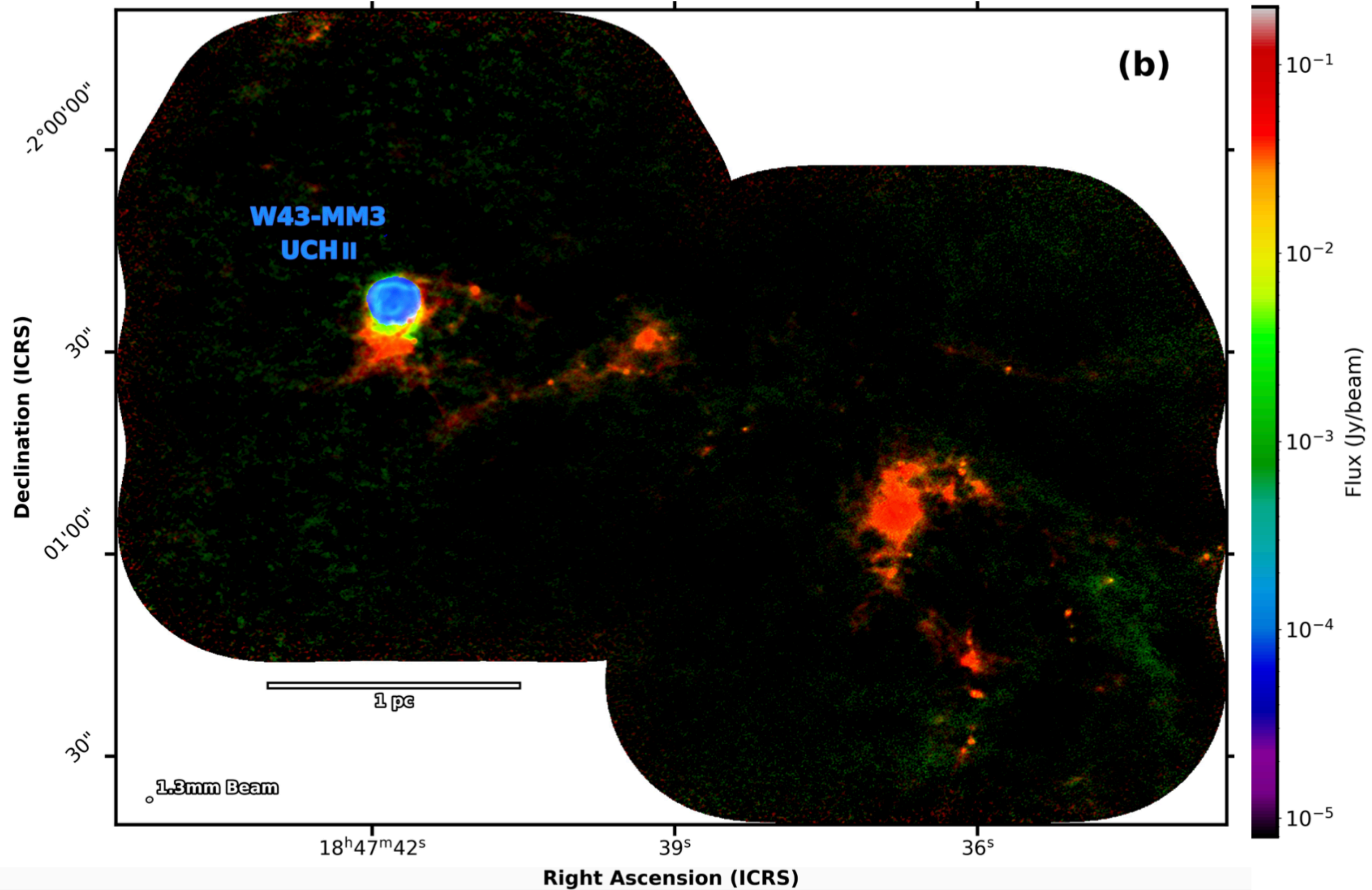
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H41 α : free-free continuum emission

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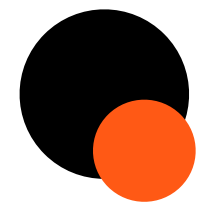
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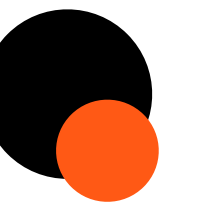
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THE STELLAR INITIAL MASS FUNCTION



- IMF: characterizes the mass distribution of stars above $0.01 M_{\text{Sun}}$.
- Found to display a universal (Salpeter 1955, Scalo 1986, see also Chabrier 2005, Bastian et al. 2010, Hopkins 2012, Kroupa et al. 2013)

$$\frac{dN}{d \log M} \propto M^{-1.35}$$

