

Star Formation with SOFIA and beyond

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Star Formation science covered with SOFIA

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What did SOFIA offer?

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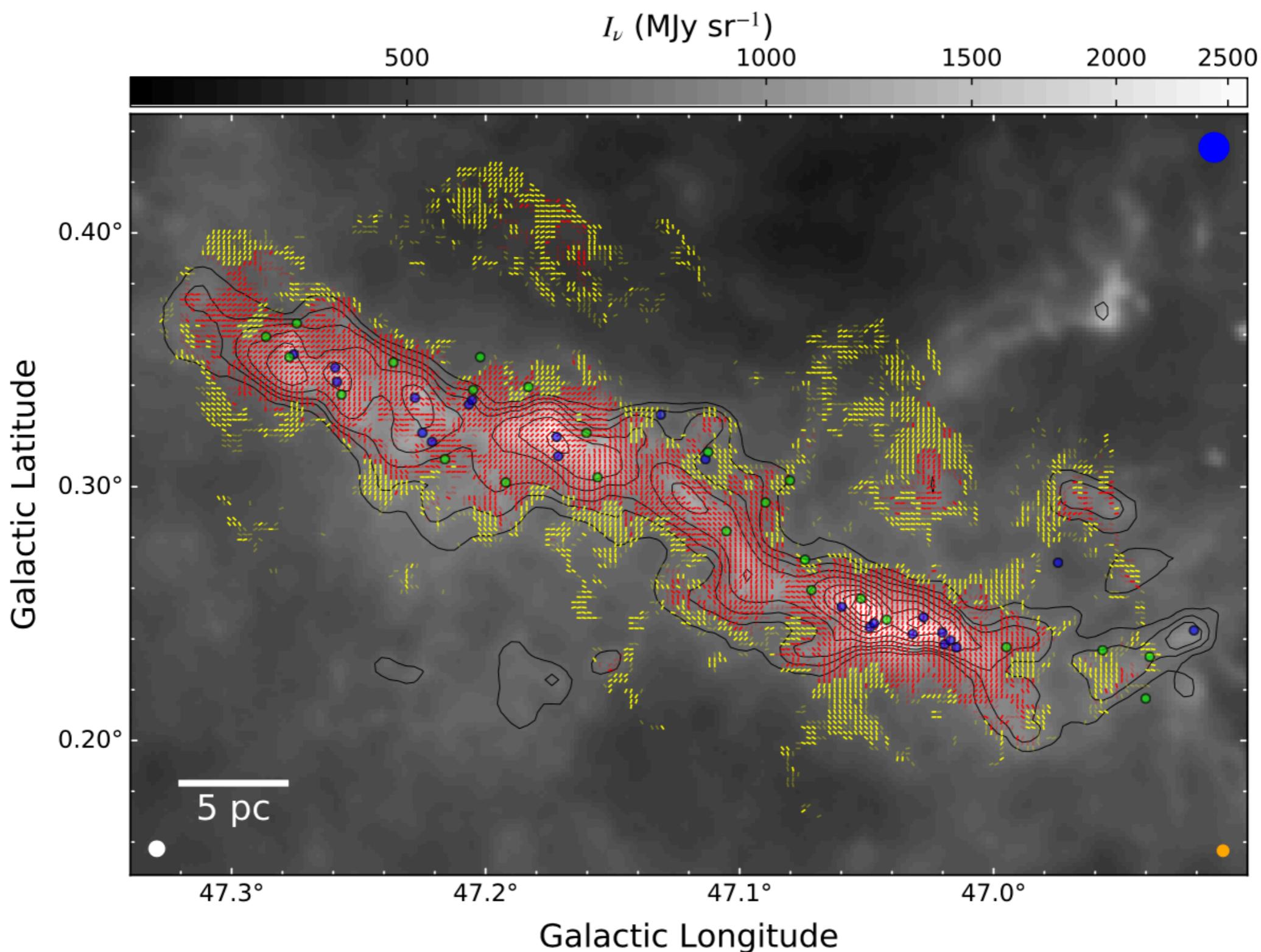
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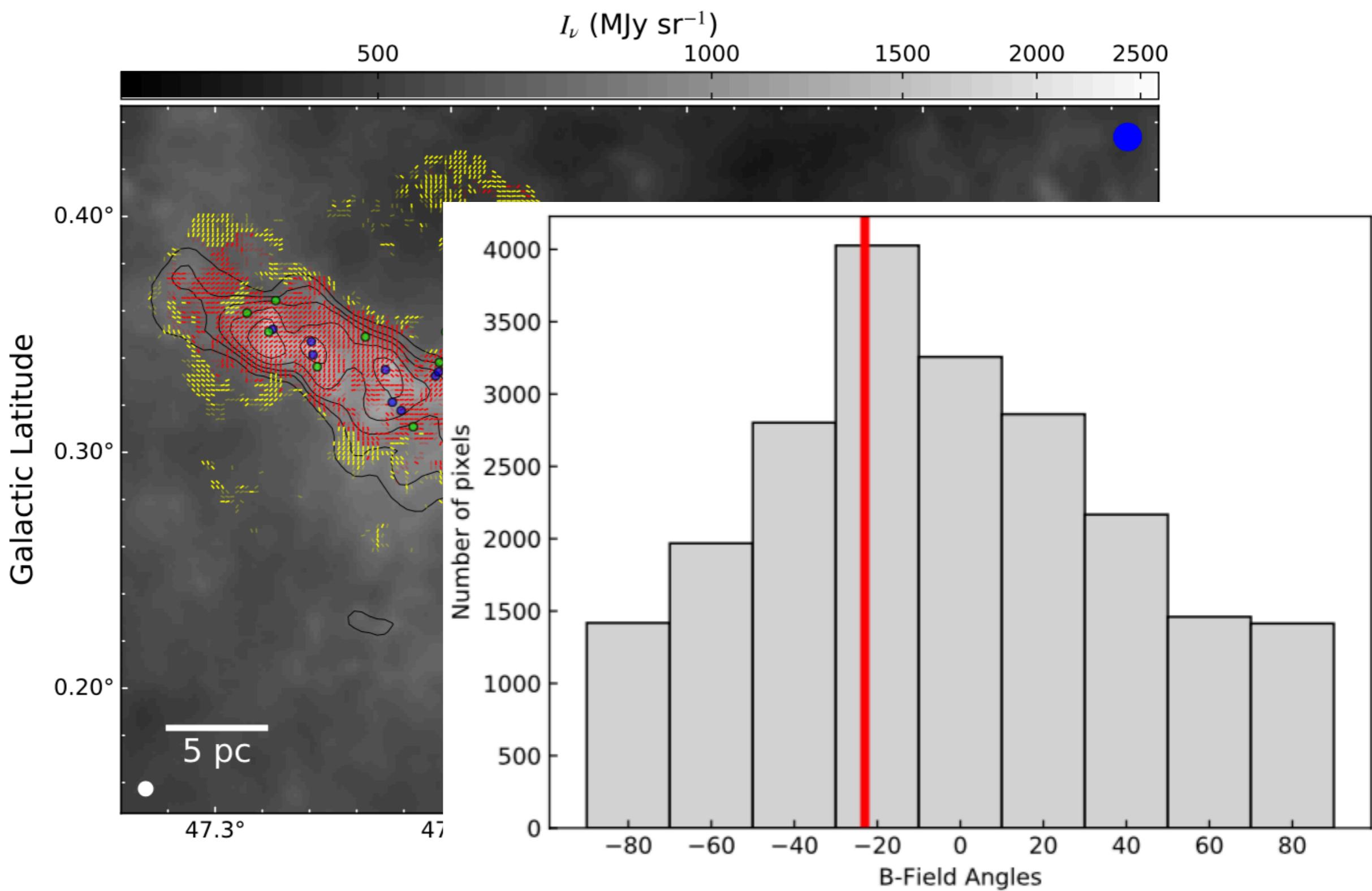
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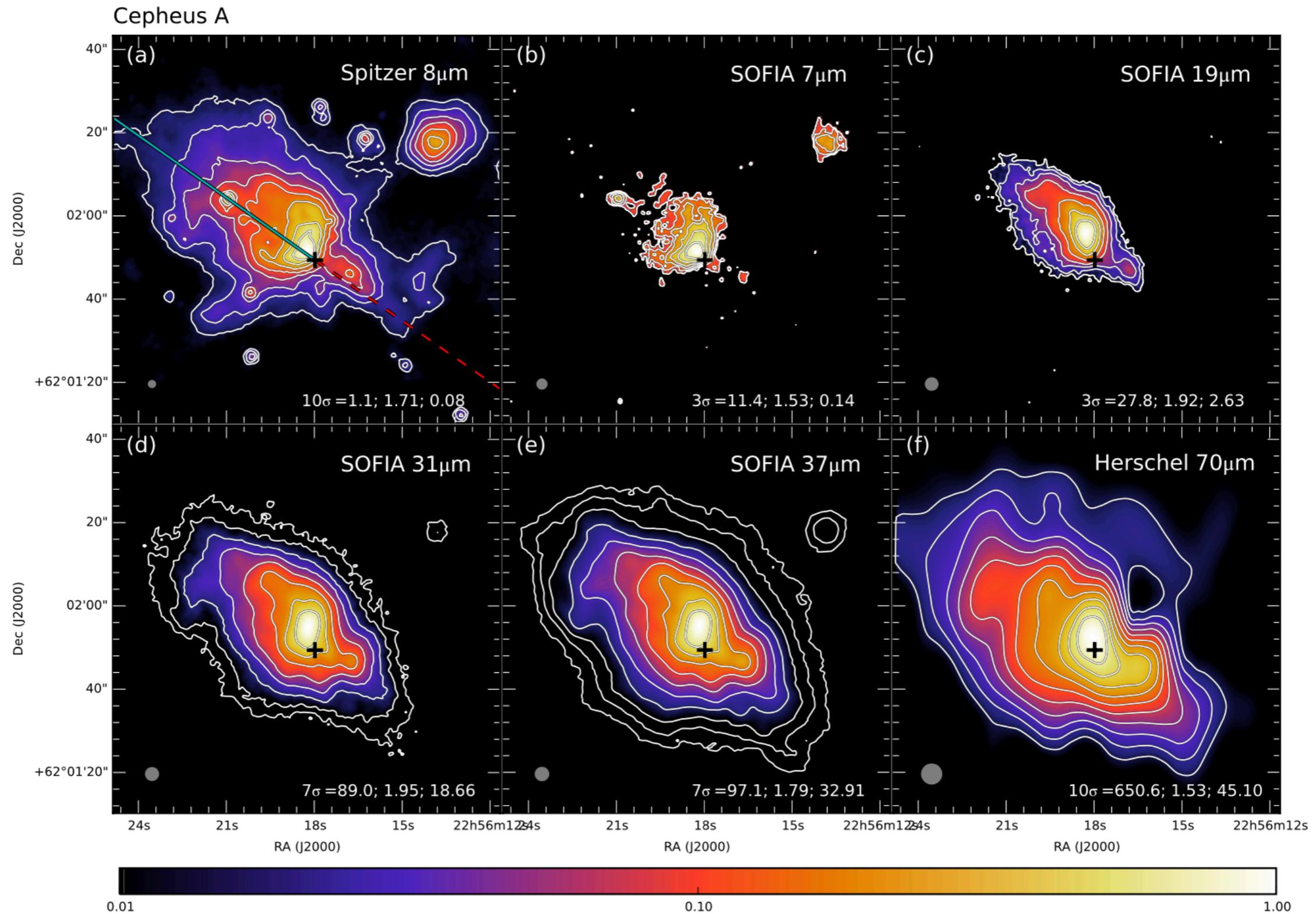


