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American Astronomical Society Assumes Leadership of WorldWide Telescope

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Microsoft's WorldWide Telescope (WWT) astronomy software has a new institutional home: the American Astronomical Society (AAS). This follows a vote by the Society's governing board at the 227th AAS meeting in Kissimmee, Florida, earlier this month.

Virtually anyone can use WWT to simply browse the universe, exploring everything from planets to nebulas, from supernovas to galaxy clusters, and from constellations to the cosmic microwave background radiation.

WWT is a scriptable and interactive "universe information system" for exploring the multiwavelength sky. It allows users to retrieve and share data using an interface that resembles either the sky as seen from Earth or a 3D view of the universe.

WWT can be run in a browser on any computer or mobile device or in Windows as a desktop application. With its powerful capabilities to visualize and contextualize

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TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES TELLING A *Twisted* TALE OF STAR FORMATION

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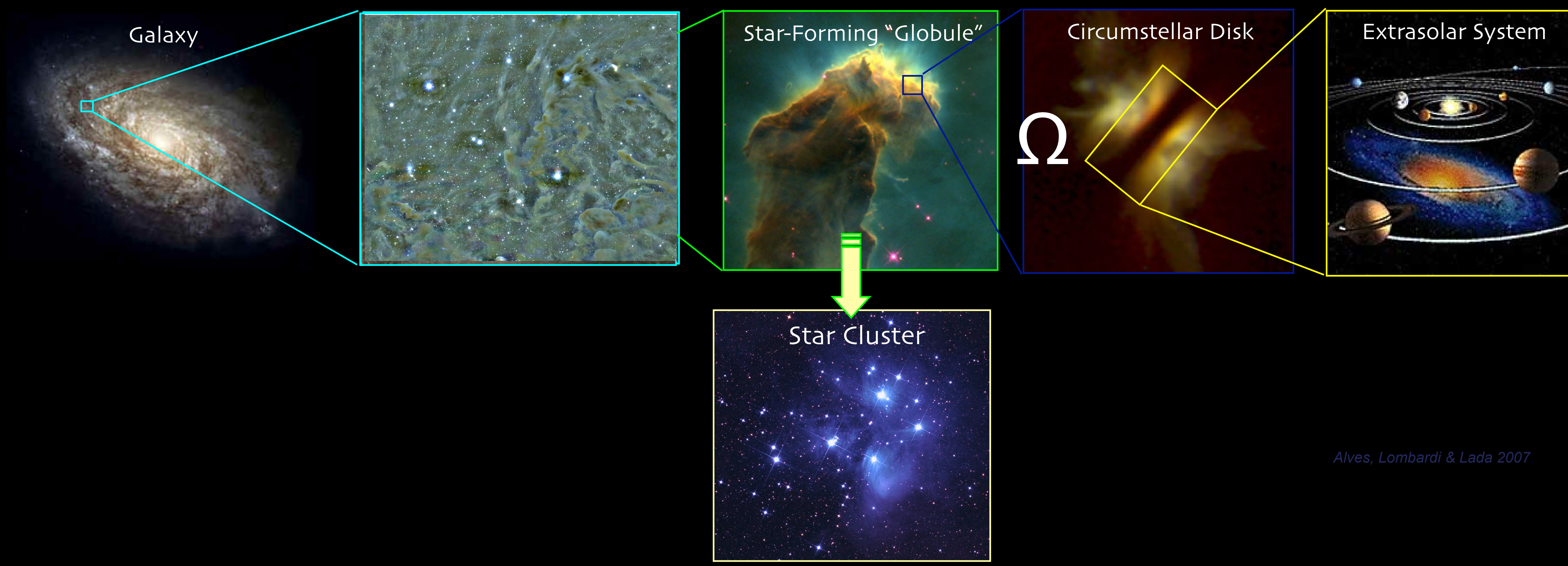
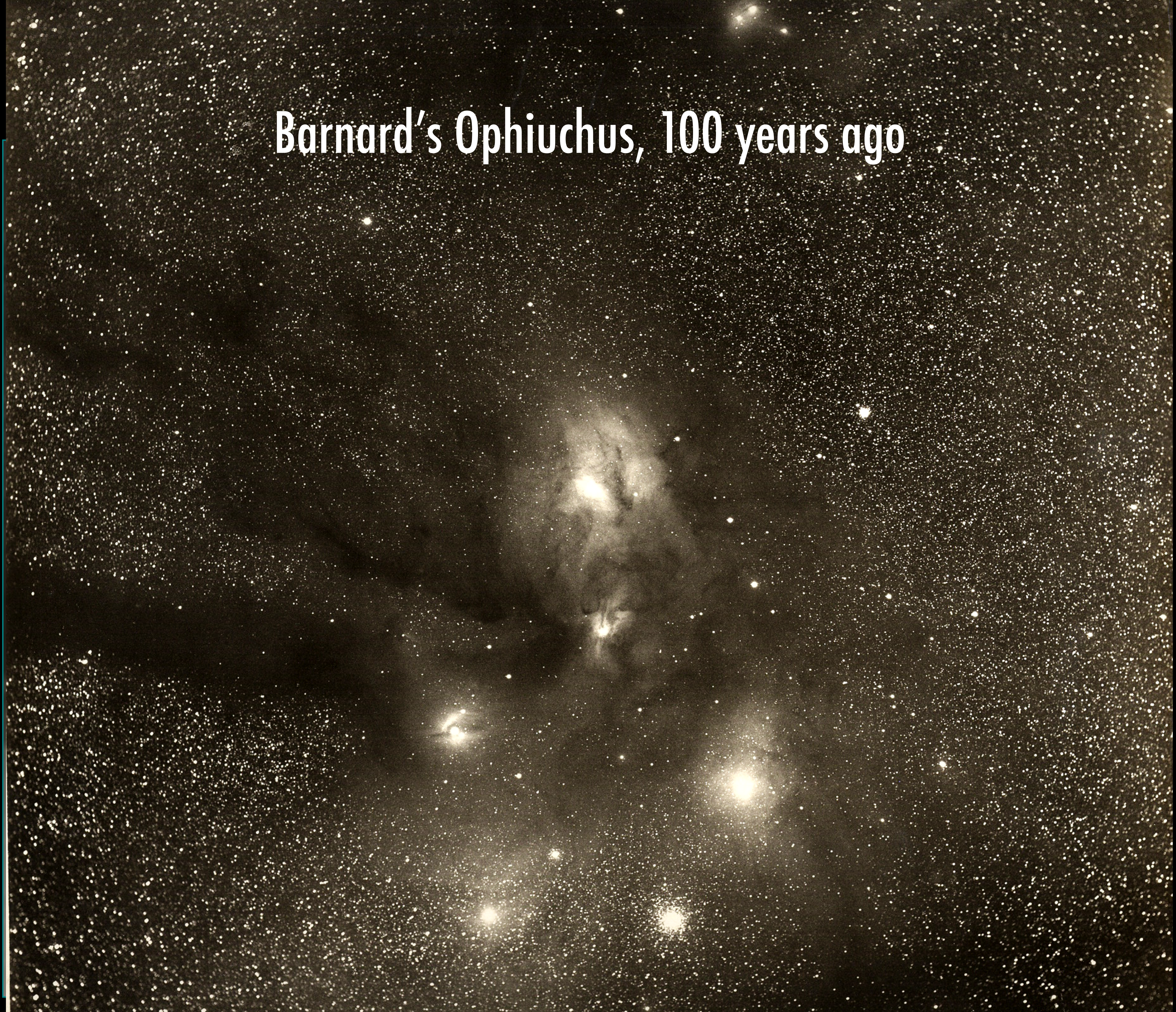
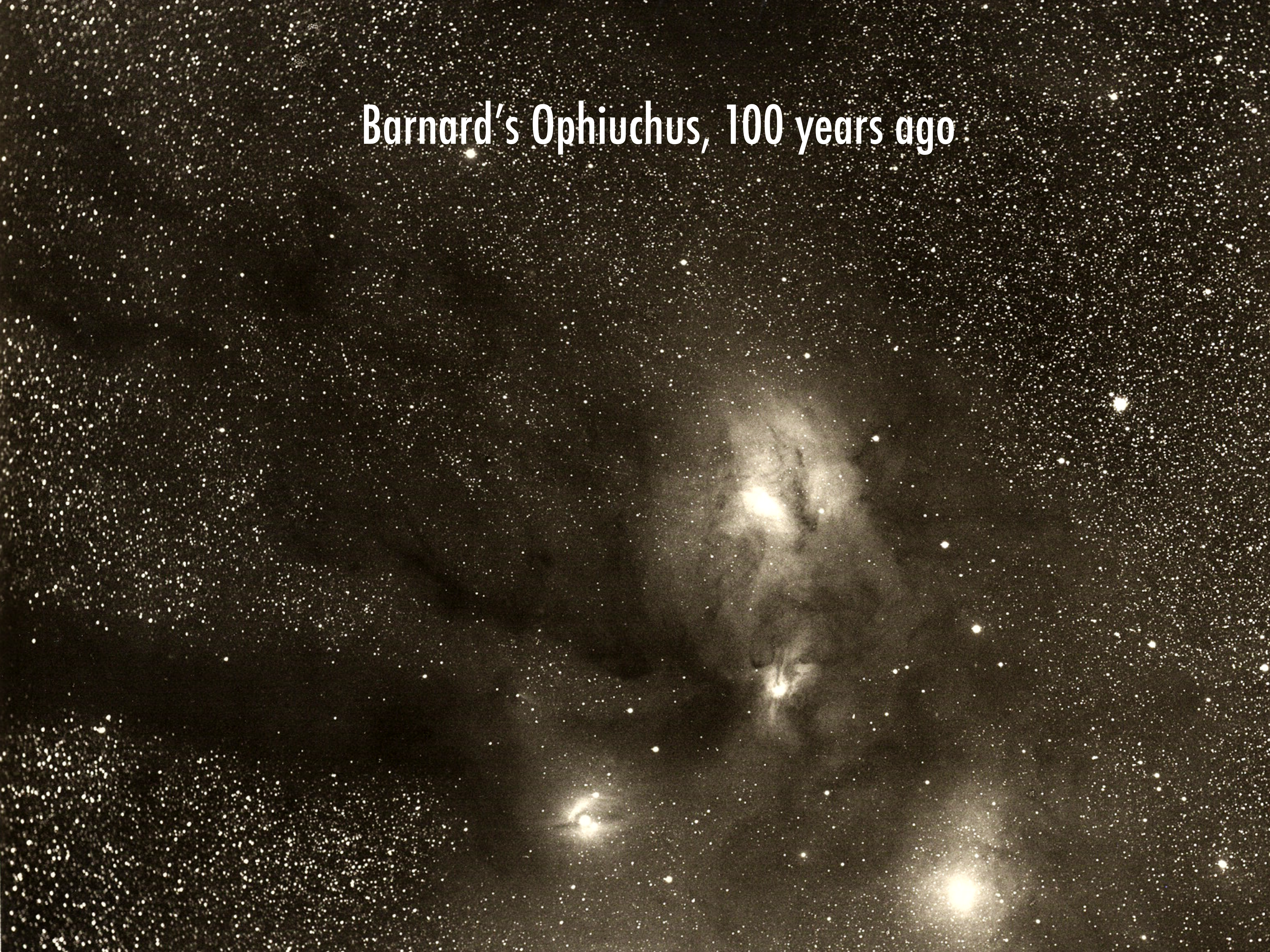
"STAR FORMATION"



Alves, Lombardi & Lada 2007

Barnard's Ophiuchus, 100 years ago

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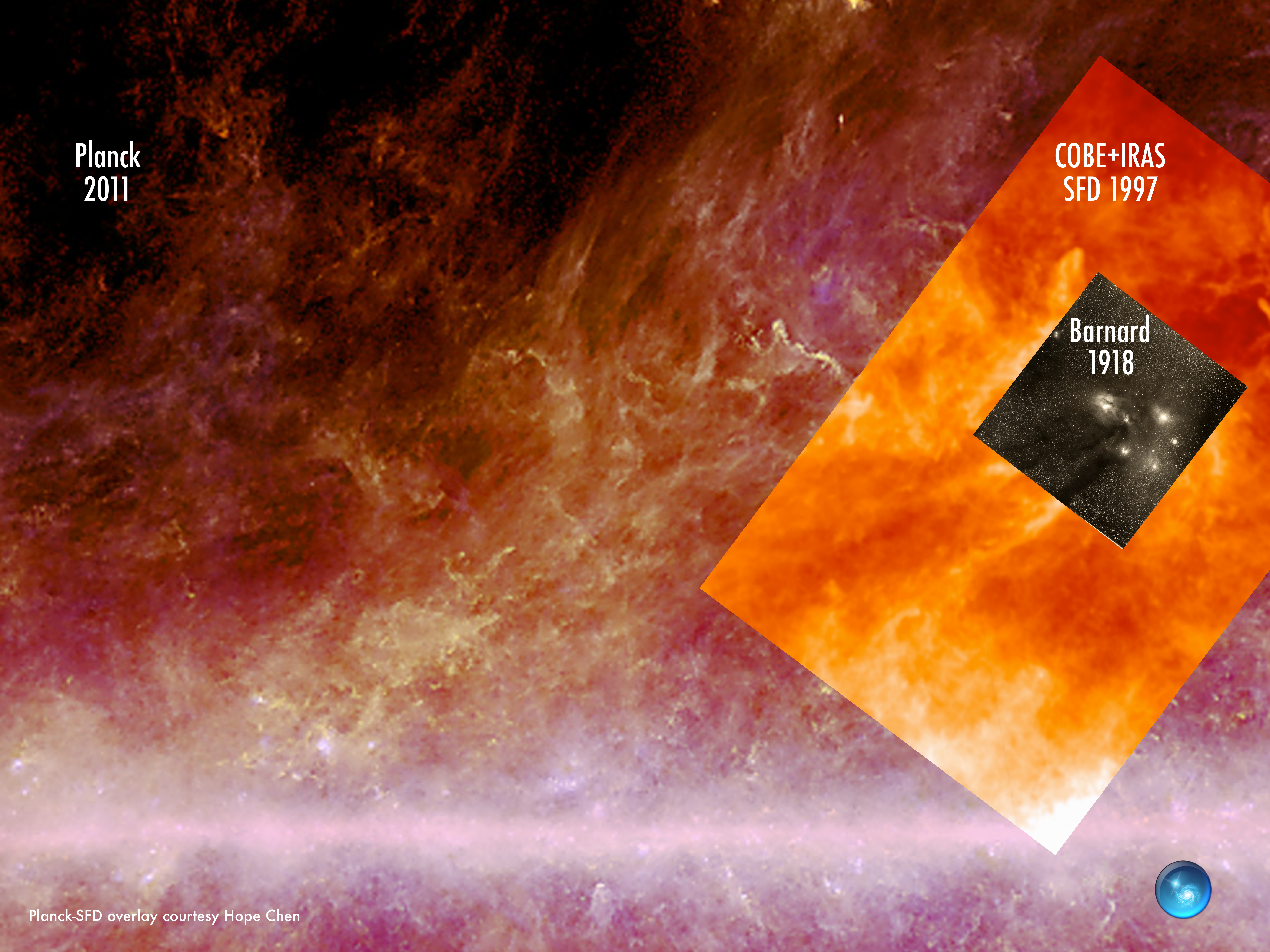
Planck
2011
COBE+IRAS
SFD 1997
Barnard
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Planck-SFD overlay courtesy Hope Chen

TOOL DEMO: WORLDWIDE TELESCOPE

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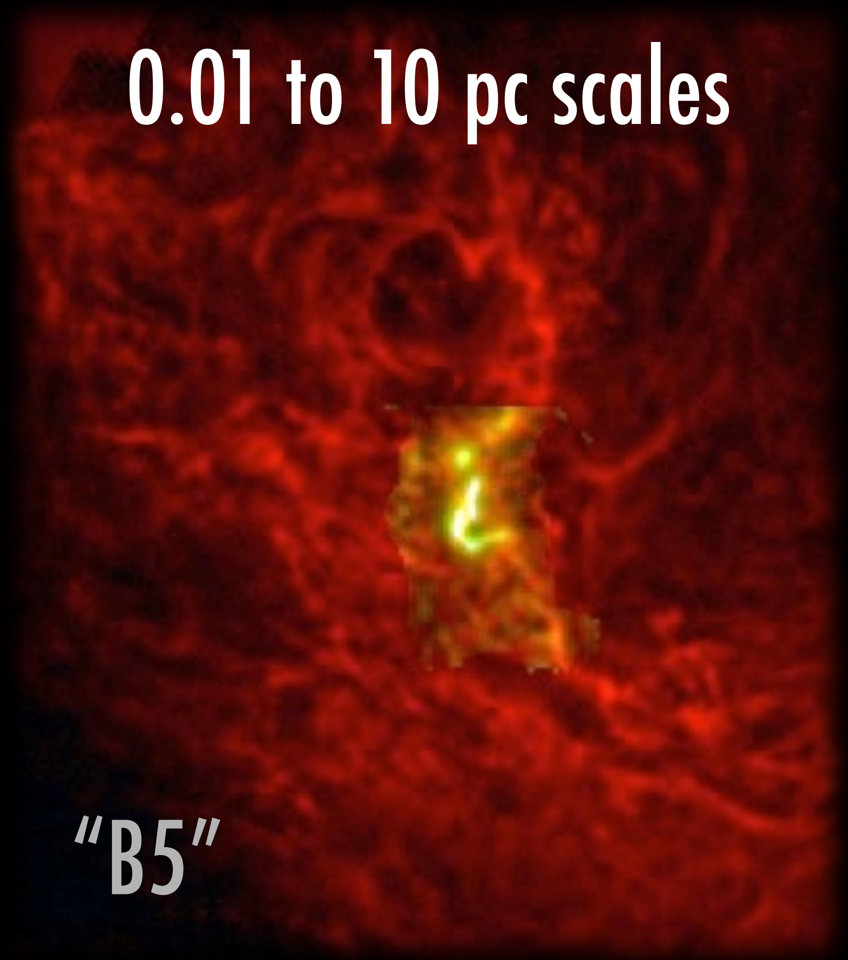
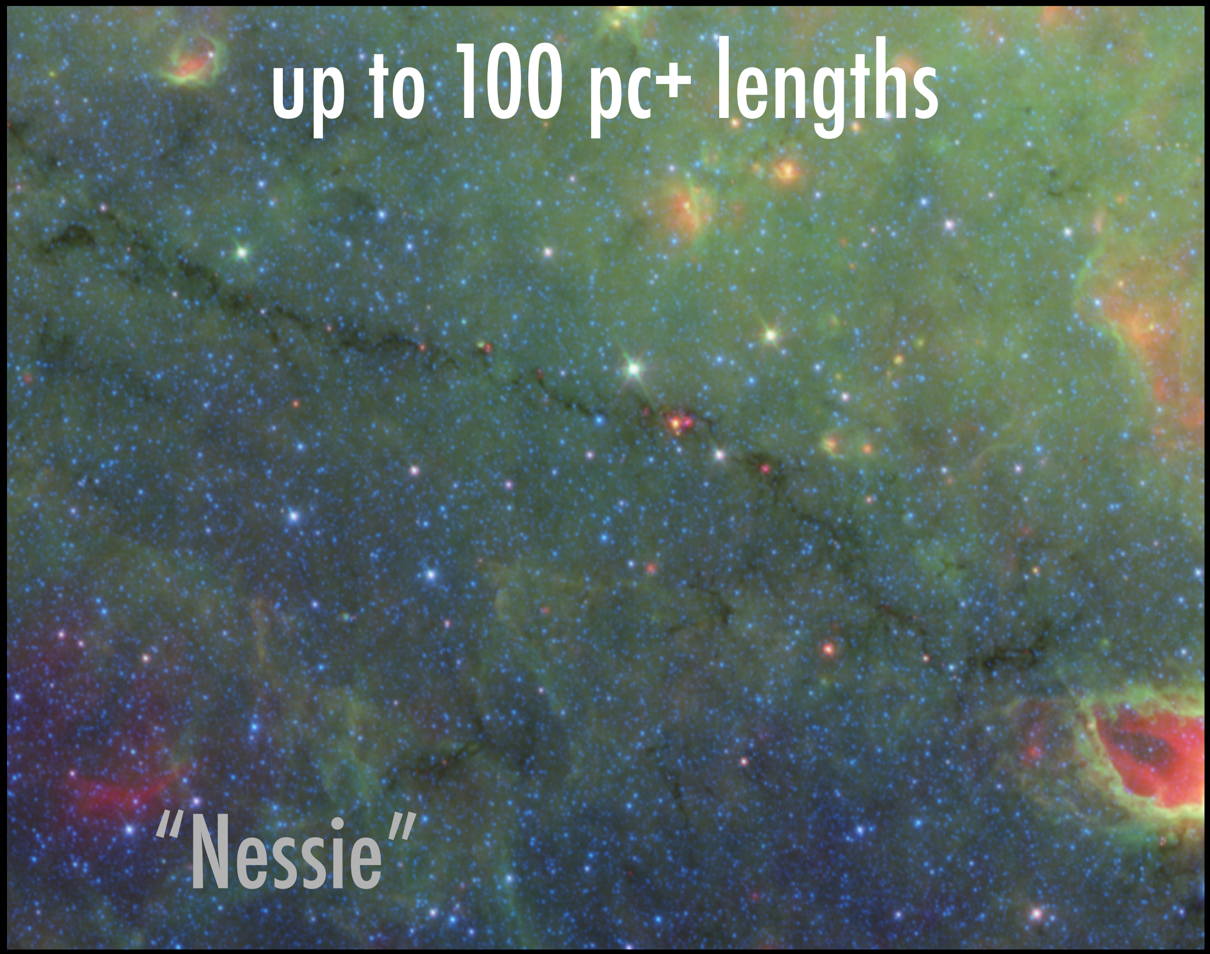
TWO TWISTED TALES





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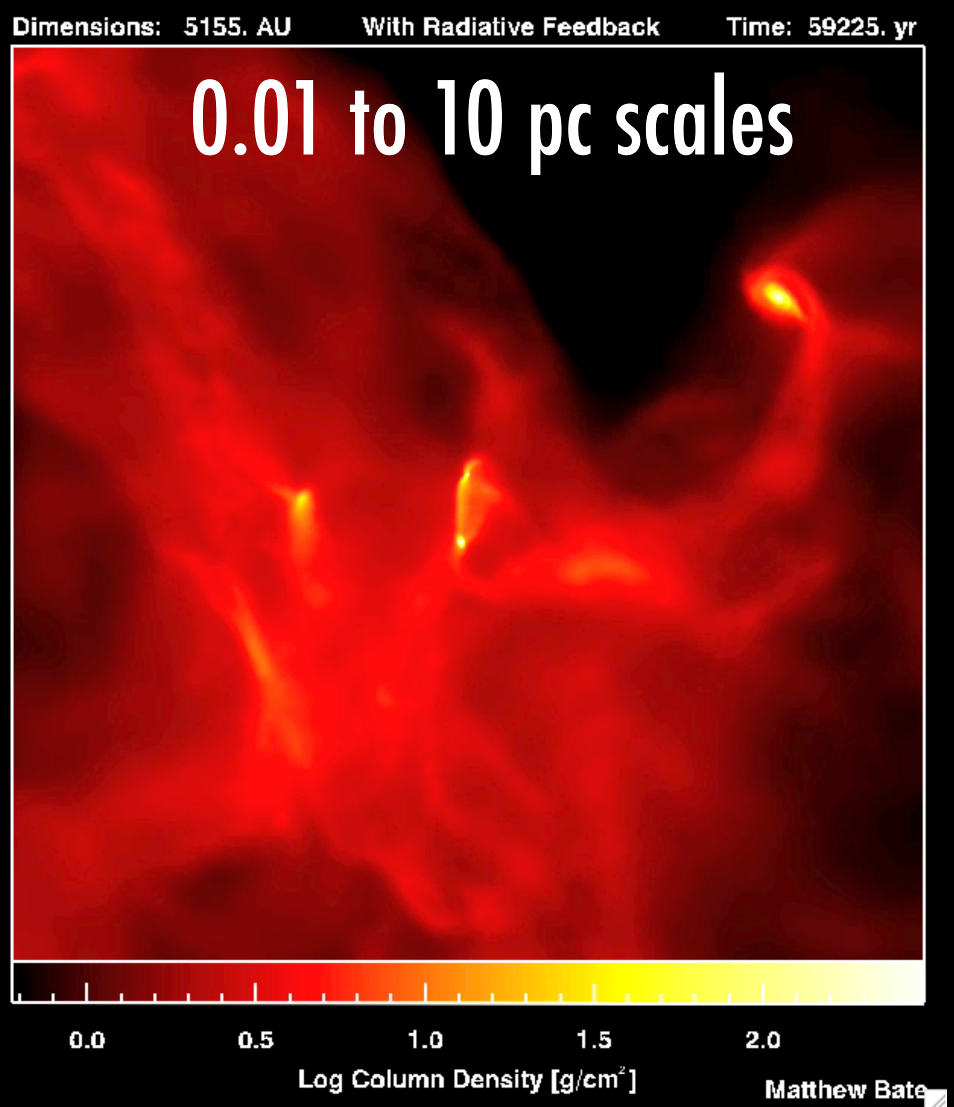
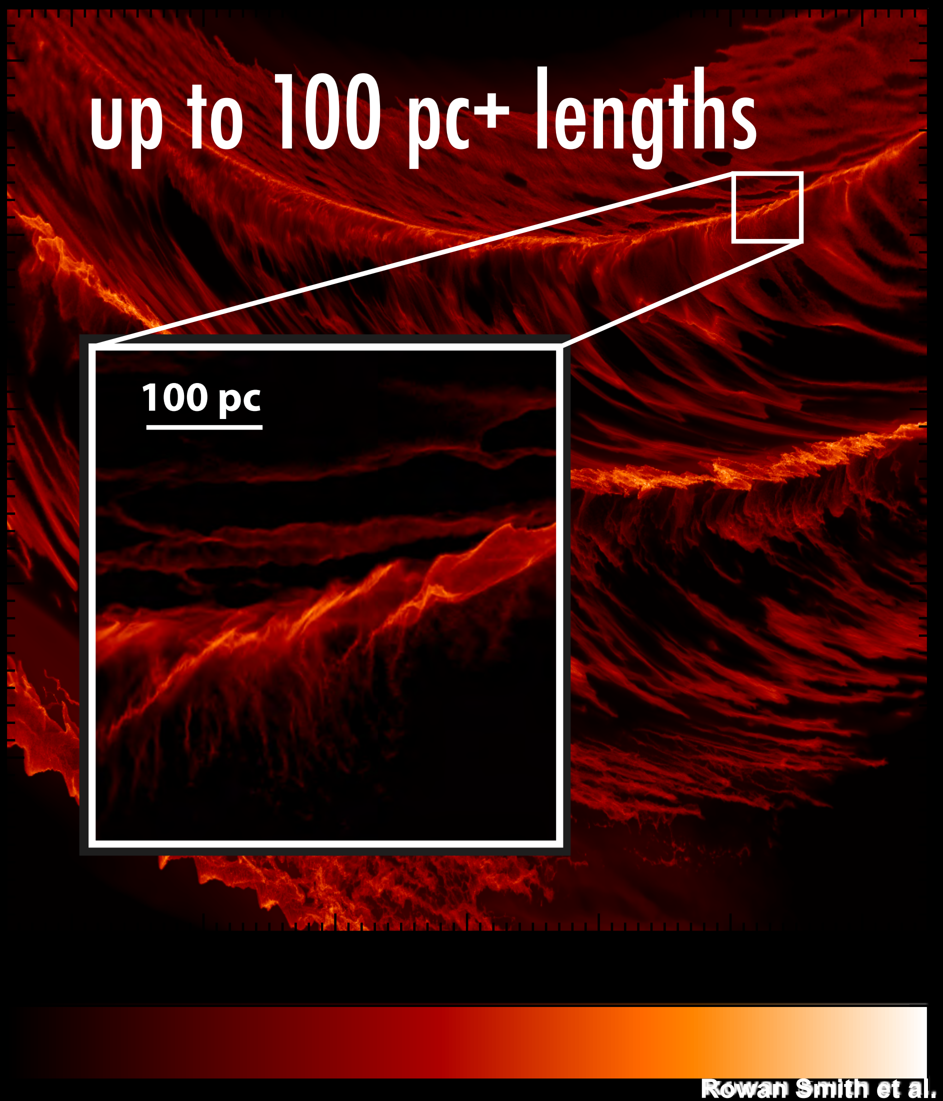
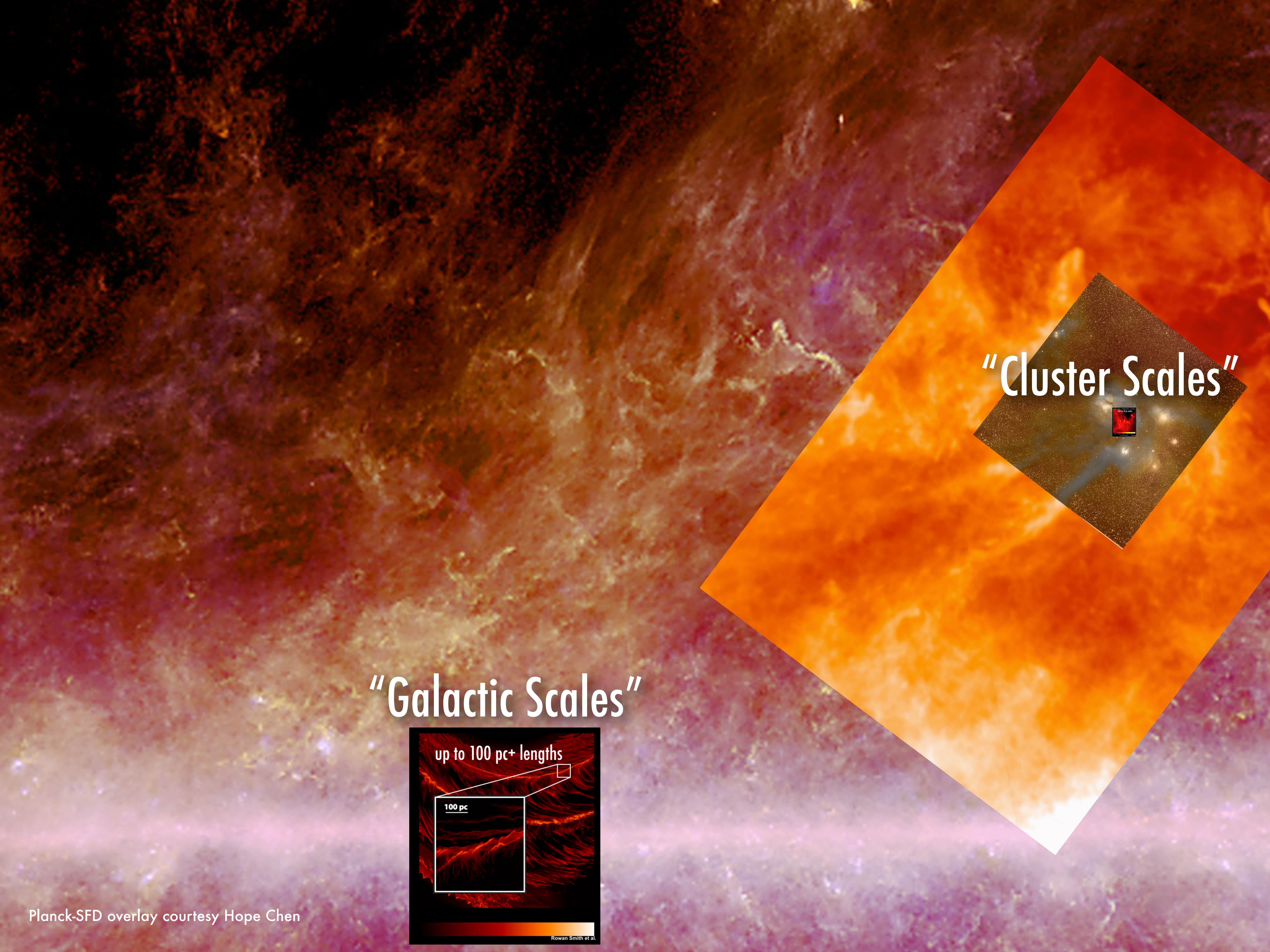
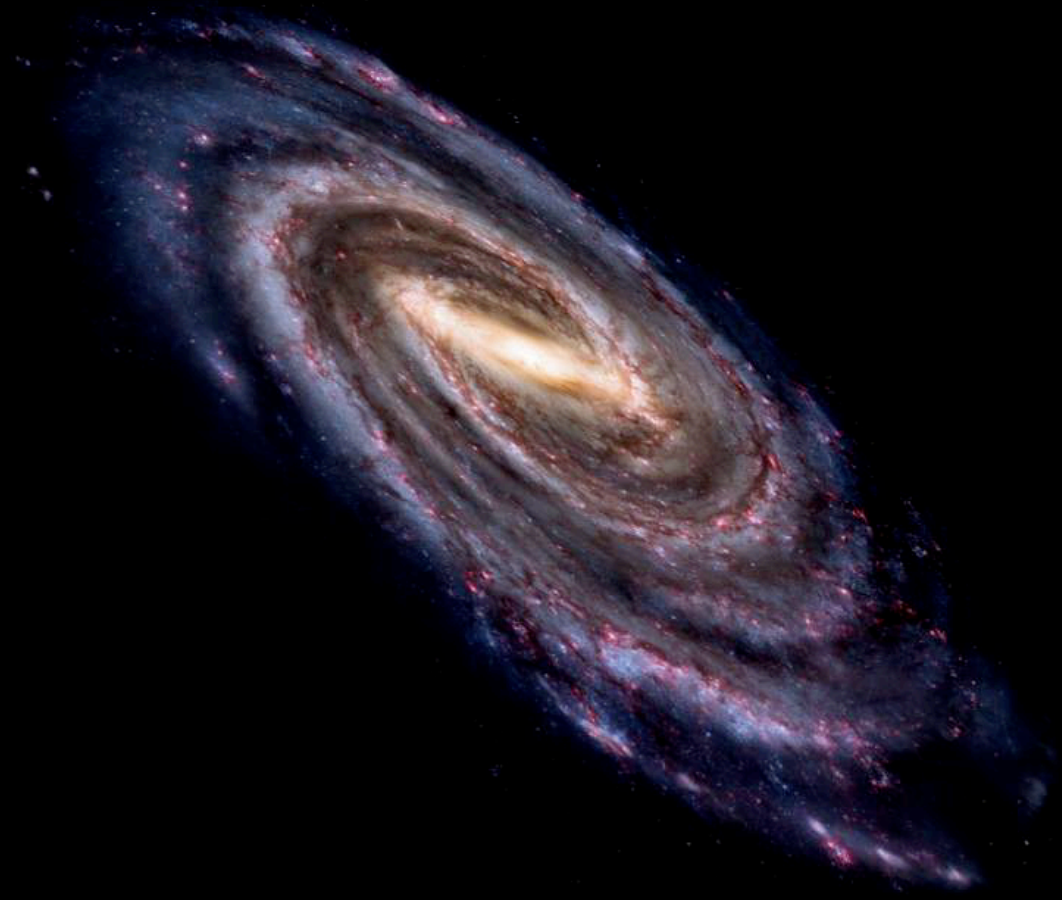
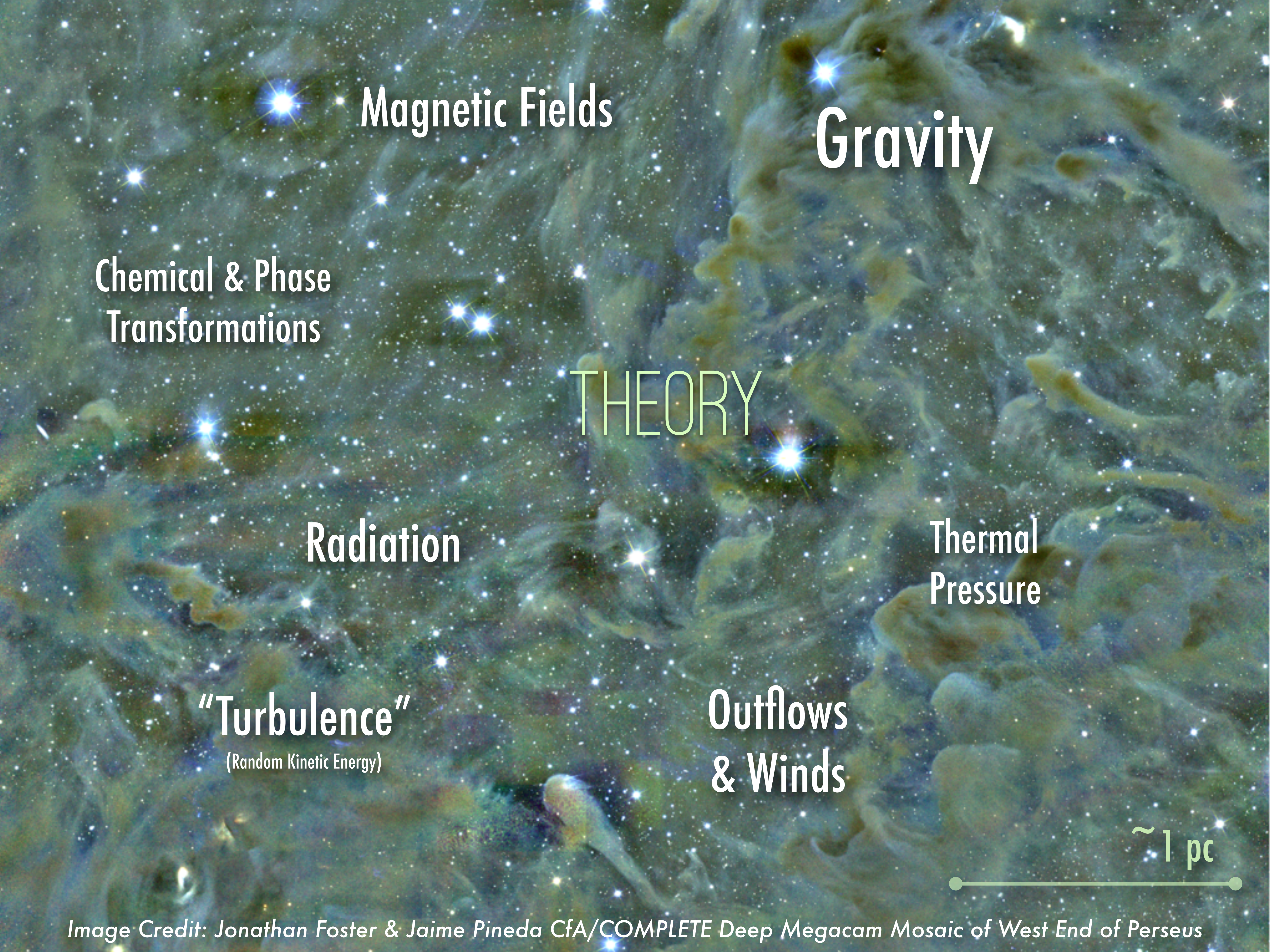




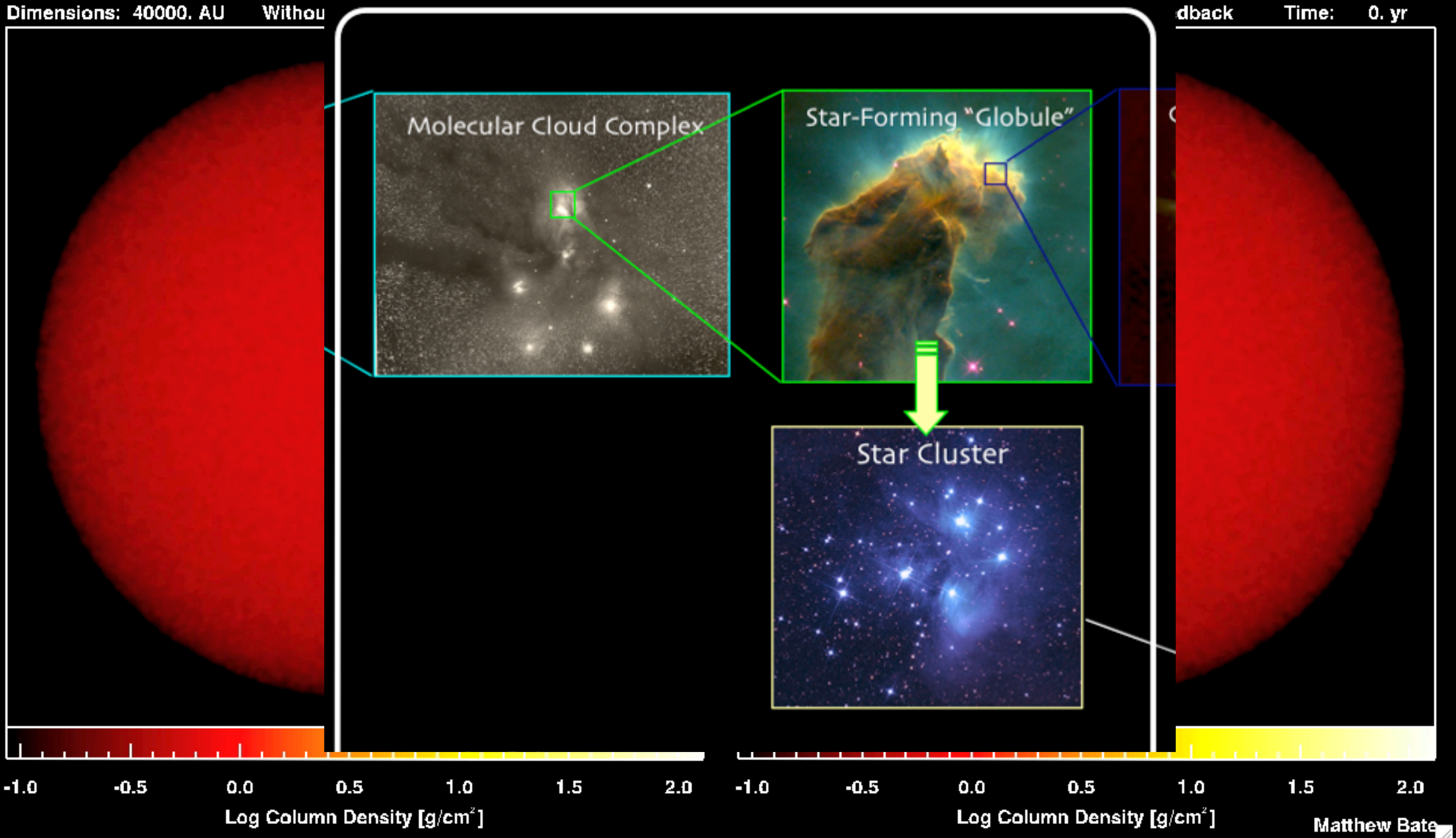

"Cluster Scales"
"Galactic Scales"
up to 100 pc+ lengths
100 pc
Rowan Smith et al.
Planck-SFD overlay courtesy Hope Chen

GEOMETRY (PREVIEW)



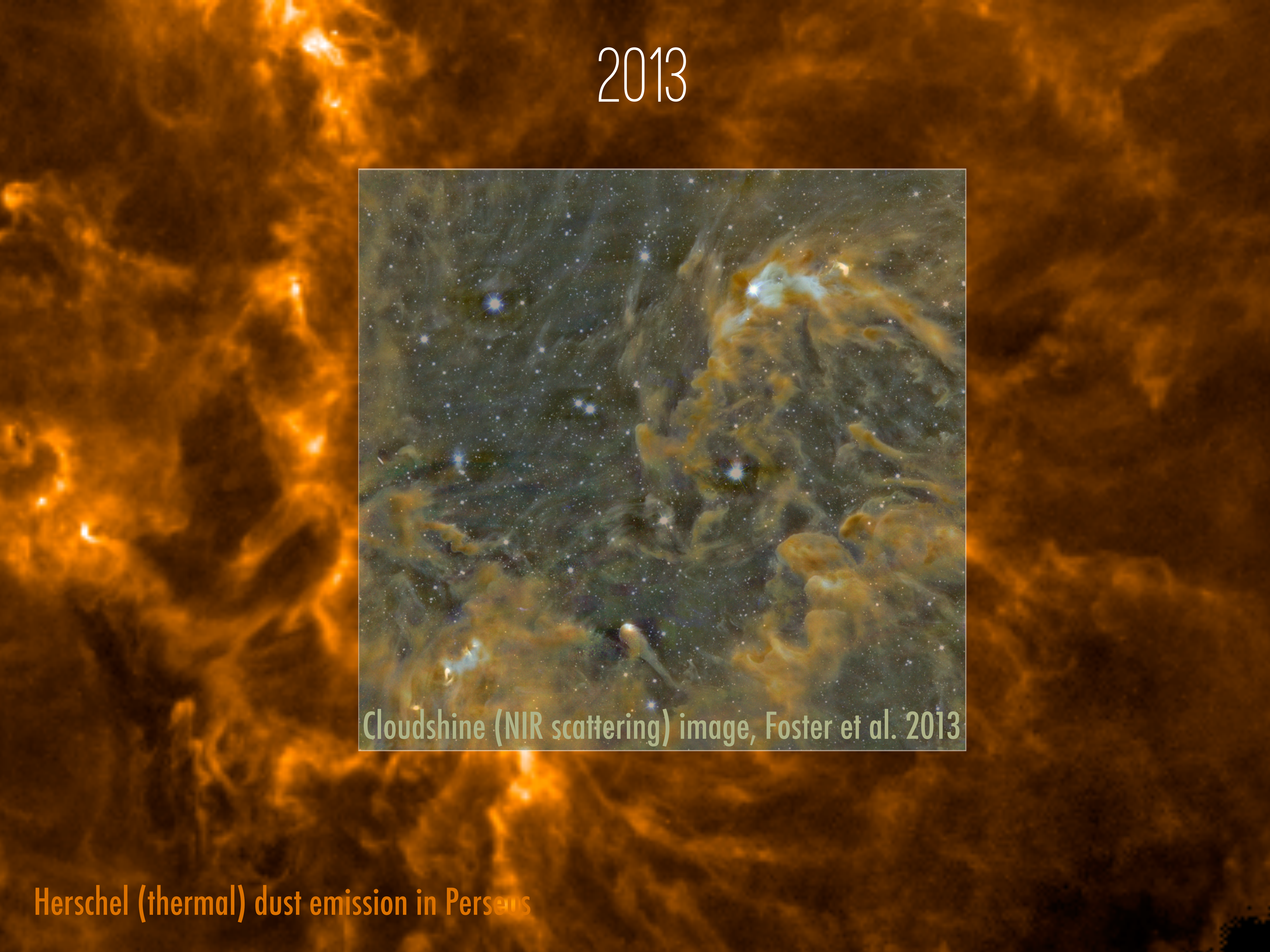

Magnetic Fields
Gravity
Chemical & Phase
Transformations
THEORY
Radiation
Thermal
Pressure
"Turbulence"
(Random Kinetic Energy)
Outflows
& Winds
~1 pc
Image Credit: Jonathan Foster & Jaime Pineda CfA/COMPLETE Deep Megacam Mosaic of West End of Perseus

2009



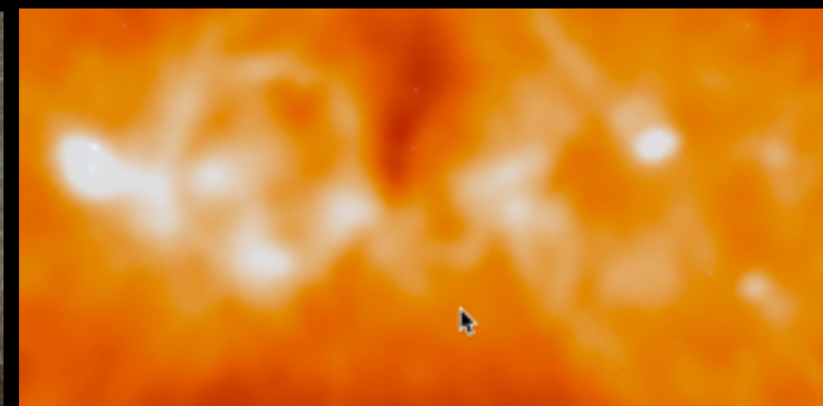
Simulations of Bate 2009

2013

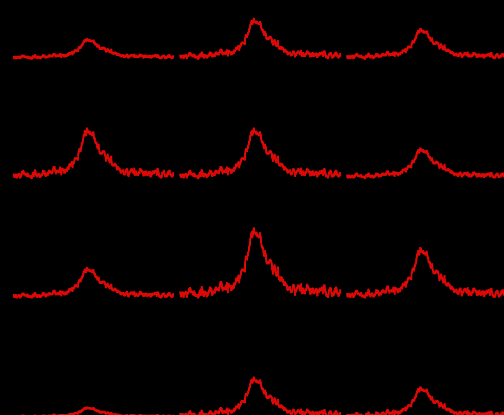

Cloudshine (NIR scattering) image, Foster et al. 2013
Herschel (thermal) dust emission in Perseus

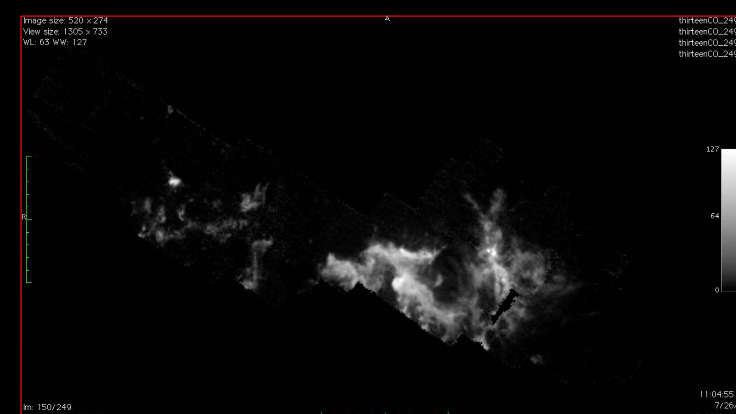
OBSERVATIONS

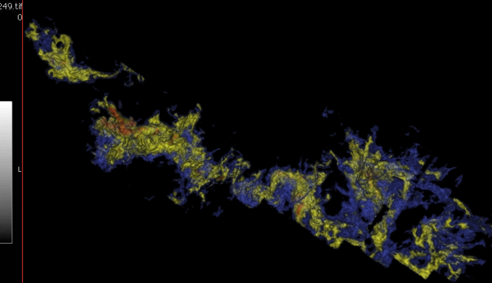
Dust



Gas







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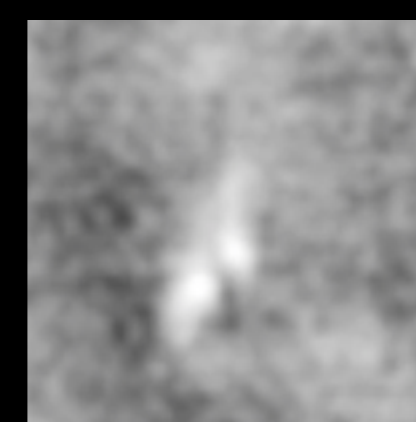

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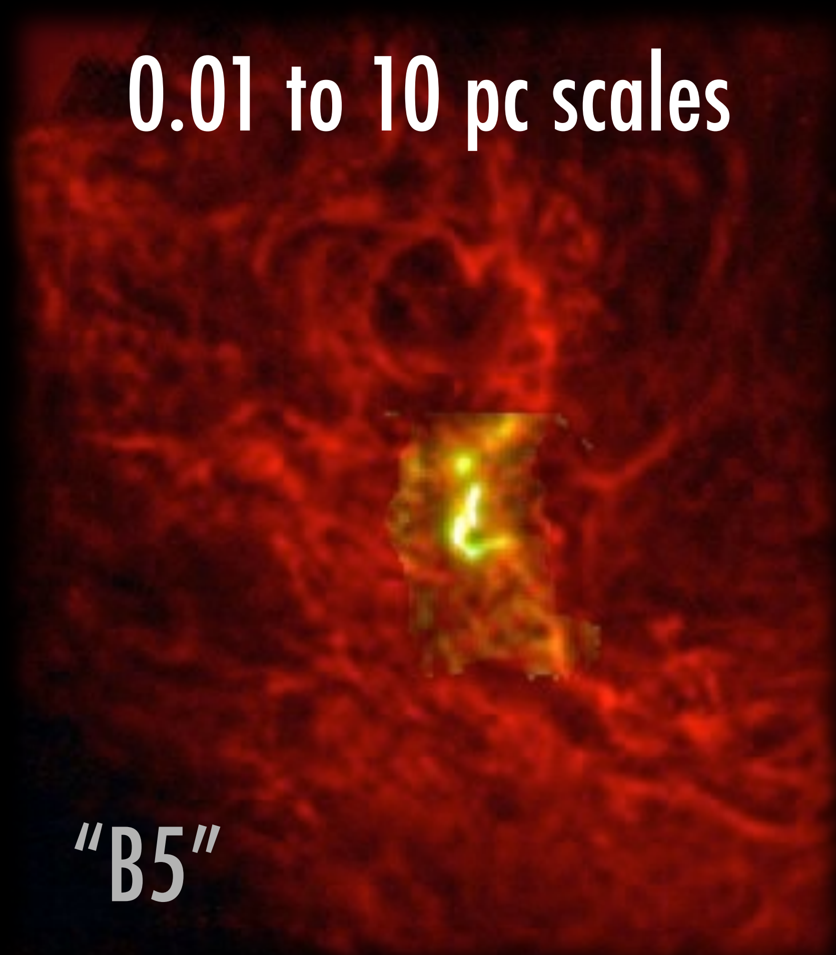
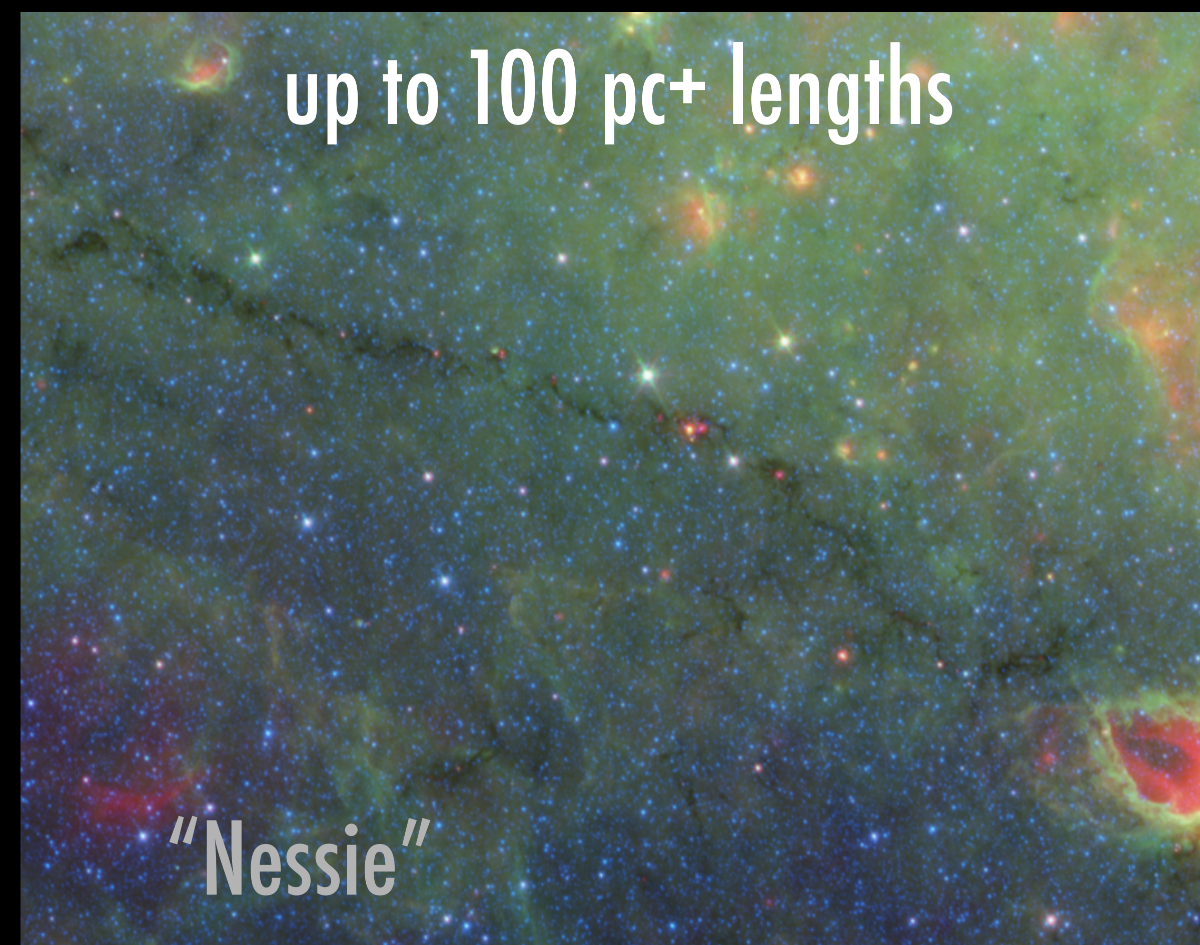
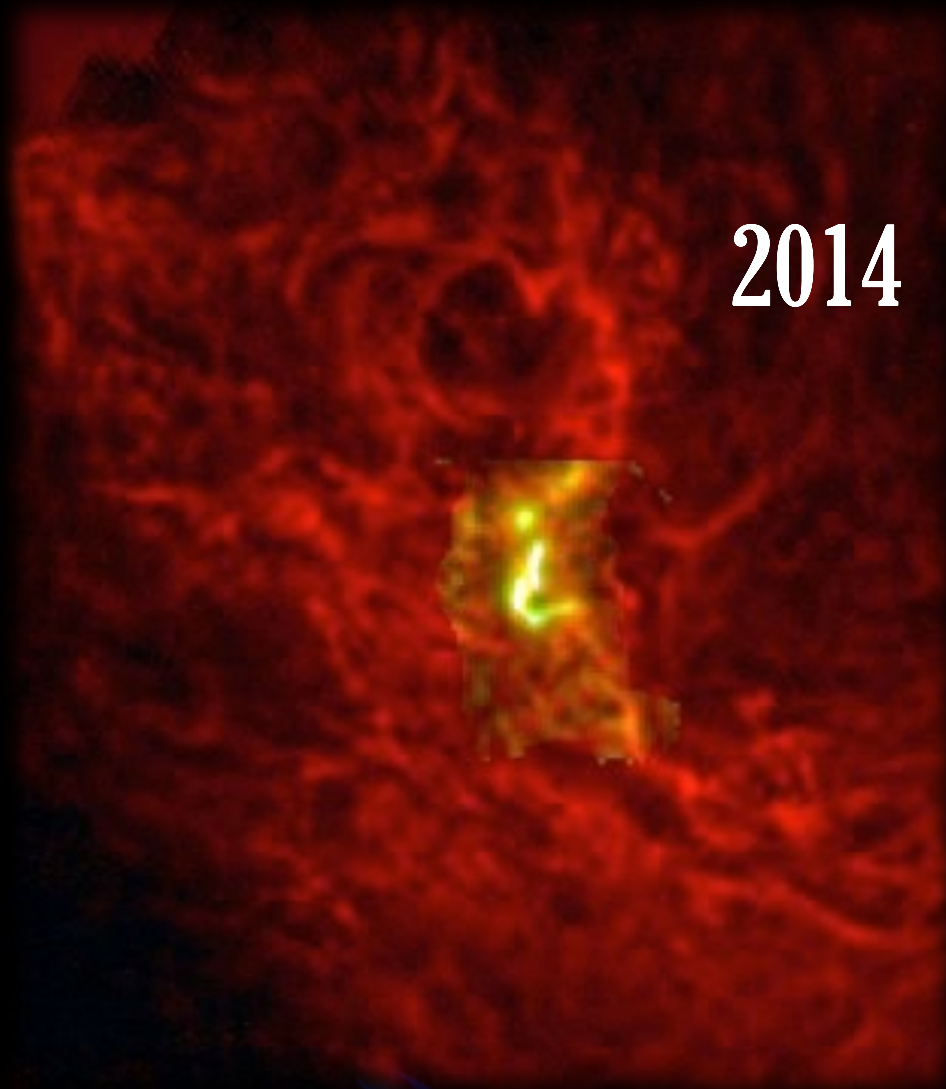


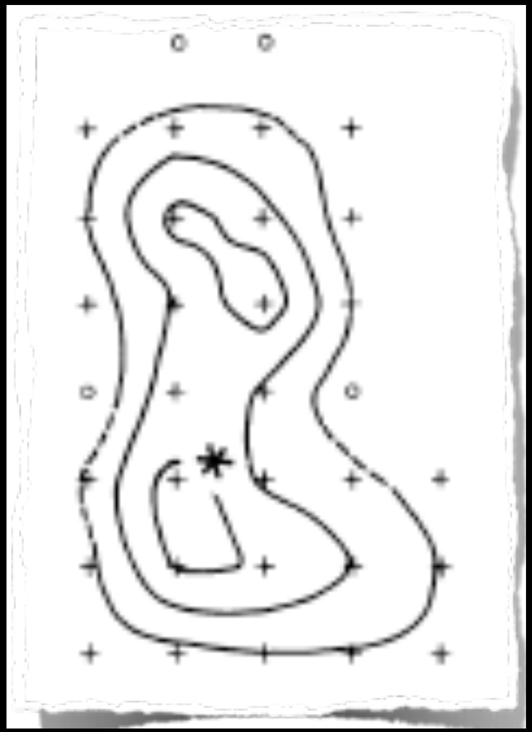


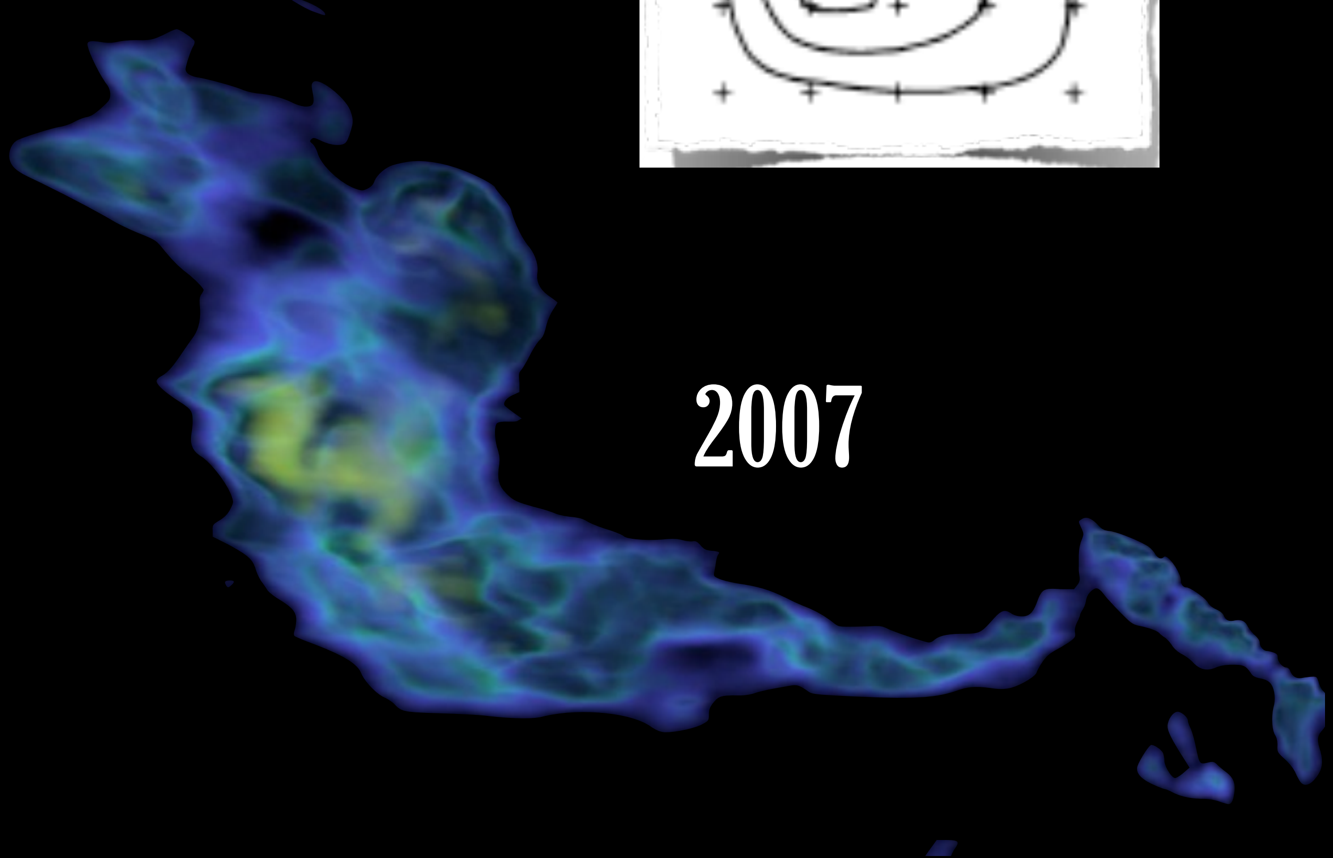
"B5" BLOB(S) TO FILAMENTS



2014

1989





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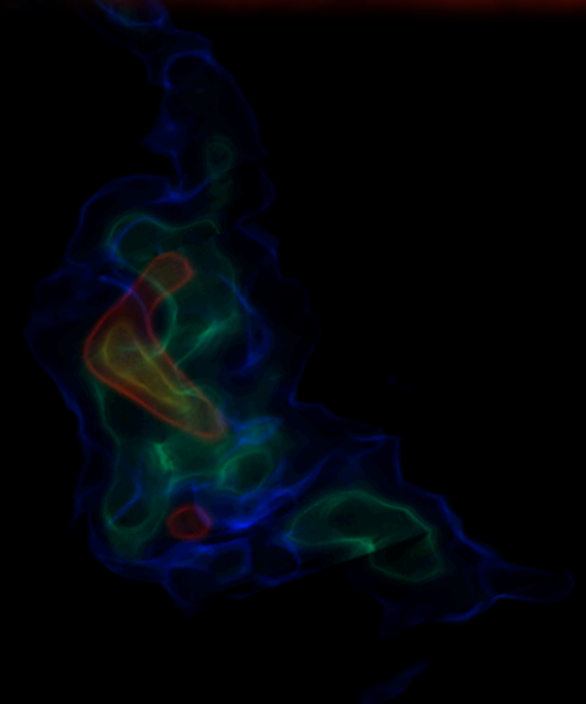

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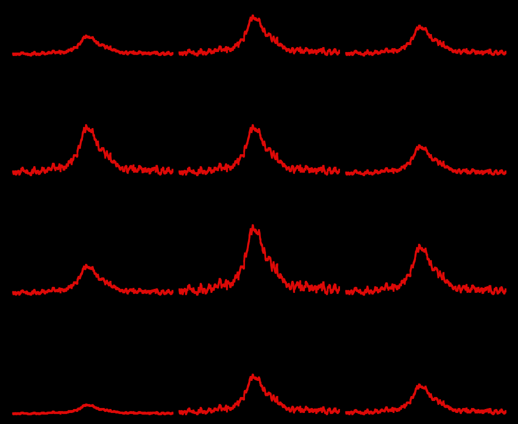
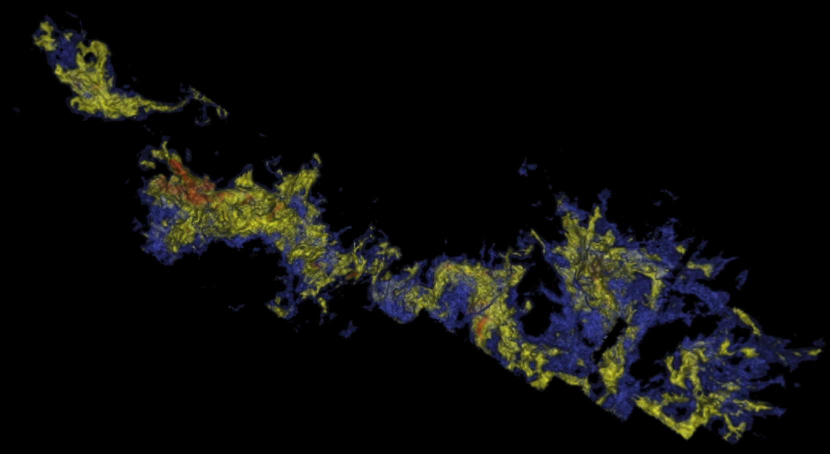
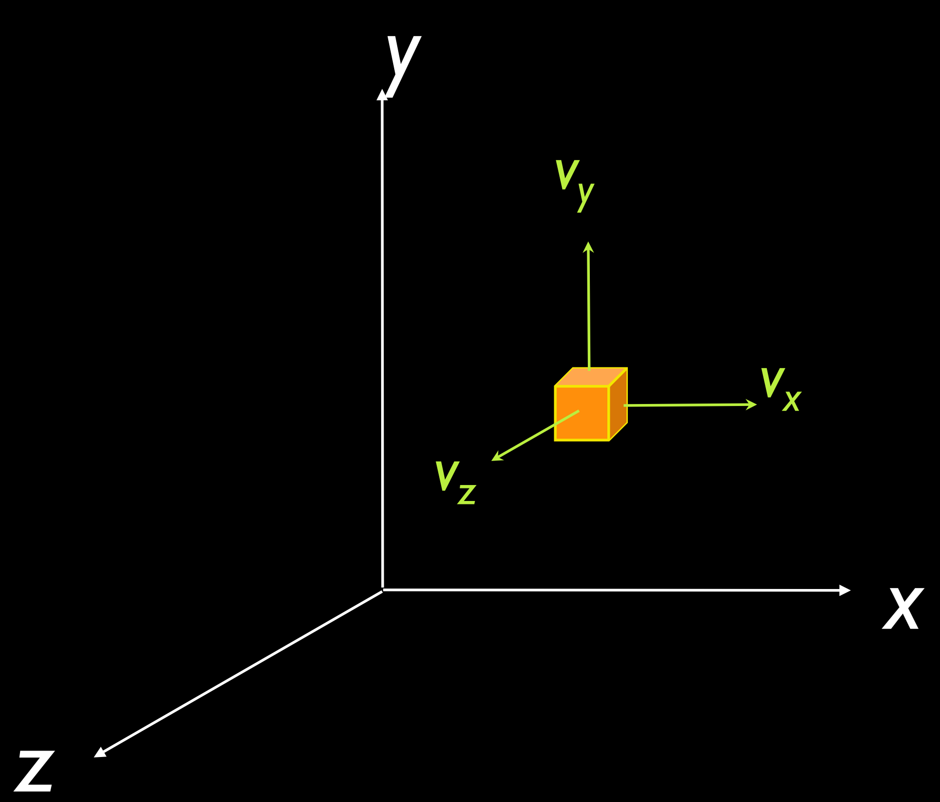
HOW DO WE SEE IN 3D?



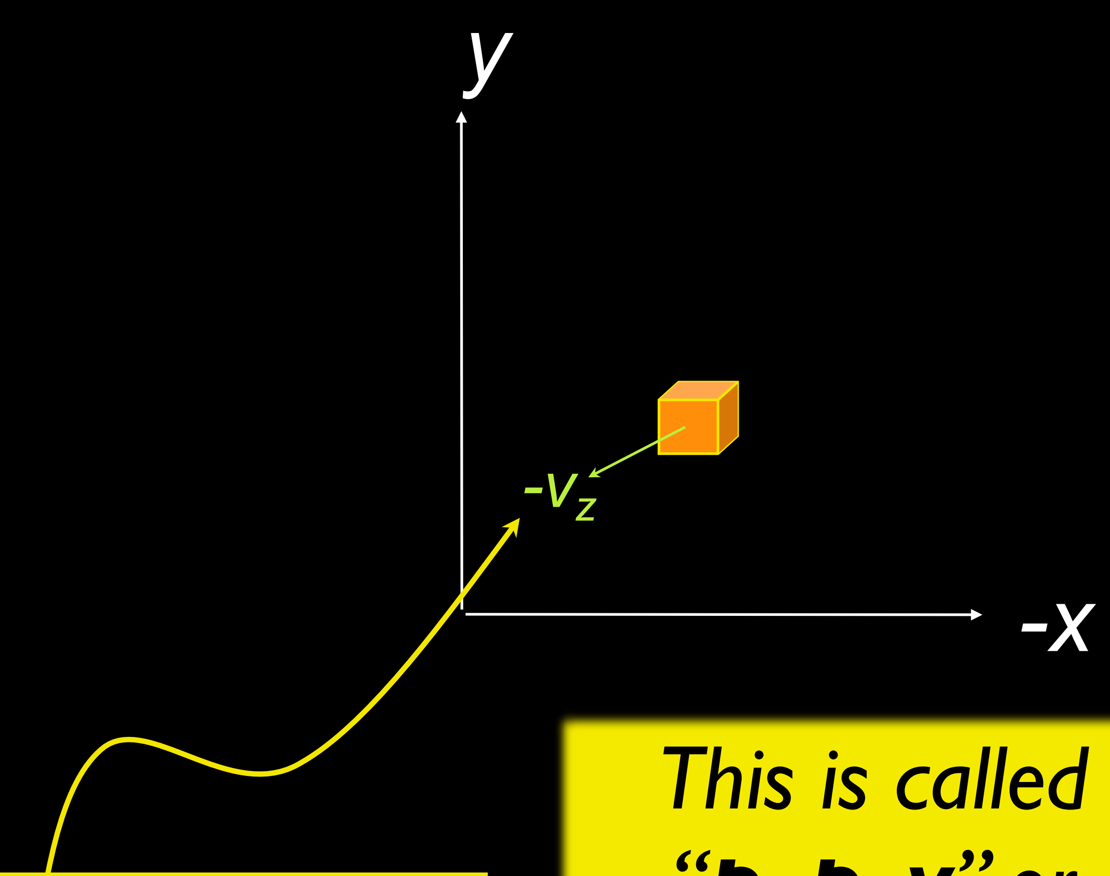


SPECTRAL-LINE MAPPING

We wish we could measure…



But we can measure…



v_z *only* from "spectral-line maps"

*This is called "**p-p-v**" or "position-position-velocity" space.*

PERSEUS

COMPLETE

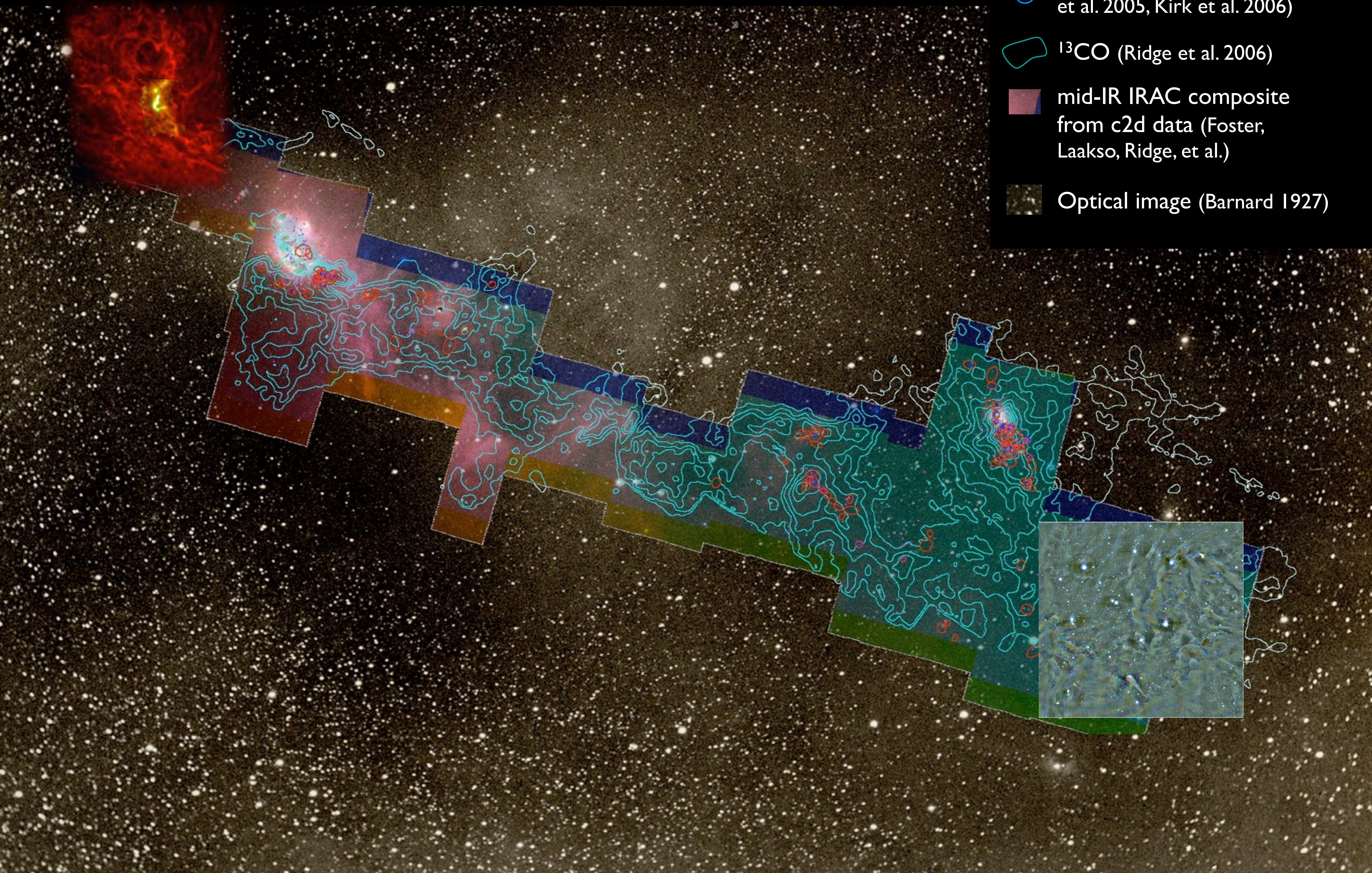
mm peak (Enoch et al. 2006)

sub-mm peak (Hatchell et al. 2005, Kirk et al. 2006)

^{13}CO (Ridge et al. 2006)

mid-IR IRAC composite from c2d data (Foster, Laakso, Ridge, et al.)