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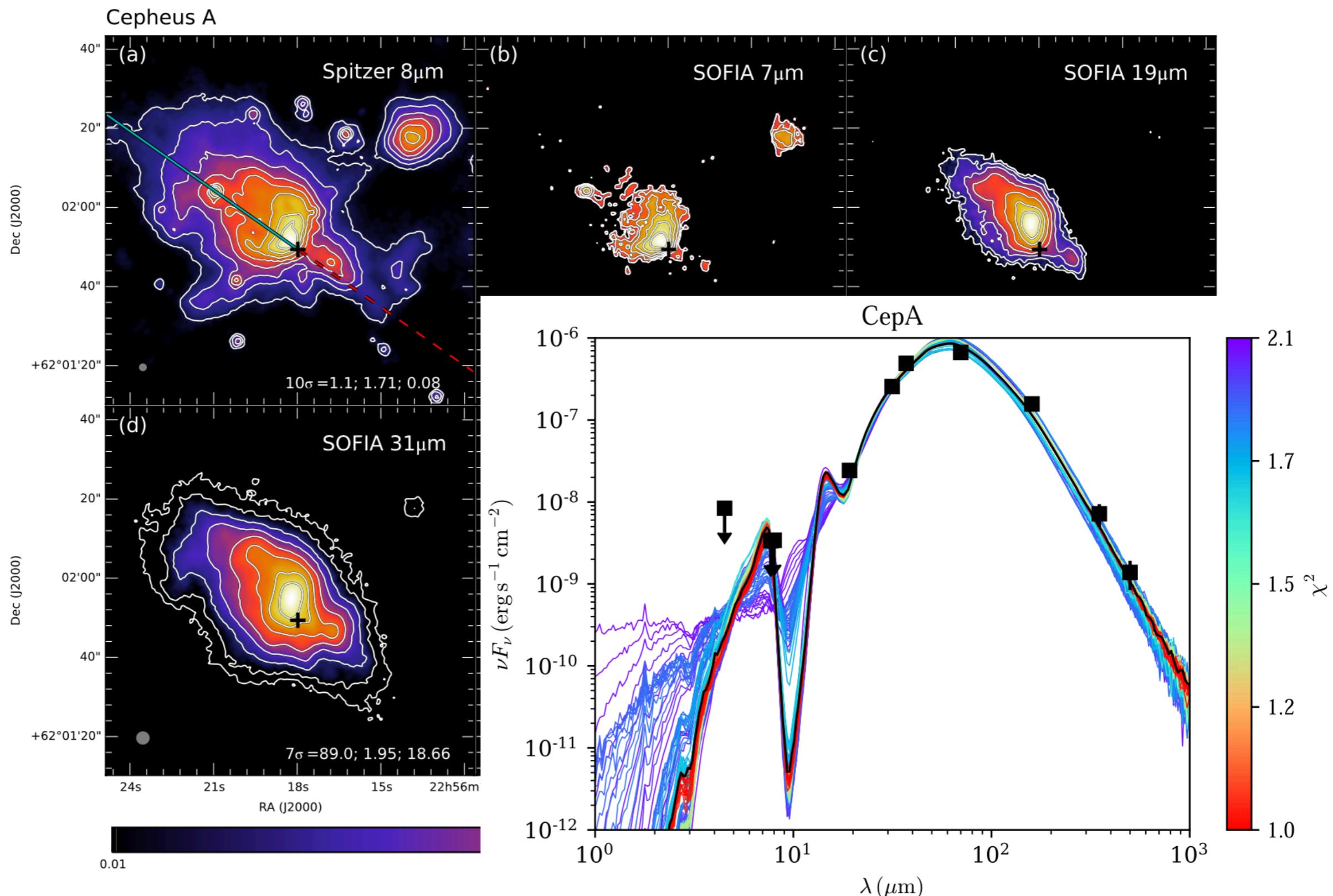
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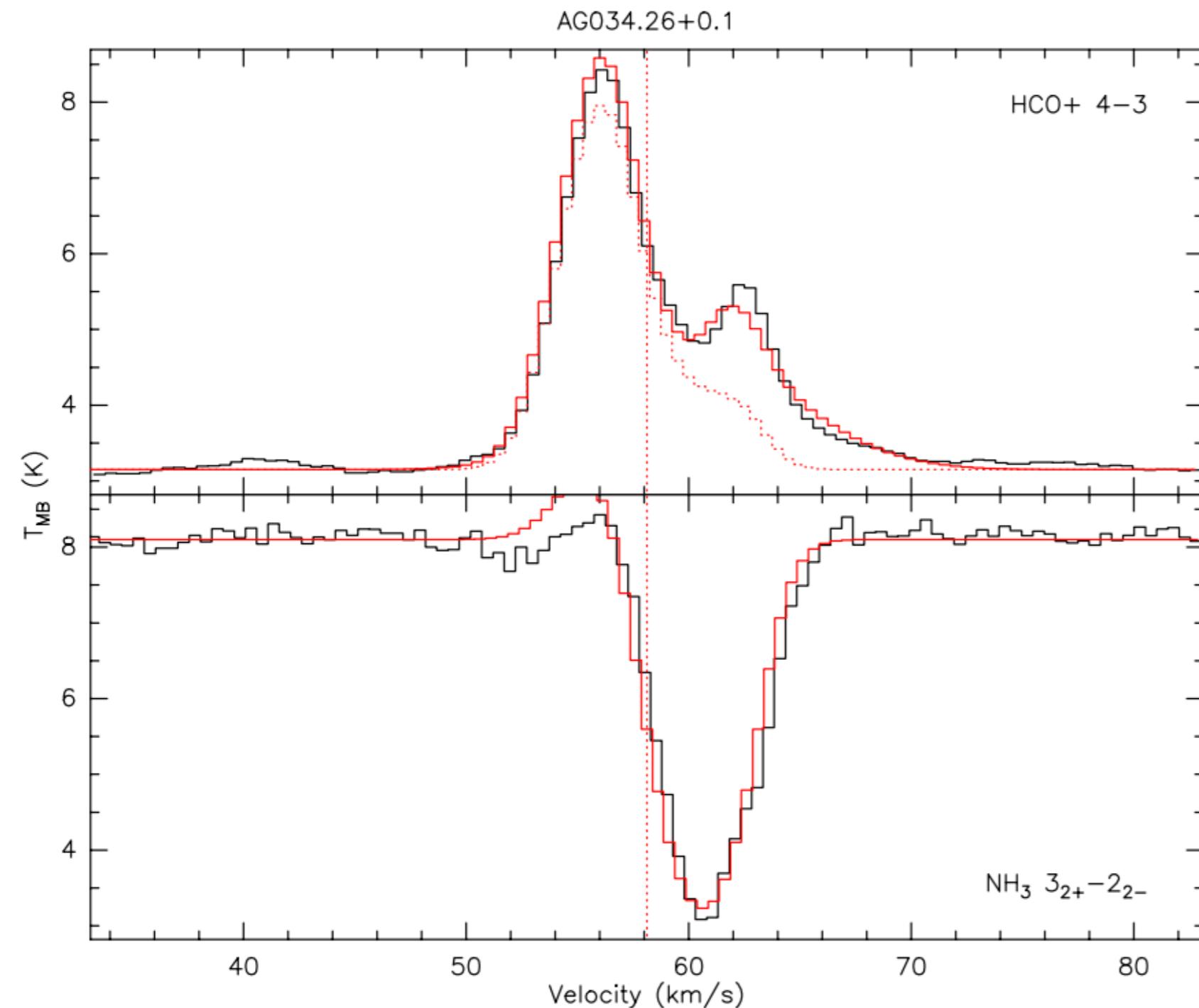
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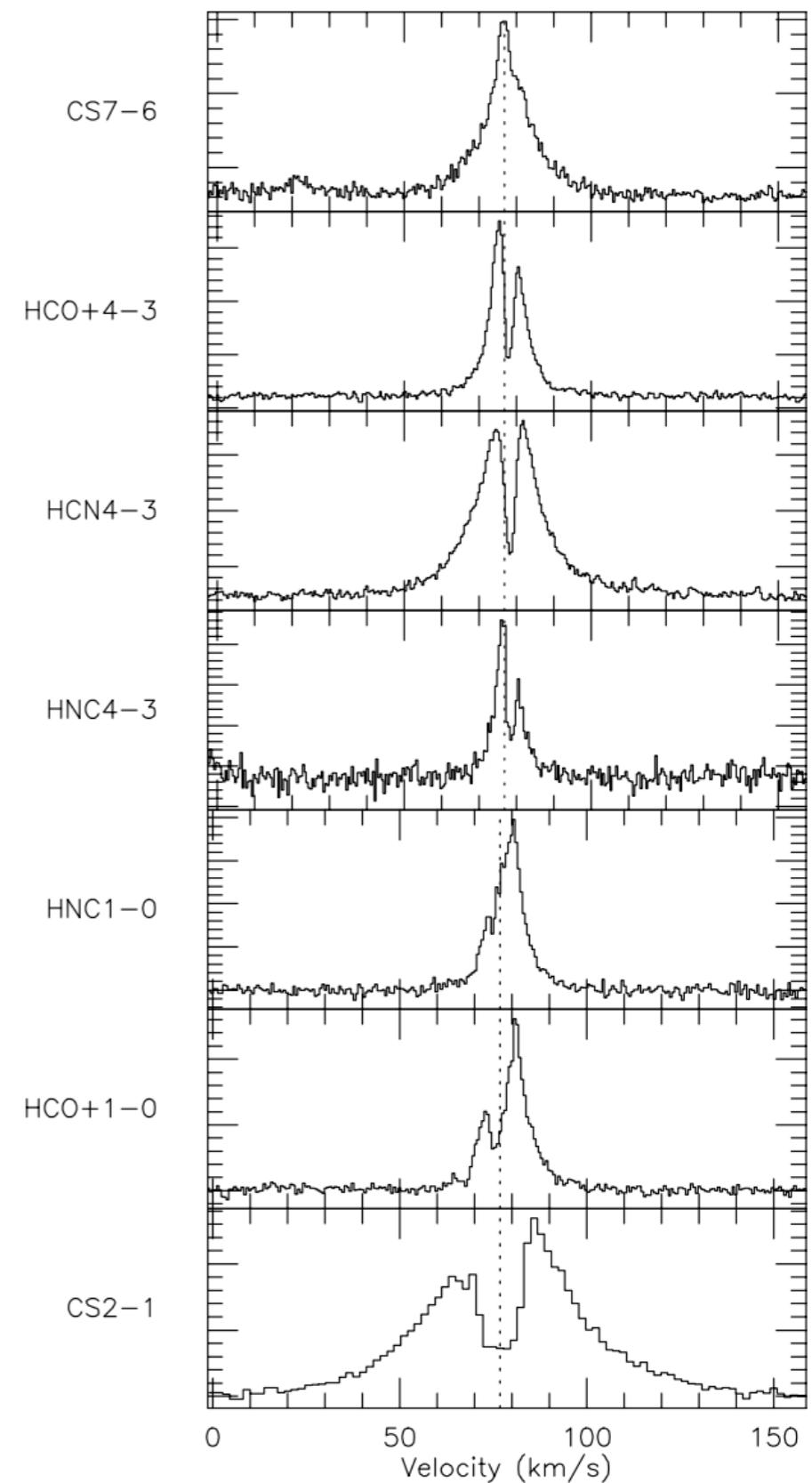
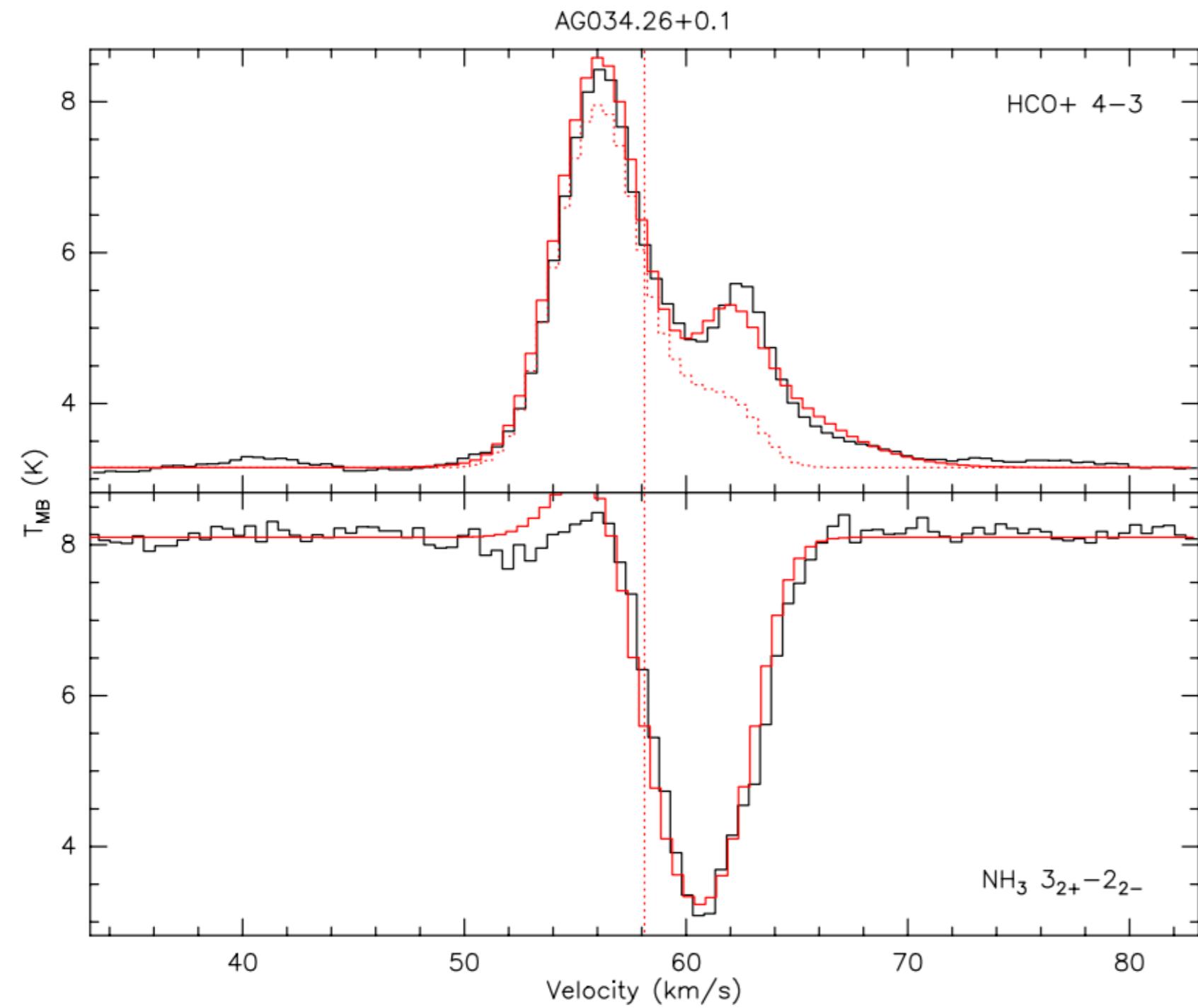