Optical image (Barnard 1927)



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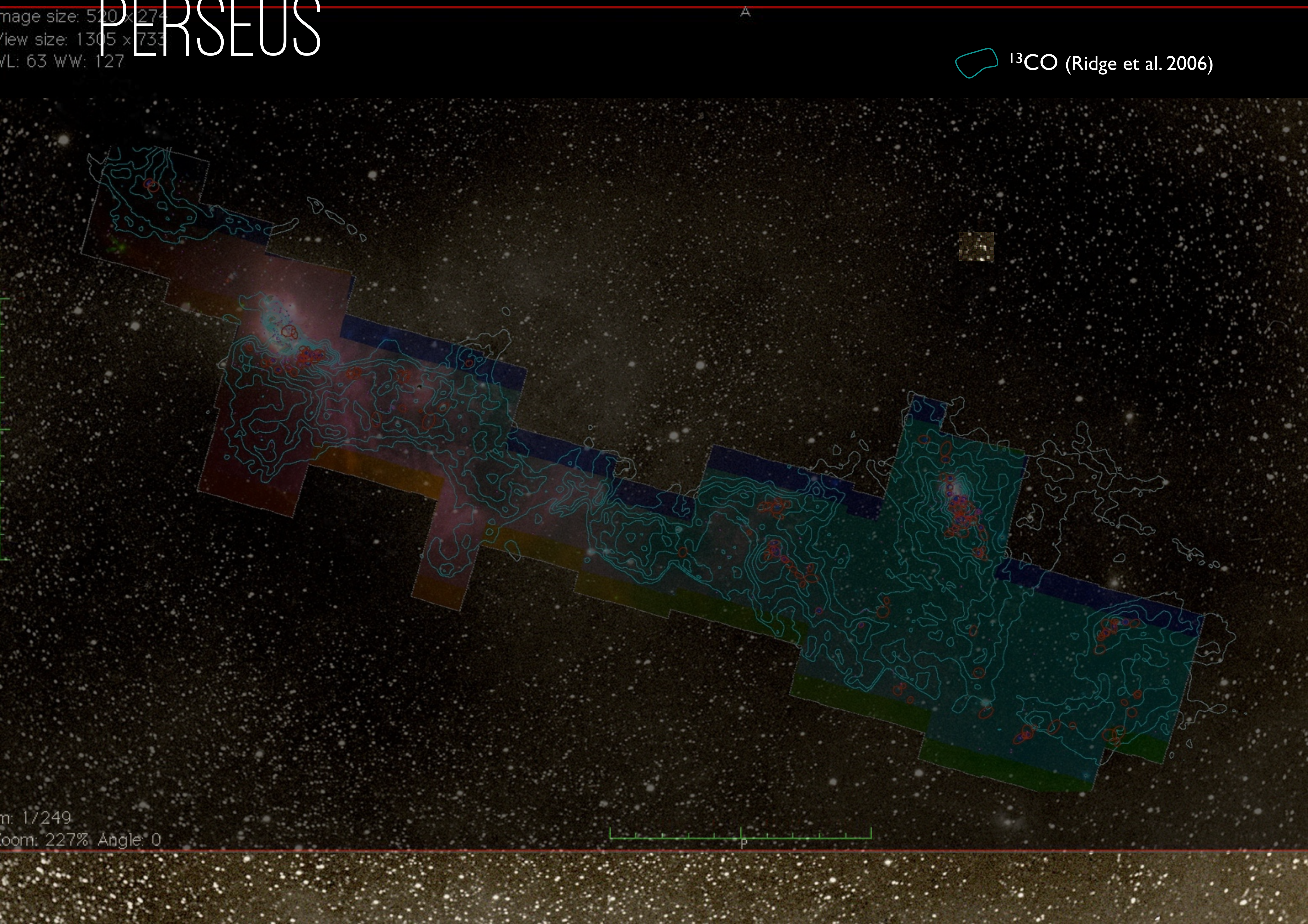

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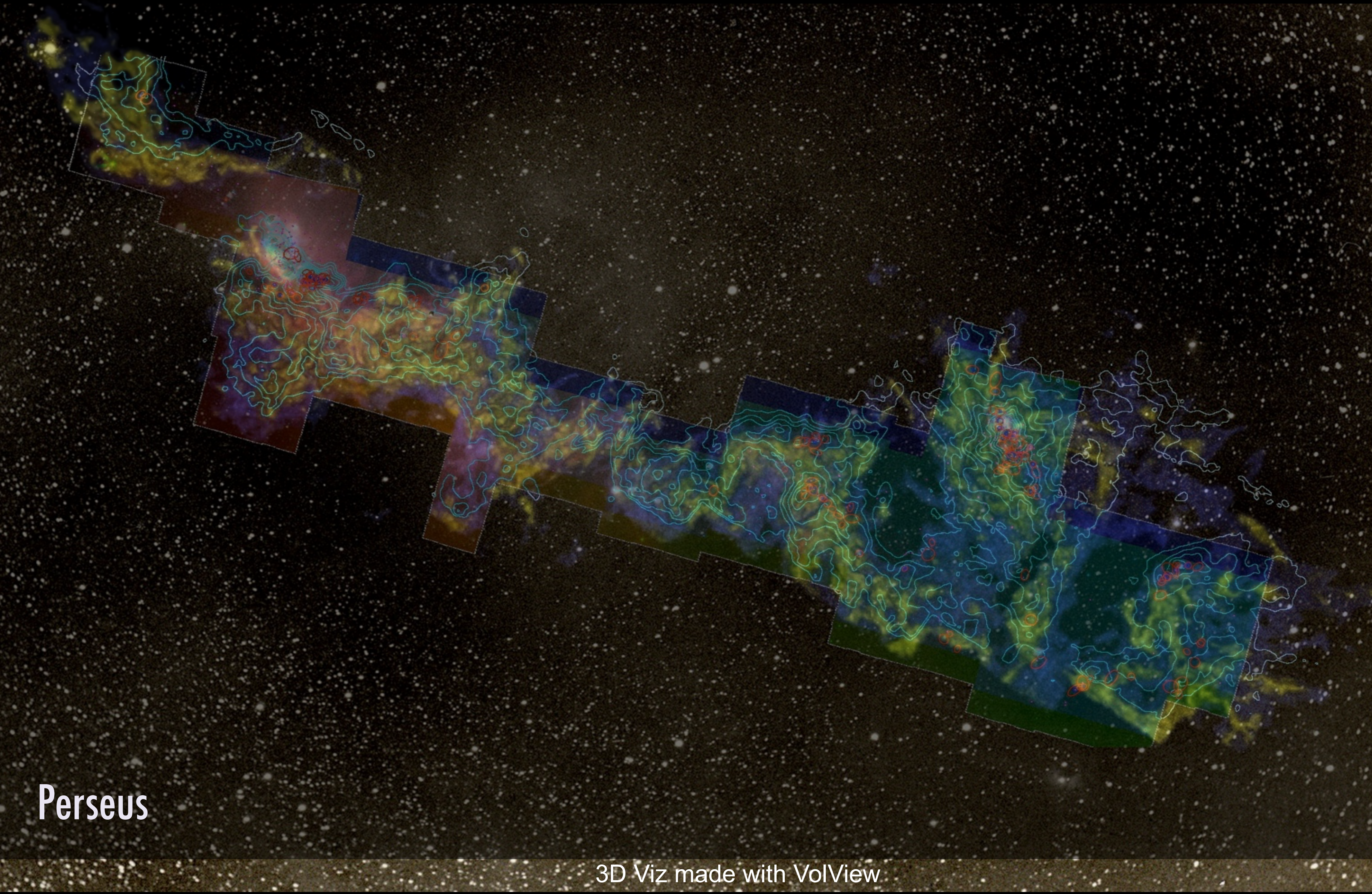

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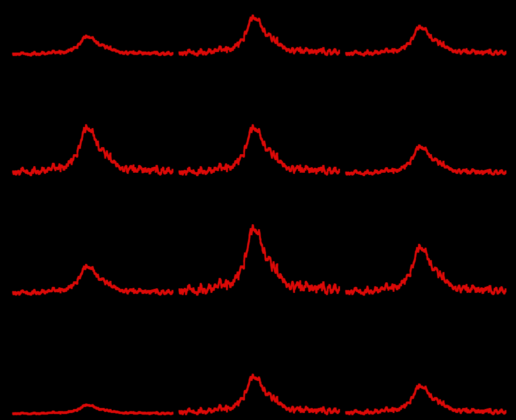
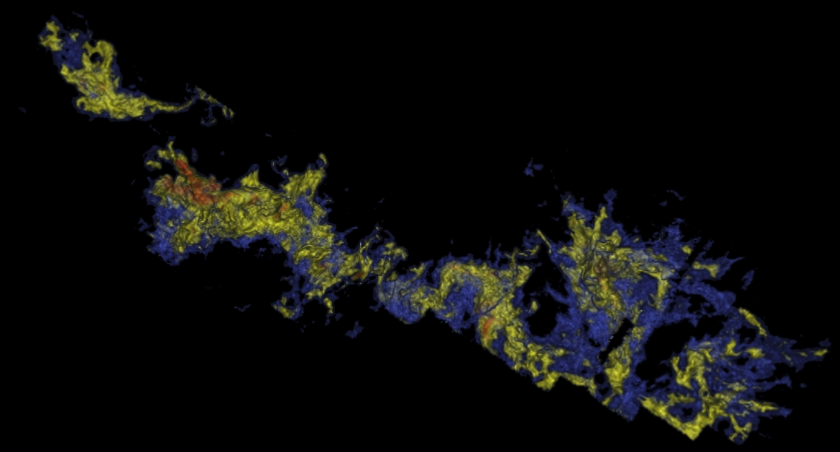
"3D" IS ACTUALLY "P-P-V"

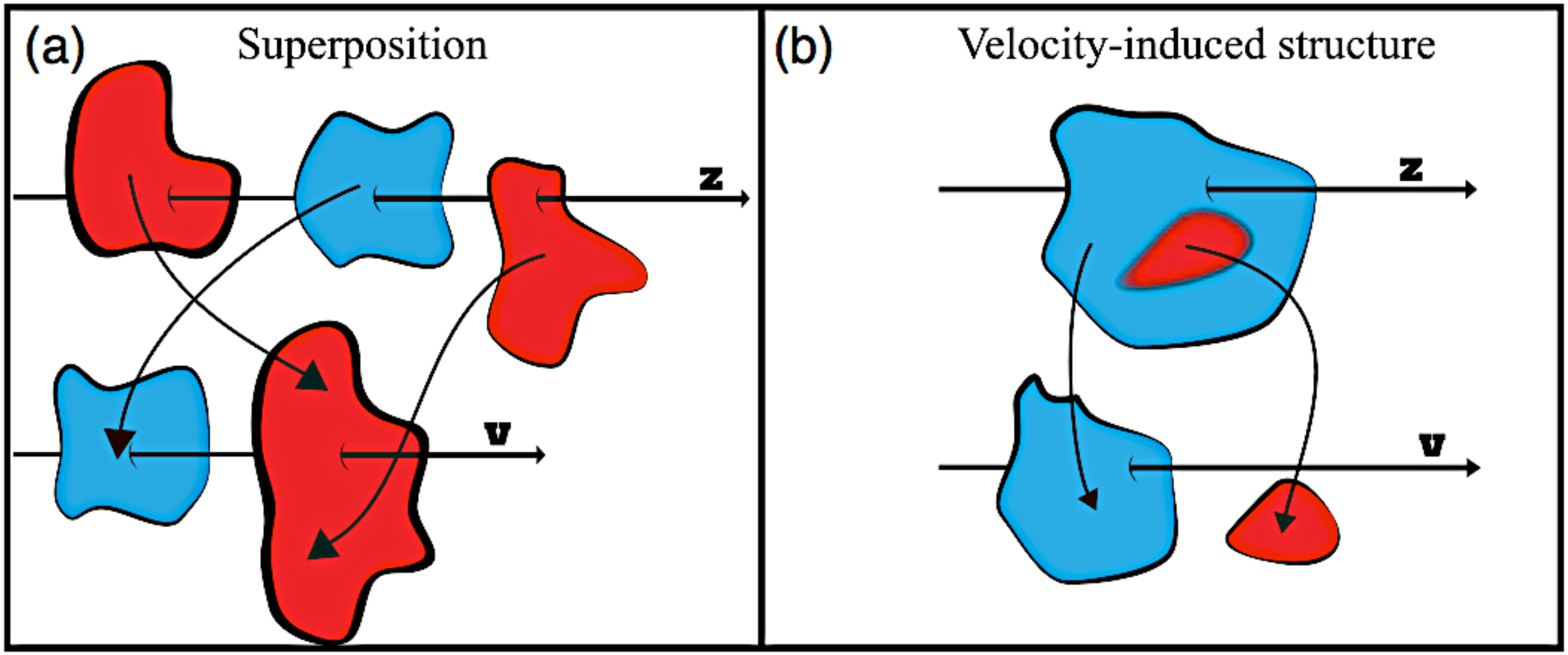




WHICH IS DANGEROUS (SEE BEAUMONT ET AL. 2013)

Projection

a.k.a. "Full Disclosure"



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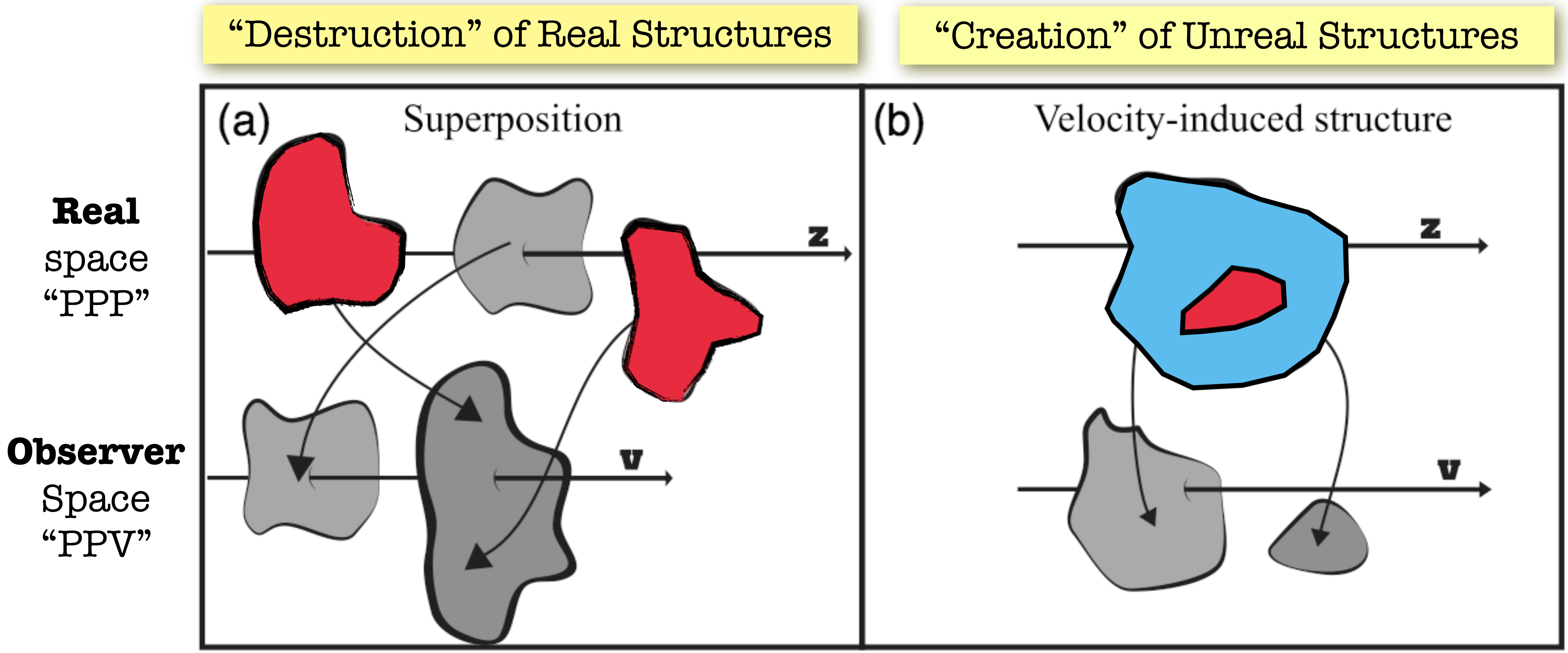
Beaumont et al. 2013

“PPP” to “PPV”



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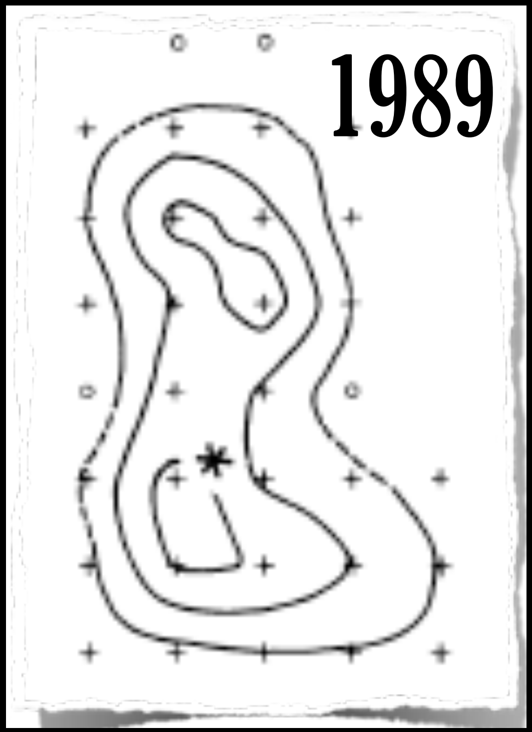
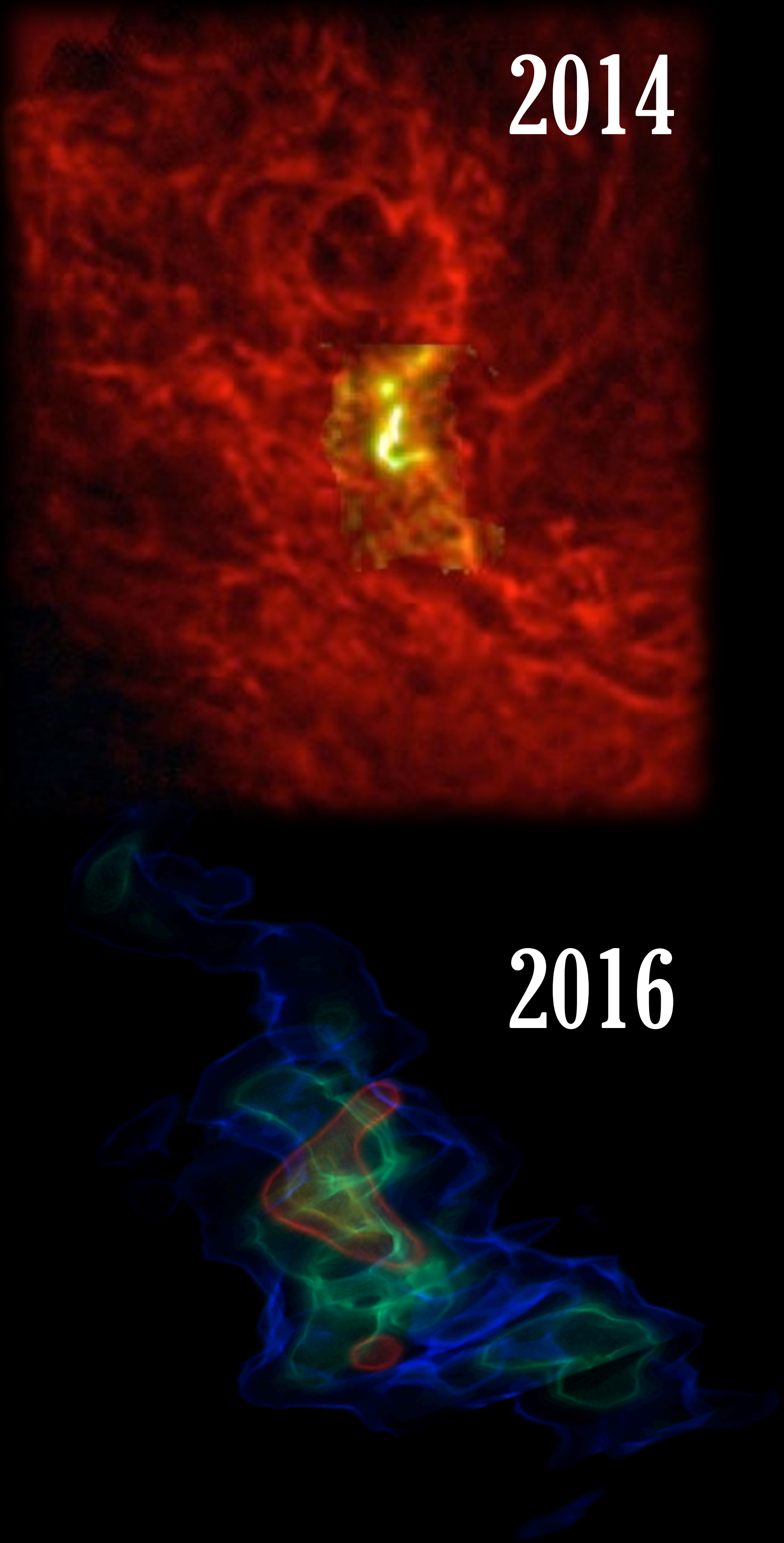
A 30 YEAR BACK STORY
(IN 5 MINUTES)





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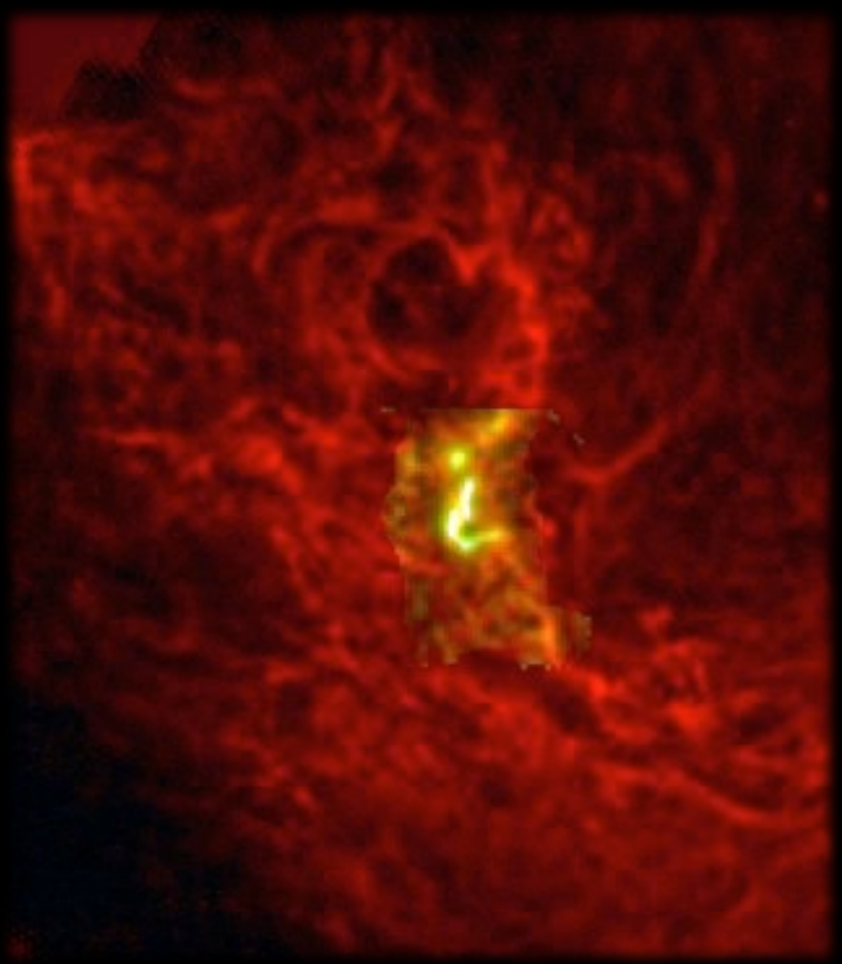
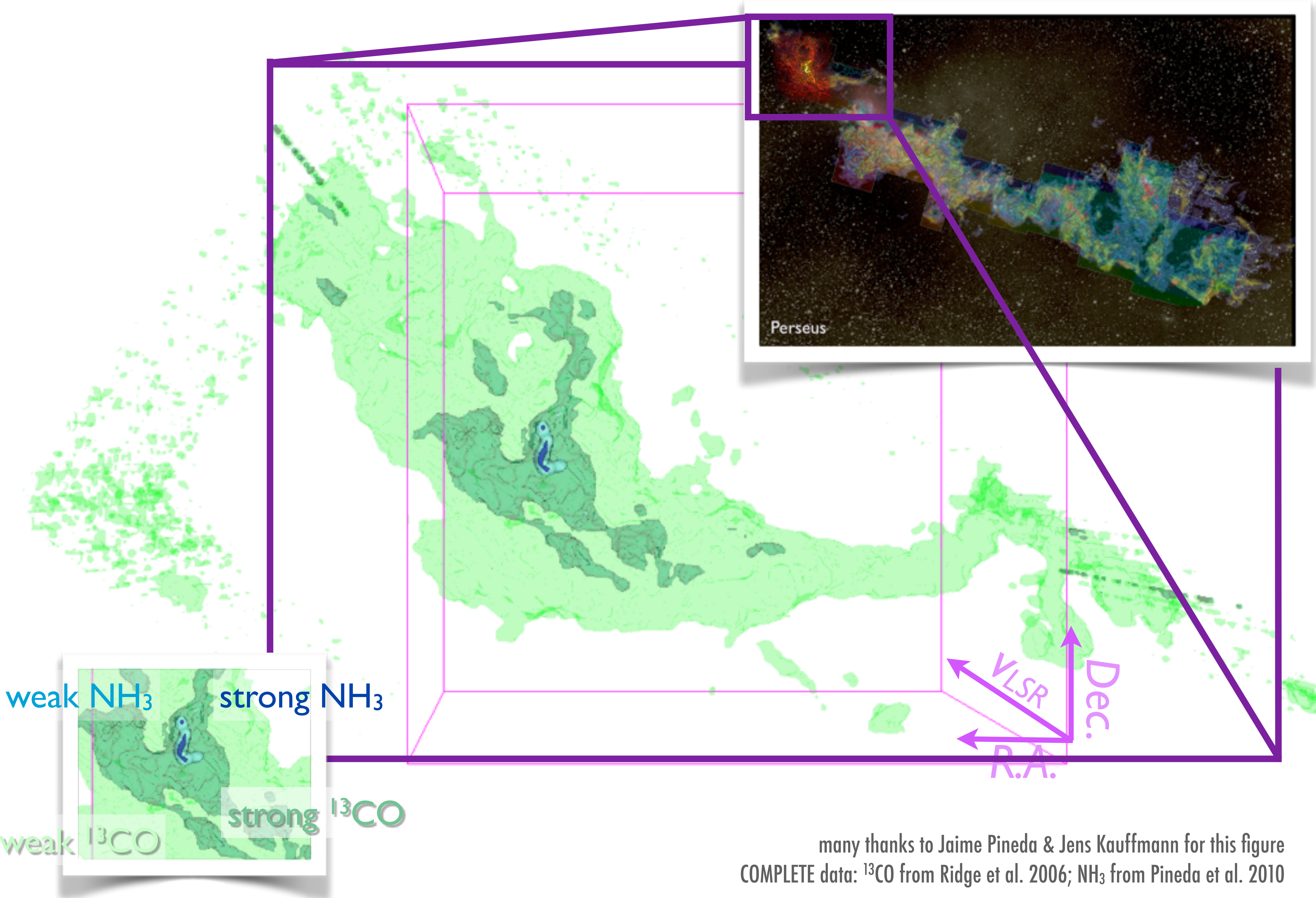
"COHERENT CORES"
ISLANDS OF CALM IN TURBULENT SEAS(?)



30-year story: Myers & Benson 1983, Goodman et al. 1998, Pineda et al. 2010, 2011, 2014

THE B5 REGION, IN PERSEUS (2006–2010)



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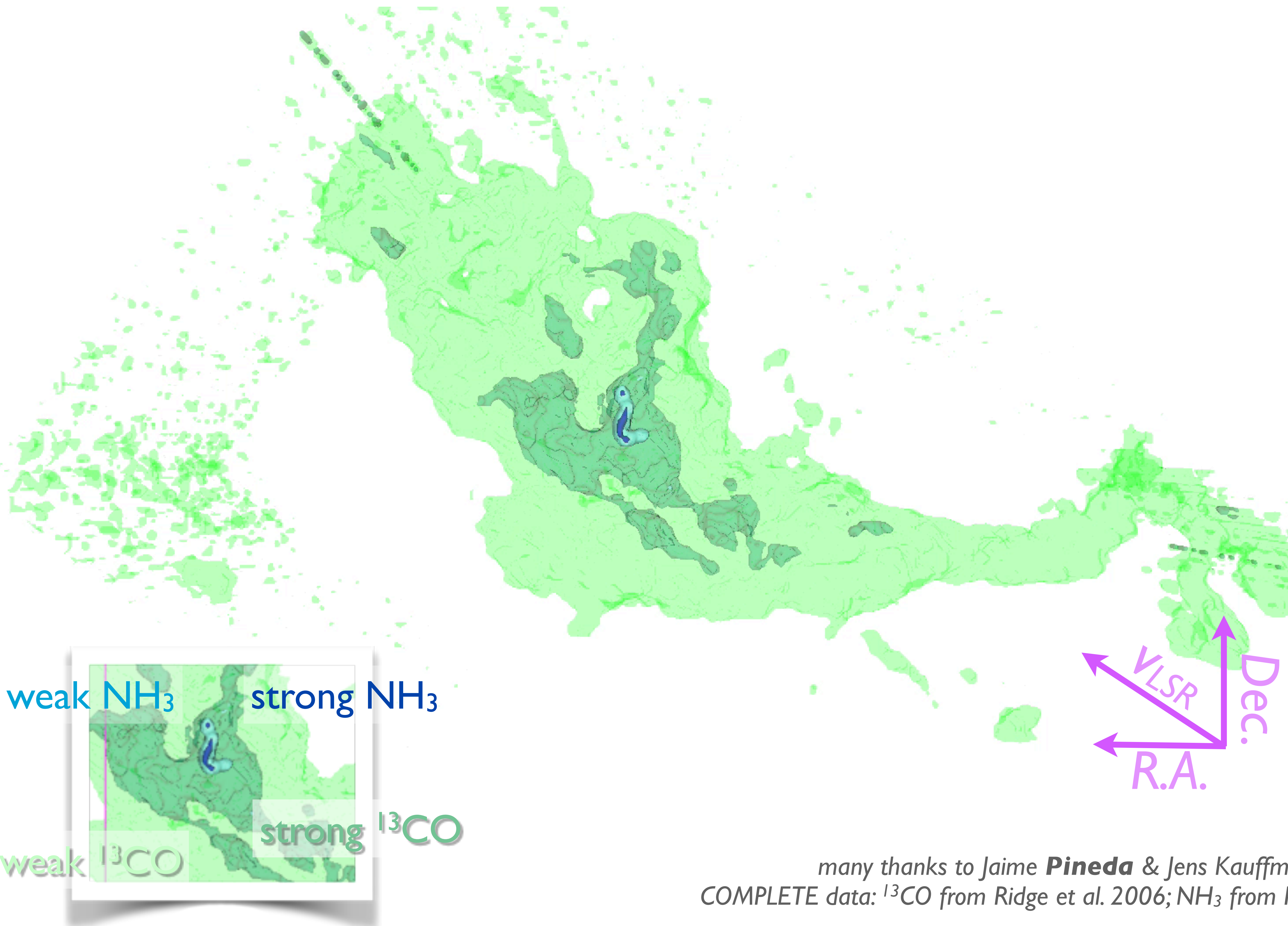