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Wyrowski et al. 2012, 2016

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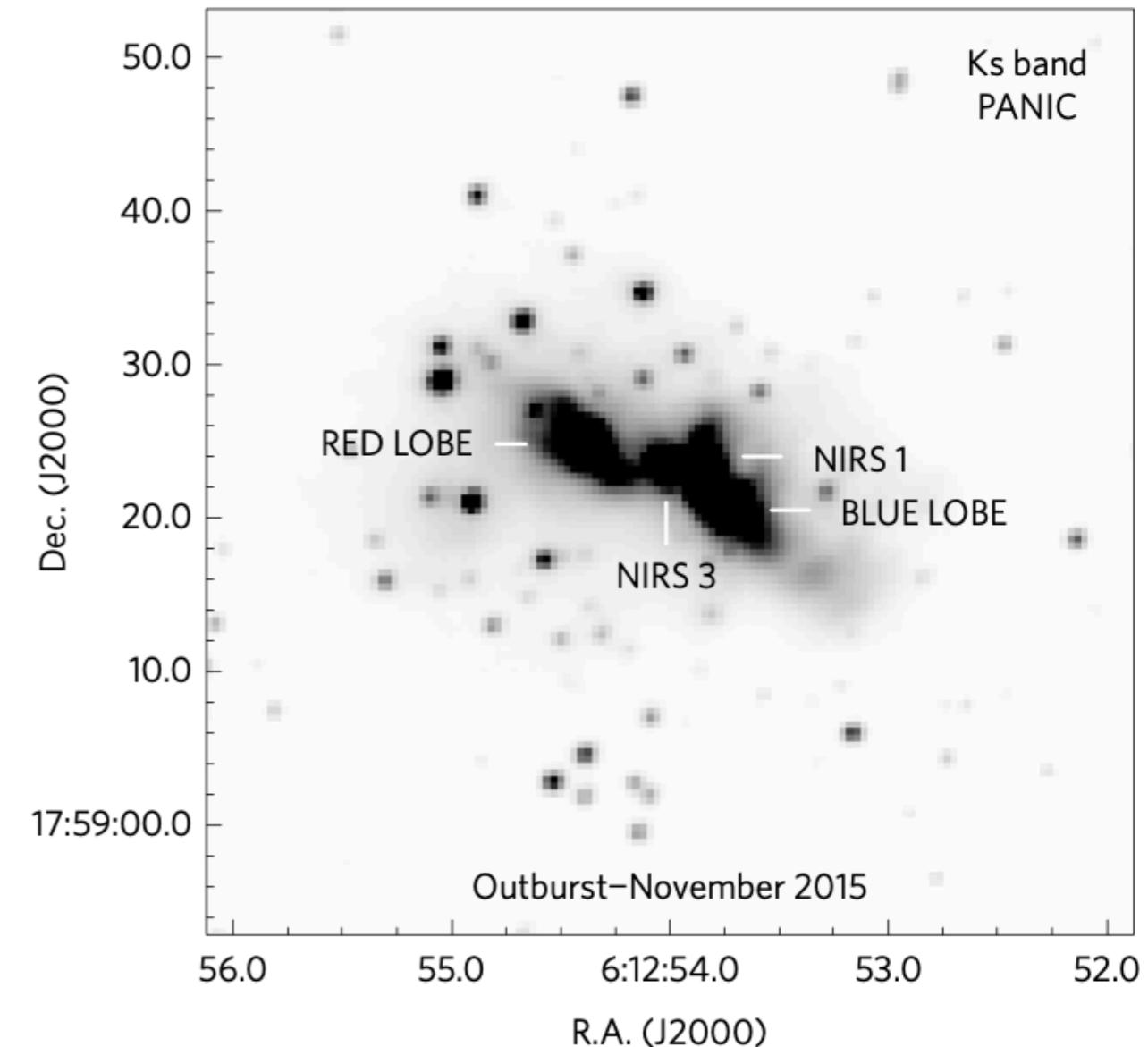
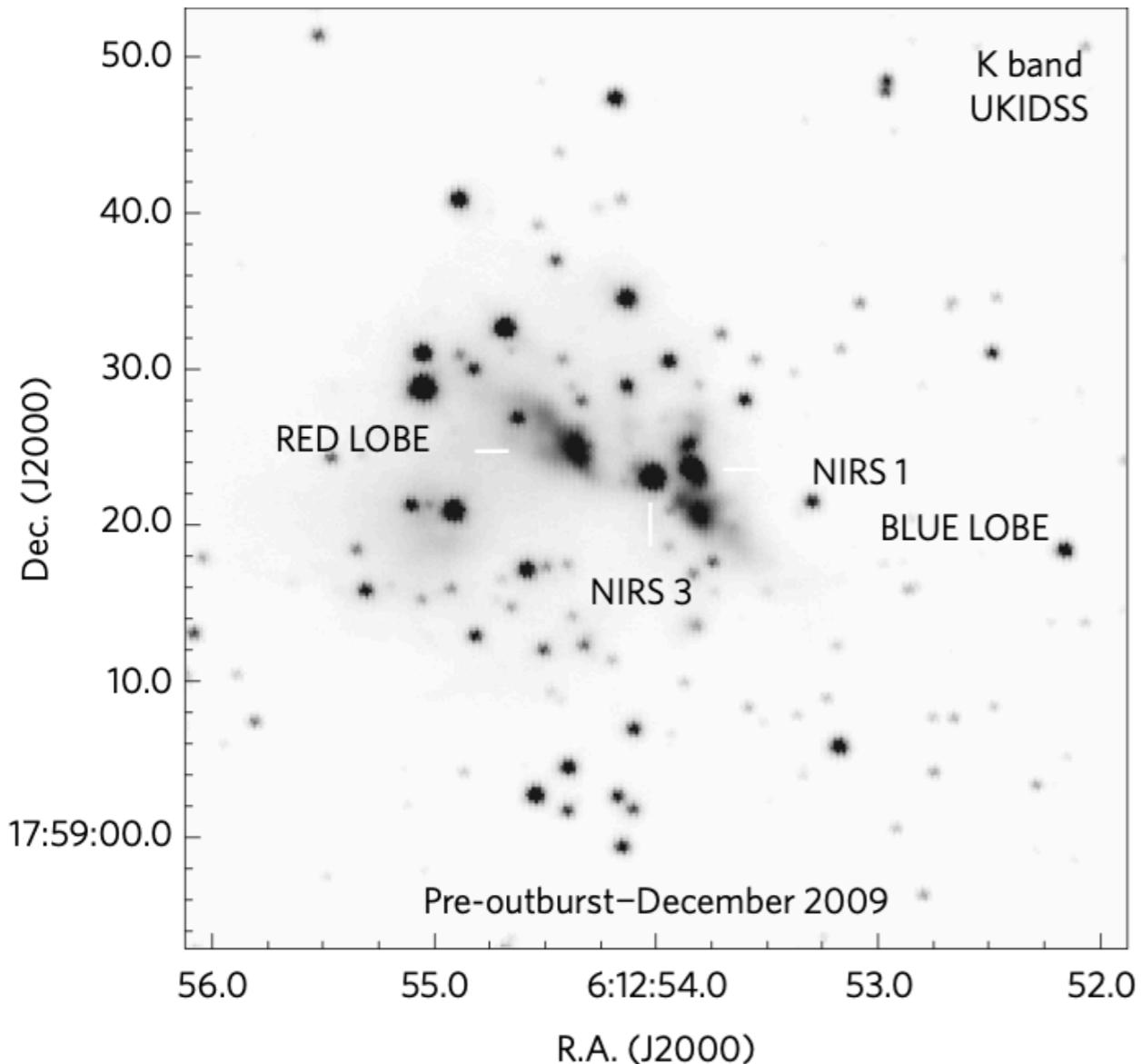
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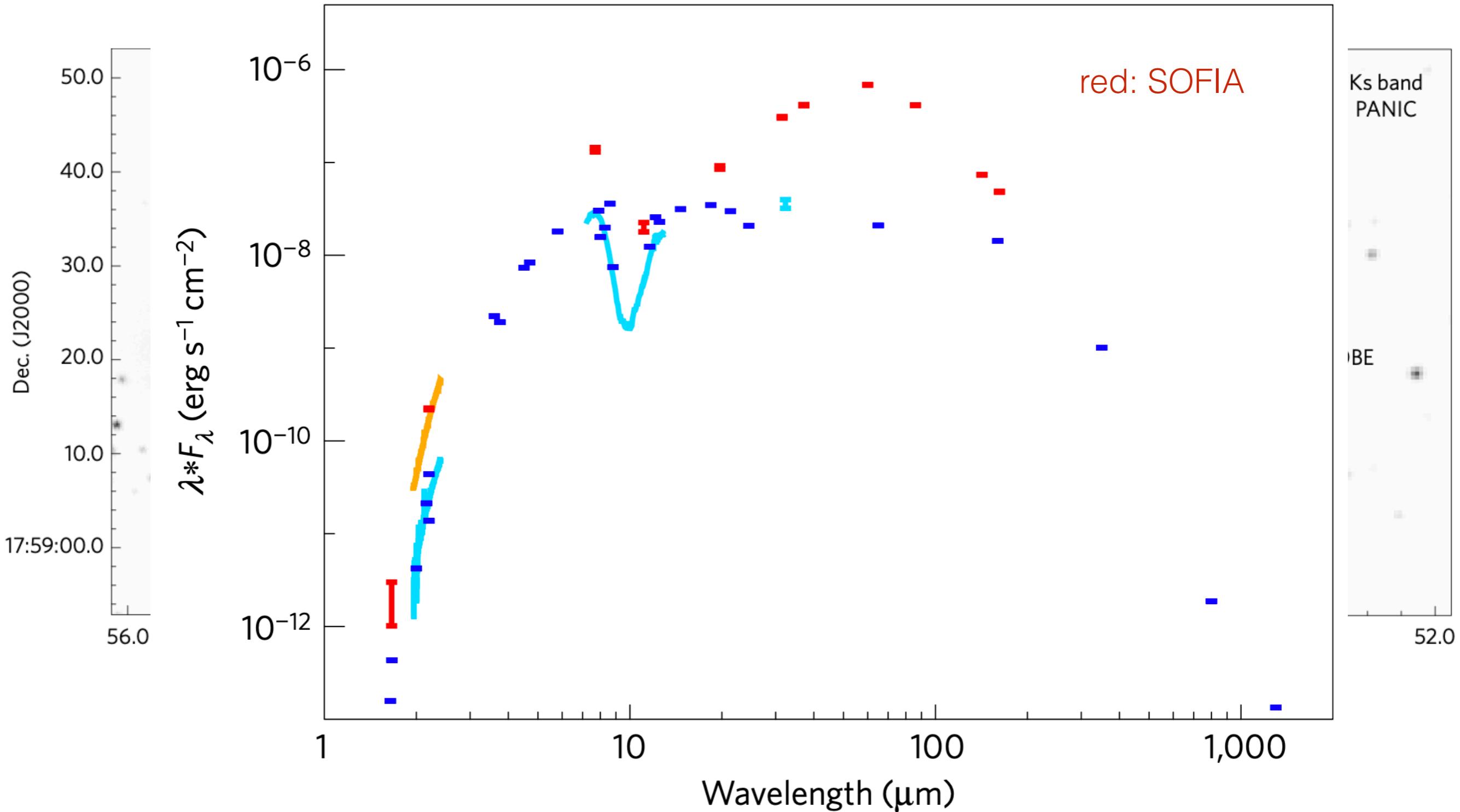
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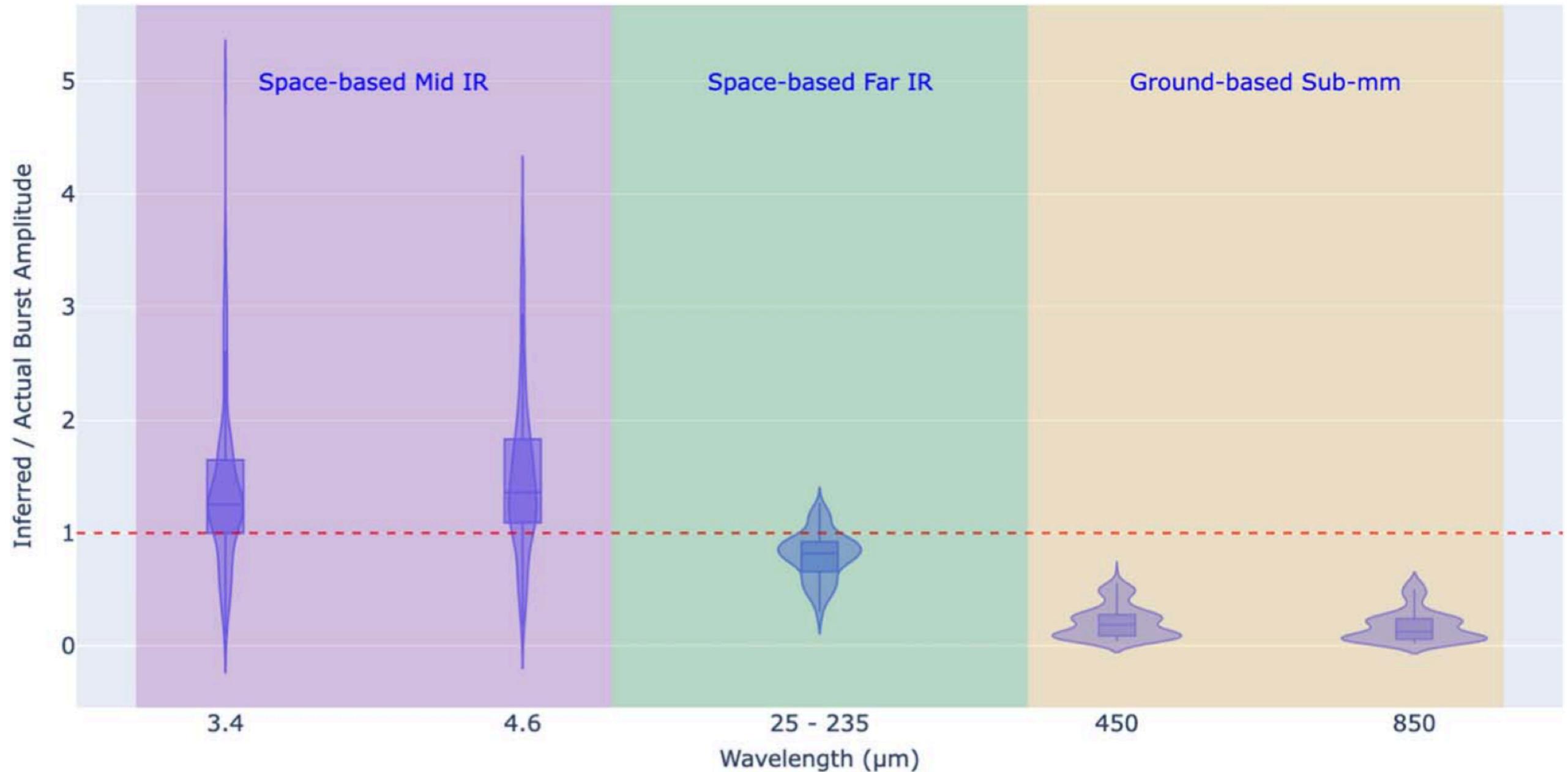
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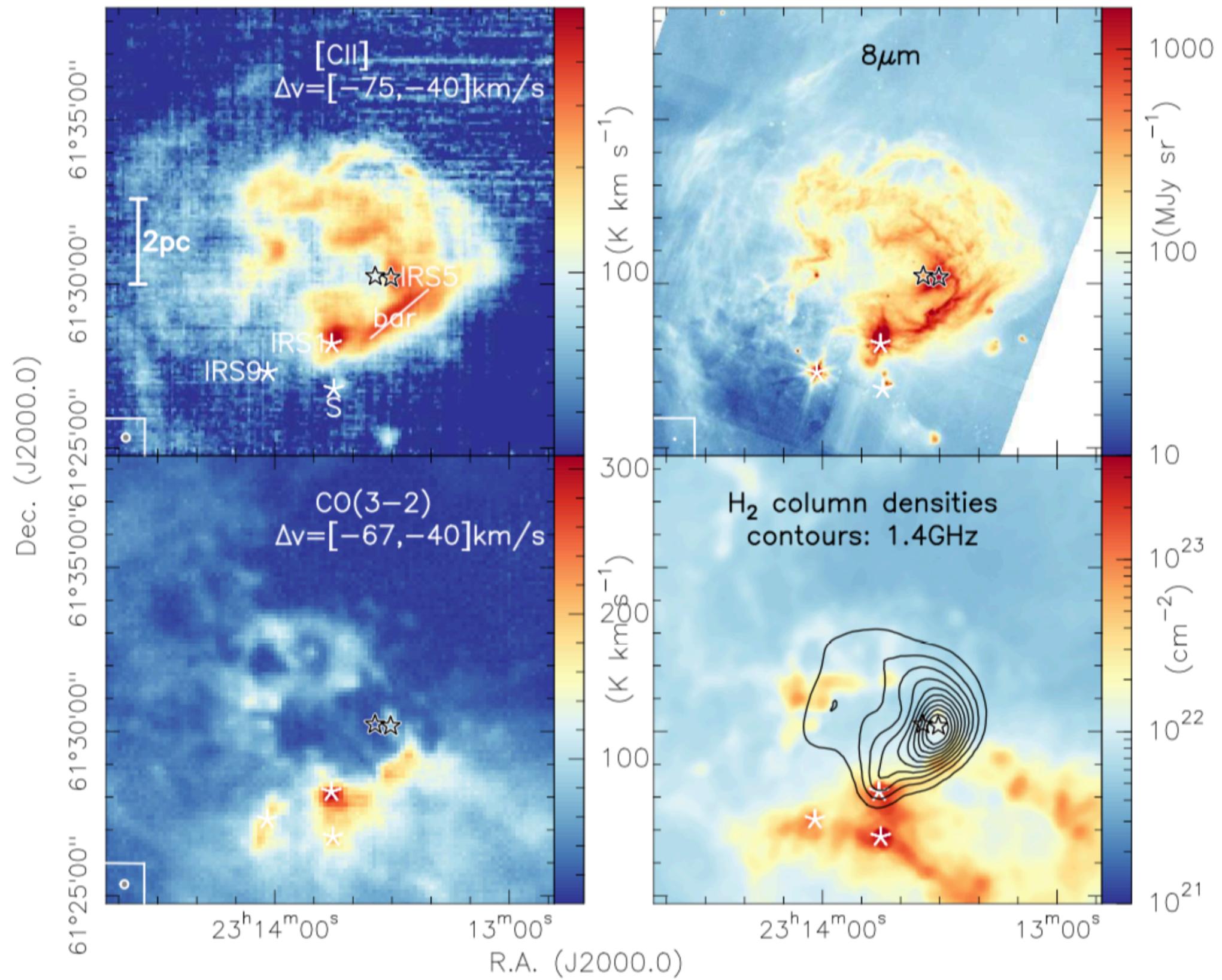
Accretion rate $\sim 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{Msun/yr}$