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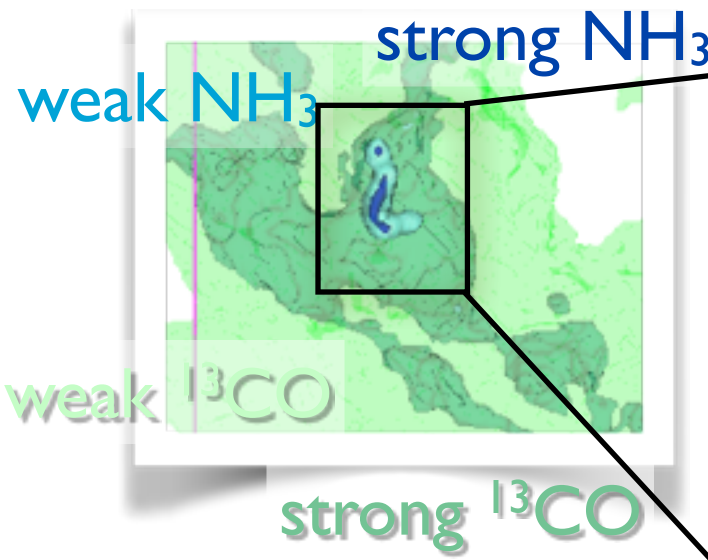
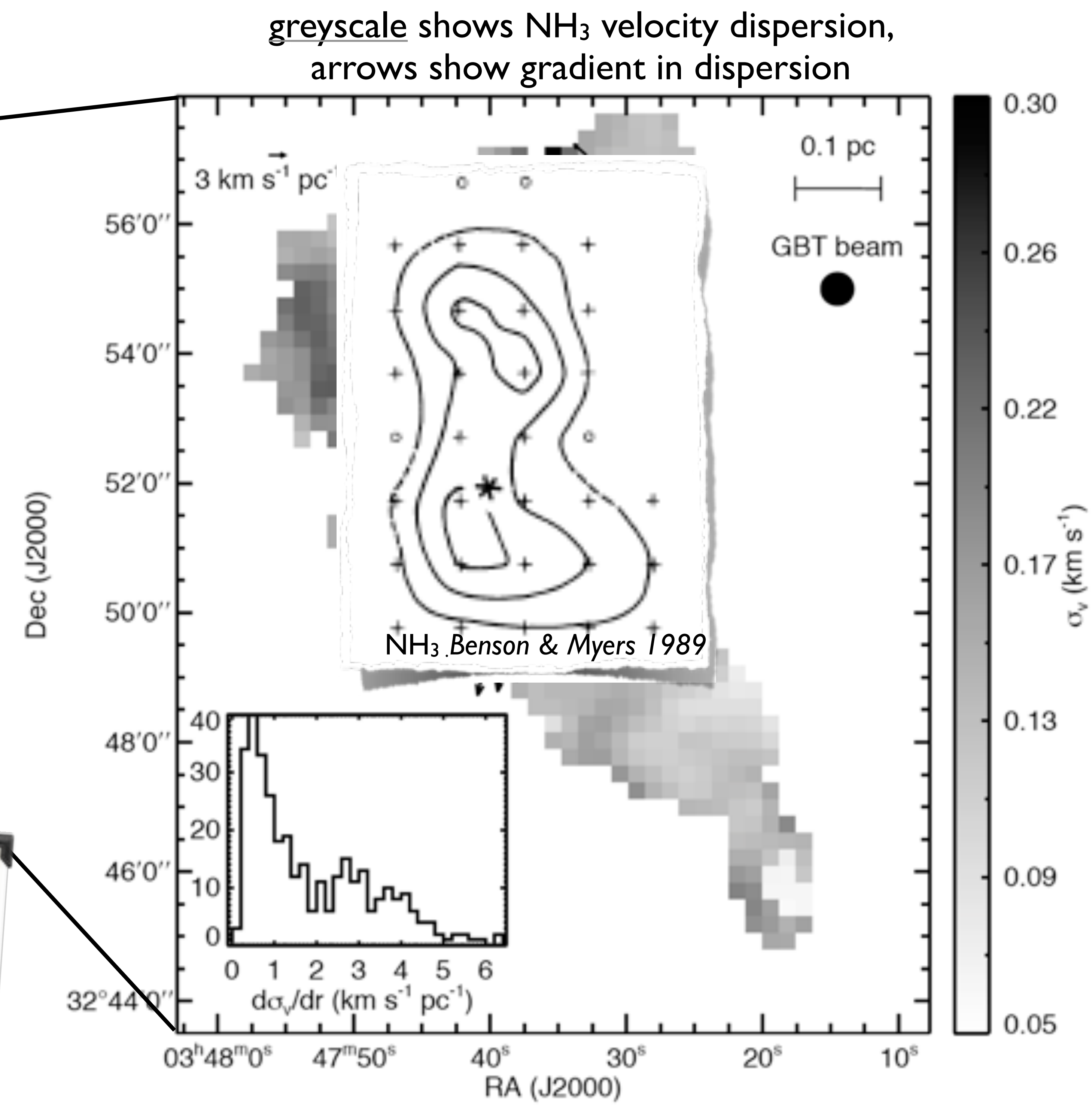
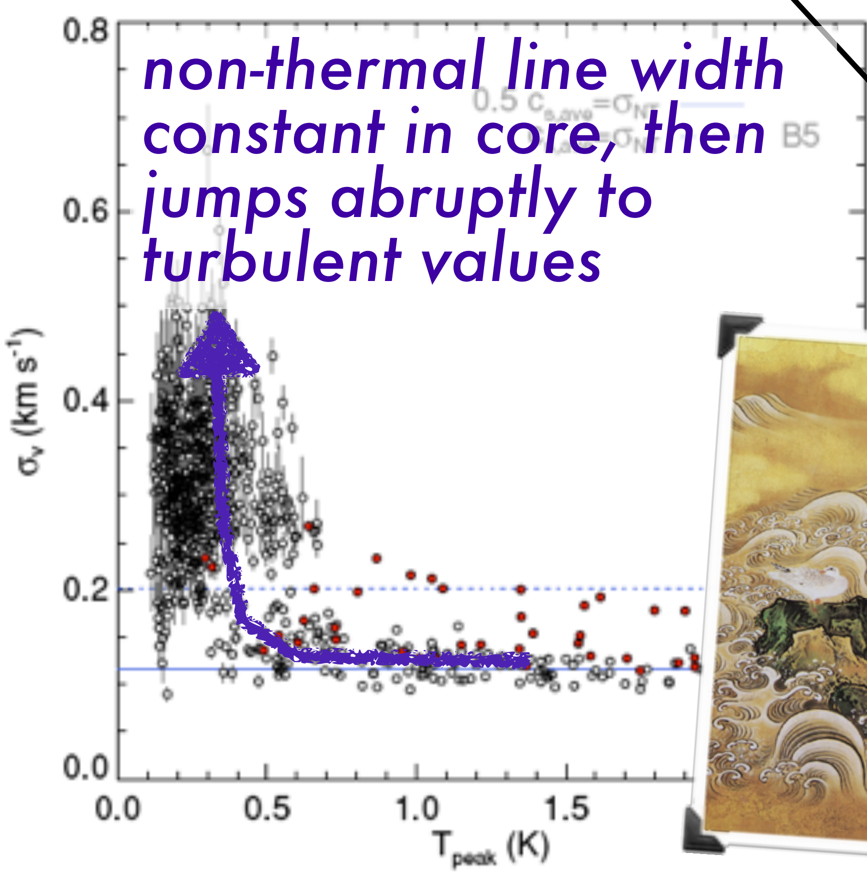
2010: STRONG EVIDENCE FOR "VELOCITY COHERENCE" IN DENSE CORES







GBT NH_3 observations of the B5 core (Pineda et al. 2010)

BUT THEN, IN 2011...
THE VLA SHOWED US "FILAMENTARY" SUB-STRUCTURE

The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 739:L2 (5pp), 2011 September 20 Pineda et al.

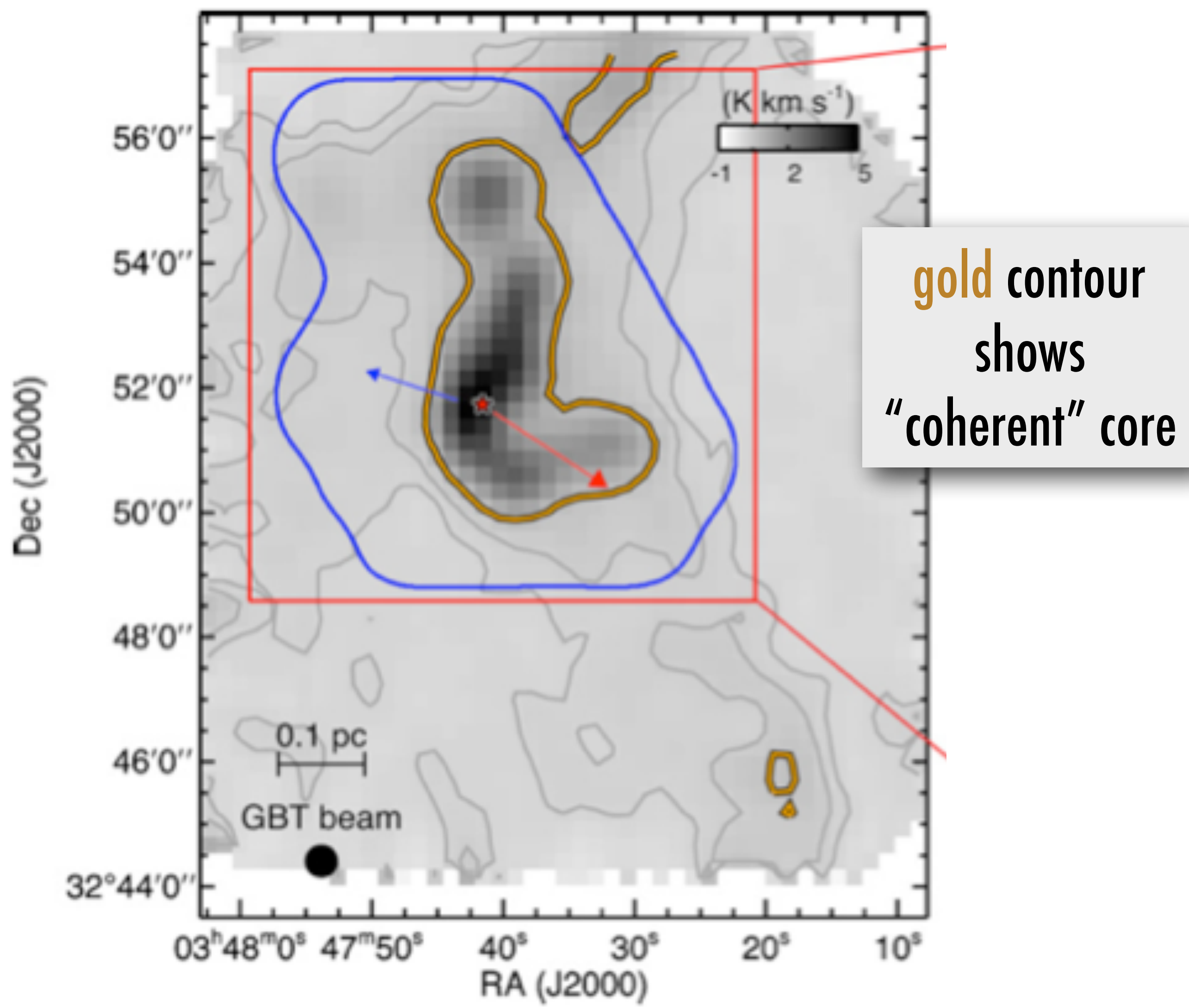
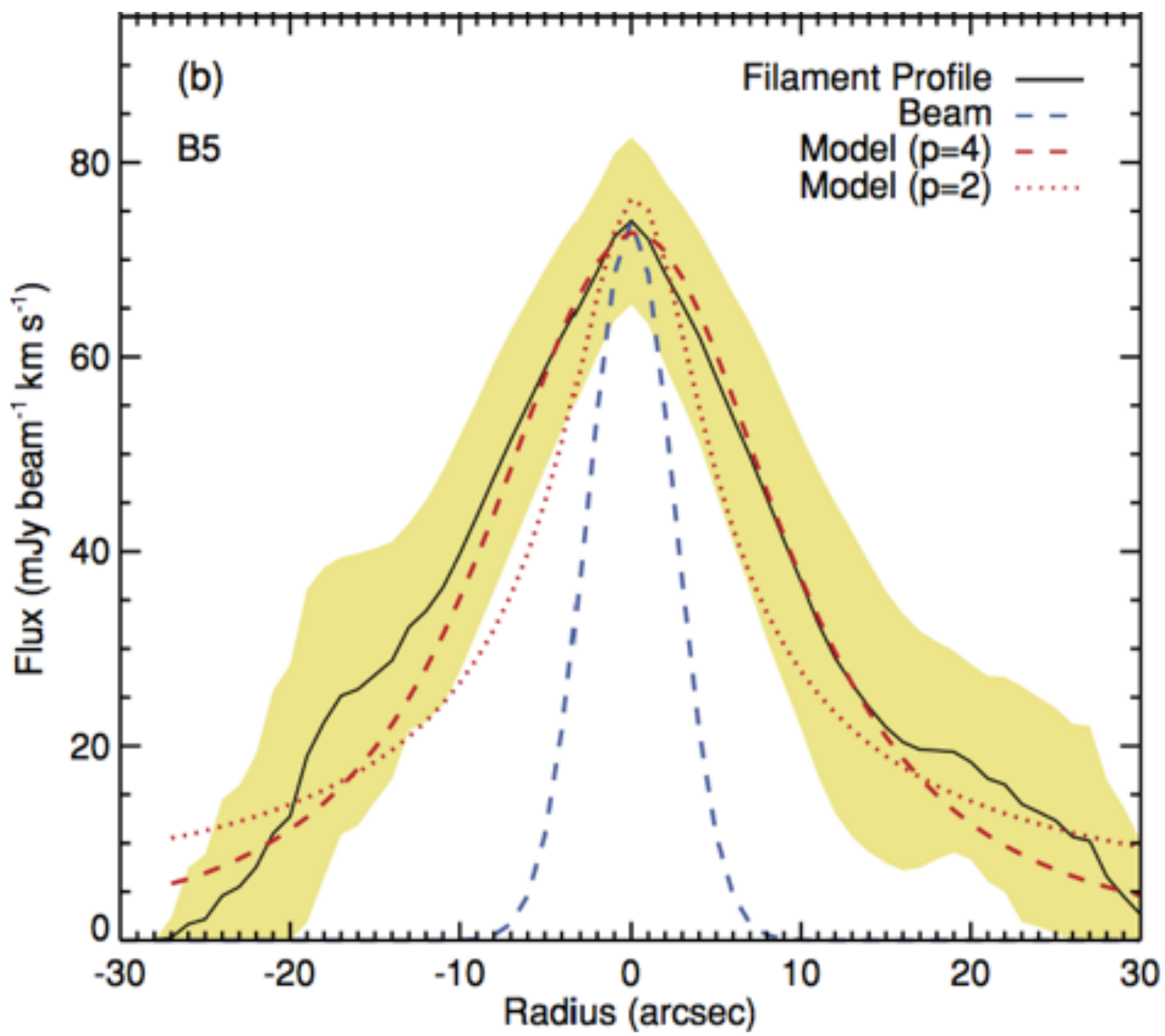


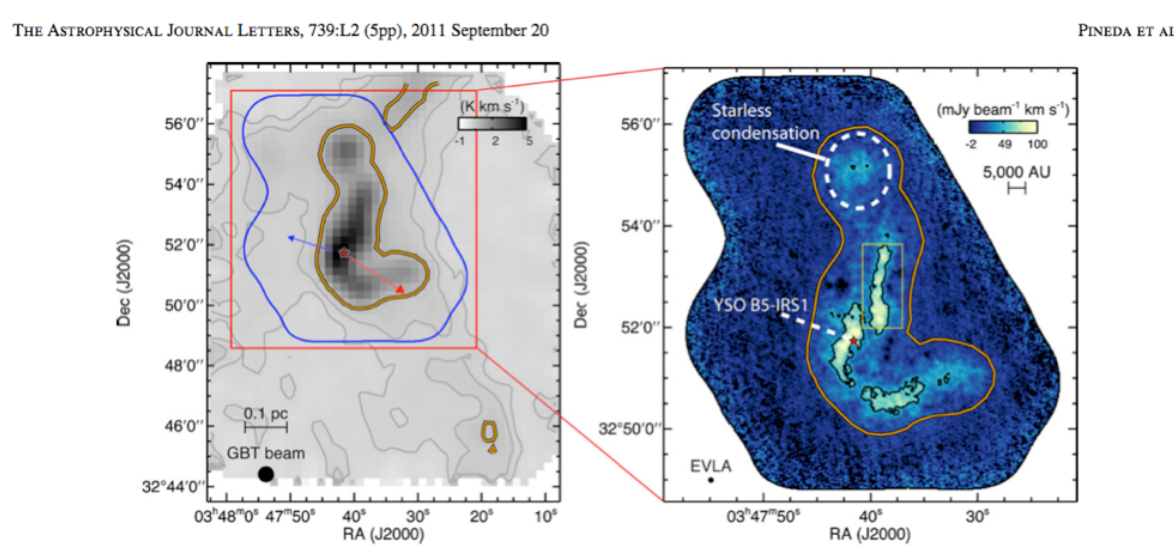
Figure 1. Left panel: integrated intensity map of B5 in NH_3 (1,1) obtained with GBT. Gray contours show the 0.15 and 0.3 K km s^{-1} level in NH_3 (1,1) integrated intensity. The orange contours show the region in the GBT data where the non-thermal velocity dispersion is subsonic. The young star, B5–IRS1, is shown by the star in both panels. The outflow direction is shown by the arrows. The blue contour shows the area observed with the EVLA and the red box shows the area shown in the right panel. Right panel: integrated intensity map of B5 in NH_3 (1,1) obtained combining the EVLA and GBT data. Black contour shows the 50 mJy beam^{-1} km s^{-1} level in NH_3 (1,1) integrated intensity. The yellow box shows the region used in Figure 4. The northern starless condensation is shown by the dashed circle.

Pineda et al. 2011

MAYBE THESE FILAMENTS ARE DIFFERENT?



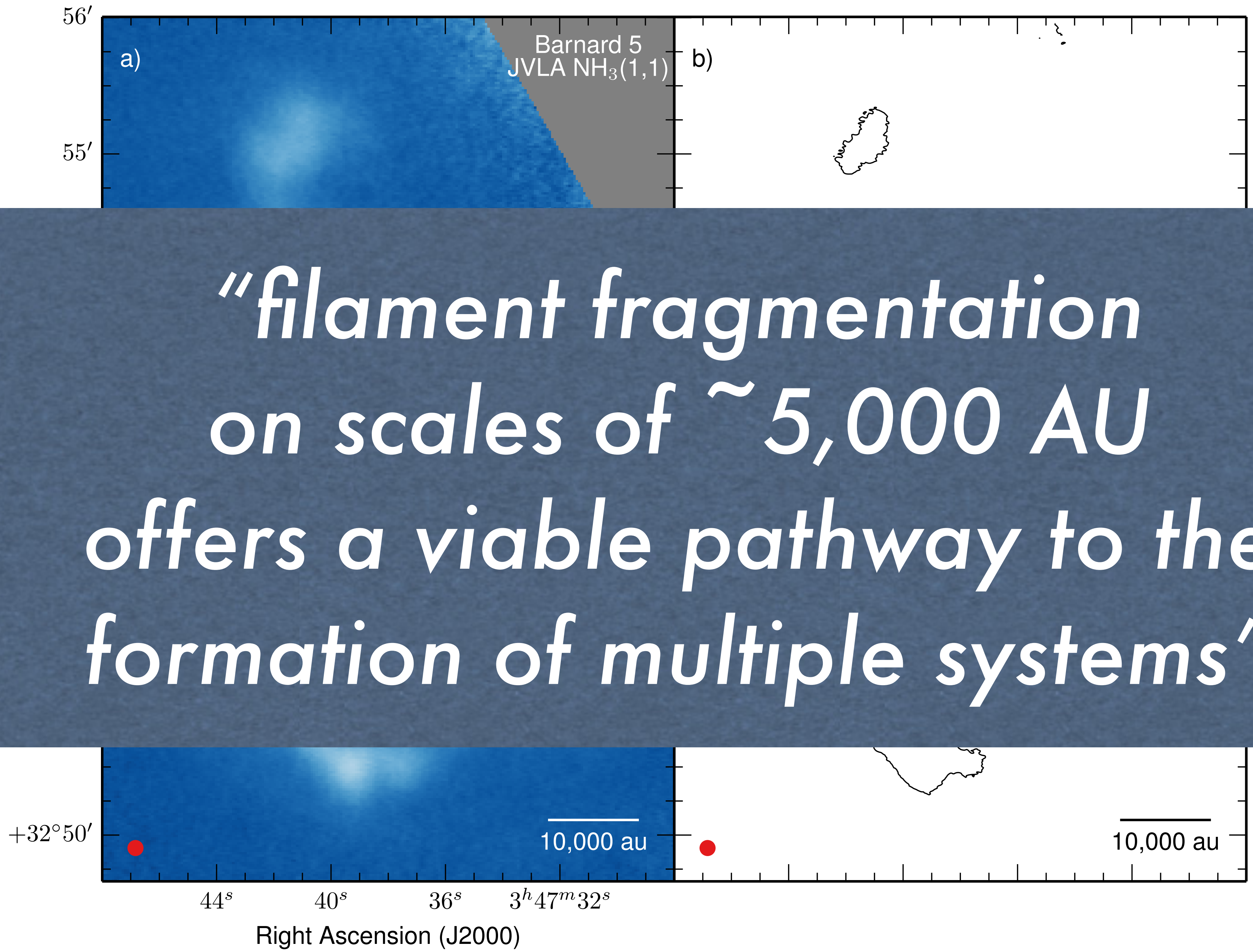
isothermal, hydrostatic filaments, not turbulent ones?



Pineda et al. 2011

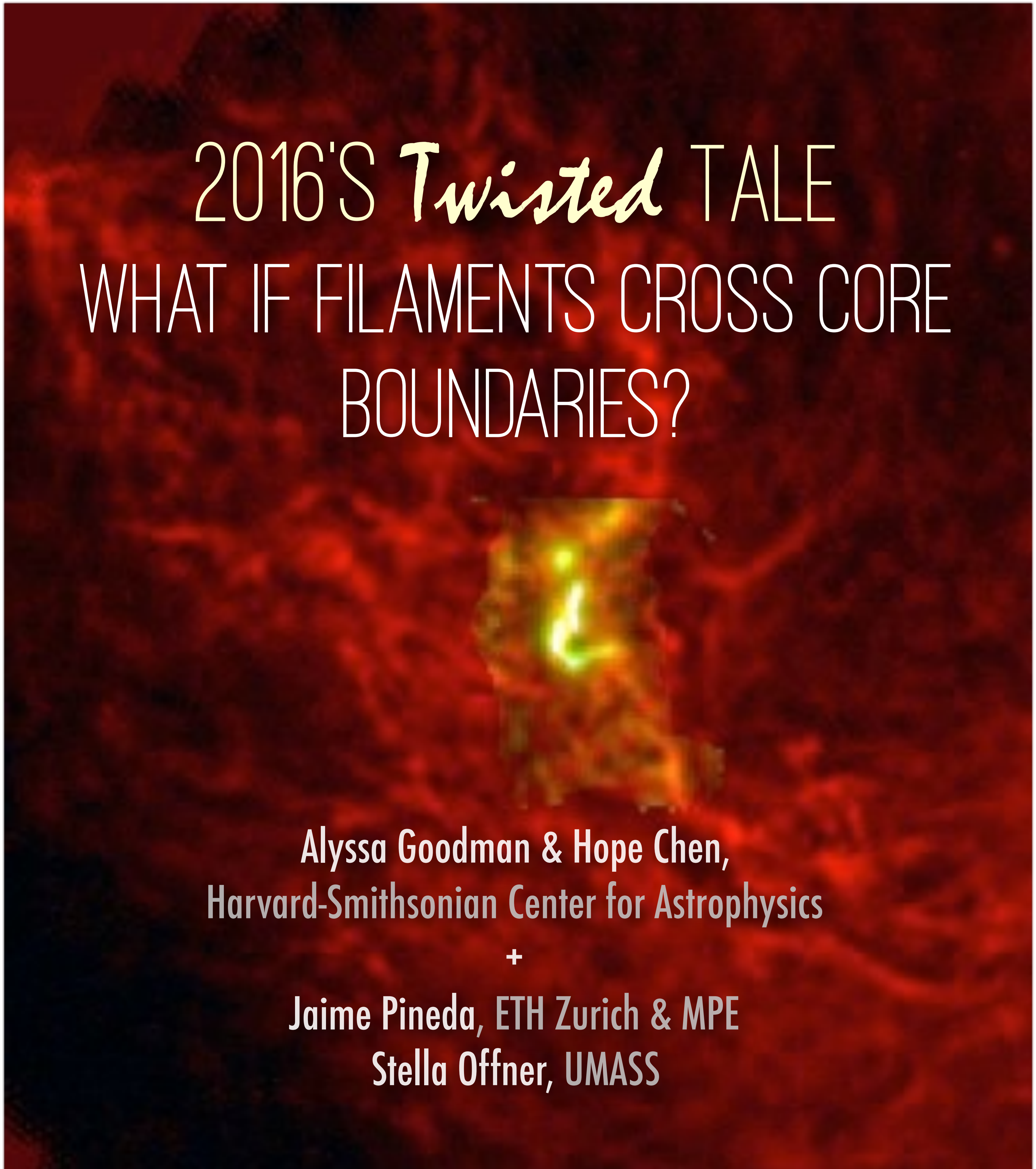
2015: FILAMENT FRAGMENTATION → STAR FORMATION?

WE NOW ALSO KNOW THAT B5 IS FORMING A BOUND CLUSTER



"filament fragmentation on scales of ~5,000 AU offers a viable pathway to the formation of multiple systems"

Pineda, Offner, Parker, Arce, Goodman, Caselli, Fuller, Bourke & Corder 2015 (Nature)



2016'S *Twisted* TALE

WHAT IF FILAMENTS CROSS CORE BOUNDARIES?

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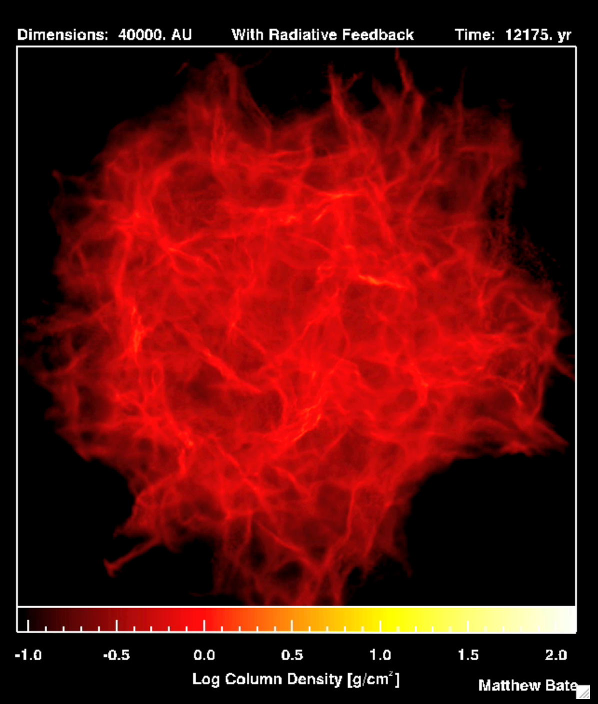
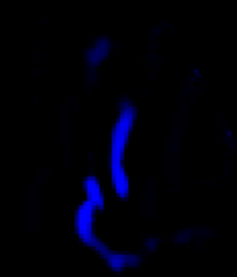
Stella Offner, UMASS

WHAT IF FILAMENTS CONTINUE ACROSS "CORE" BOUNDARIES?!

blue =VLA ammonia (high-density gas); green=GBT ammonia (lower-res high-density gas); red=Herschel 250 micron continuum (dust)





Goodman, Chen, Offner & Pineda 2014 in prep.

Herschel data from Gould Belt Survey

Hmmm...

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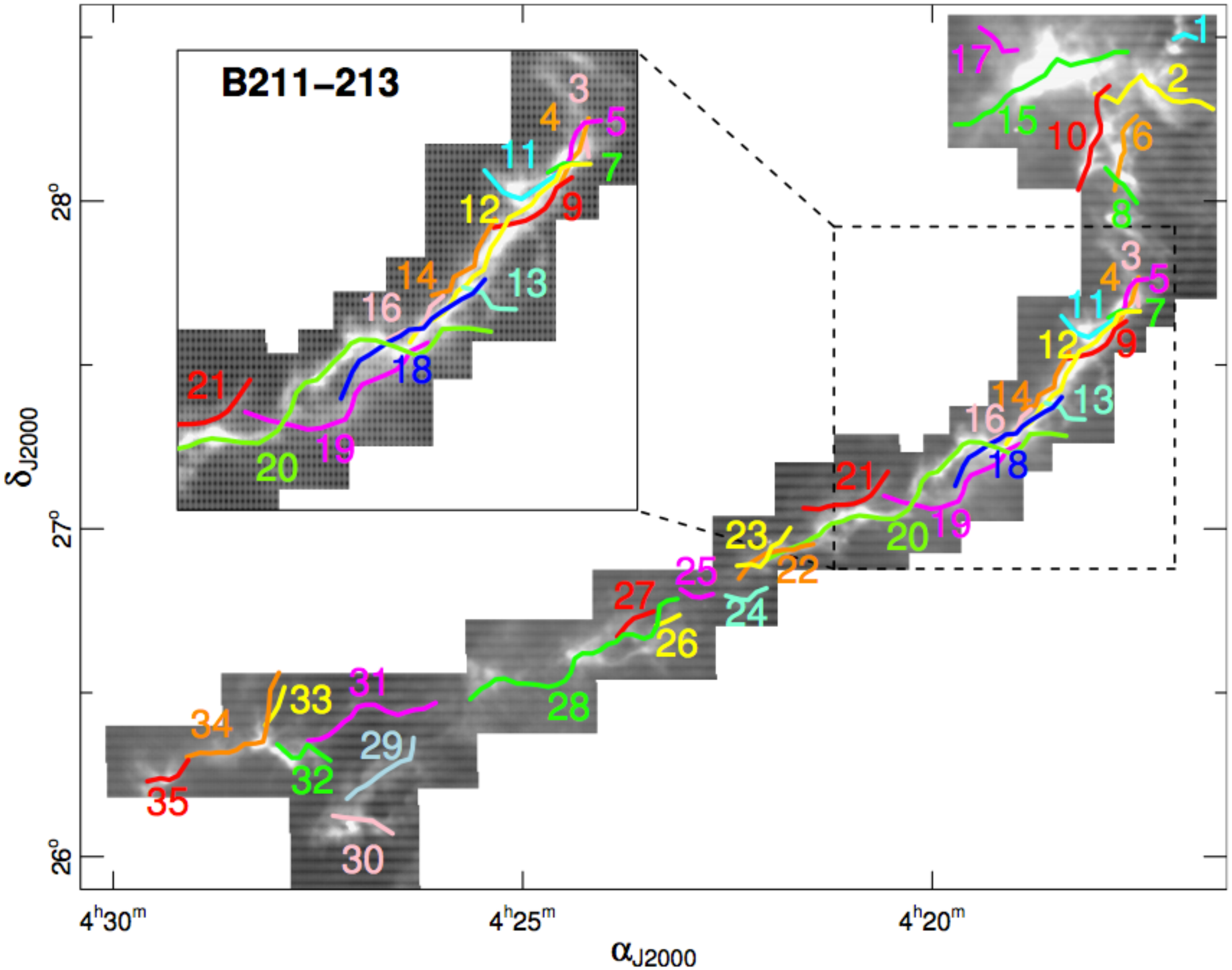

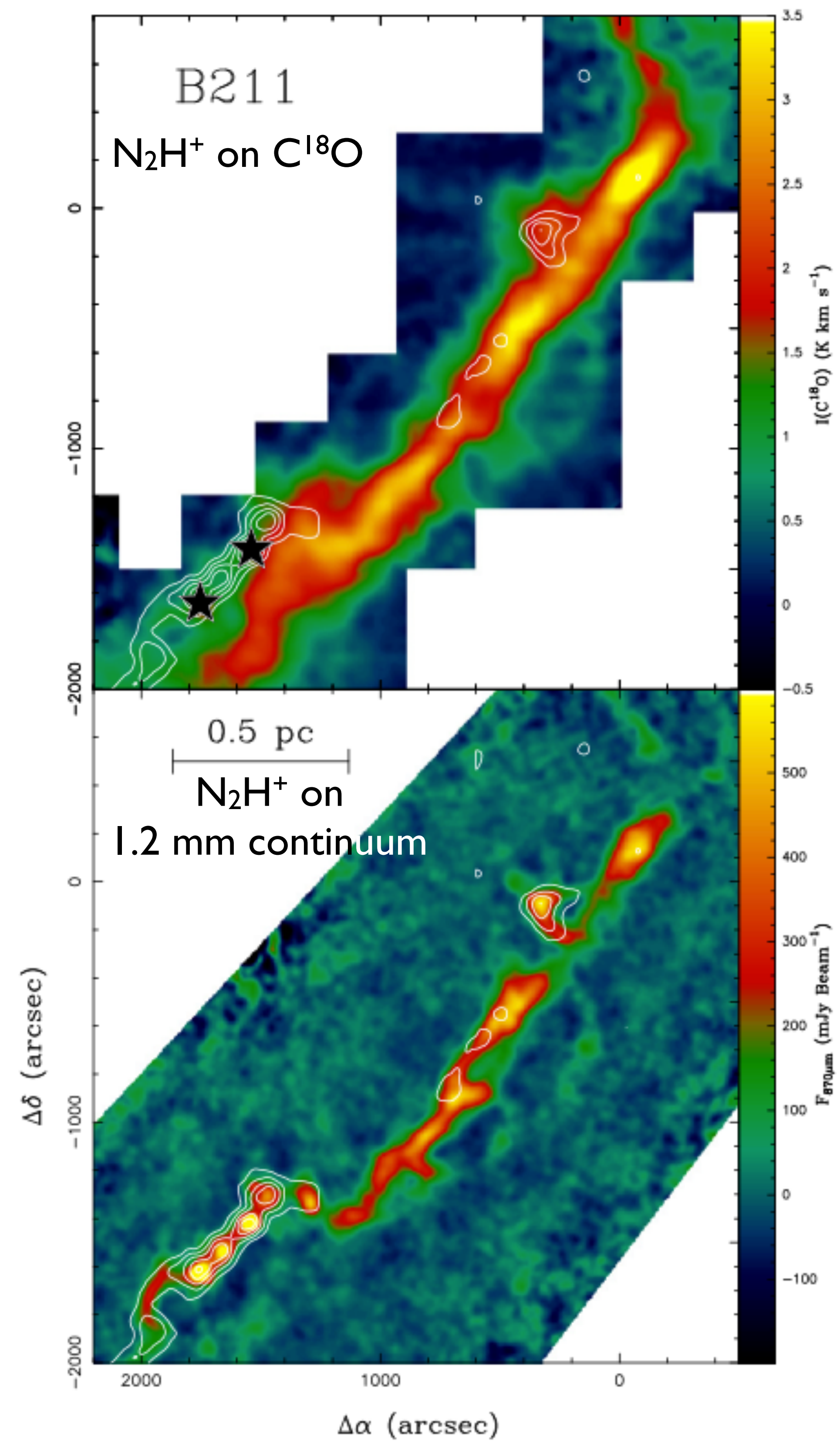

Now, we are trying FIVe, from Hacar et al. 2013, and other clustering algorithms, to study "coherent" core-filament relation.

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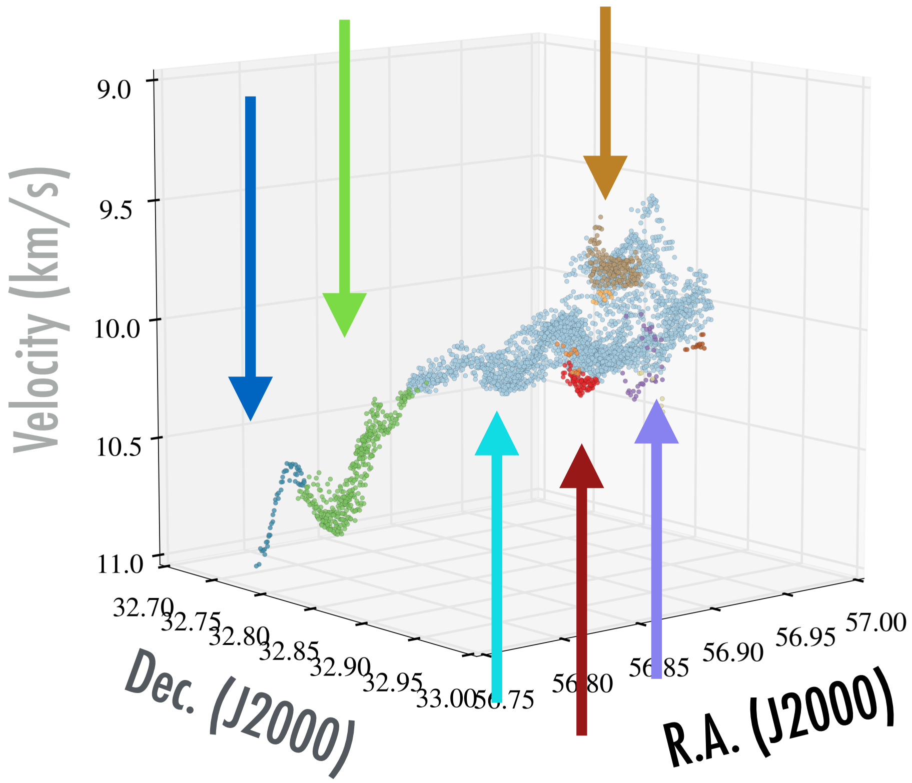
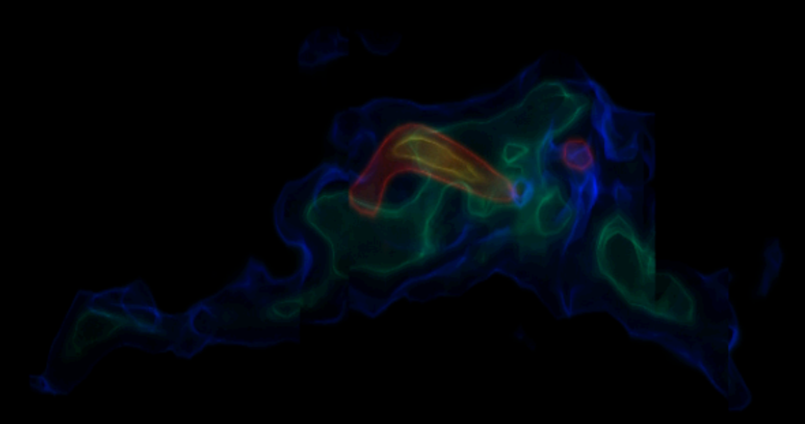
HOT OFF THE PRESS: "FIBERS" WITHIN B5

There are at least three different components in the position-position-velocity space.



And potentially, many more...

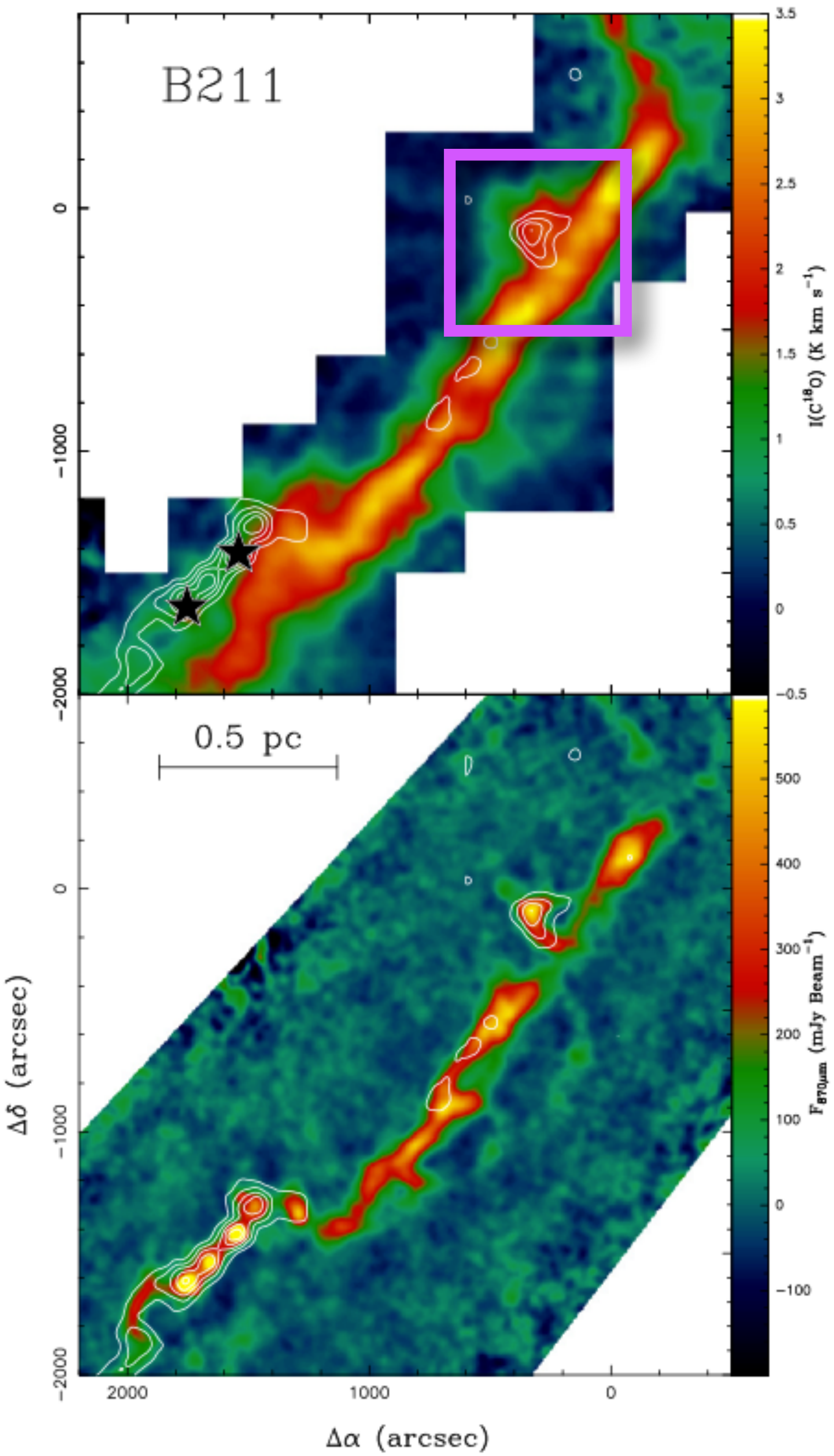
Gaussian fitted C18O (2-1) peaks
with components found using FIVE algorithm (Hacar et al. 2013)



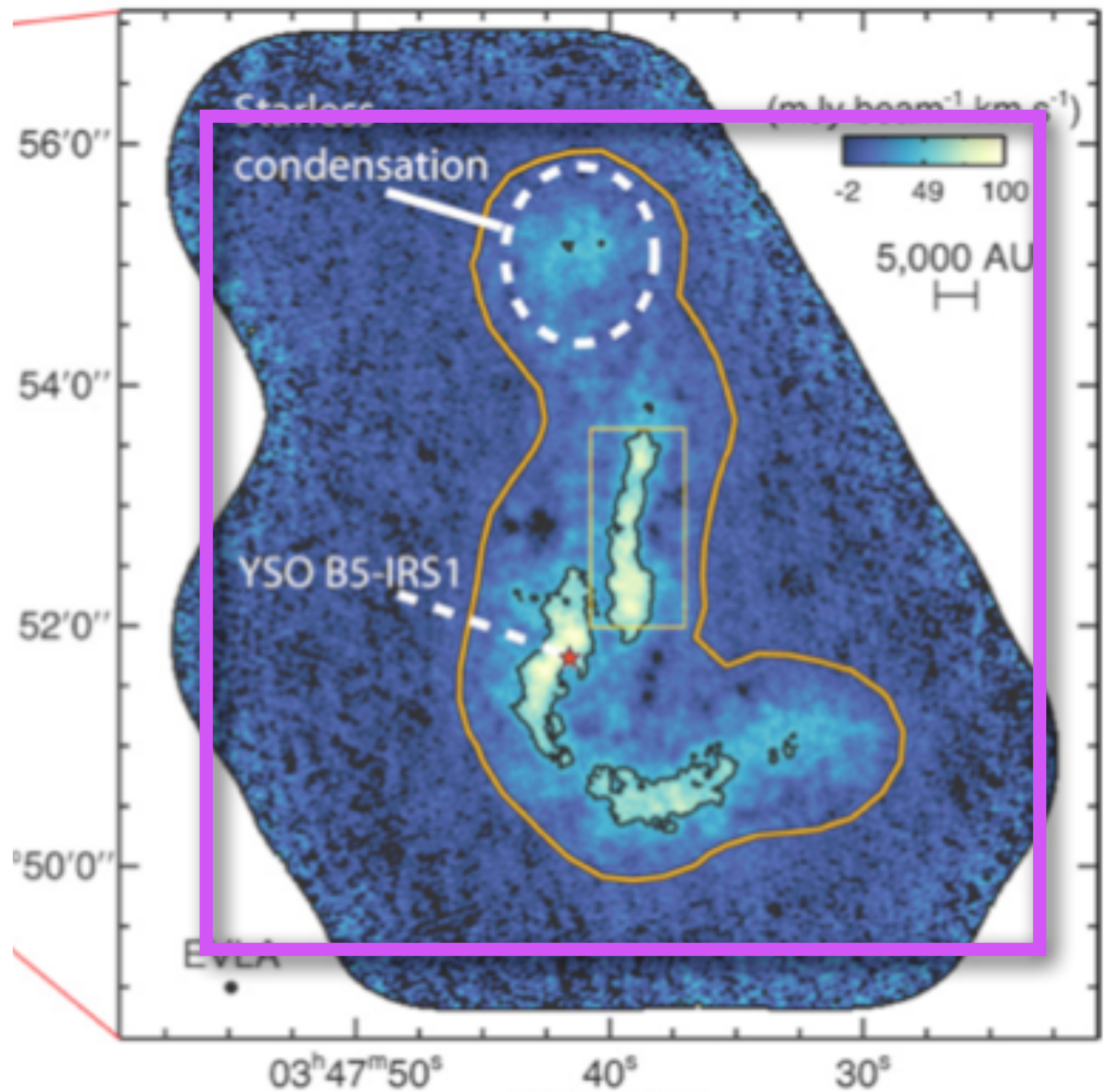
Compact & diffuse C18O (2-1) emission
Compact & diffuse NH3 (1, 1) emission
3D rendering using Python YT

courtesy of Hope Chen

COMPARING SCALES



Taurus (Hacar et al.)



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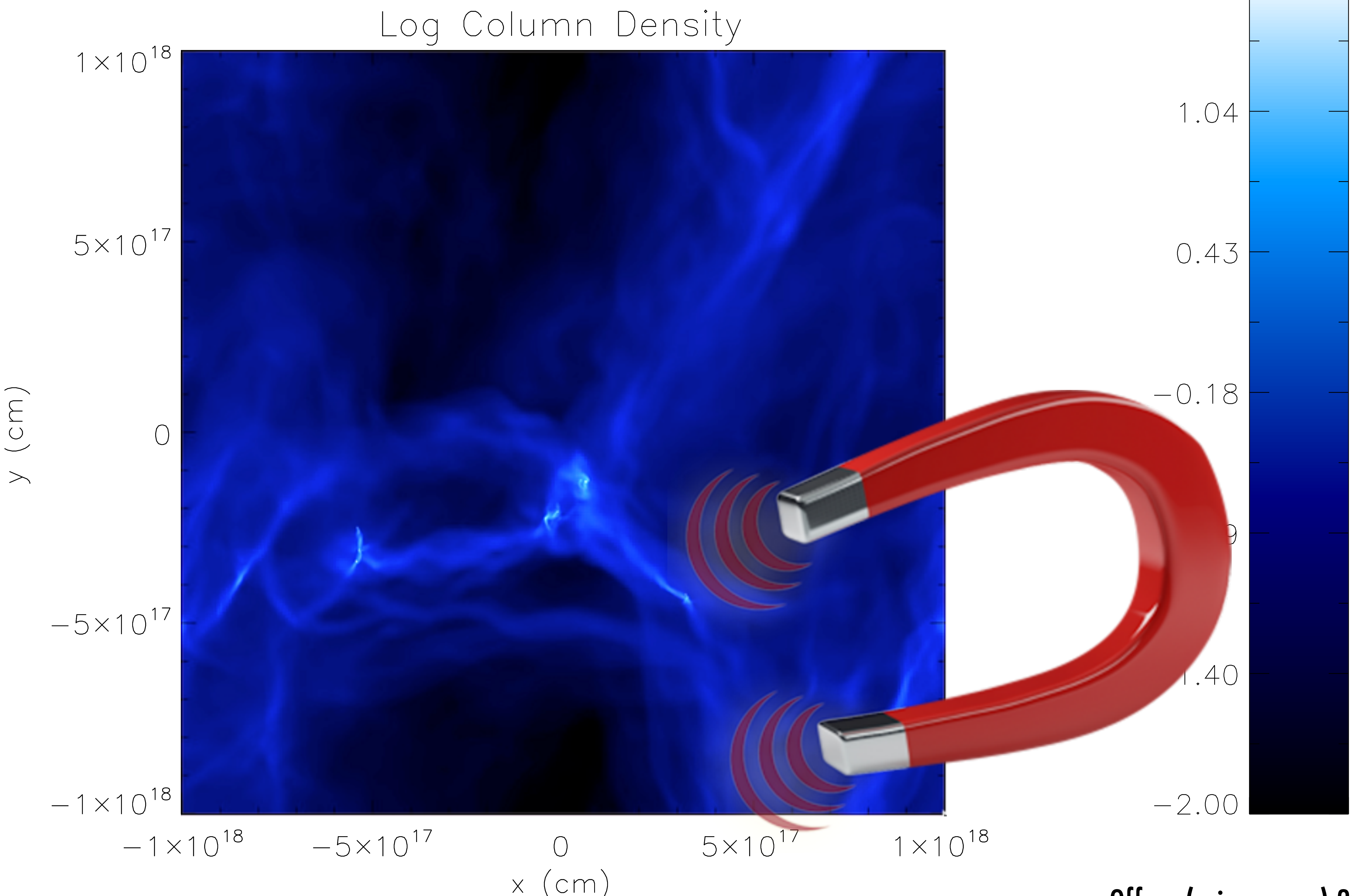

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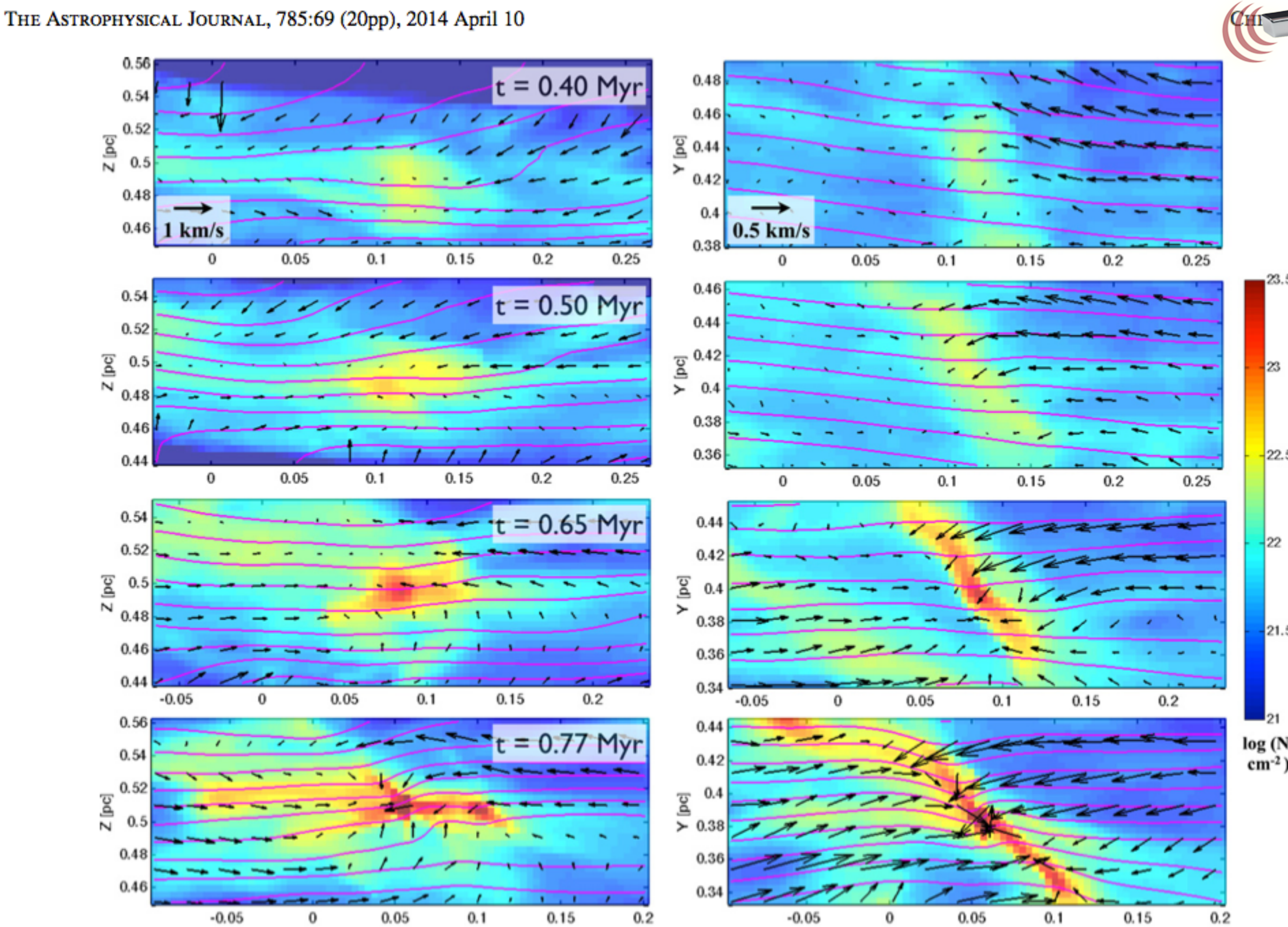

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TO THE SAME SCALE...

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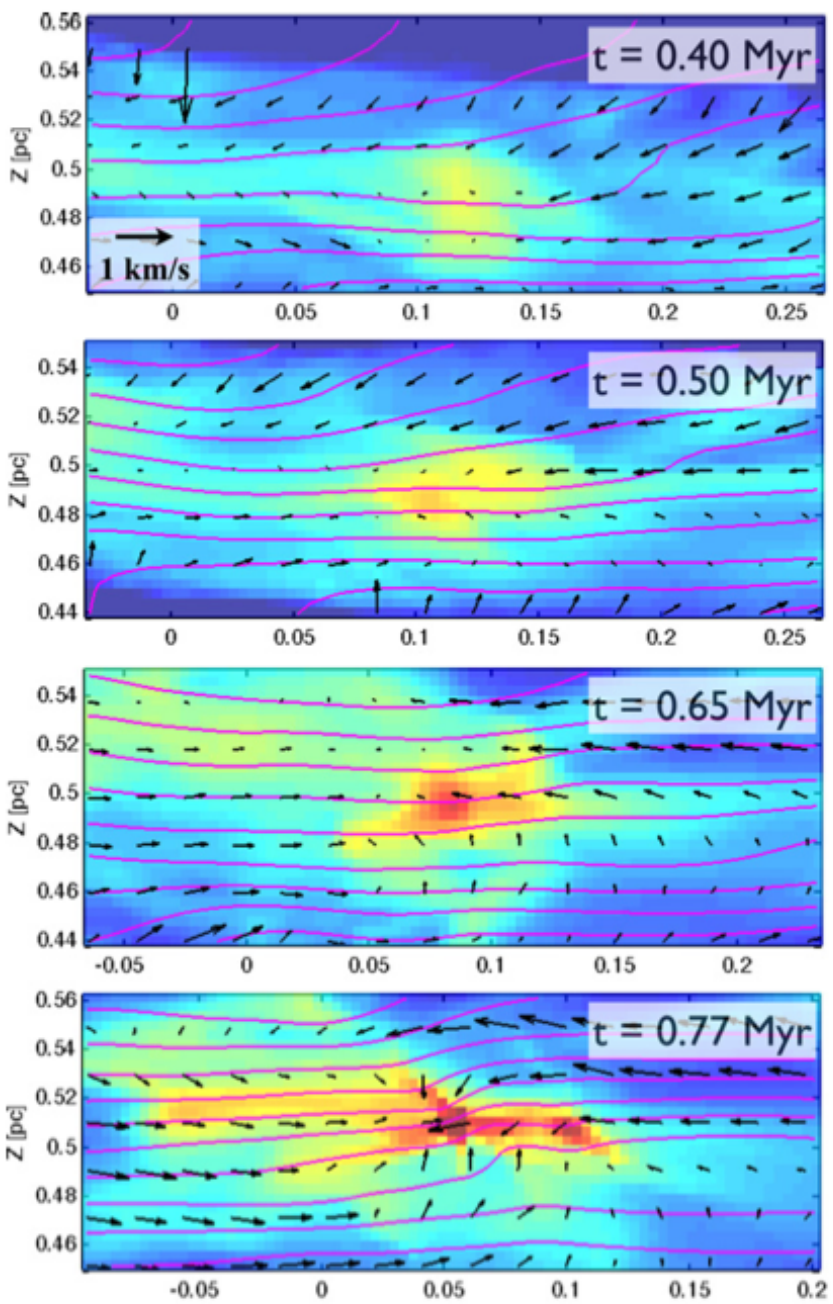

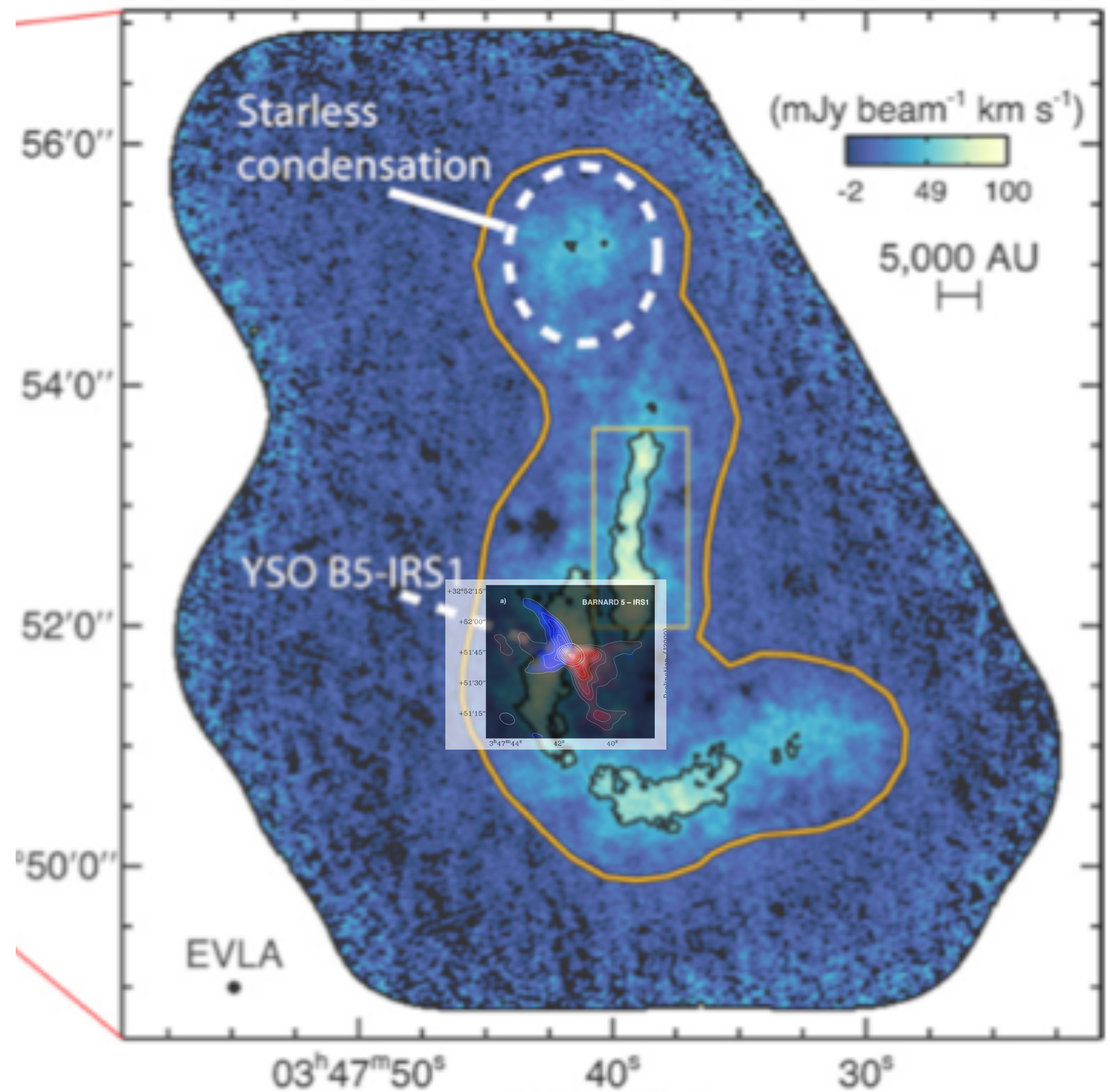

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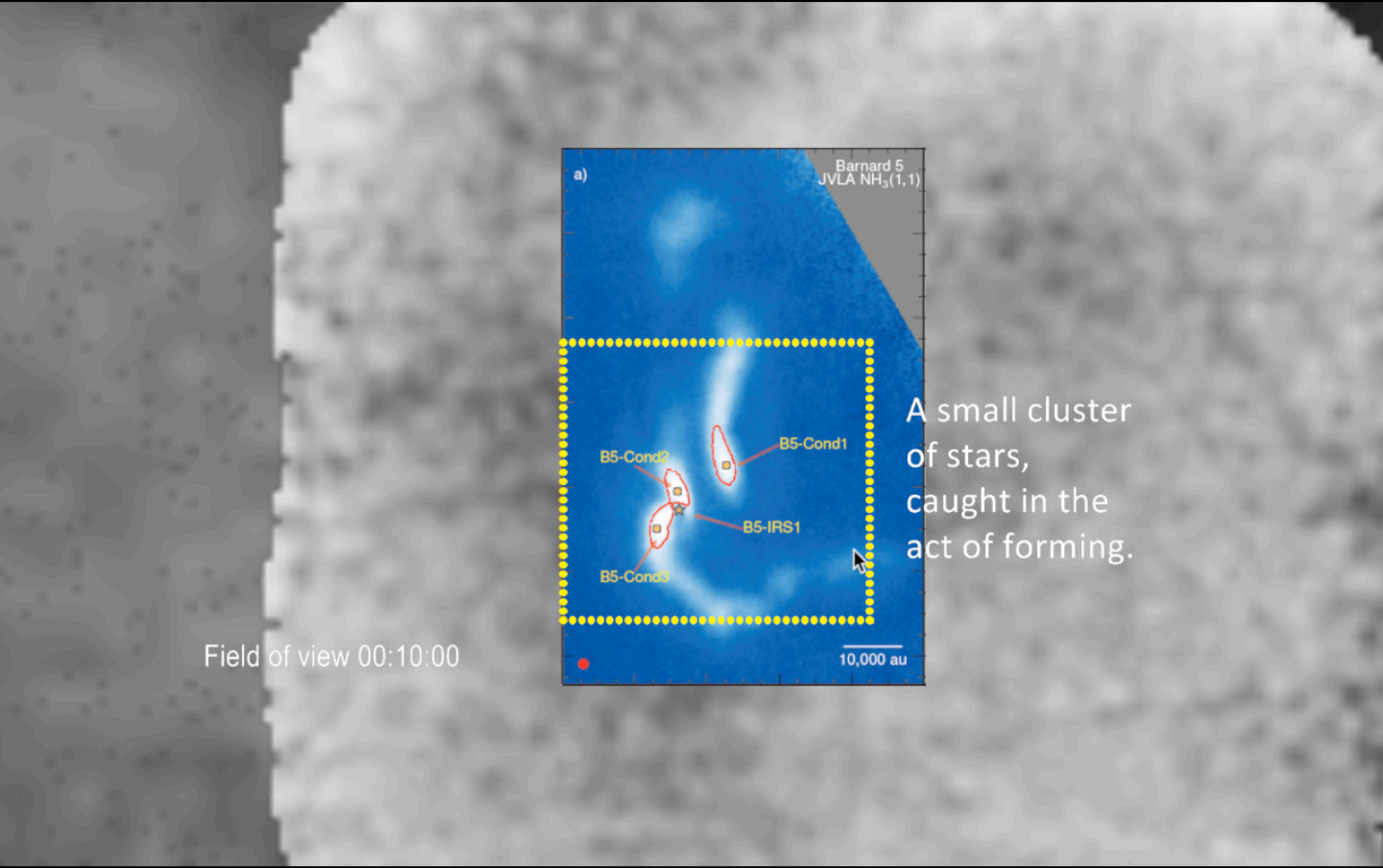
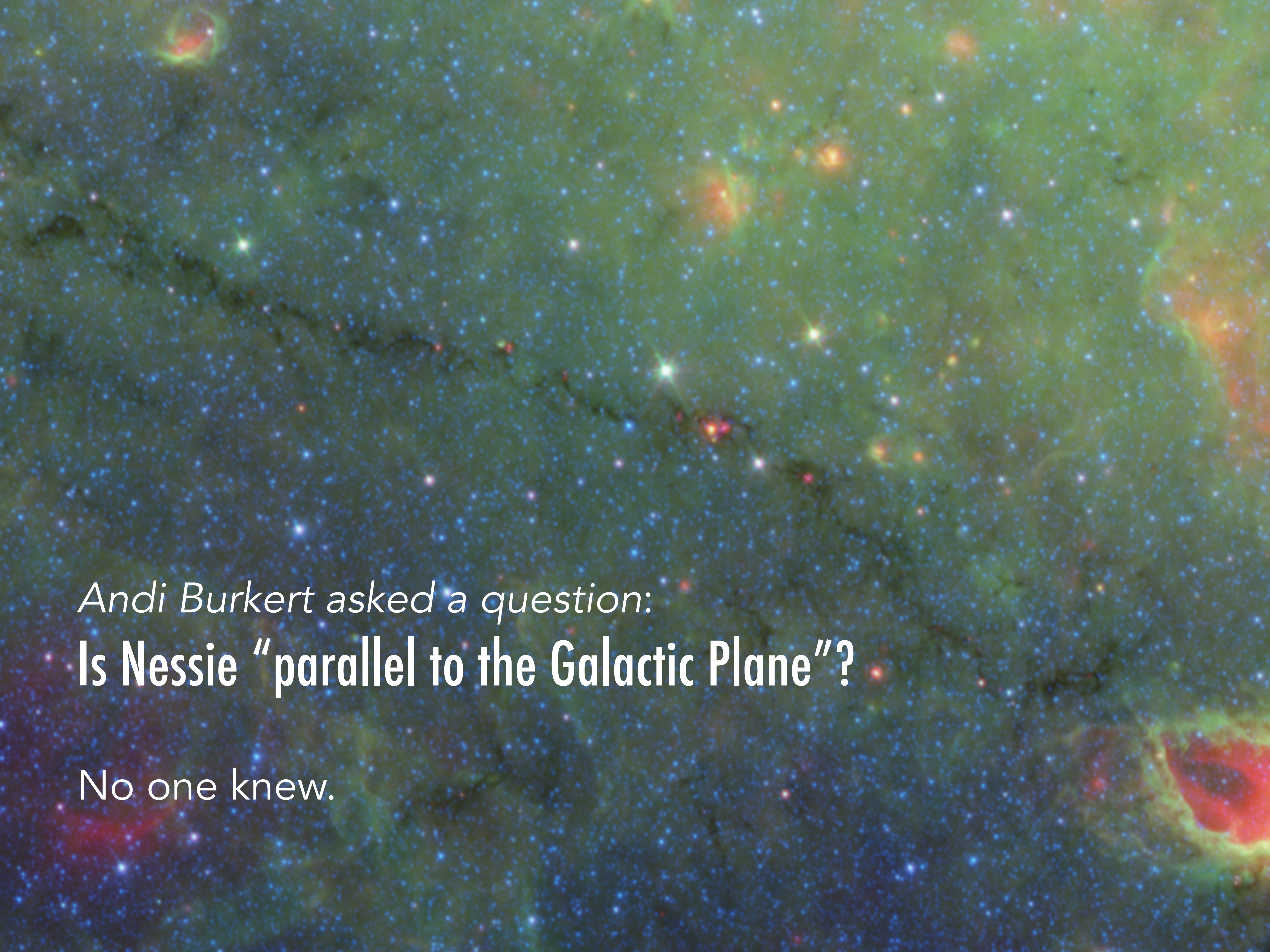
ON TO CHAPTER 2 OF OUR *Twisted* TALE



Once upon a time (2012), in an enchanted castle (in Bavaria)

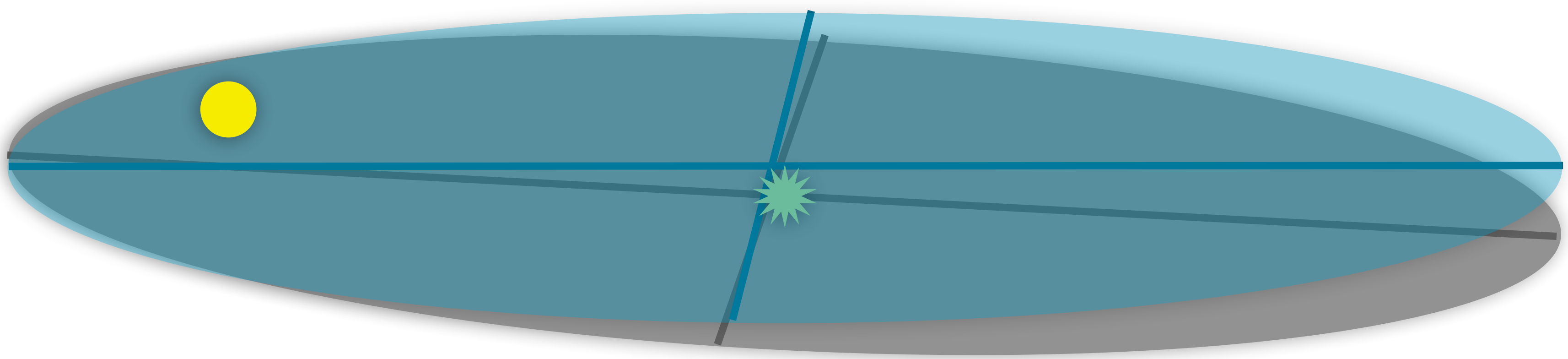
...at a conference about "The Early Phases of Star Foration"


Andi Burkert asked a question:
Is Nessie "parallel to the Galactic Plane"?
No one knew.

"Is Nessie Parallel to the Galactic Plane?"

Where are we, really?