Caratti o Garatti et al. 2017

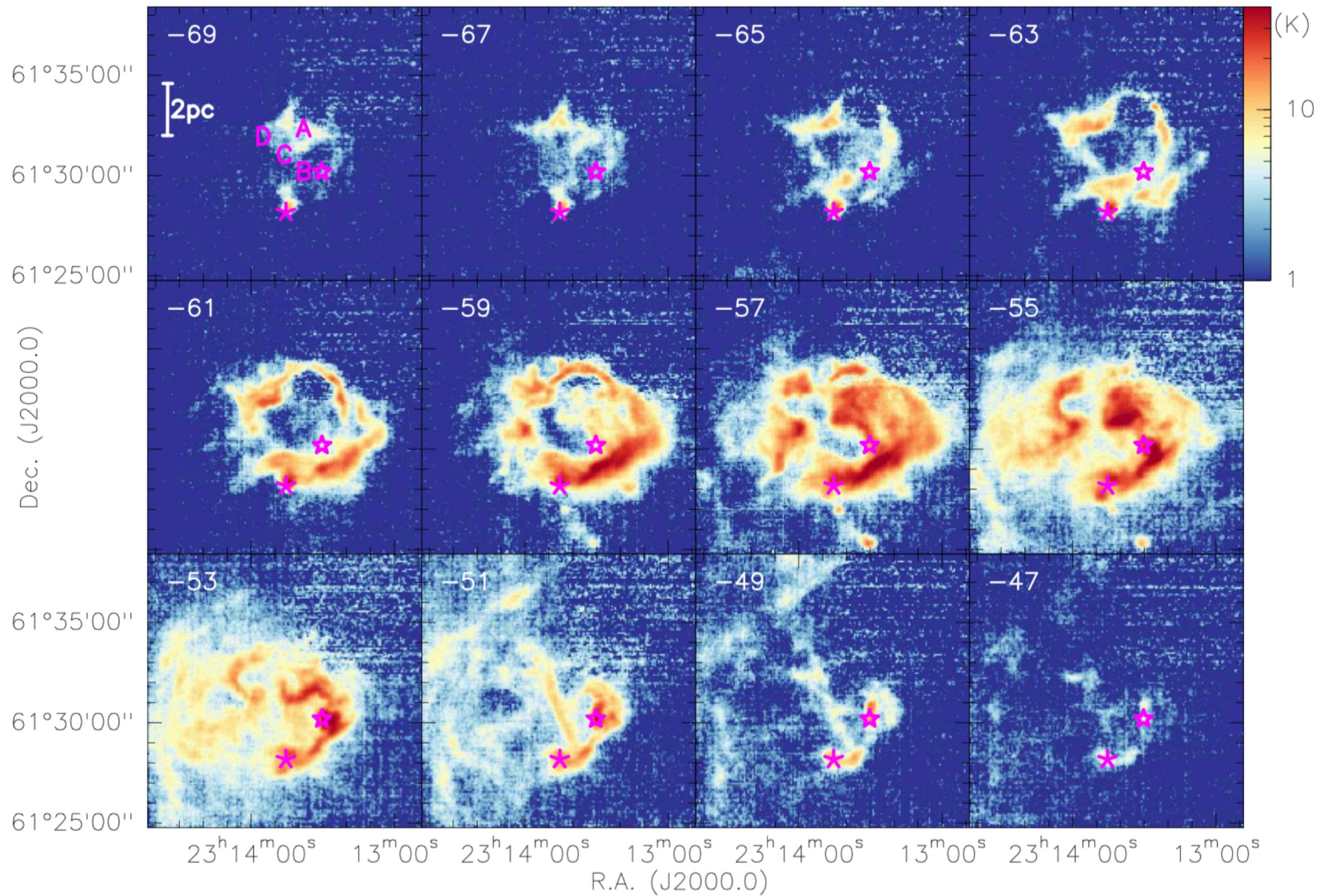
Burst amplitudes at different wavelengths



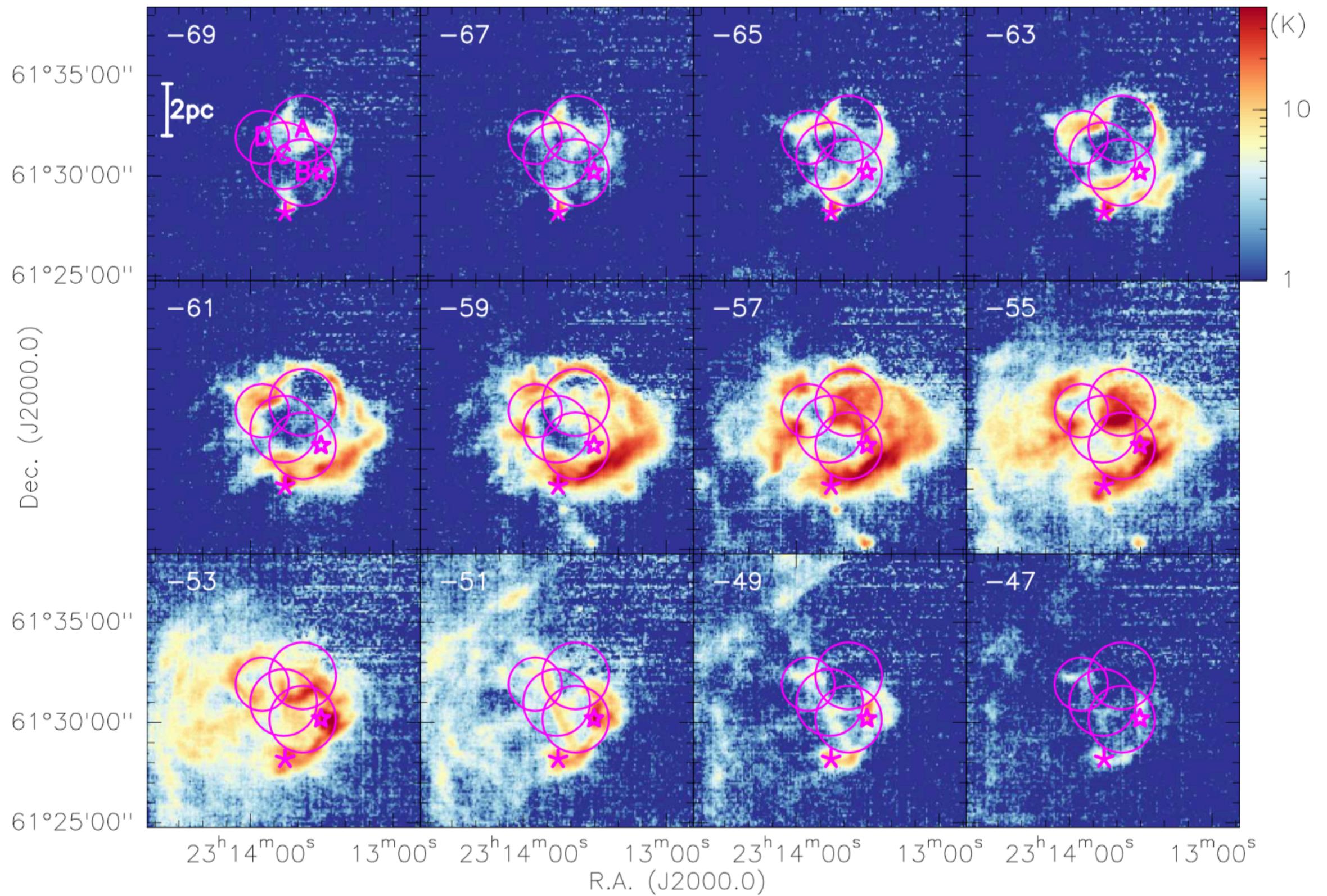
FEEDBACK in NGC7538



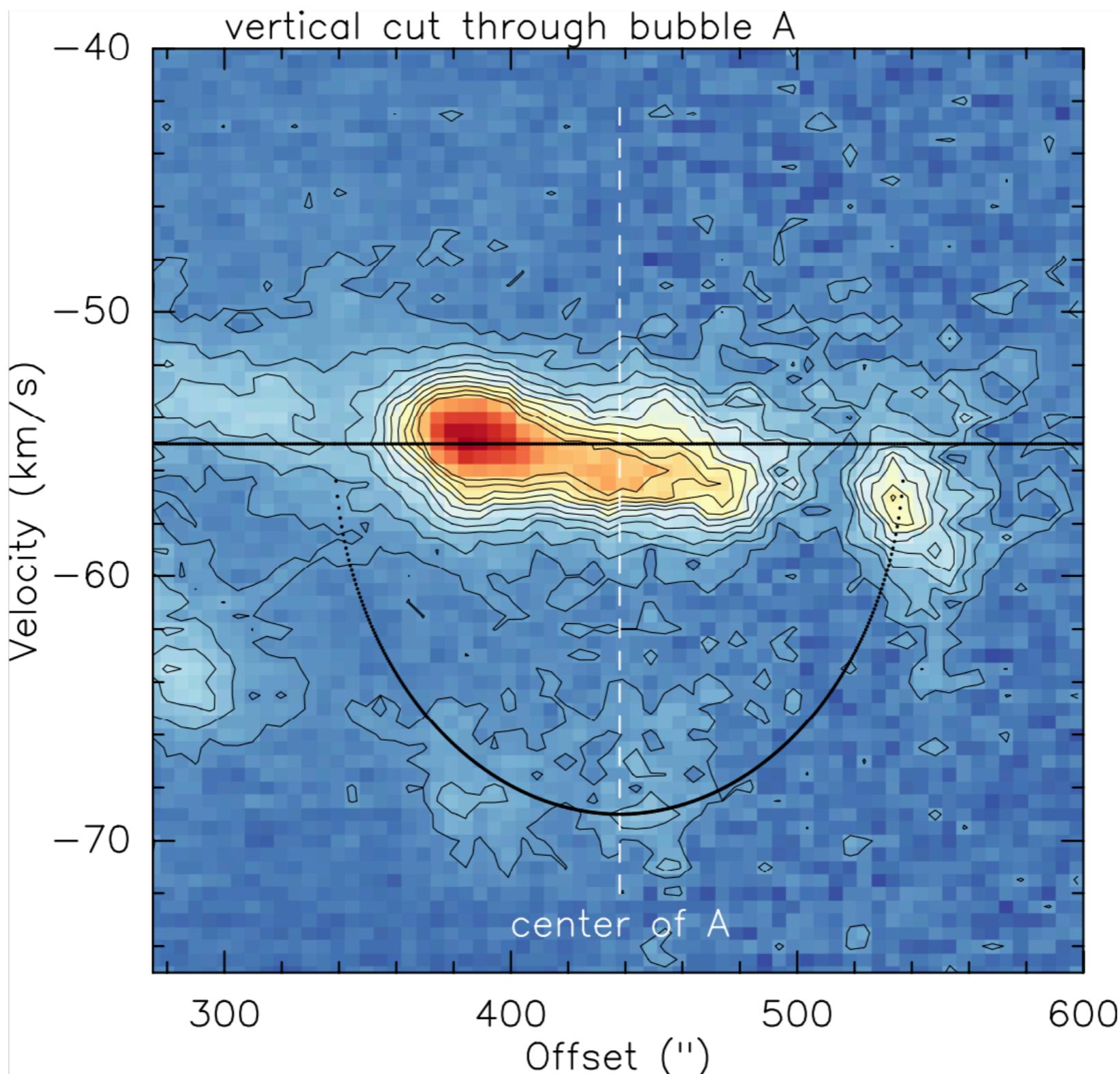
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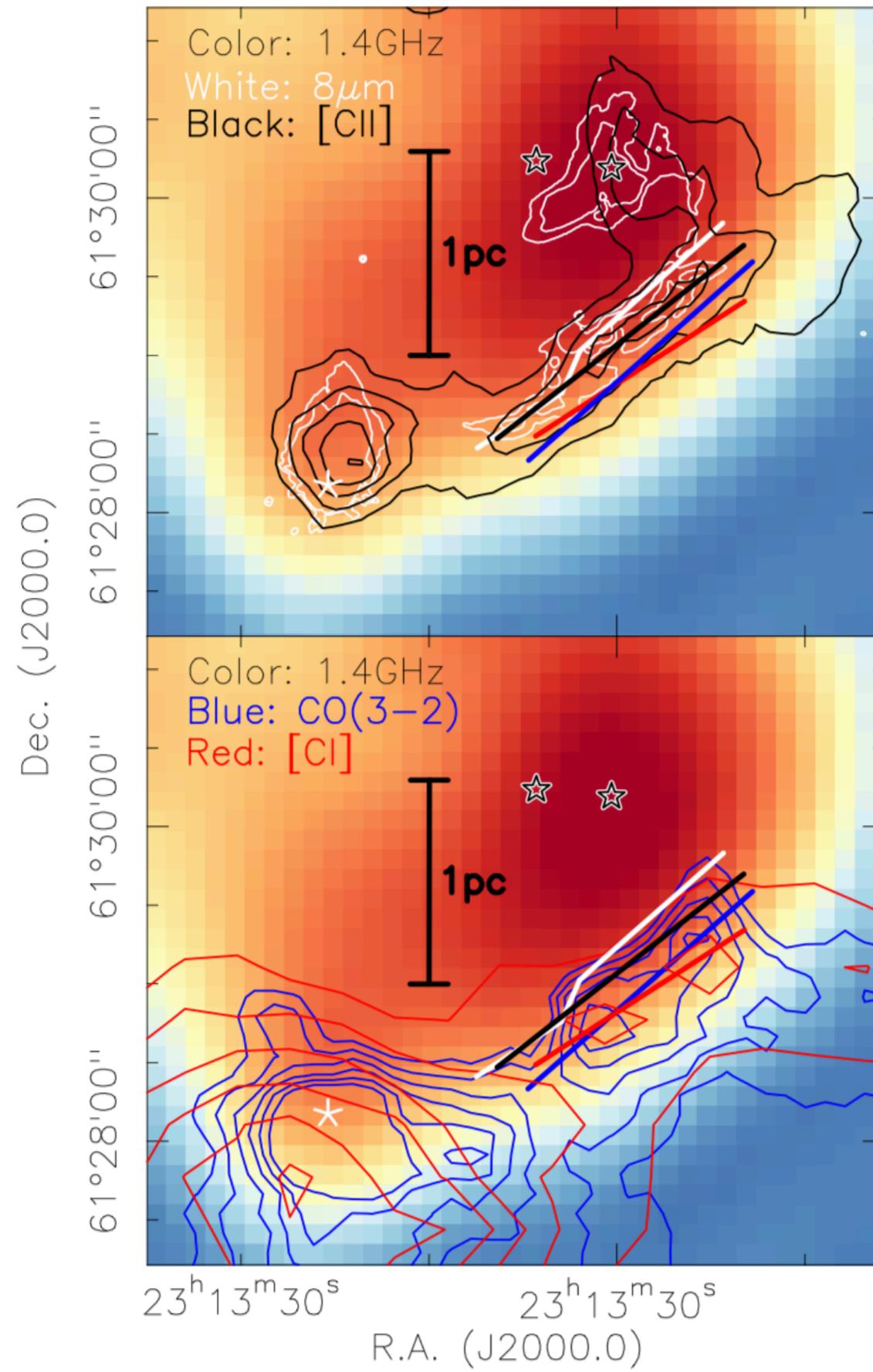