"IAU Milky Way", est. 1959



True Milky Way, modern

> The equatorial plane of the new co-ordinate system must of necessity pass through the sun. It is a fortunate circumstance that, within the observational uncertainty, both the sun and Sagittarius A lie in the mean plane of the Galaxy as determined from the hydrogen observations. If the sun had not been so placed, points in the mean plane would not lie on the galactic equator.
>
> [Blaauw et al. 1959]

Sun is ~75 light years "above" the IAU Milky Way Plane

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Galactic Center is ~20 light years offset from the IAU Milky Way Center

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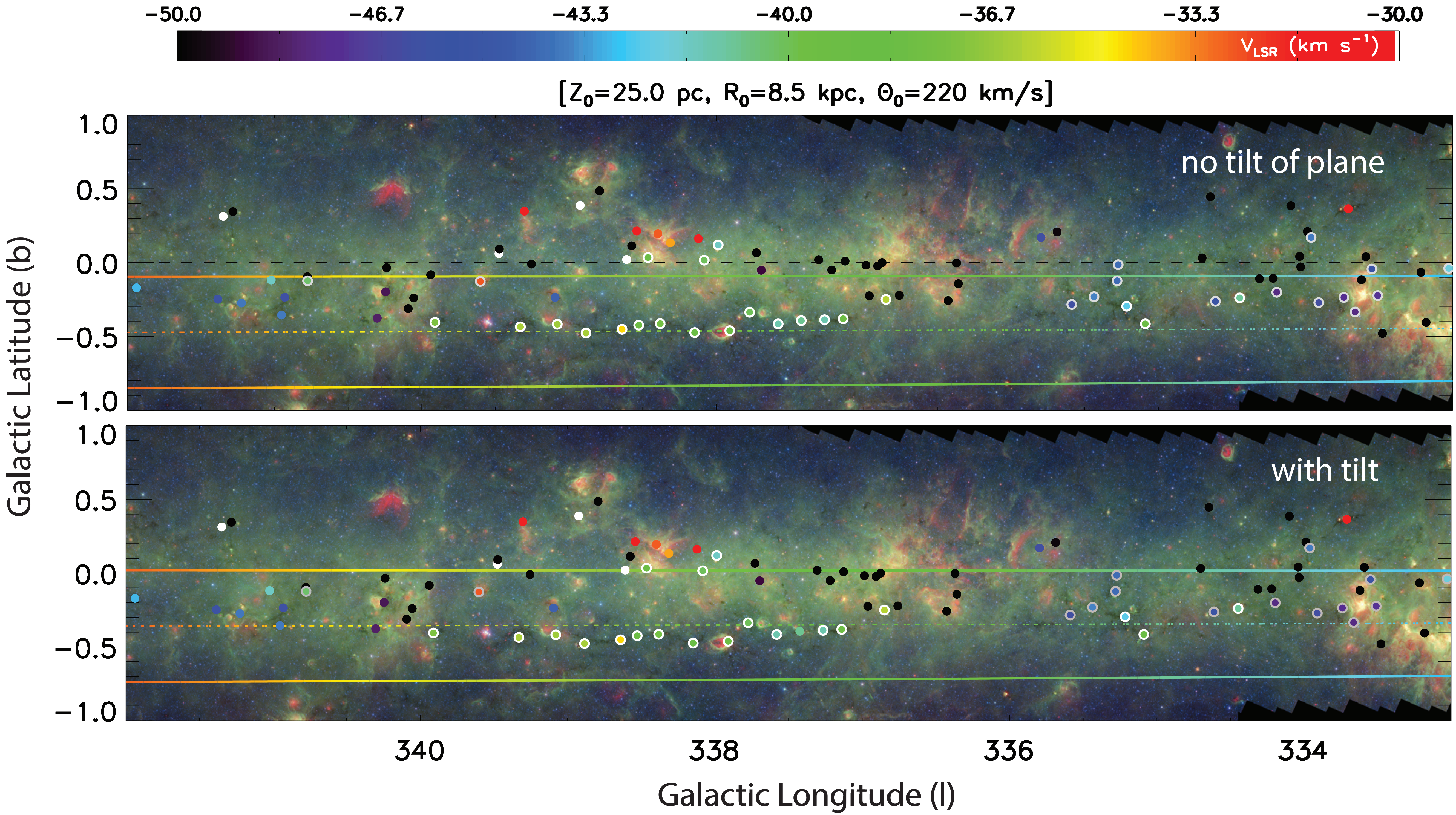
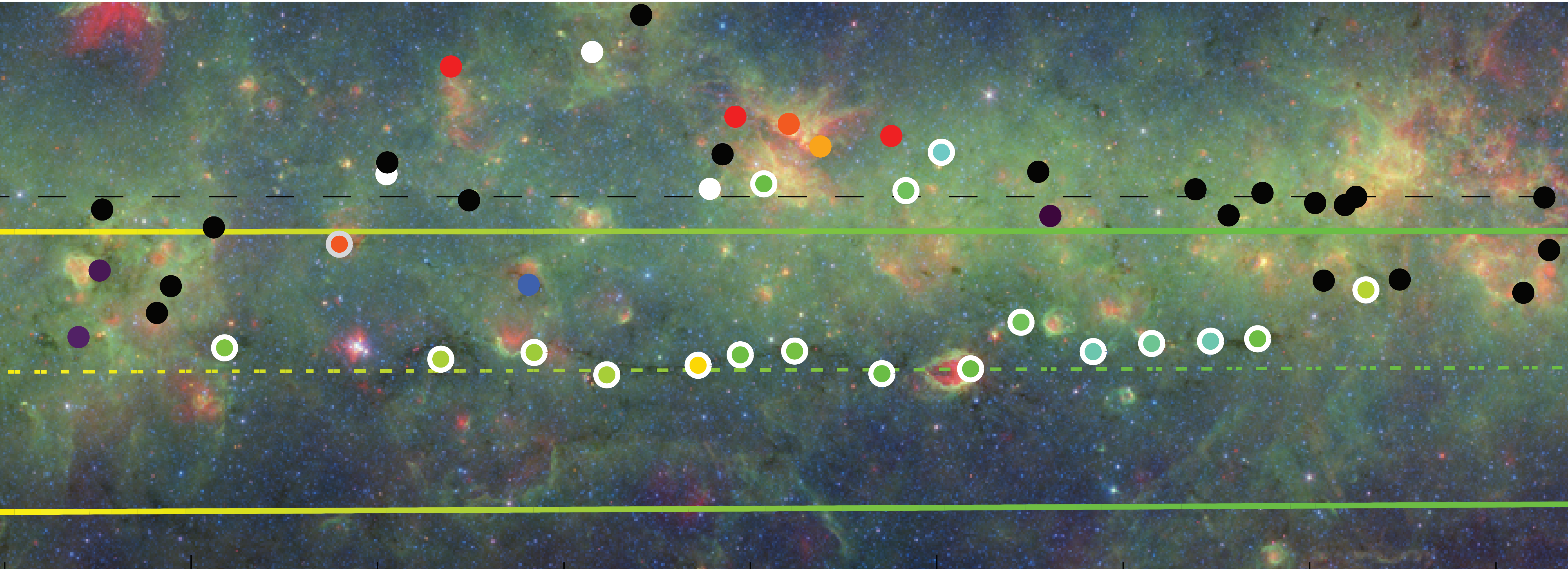
The **Galactic Plane is not quite where you'd think it is** when you look at the sky

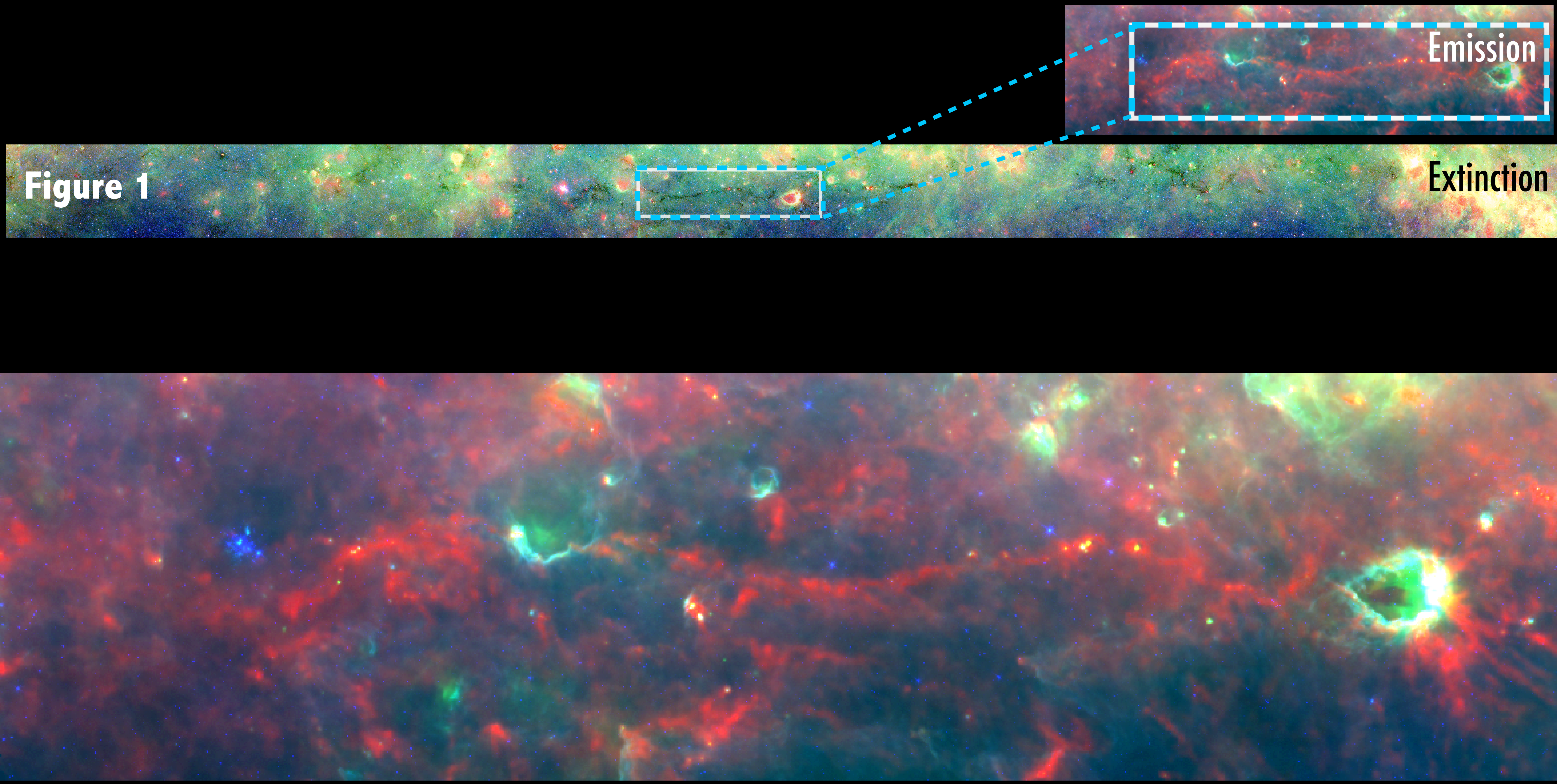
In the plane! And at distance of spiral arm!





...eerily precisely...

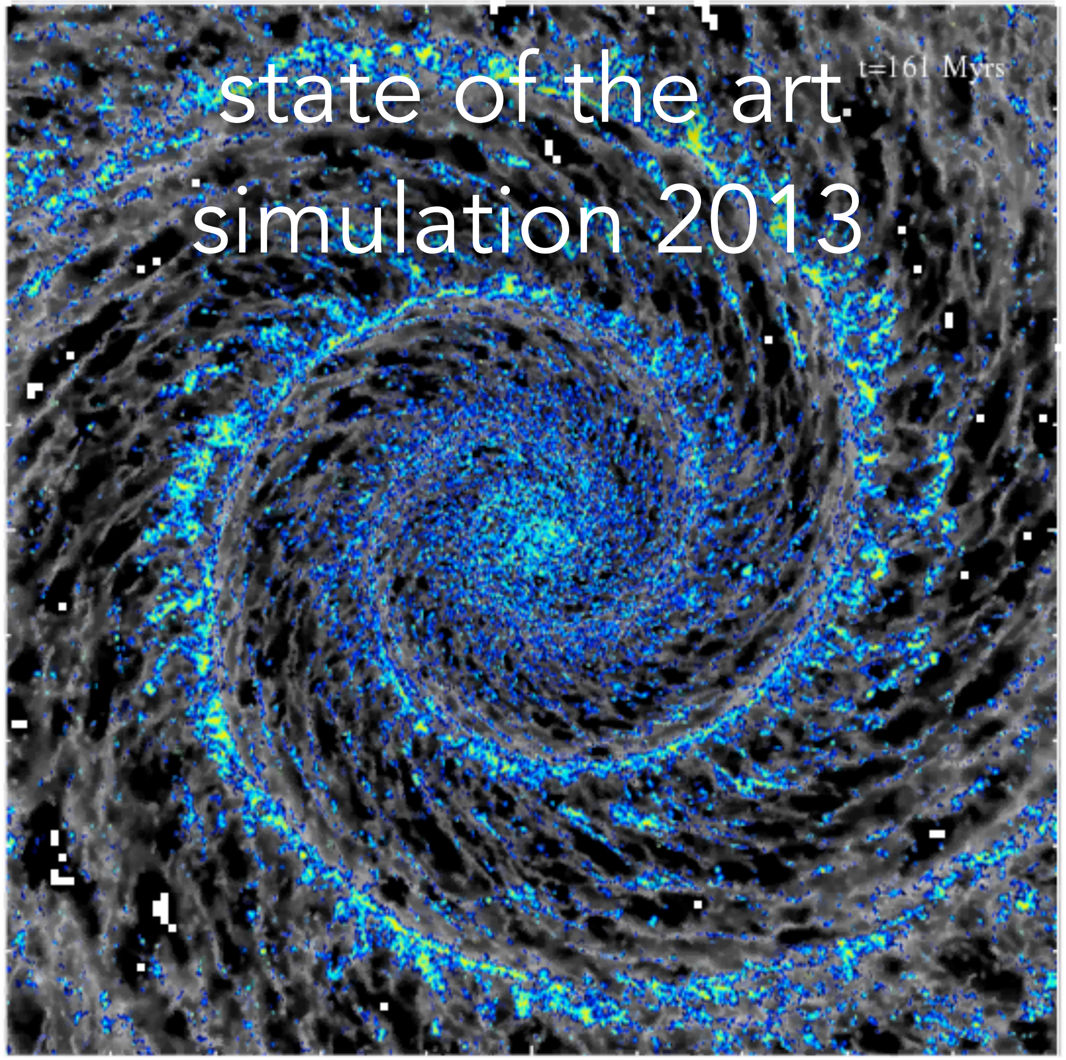
How do we know the velocities?

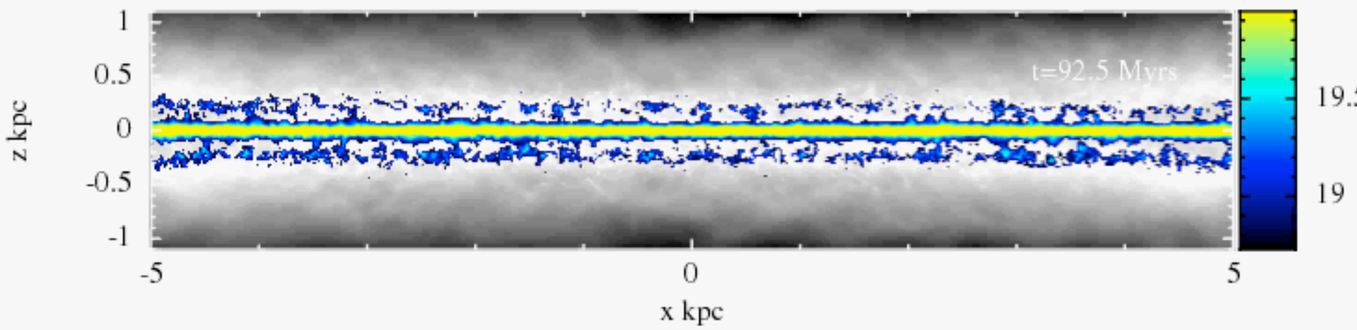


Bottom panel: Red=column density from Herschel, green=70 micron data from Herschel, and blue= 8 micron data image courtesy of Cara Battersby

A full 3D skeleton?

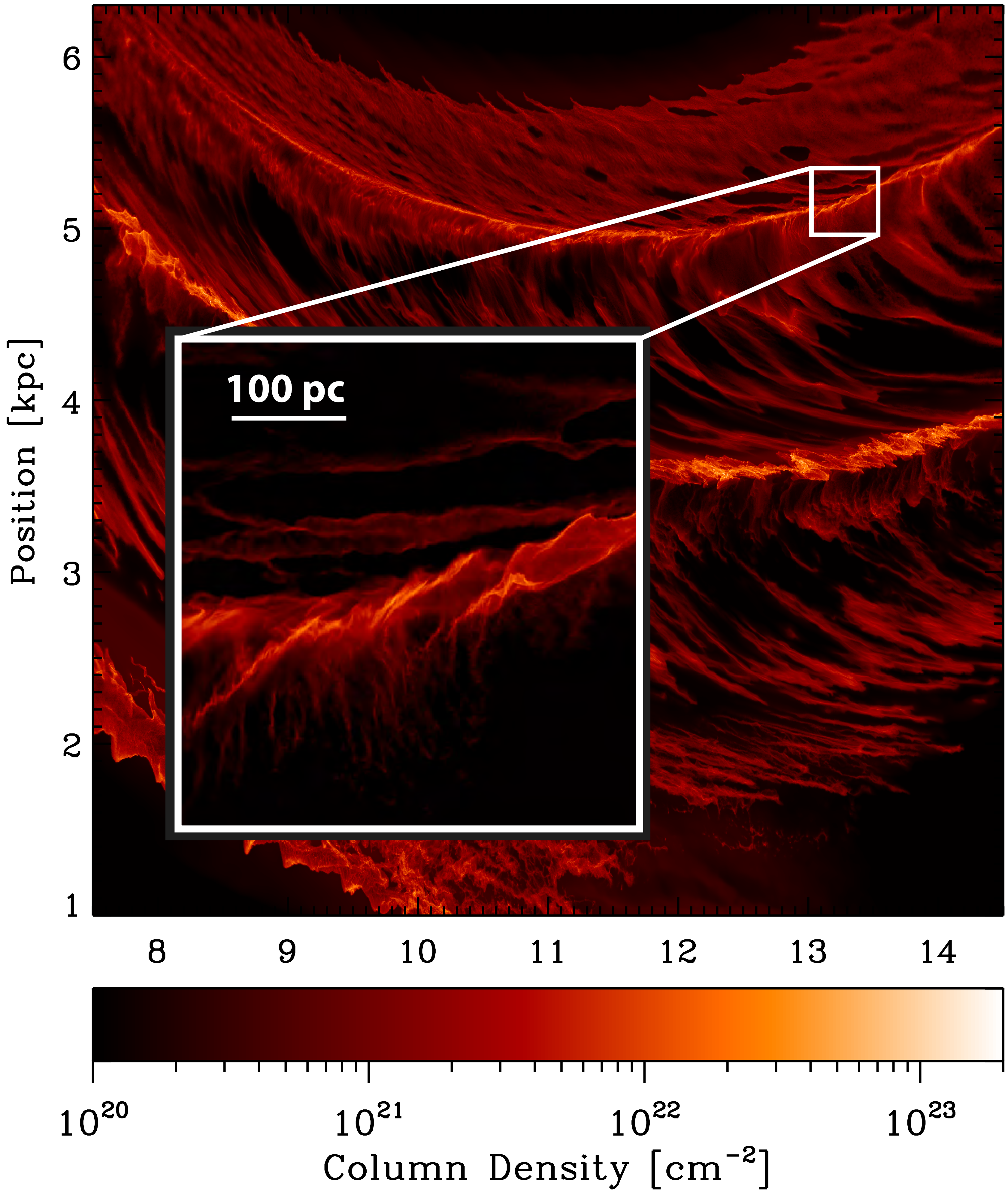
(flipped) image of IC342 from Jarrett et al. 2012; WISE Enhanced Resolution Galaxy Atlas





simulations courtesy Clare Dobbs

2014 Simulation



Smith et al. 2014, using AREPO

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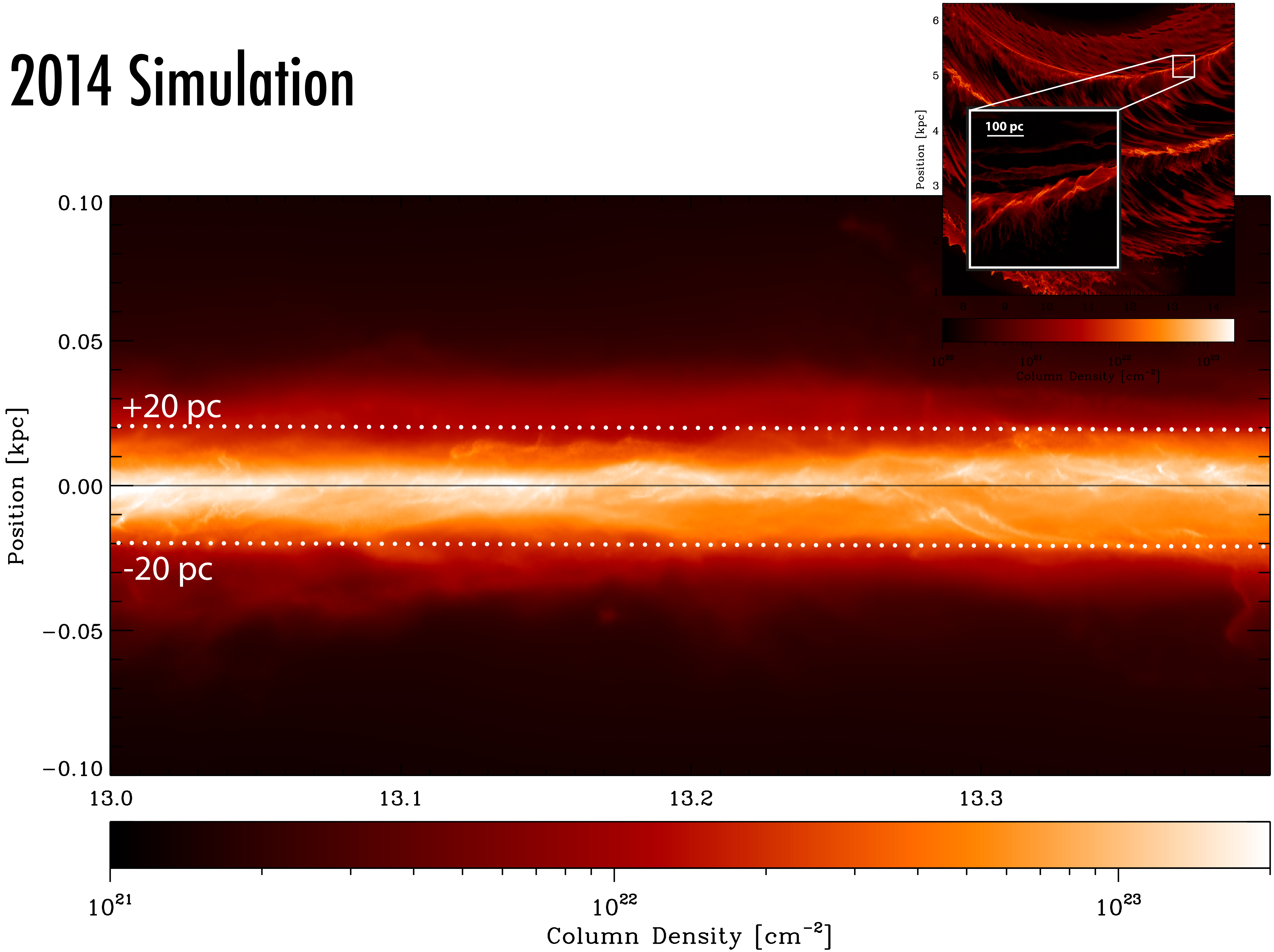

Smith et al. 2014, using AREPO (hydro+chemistry, imposed potential, no B-fields, no local (self-)gravity, no feedback)

A full 3D skeleton? Likely yes...

THE SKELETON OF THE MILKY WAY

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“We present the first evidence of additional bones in the Milky Way Galaxy, arguing that Nessie is not a curiosity but one of several filaments that could potentially trace Galactic structure.”

Key words: Galaxy: kinematics and dynamics – Galaxy: structure – ISM: clouds

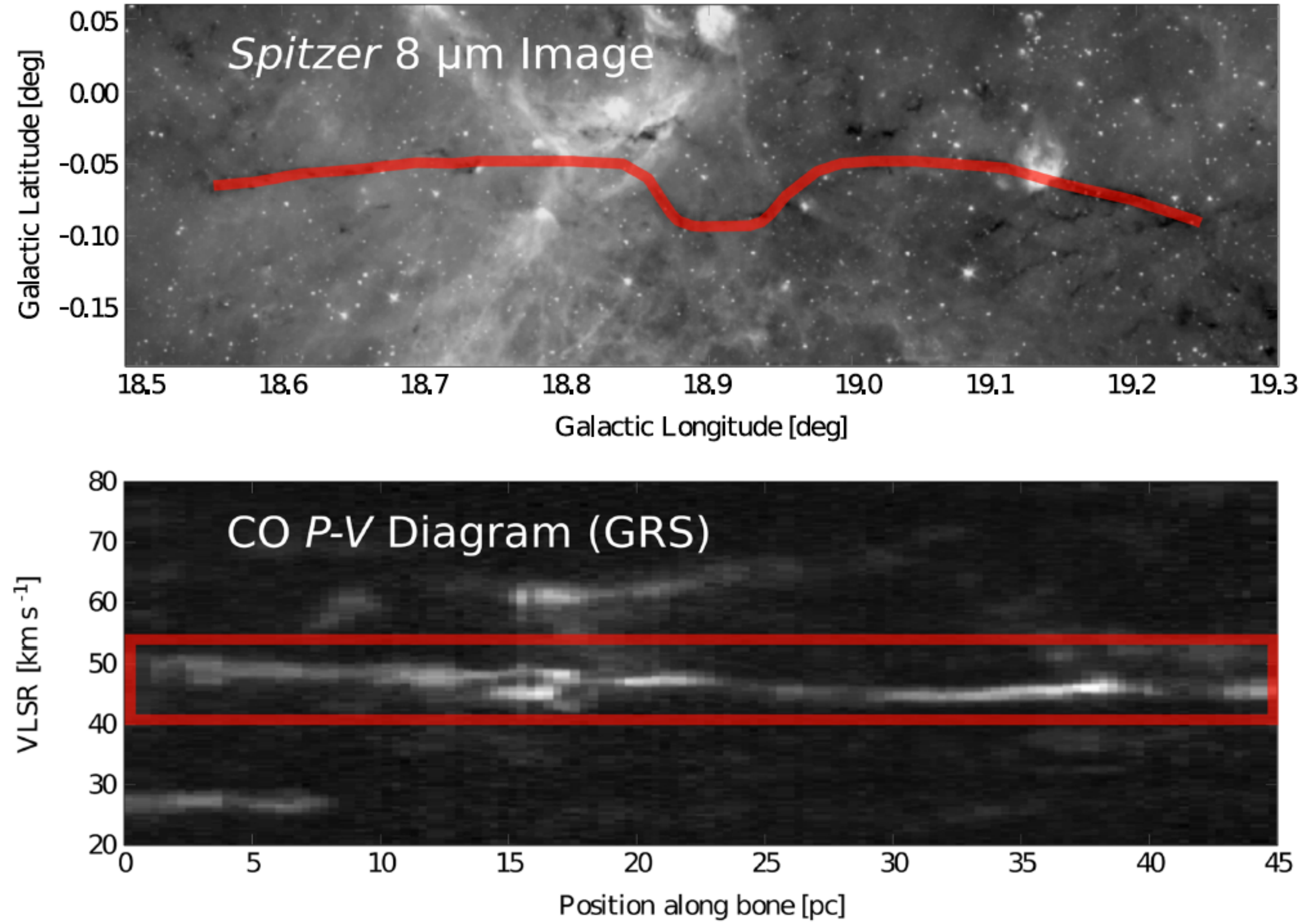


Figure 1. Results of performing a slice extraction along the filamentary extinction feature of our strongest bone candidate, filament 5. The top panel shows a *Spitzer*-GLIMPSE 8 μm image of filament 5, and the red trace indicates the curve (coincident with the extinction feature) along which a *p–v* slice was extracted. The bottom panel shows the *p–v* slice, with the red boxed region indicating the emission corresponding to filament 5.

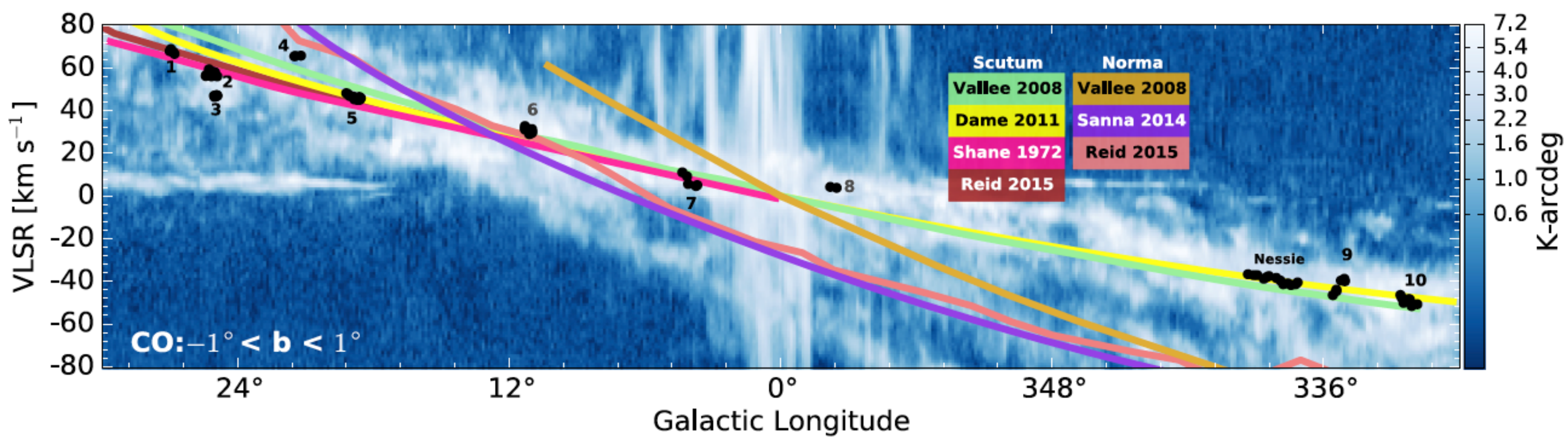
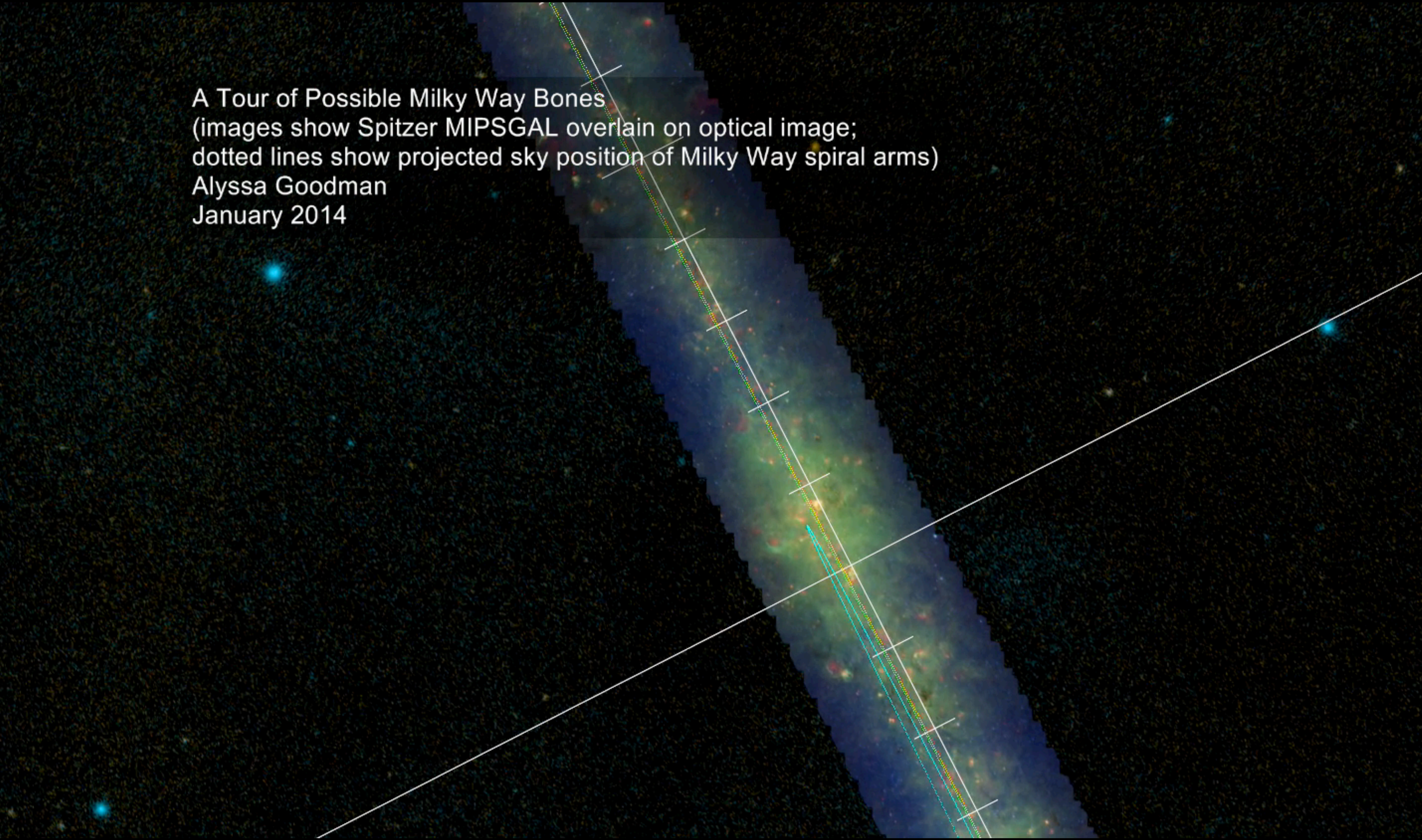
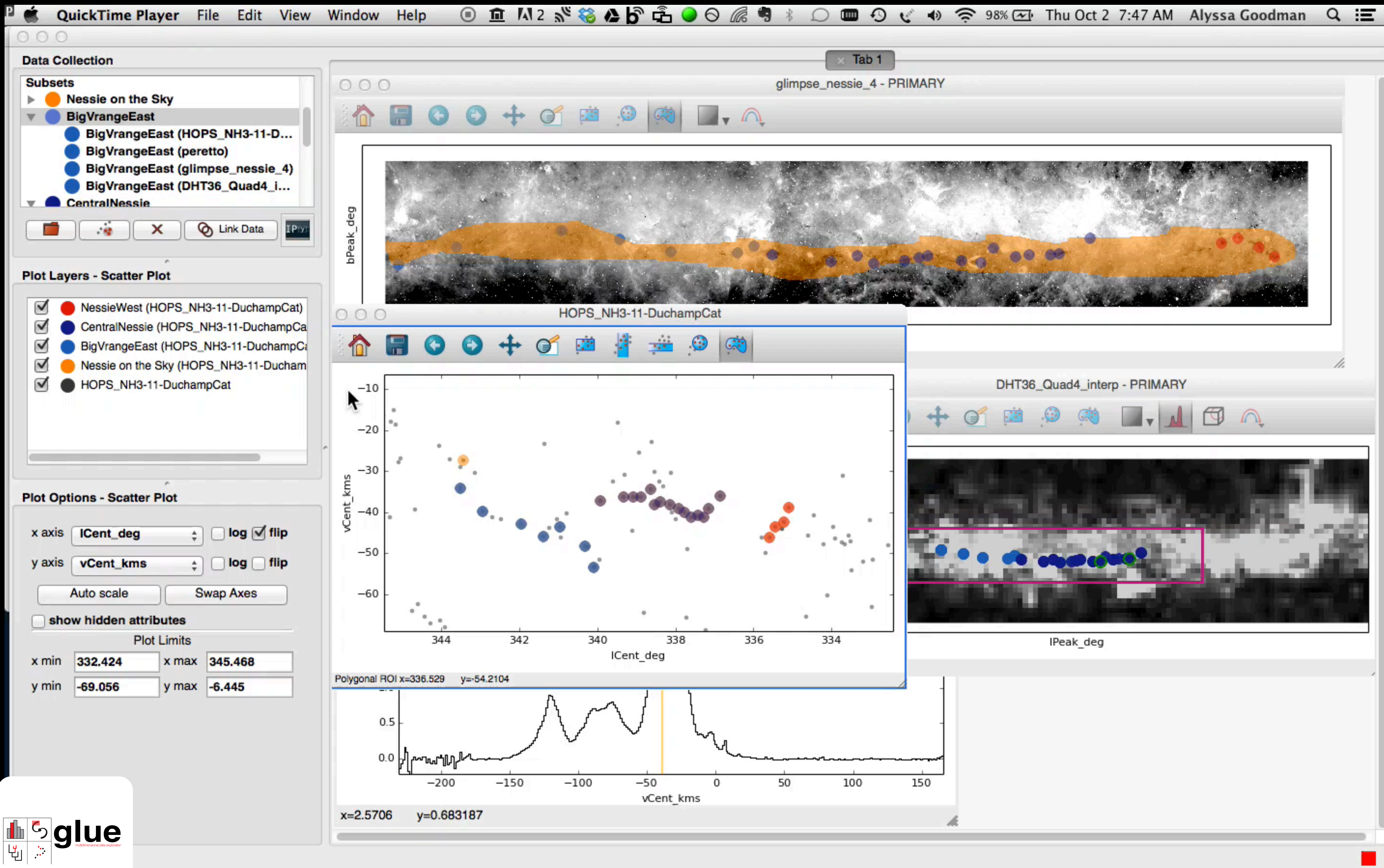


Figure 2. Position–velocity summary of bone candidates and spiral arm models. Blue background shows ^{12}CO emission from Dame et al. (2001), integrated between $-1^{\circ} < b < 1^{\circ}$. Black dots show measurements of BGPS-, HOPS-, MALT90-, and GRS-determined velocities, with particular candidate filaments identified by number (see Table 1 for further identification), or, in the case of Nessie, by name. Lines of varying color show predicted *p–v* spiral arm traces from the literature (see text for references).

WWT/LOOKING FOR BONES WHERE THEY "SHOULD" BE



GLUE/ADDING VELOCITY INFORMATION



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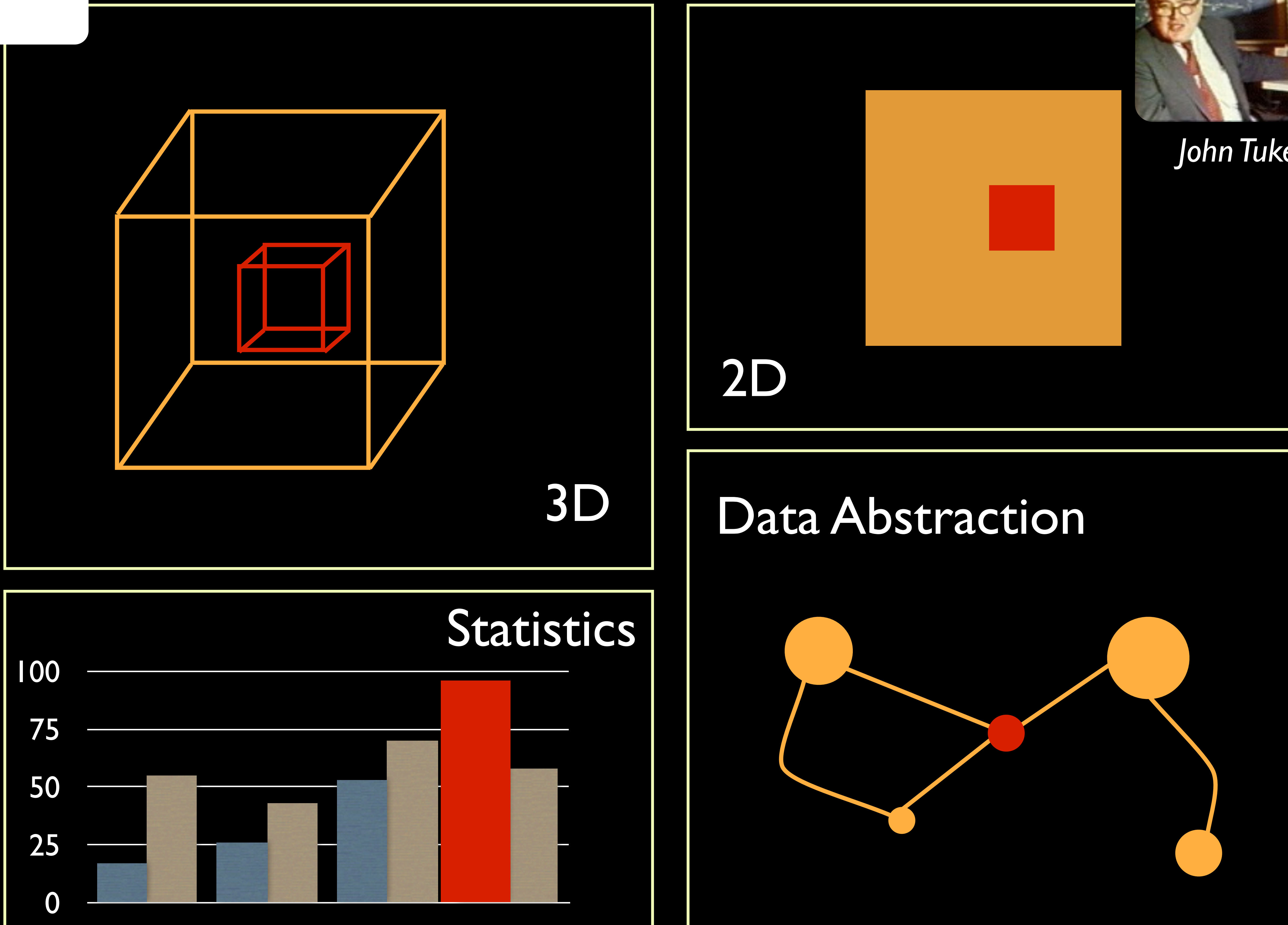
LINKED VIEWS OF HIGH-DIMENSIONAL DATA


John Tukey



figure, by M. Borkin, reproduced from Goodman 2012, "Principles of High-Dimensional Data Visualization in Astronomy"

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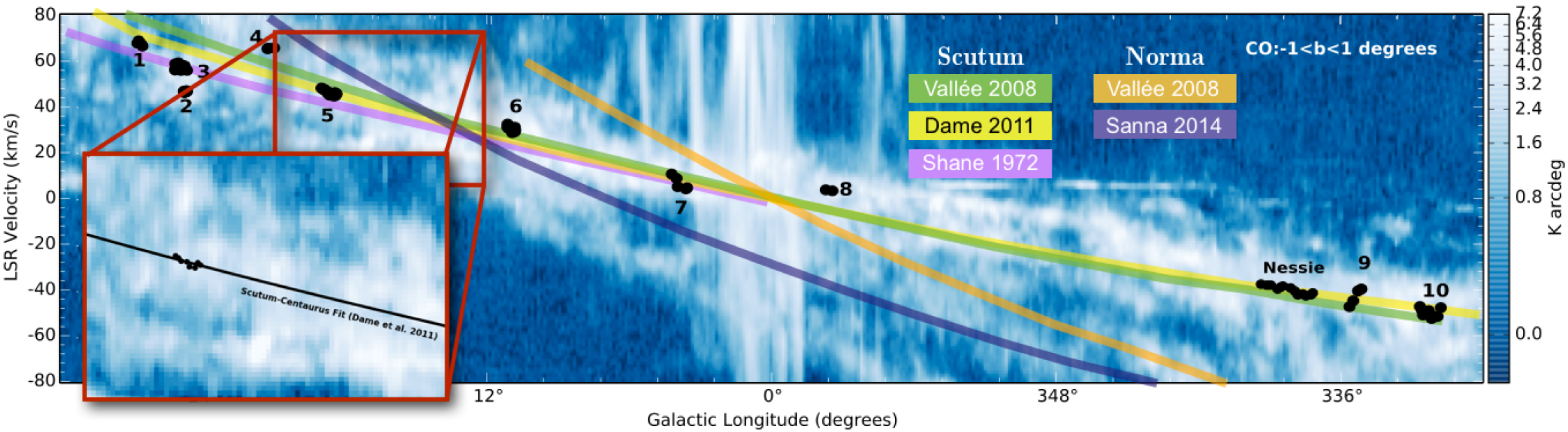
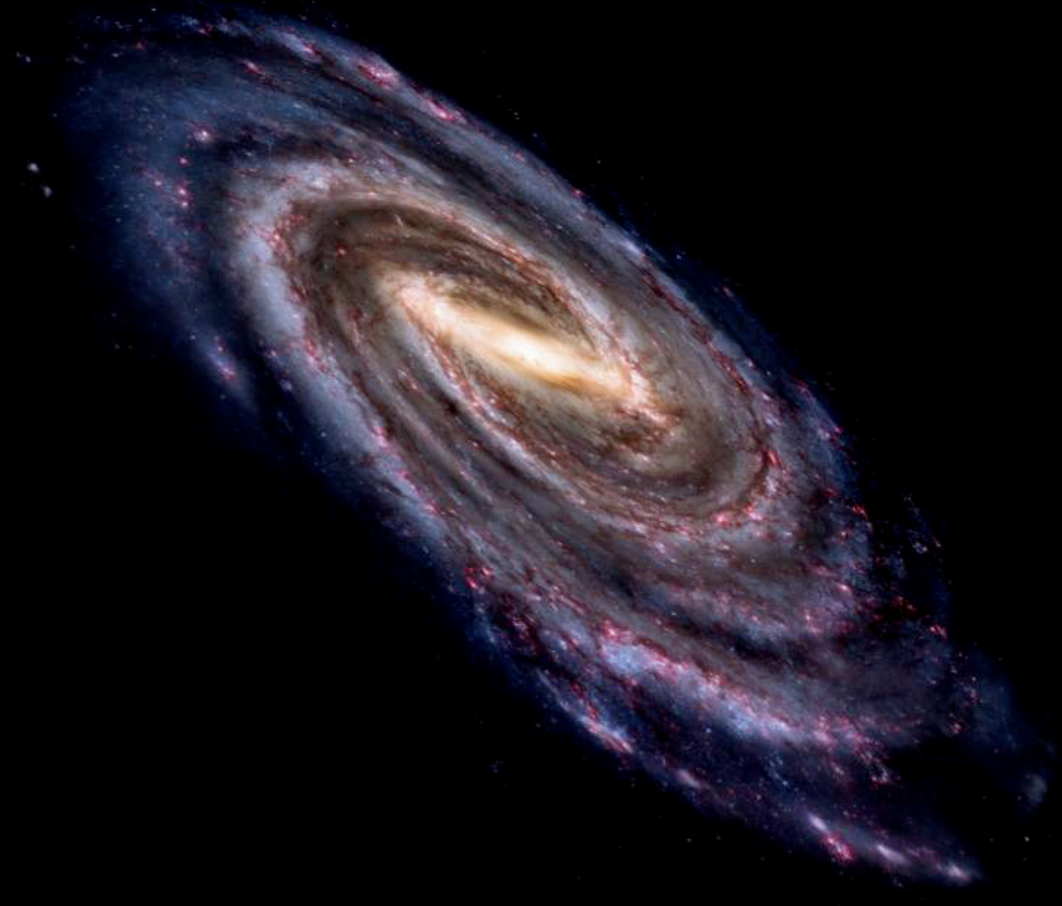
6 OUT OF 10 BONE CANDIDATES LOOK EXCELLENT IN "3D"

(POSITION-POSITION-VELOCITY SPACE)



Blue image in the background, from Zucker, Battersby & Goodman 2015, shows CO position-velocity diagram based on Dame et al. 2001

NEXT:
BONES+3D DUST+NEWLY DENDROGRAMED CO



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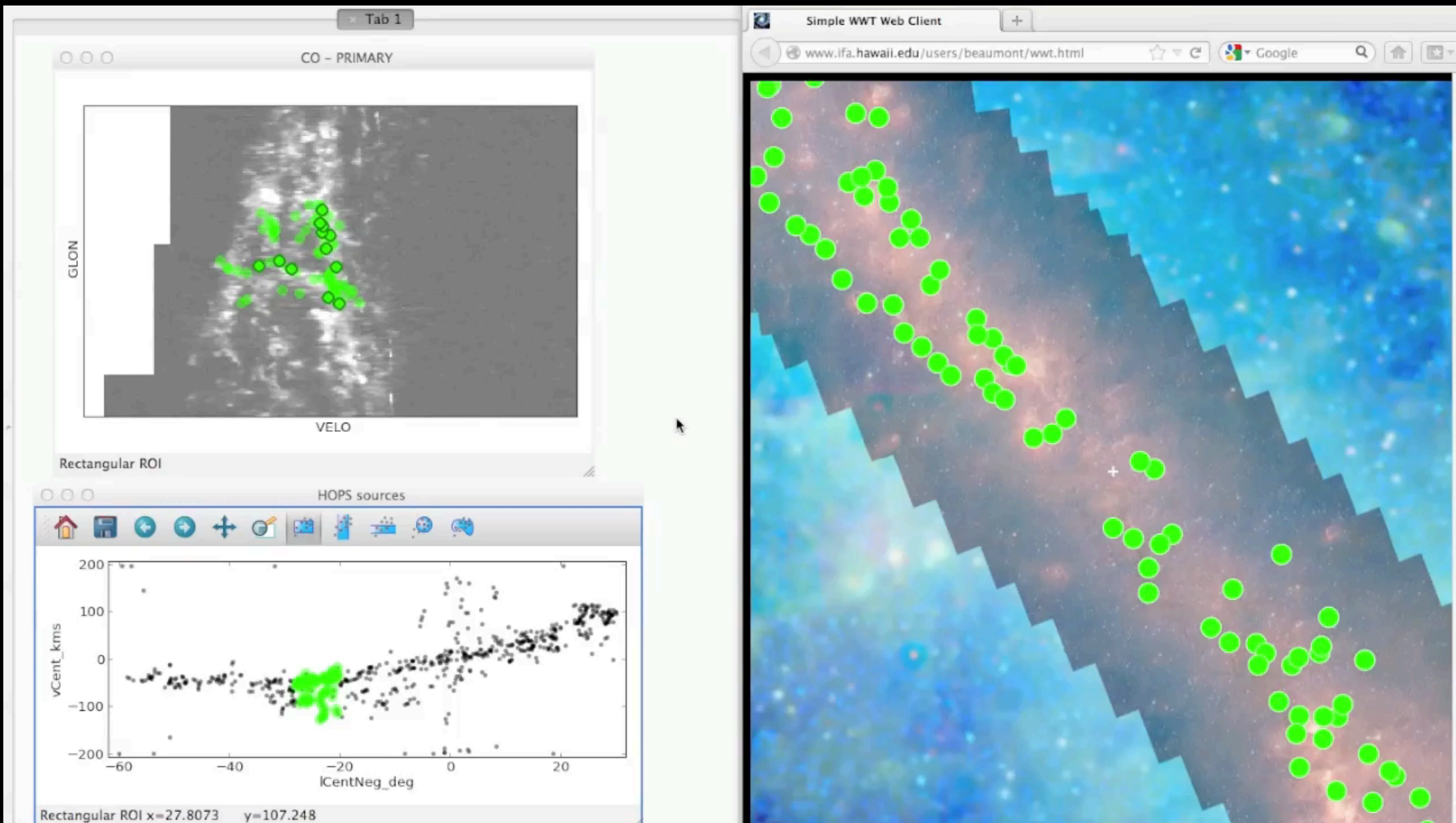
NEXT: GLUE+WWT TOGETHER



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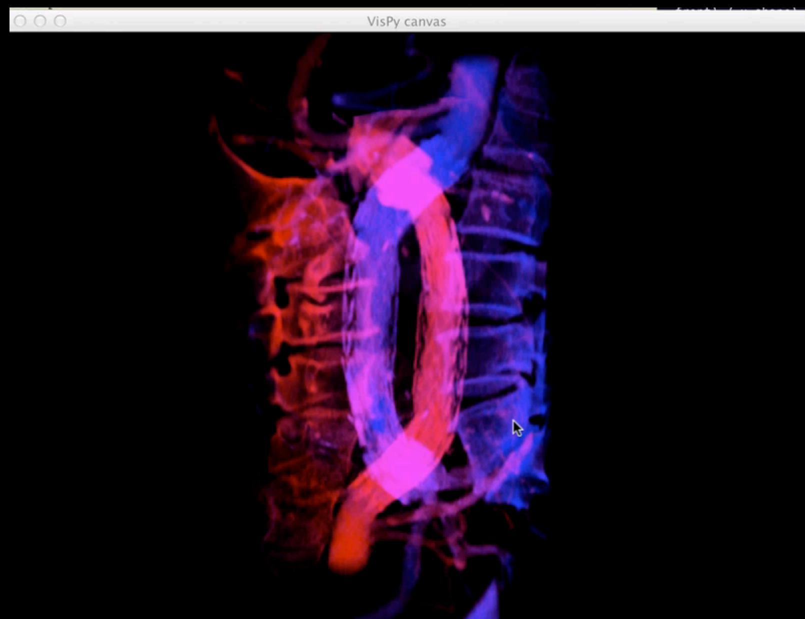
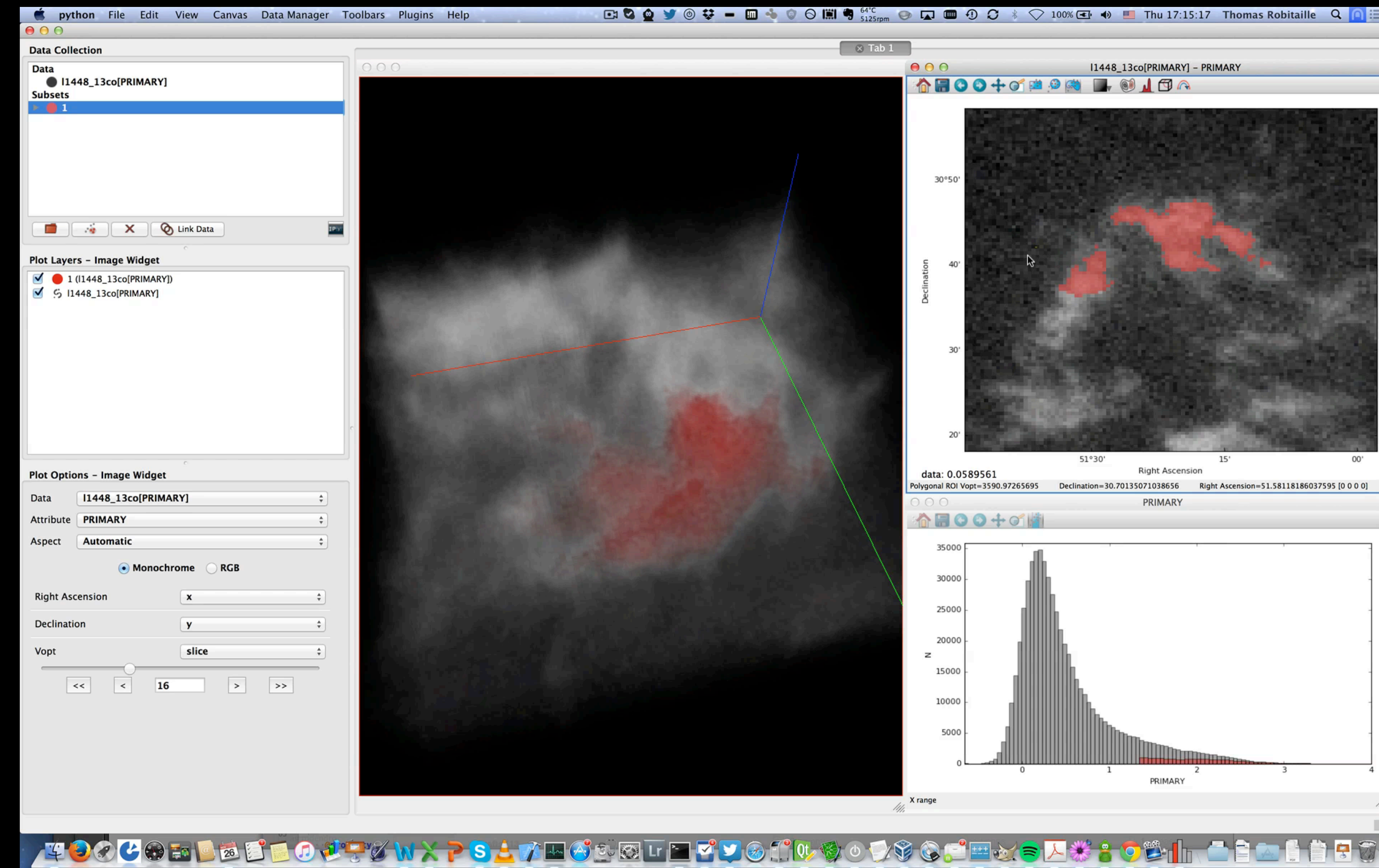
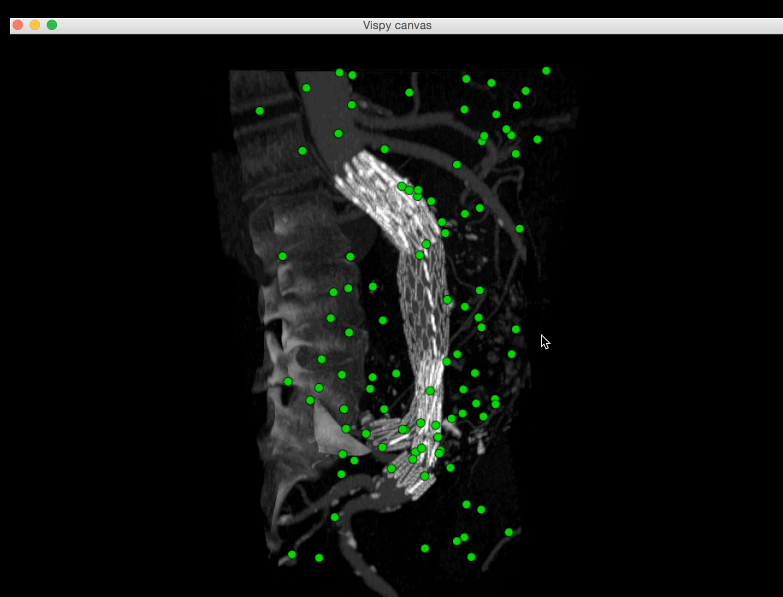
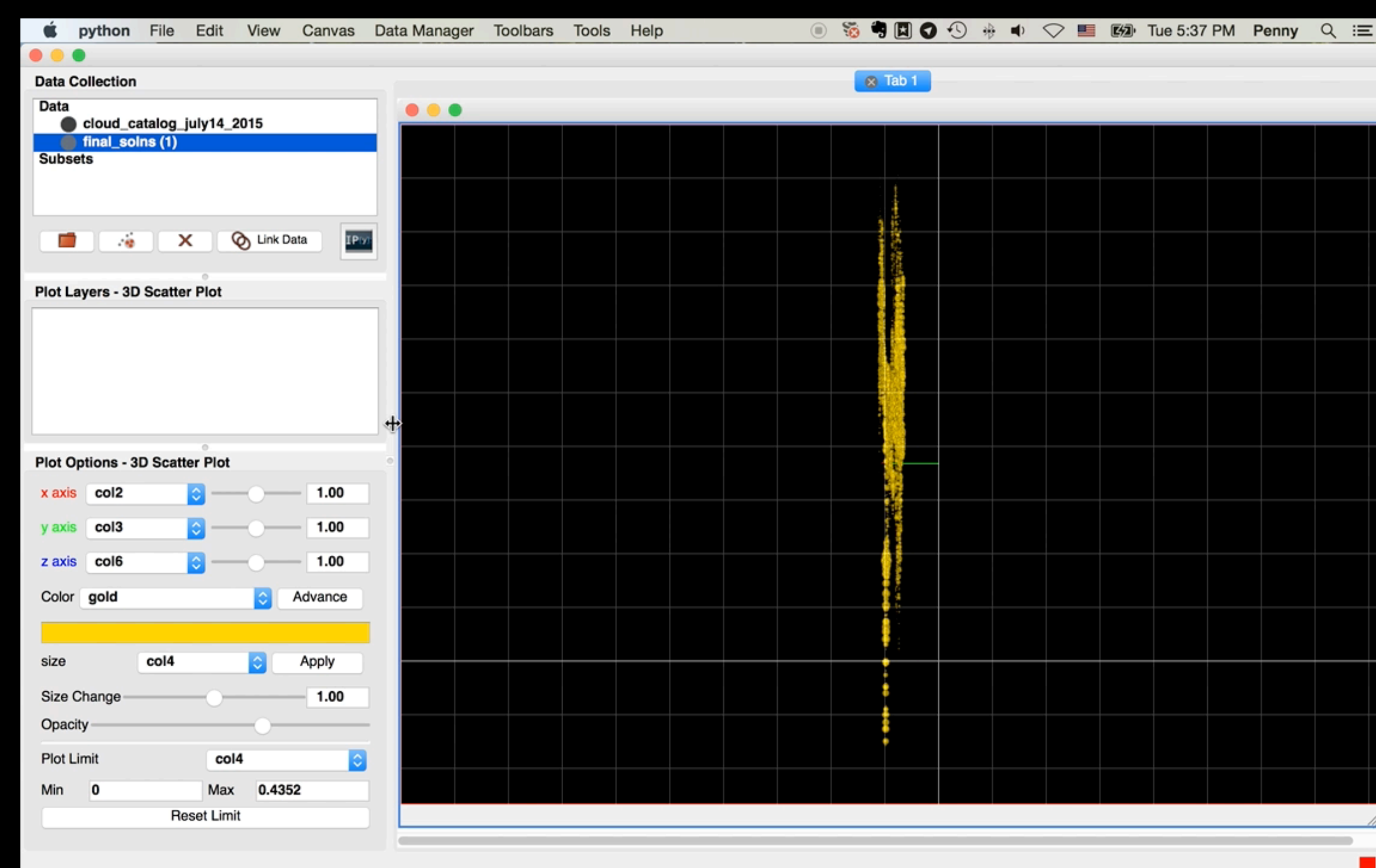
NEXT: GLUE3D









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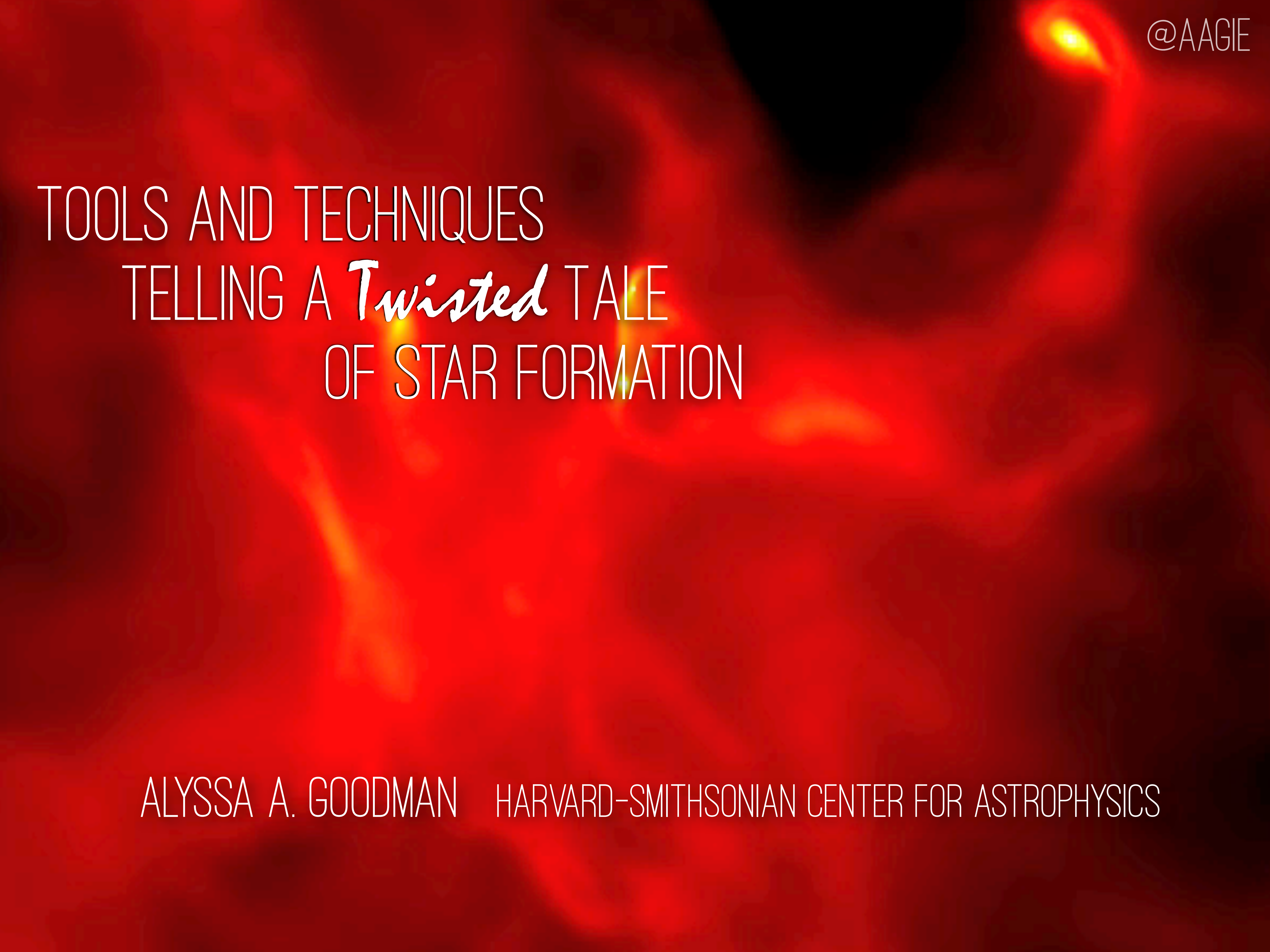

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES TELLING A *Twisted* TALE OF STAR FORMATION

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Nessie to B5, the movie.

THE MILKY WAY

“Galactic Plane”

The Milky Way
(Artist's Conception)

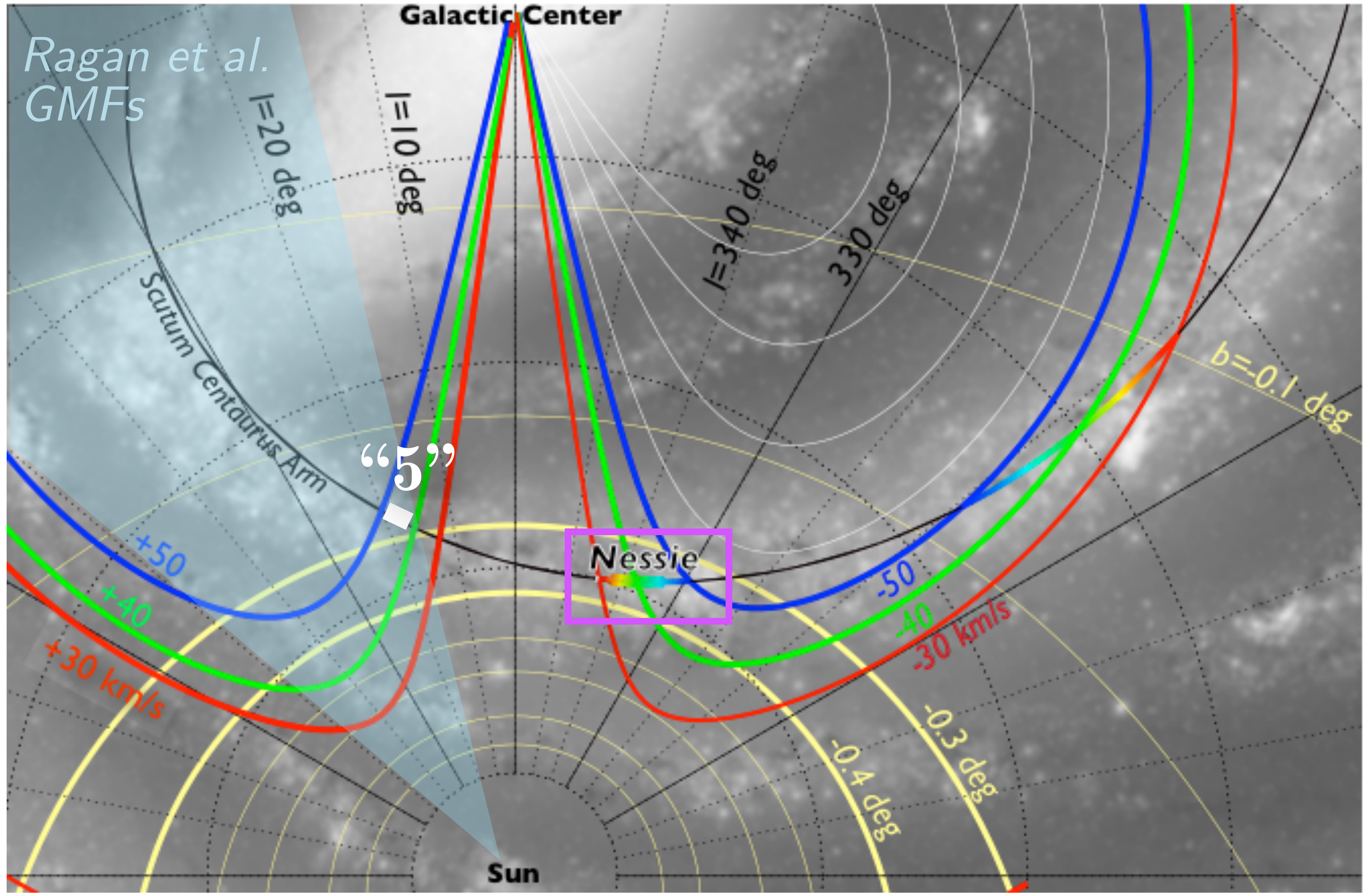
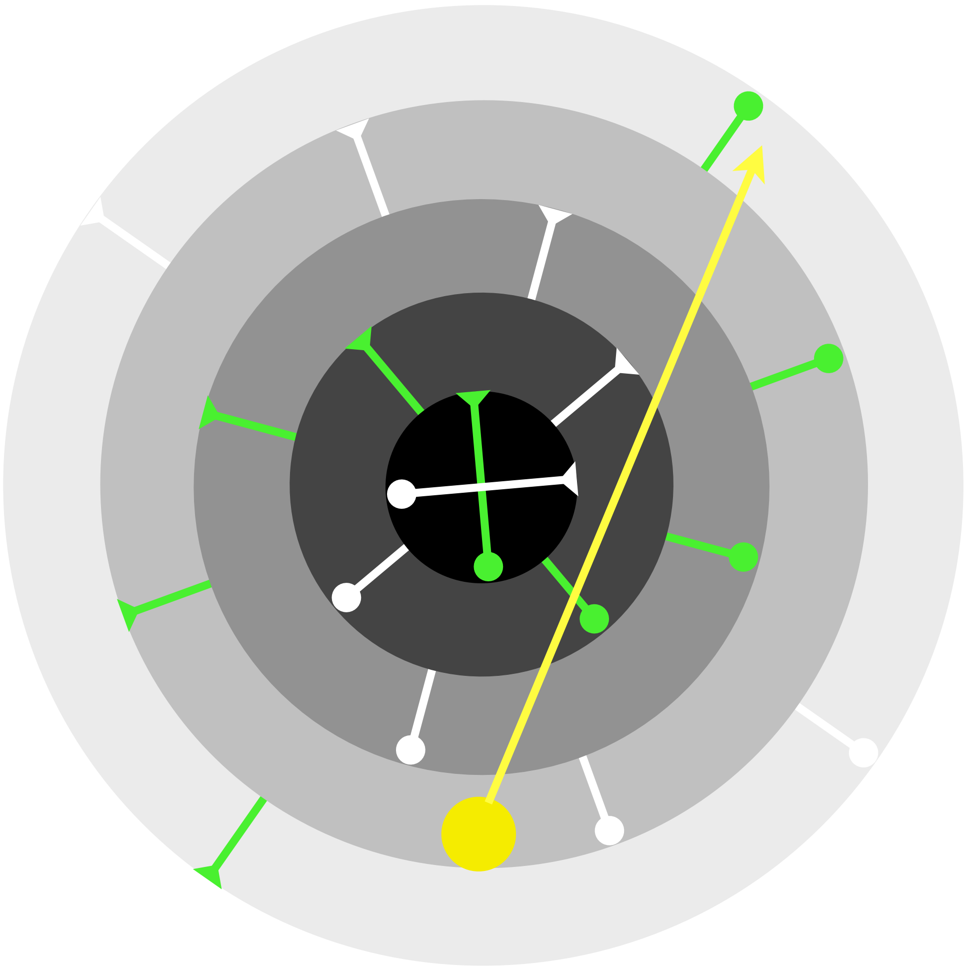
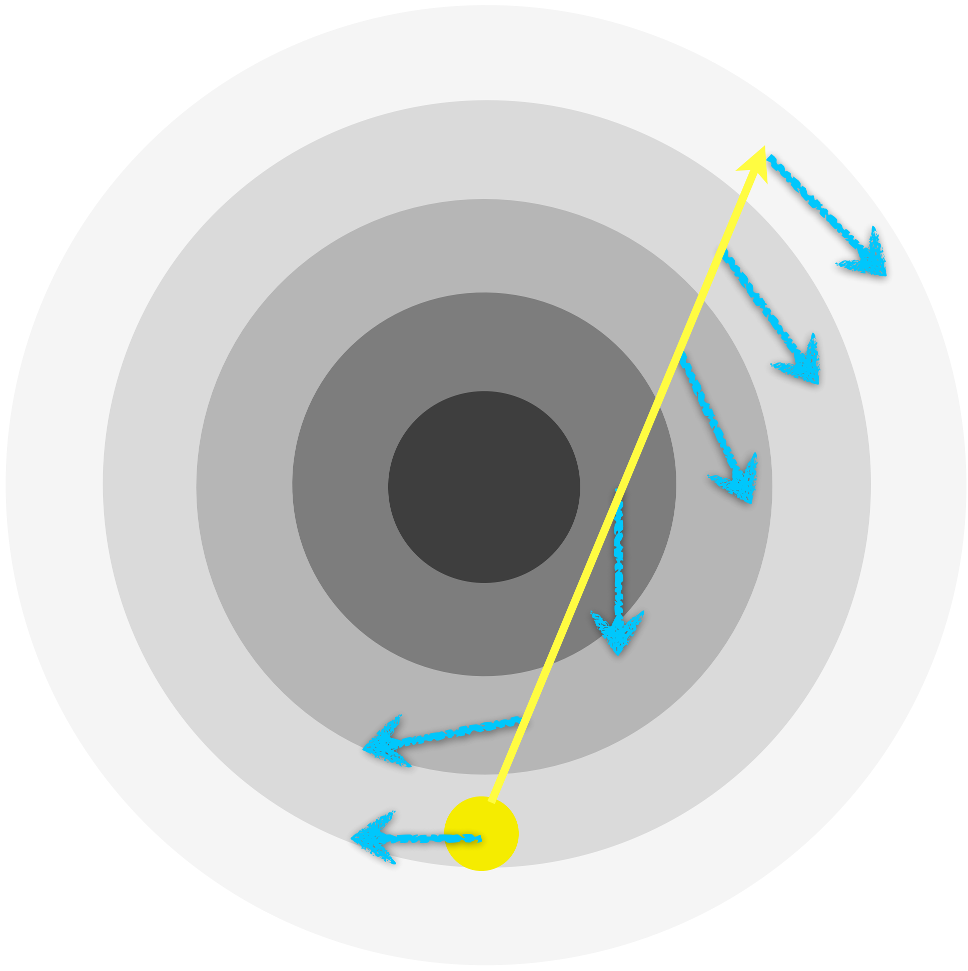
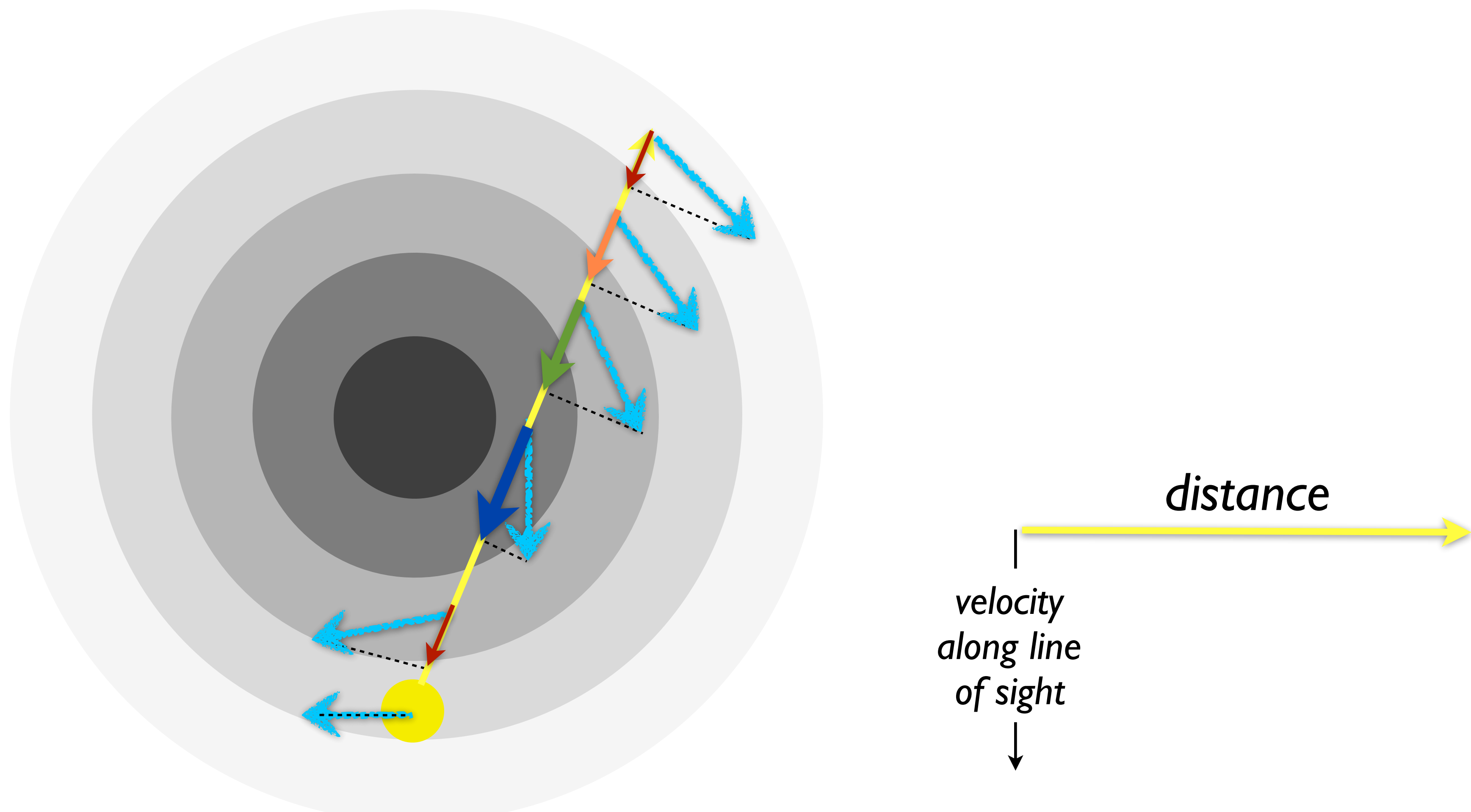


Figure 3 A data-motivated cartoon model of the Milky Way with iso-velocity contours (color) overlain. Yellow iso-latitude contours show the latitude of the Galactic mid-plane, assuming a height of 25 pc for the Sun, and an offset of 7 pc for SgrA*. Nessie's advantageous position is marked by a rainbow, along the Scutum-Centaurus arm. Position of "Filament 5," discussed below, is marked with a "5." (Figure adapted from Goodman et al. 2014.)