Position-velocity cut

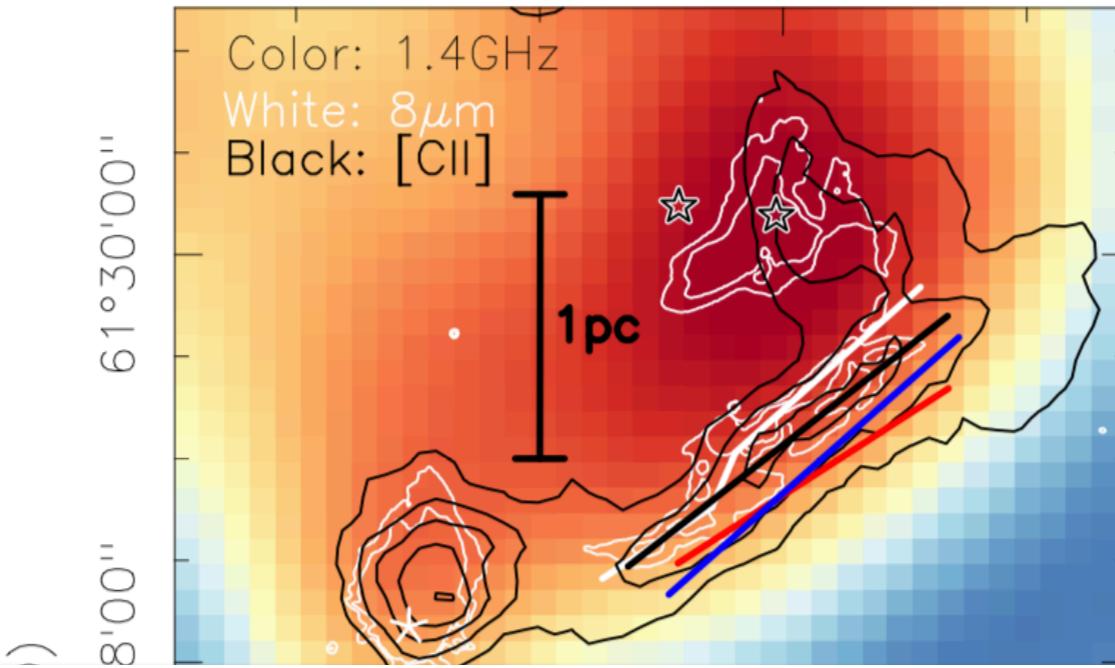


→ only wind-driving can explain pv-diagram

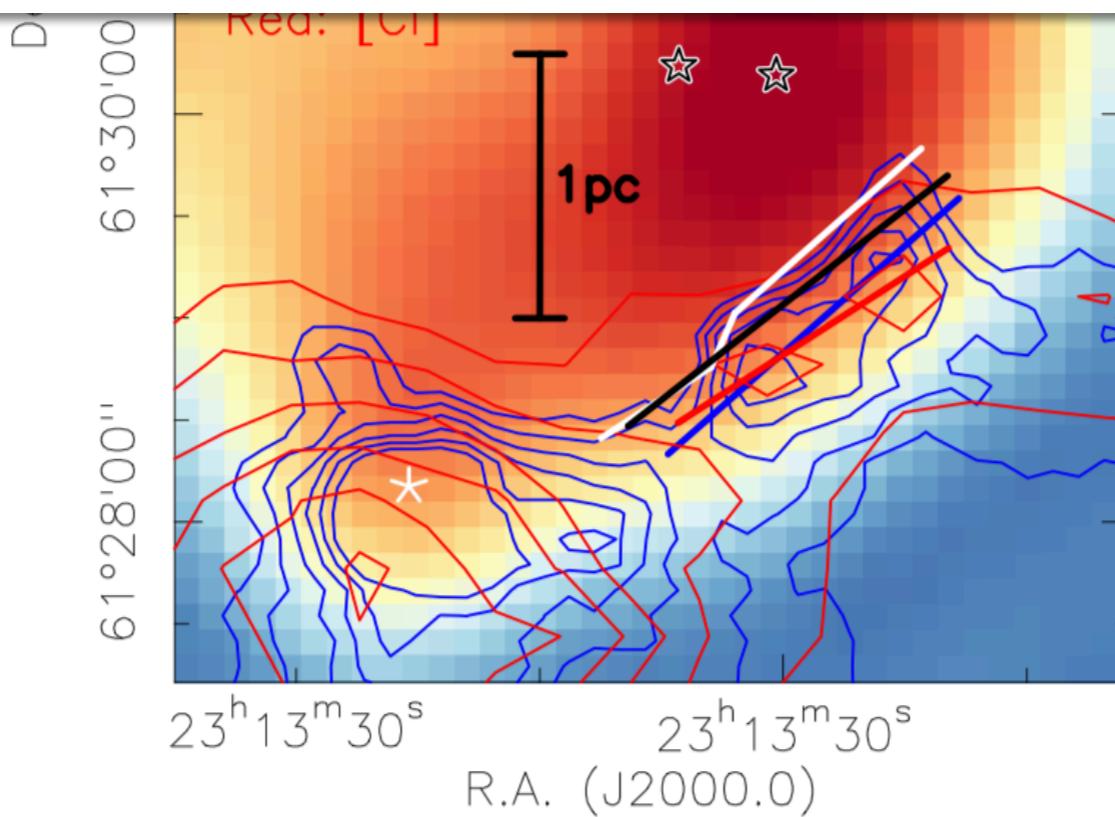
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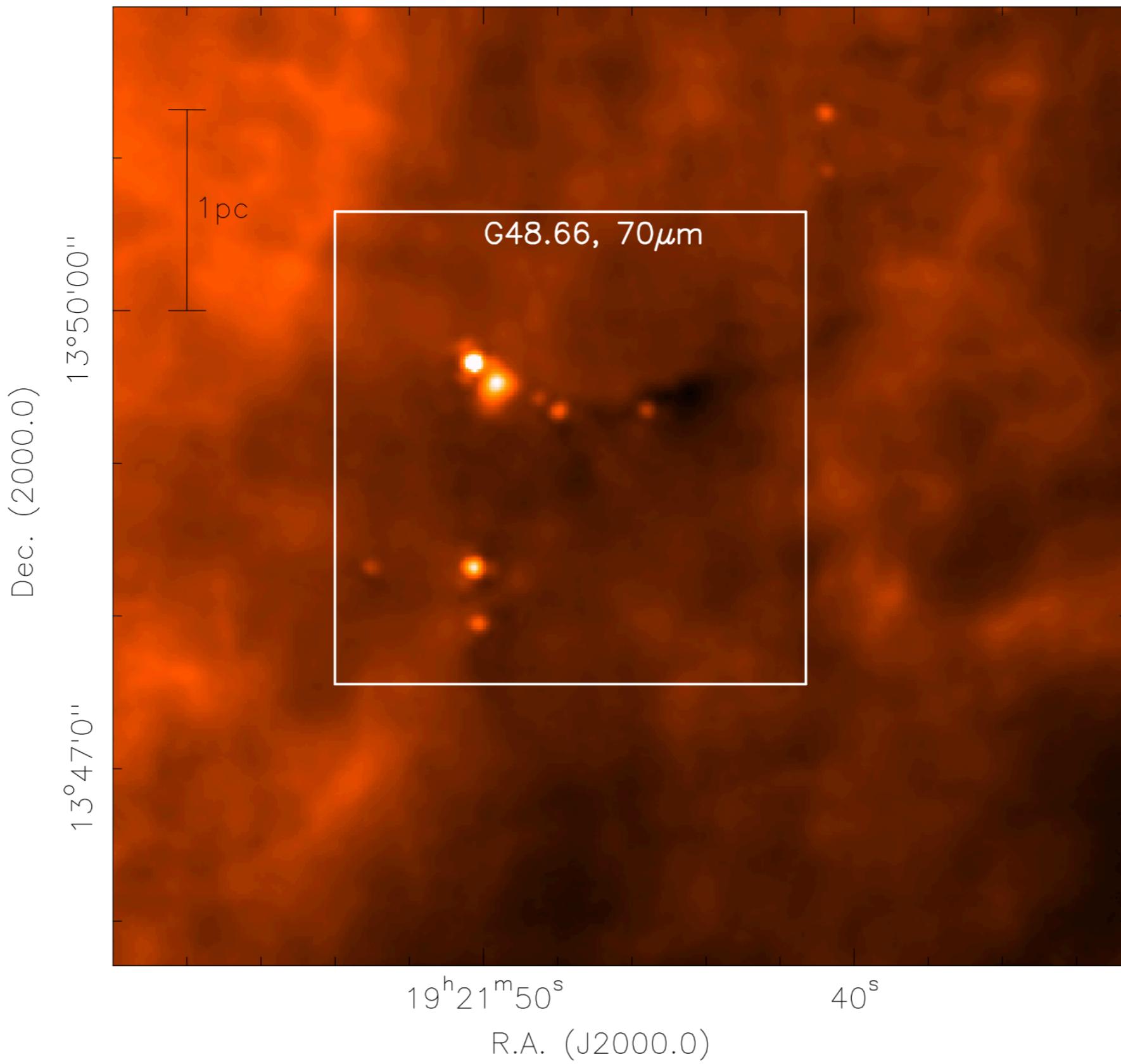
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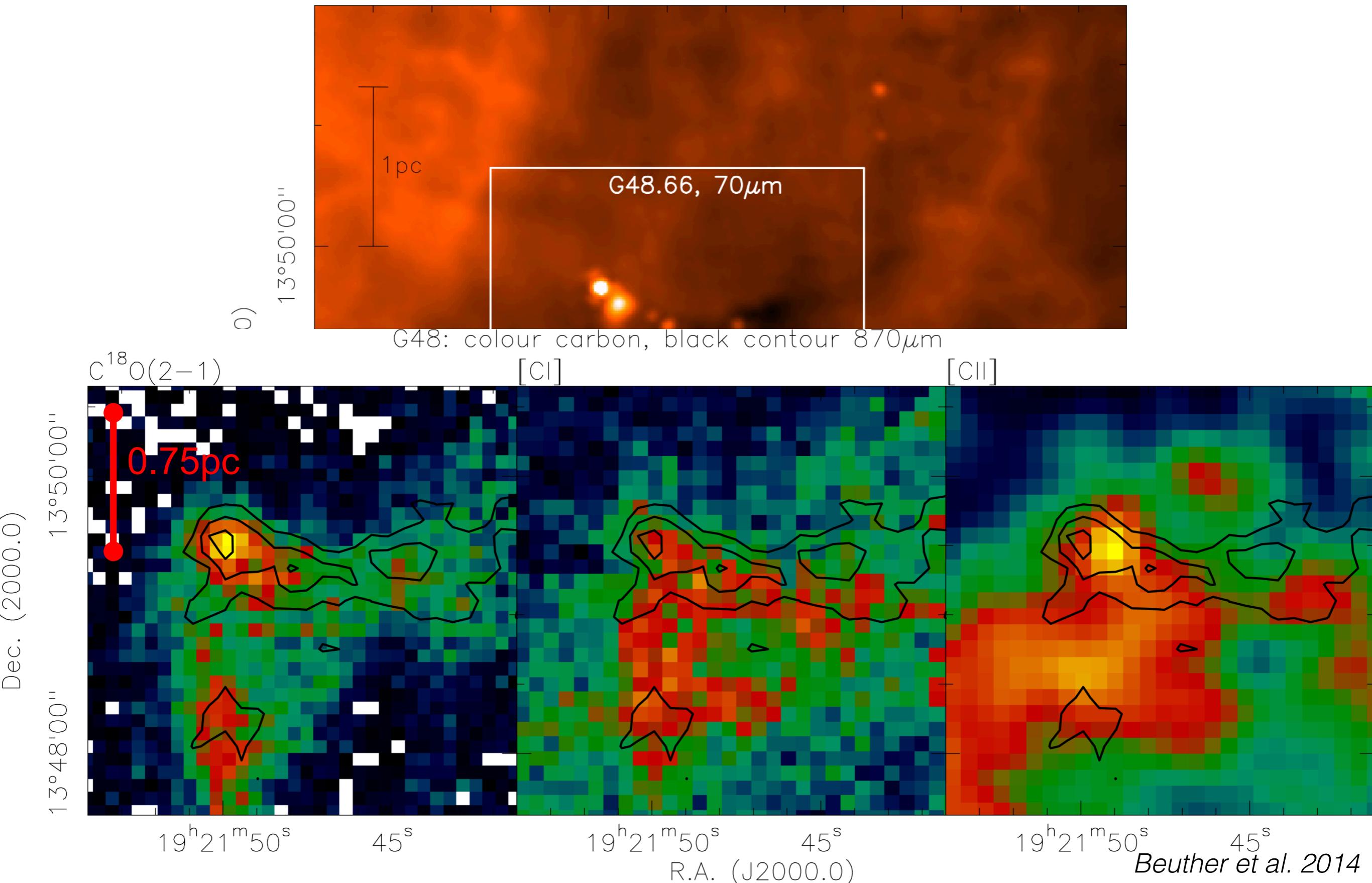
Mass molecular | atomic | ionised carbon
0.8 | 0.5 | 3.6 M_{\odot}