A Rotating (Spiral) Galaxy Observed from its Outskirts...



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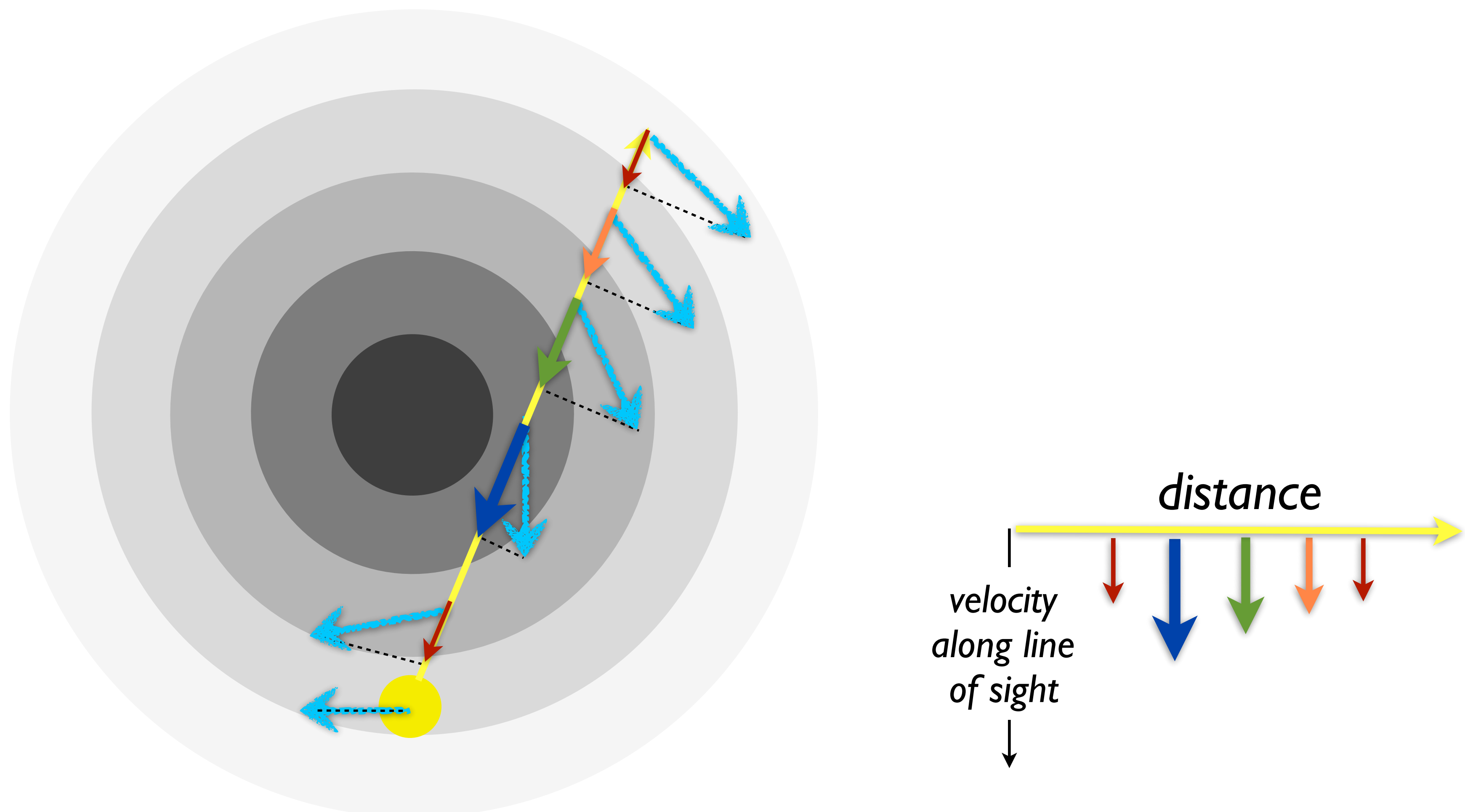

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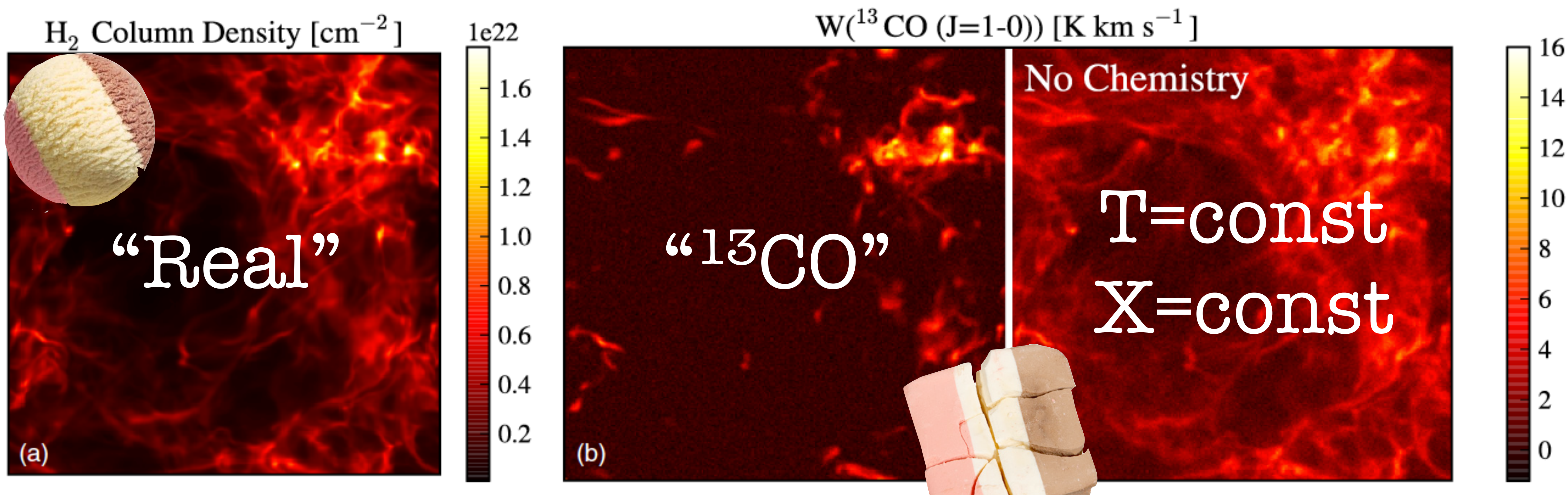

Figure 18. H_2 column density map of S11 (a), and the integrated ^{13}CO (J = ... maps with and without chemistry (b, c).

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QUANTIFYING OBSERVATIONAL PROJECTION EFFECTS USING MOLECULAR CLOUD SIMULATIONS

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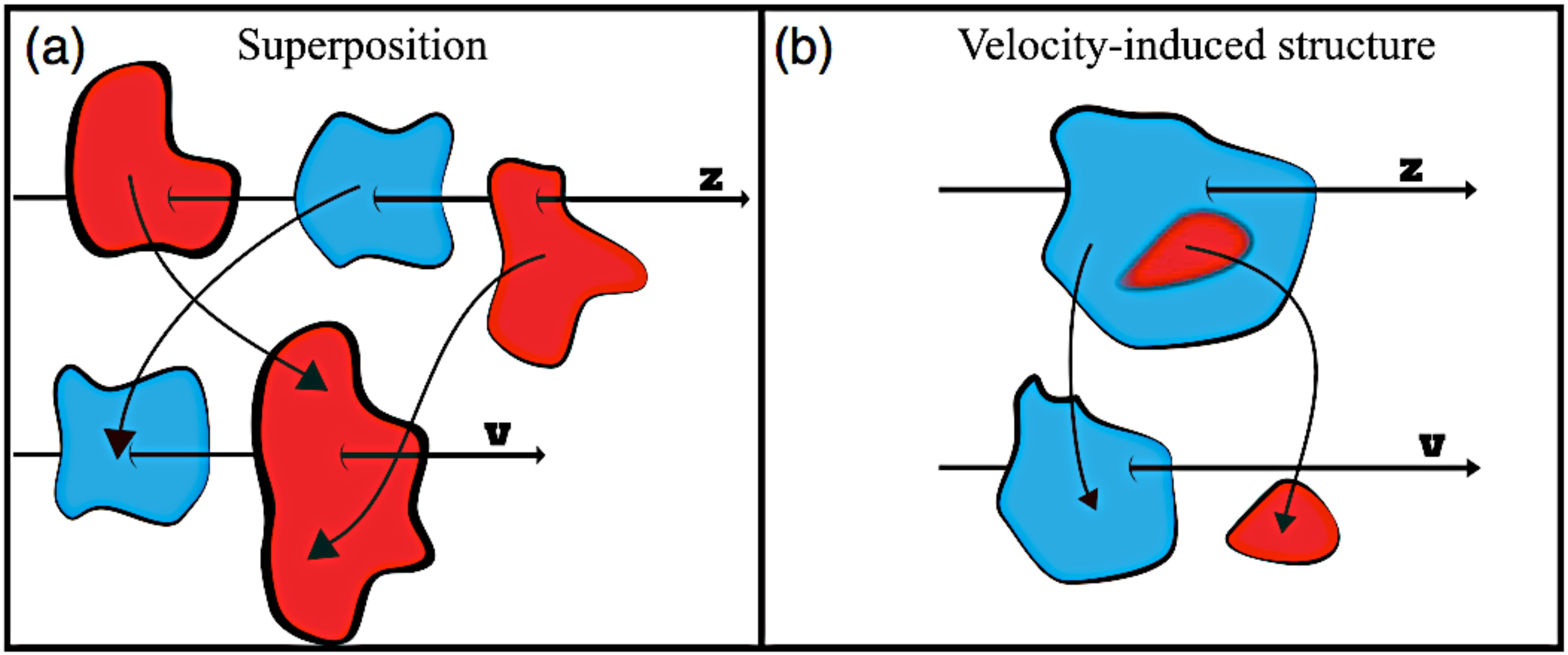

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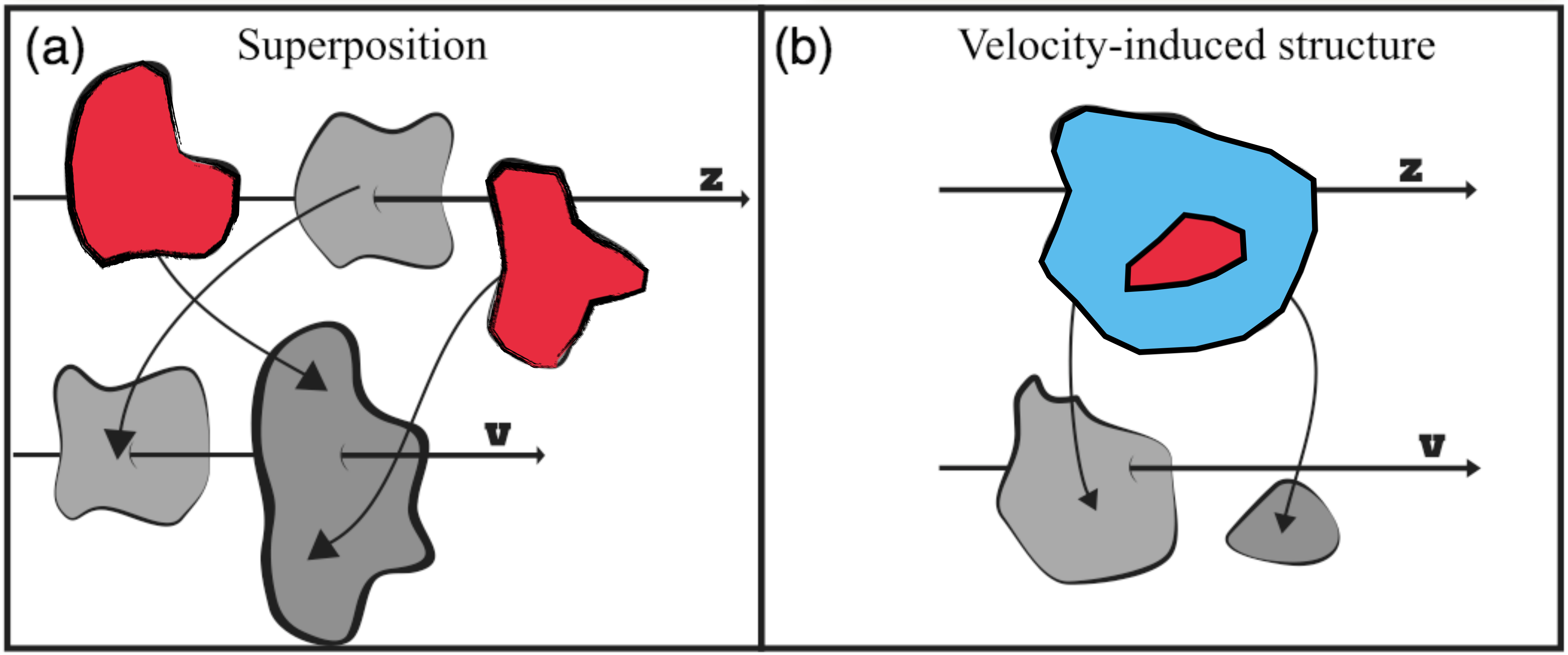
Tastemaker 2: Projection
“PPP” to “PPV”

“Destruction” of Real Structures

“Creation” of Unreal Structures

Real
space
“PPP”

Observer
Space
“PPV”



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Tastemaker 3: Opacity

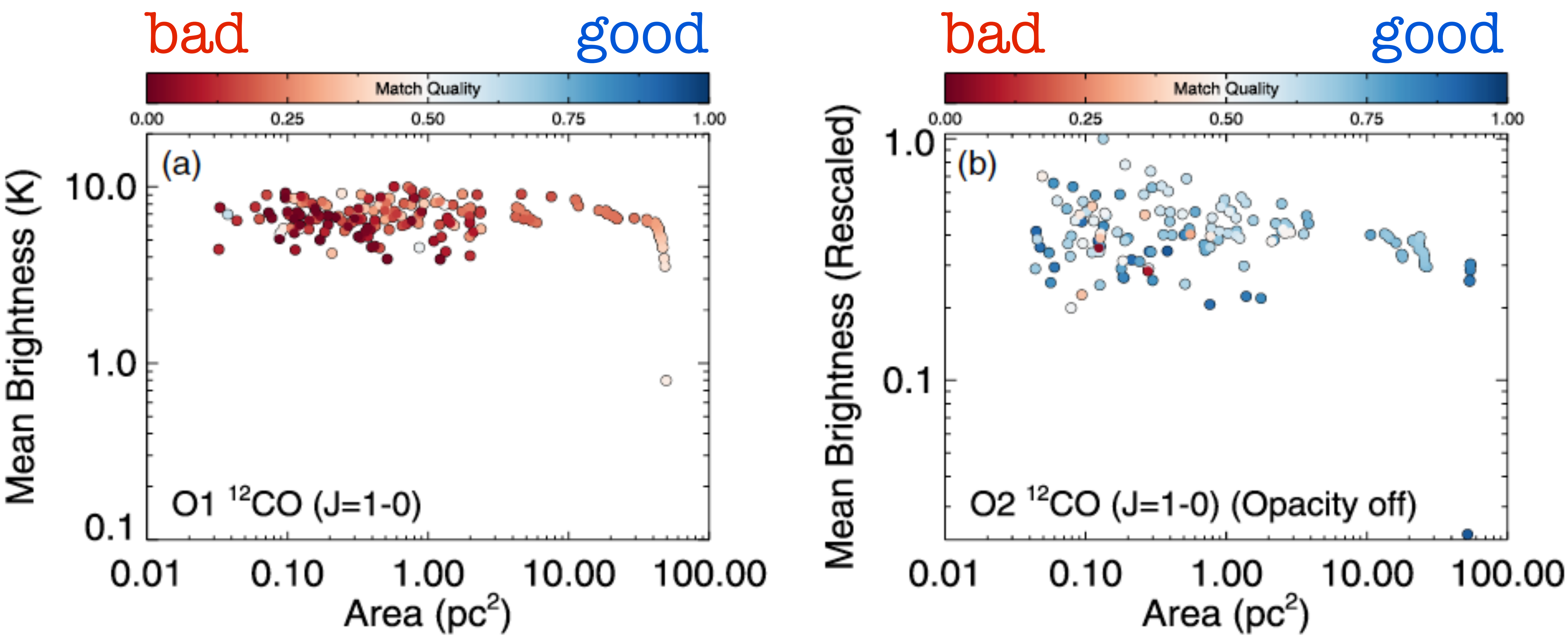

Figure 11. Same as Figure 7, but for the O2 simulation where opacity was disabled during radiative transfer.

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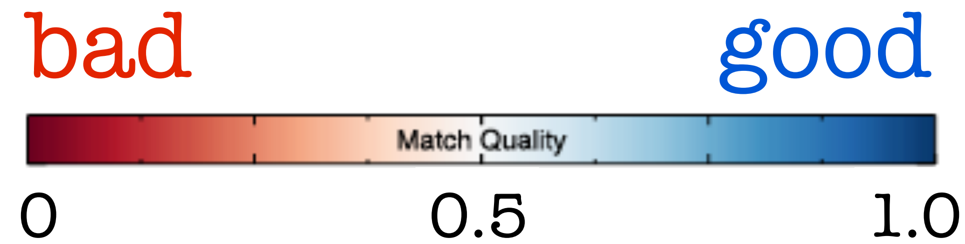
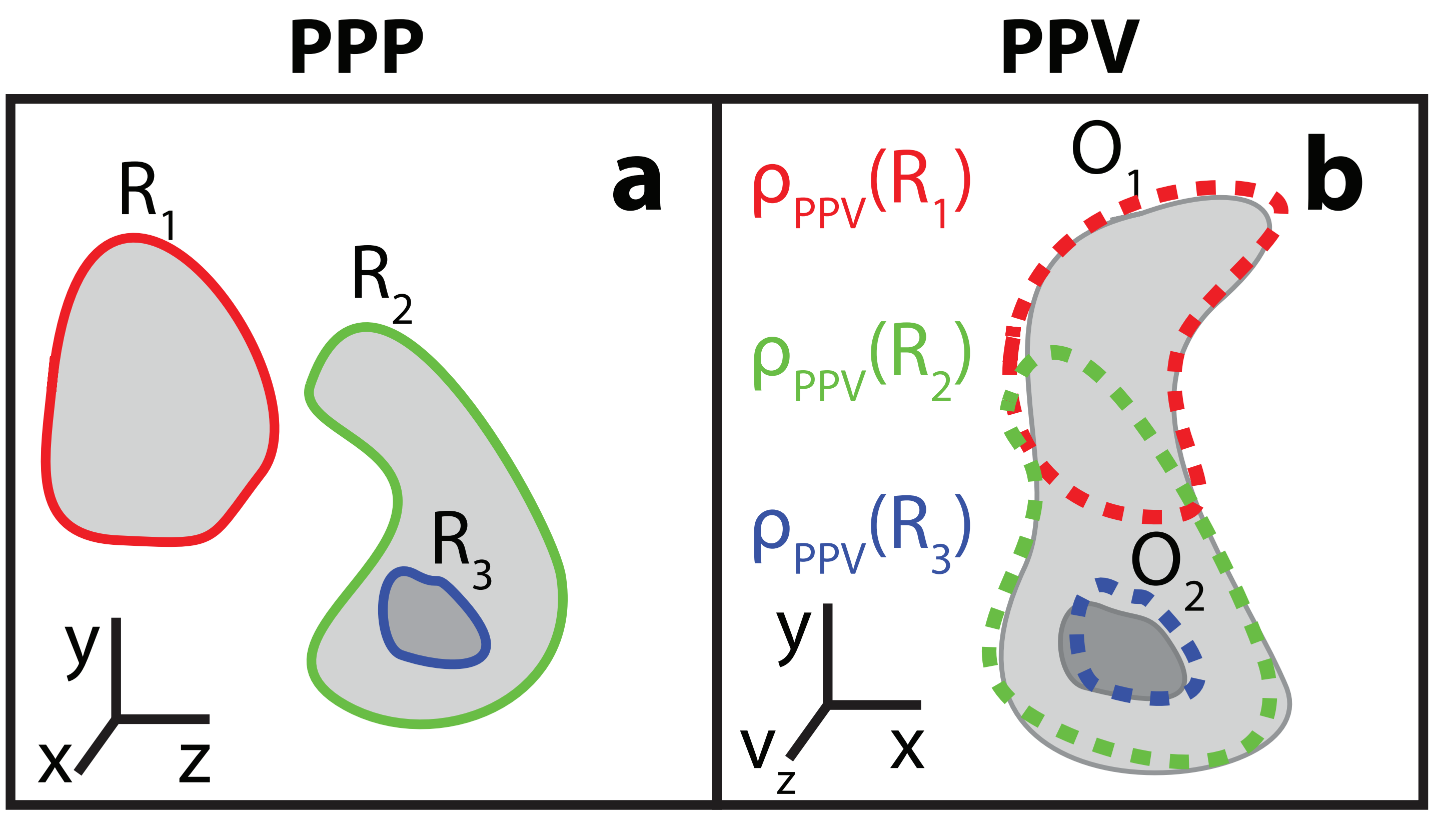
Defining "Match Quality", q=





	Similarity			M	q
	R_1	R_2	R_3		
O_1	0.4	0.5	0	R_2	0.5
O_2	0	0.3	0.9	R_3	0.9

1. extract features "R" from ppp dendrogram
2. extract features "O" from ppv dendrogram
3. project features R to ppv, find best matches to "O"
4. measure overlap of best match, assign 0<q<1 quality

Match Quality

good
bad

movies include a noise model, in both cases

Table 2. Summary of each simulation

	S11	O1
Box Size	20 pc	25 pc
Simulation Code	Zeus-MP	ORION
Gridding	256^3	256^3 + 4 levels of AMR refinement
Driven Turbulence?	Yes	Yes
Driving Power Spectrum	Uniform $1 < k < 2$	Uniform $1 < k < 2$
Gravity?	No	Yes
B field?	5.85 uG	0
Gas Temperature	Variable (10-200K)	15K
Chemistry	H, O, C	None
Background UV	2.7e-3 erg cm^{-2} s^{-1}	No
Constant CO Abundance	No	1.75 e-4
$^{12}CO/^{13}CO$ abundance	70	70
Radiative Transfer Code	RADMC 3D	RADMC 3D
Microturbulence	0.2 km s^{-1}	0.2 km s^{-1}
Metallicity	Solar	N/A
Mean number density (nH)	100 cm^{-3}	58 cm$-$3
Mach Number	~ 6	22
Isothermal?	No	Yes
Output time(s)	5.7 Myr	2.5 Myr
Mass in stars	N/A	722 Msun (2.4%)

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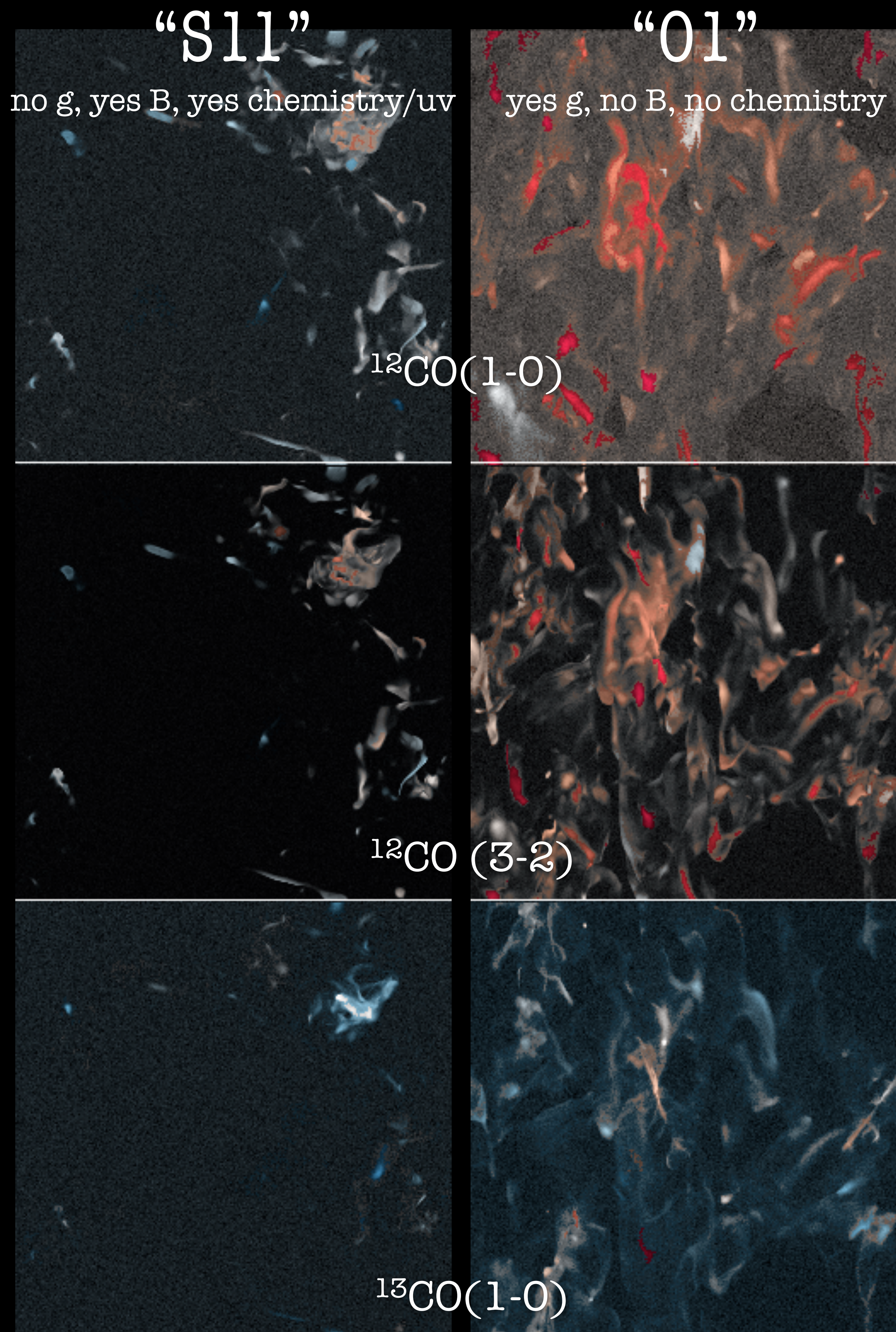

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Fig 6

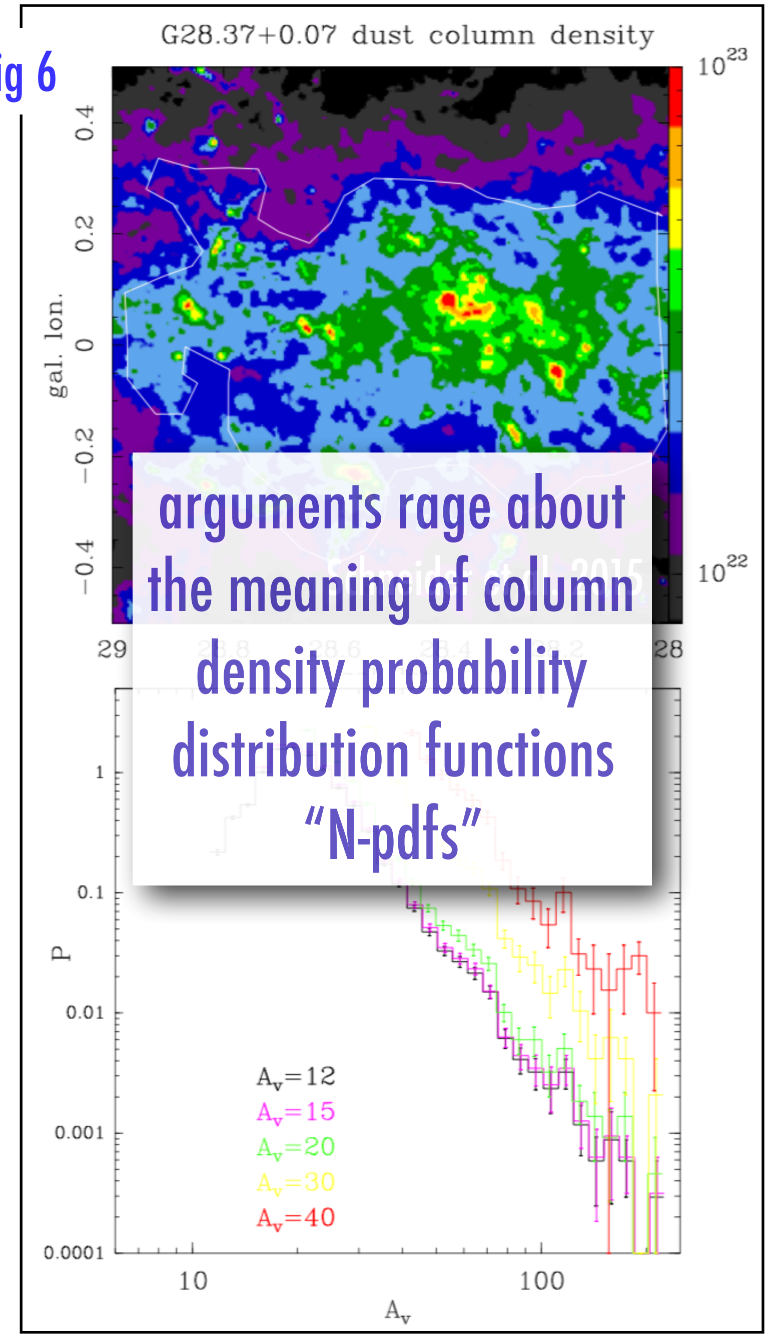

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Fig 9

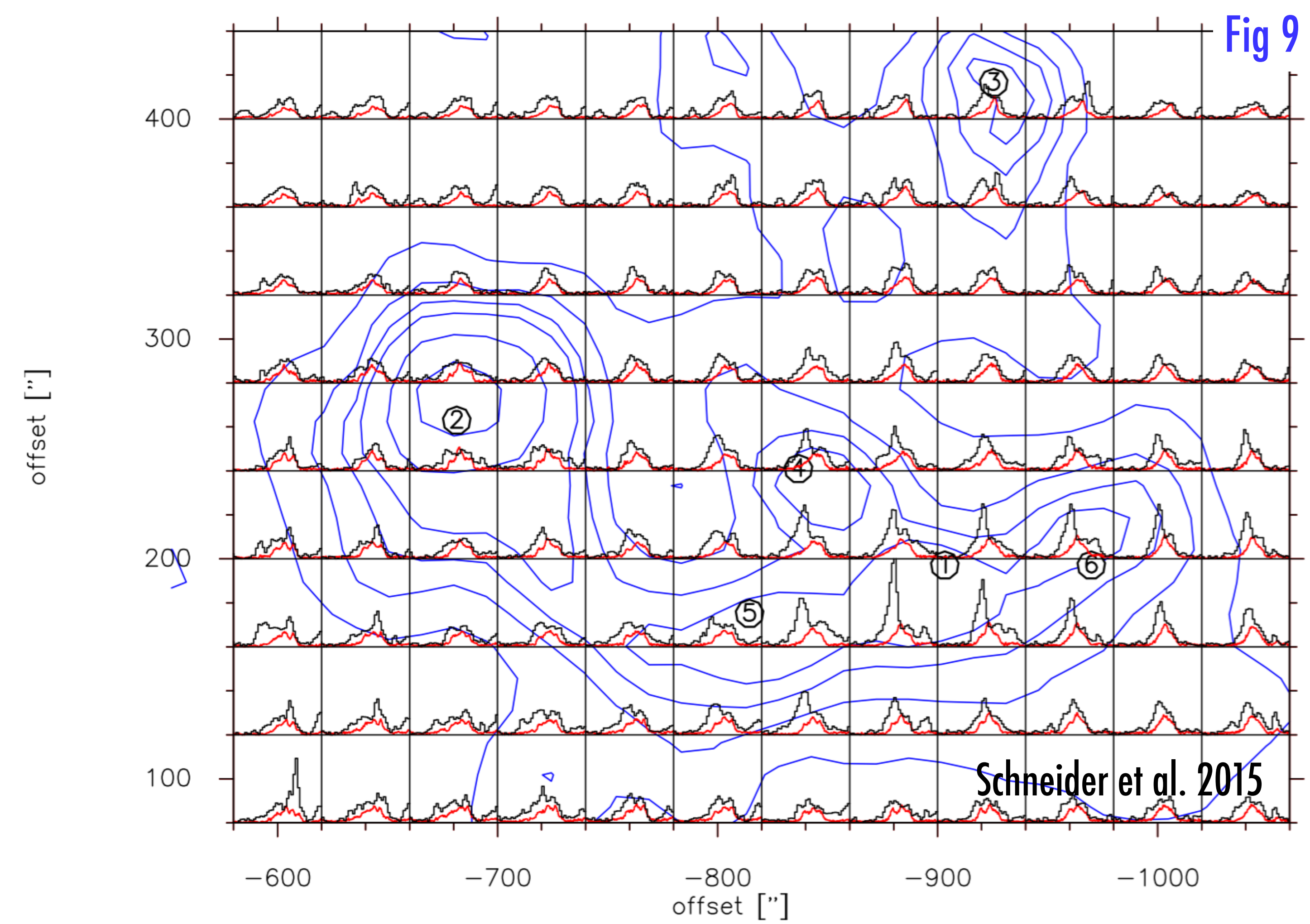

Fig. 9. Main beam brightness temperature spectra of ^{12}CO 3 → 2 (black) and ^{13}CO 1→0 (red) emission in the velocity range 55 to 95 km s^{-1} and temperature range −0.2 to 12 K. The area corresponds to the centre region of the IRDC G28.37+0.07, outlined in Fig. 8. The dust column density from *Herschel* is overlaid as blue contours (levels $4, 5, 7, 10, 16 \times 10^{22}$ cm^{-2}), and the numbering from 1 to 6 indicates the position of submm-continuum sources labelled using ATLASGAL and subsequently observed in N_2H^+ (Tackenberg et al. 2014).

Fig 8

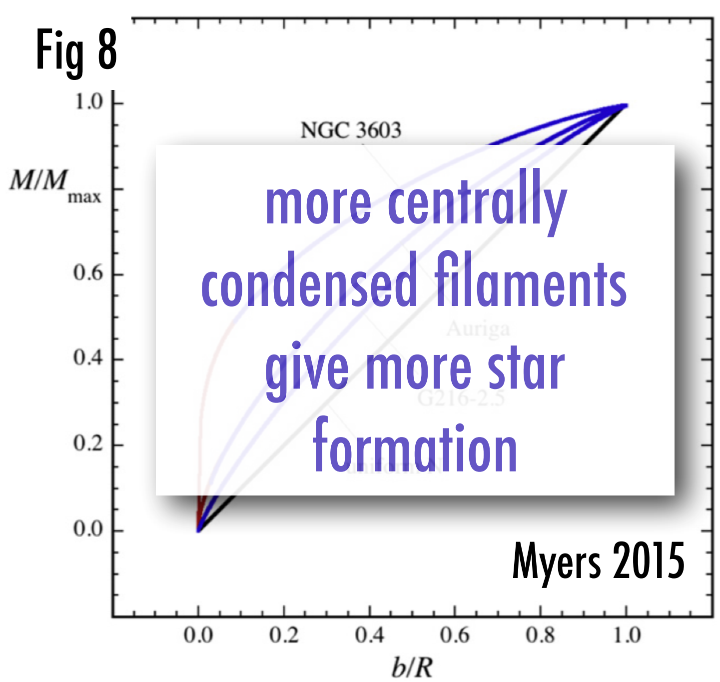

Figure 8. Enclosed mass profiles for characteristic filaments of star-forming regions NGC 3603, Auriga, and G216-2.5, whose *N*-pdfs are based on *Herschel* observations (Schneider et al. 2014b). Each colored curve is based on the LNPL fit by Schneider et al. (2014b) to the observed *N*-pdf. The red part of each mass profile arises from the PL component of the *N*-pdf and the blue part arises from the LN component. The black line shows the enclosed mass profile of a filament having uniform column density. The degree of central concentration of each profile increases with the star formation activity of each region.

Fig. 6. *Top*: H_2 column density from dust continuum with the white contour, roughly outlining the GMC in which G28.37+0.07 is embedded. *Bottom*: PDFs of the GMC, derived from the dust column density map from the left above different A_v-thresholds (indicated with different colours and given in the panel).