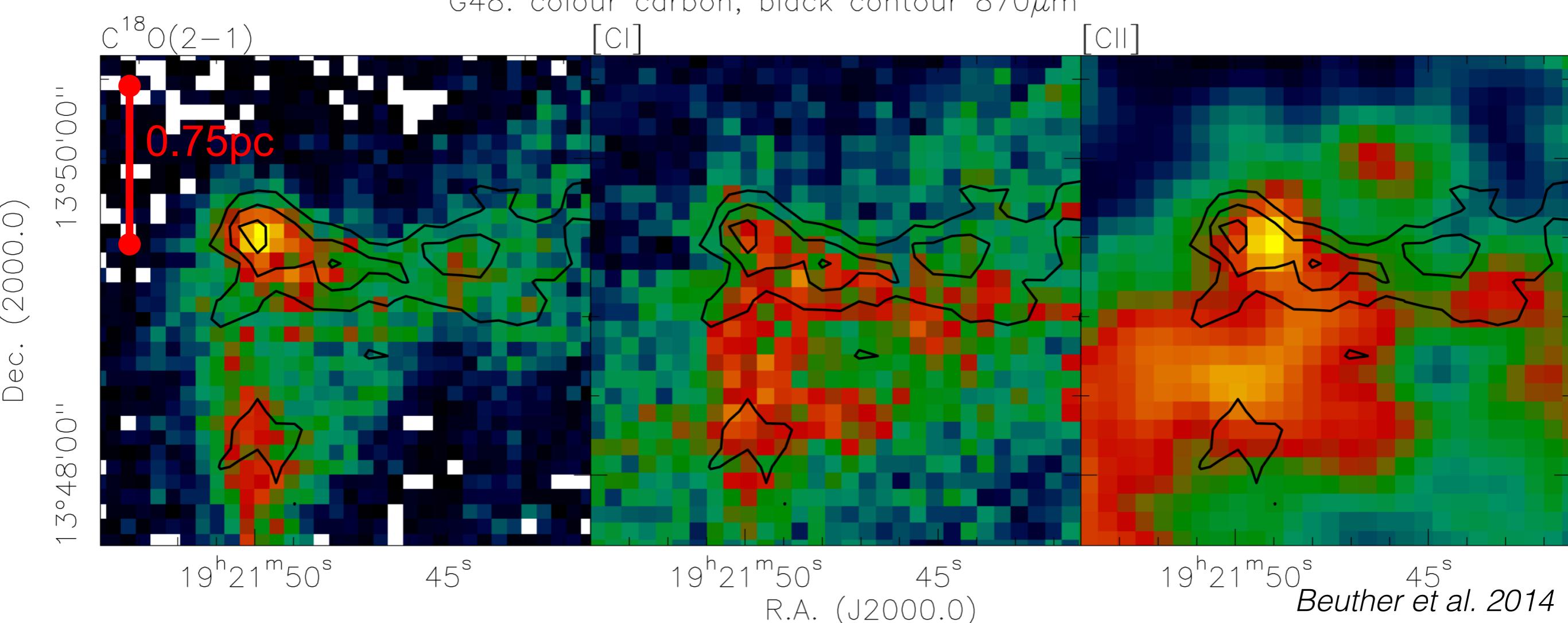
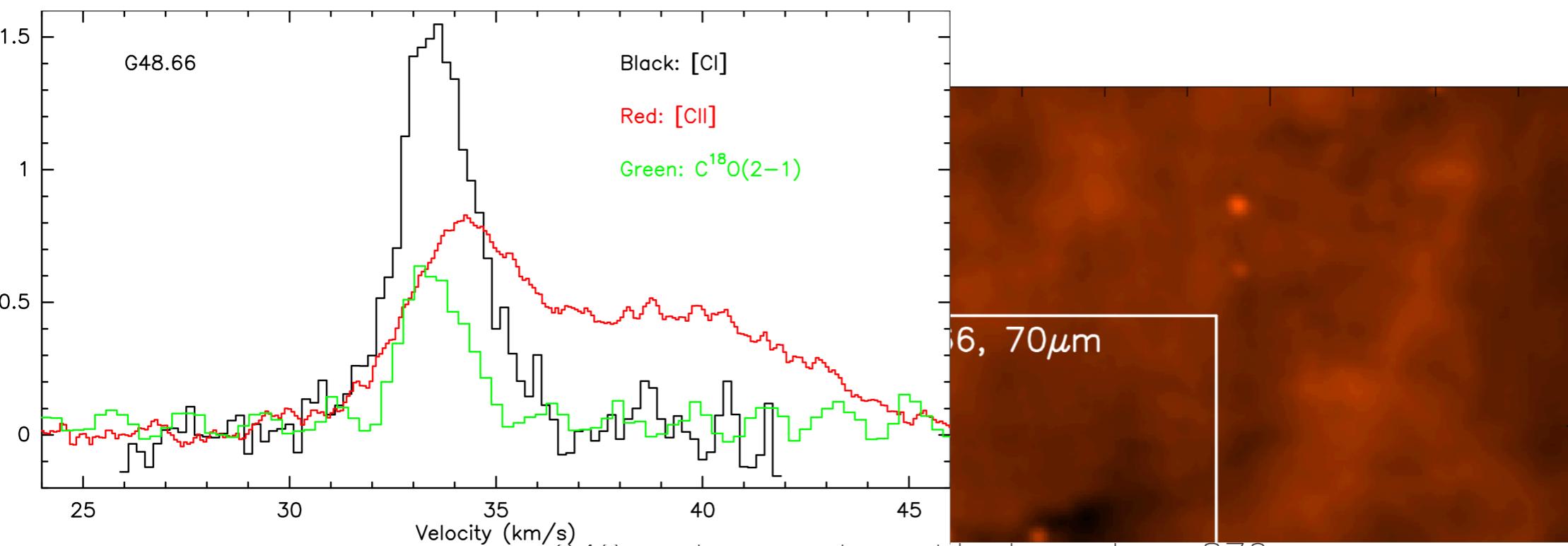
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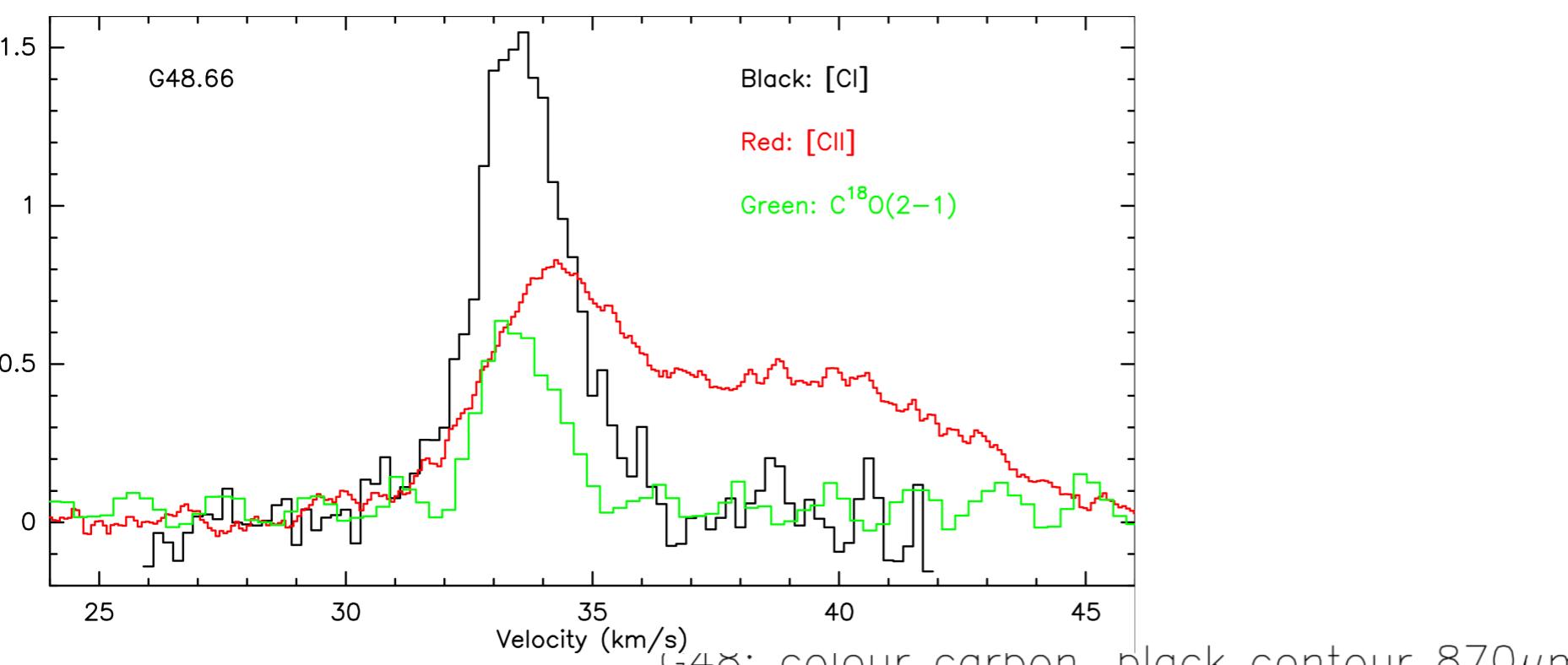


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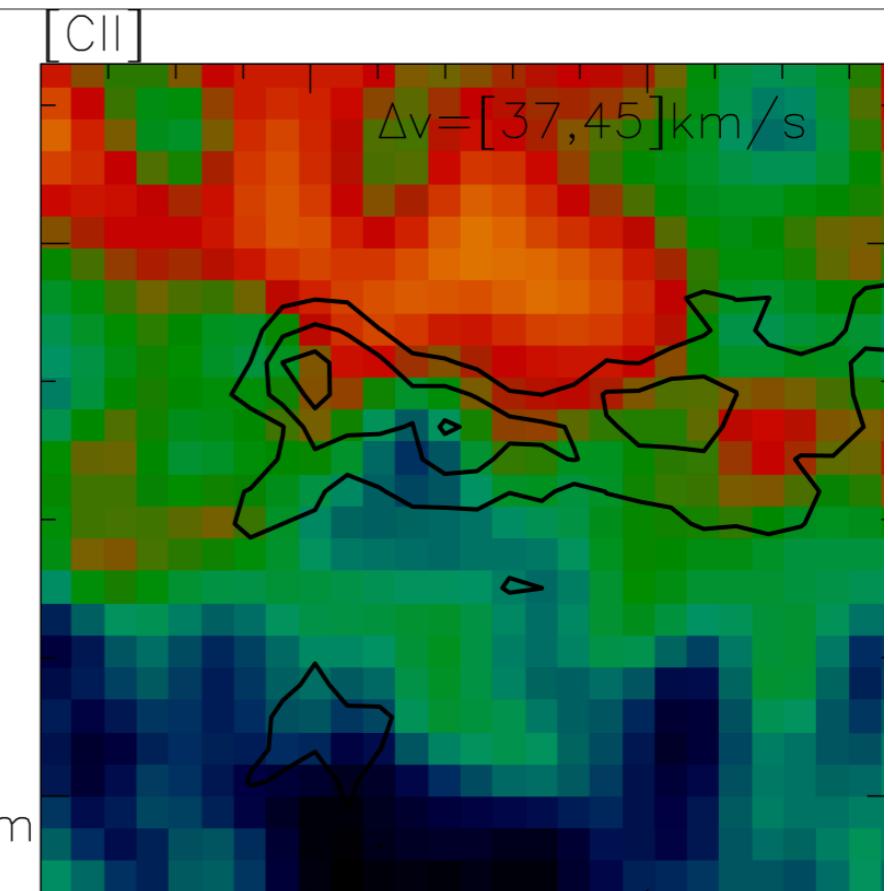
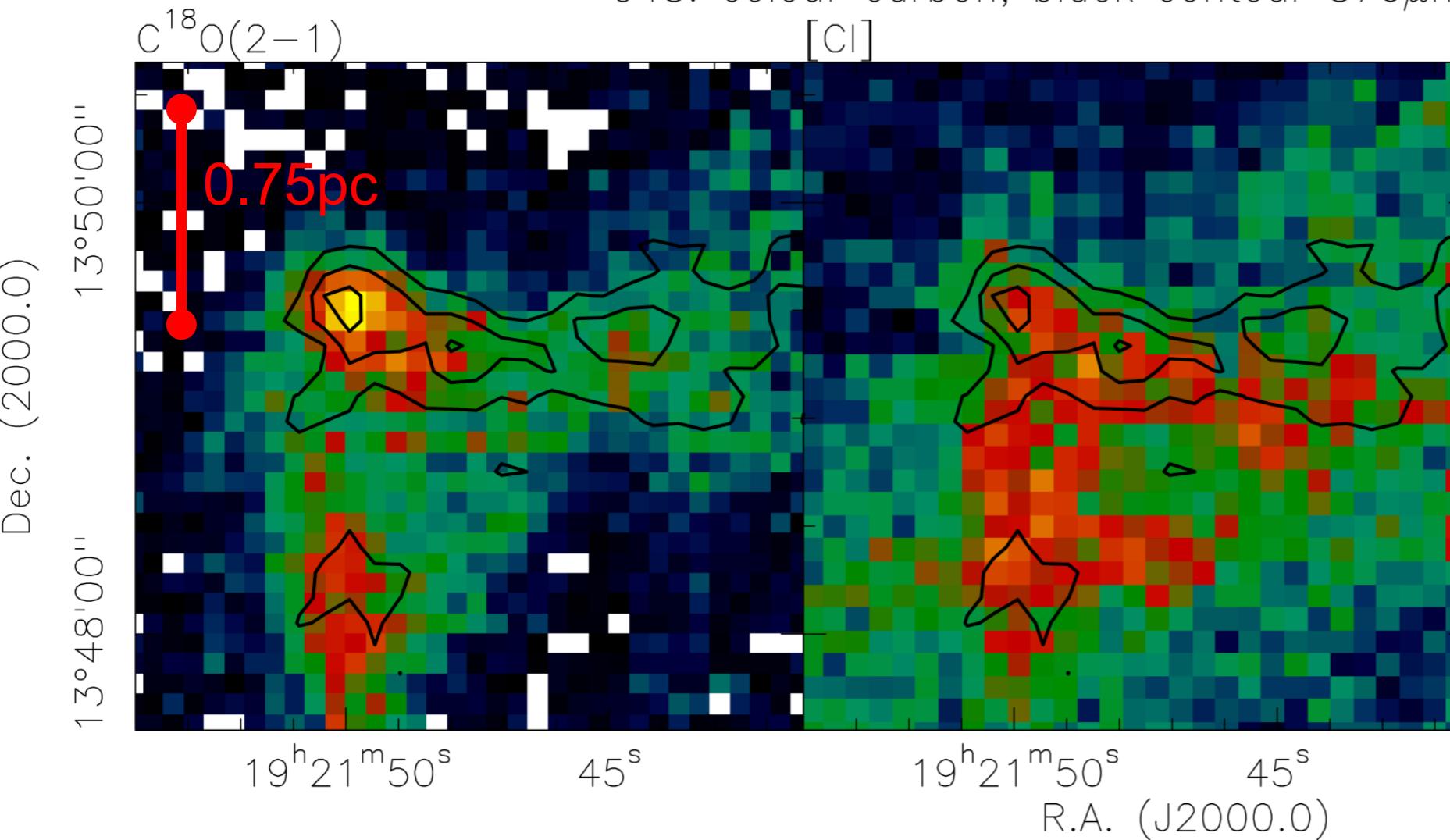


Beuther et al. 2014

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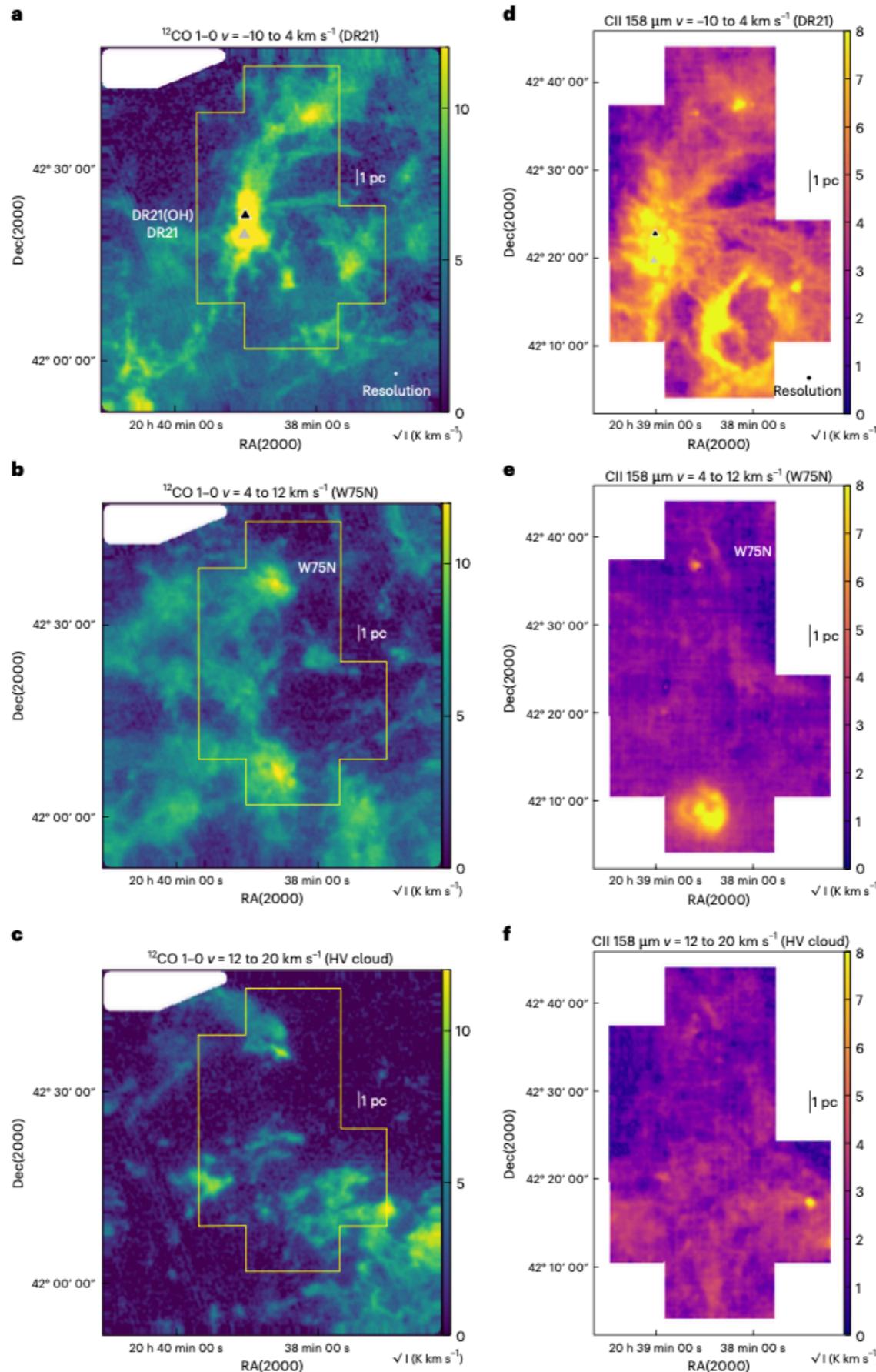


G48: colour carbon, black contour 870 μm

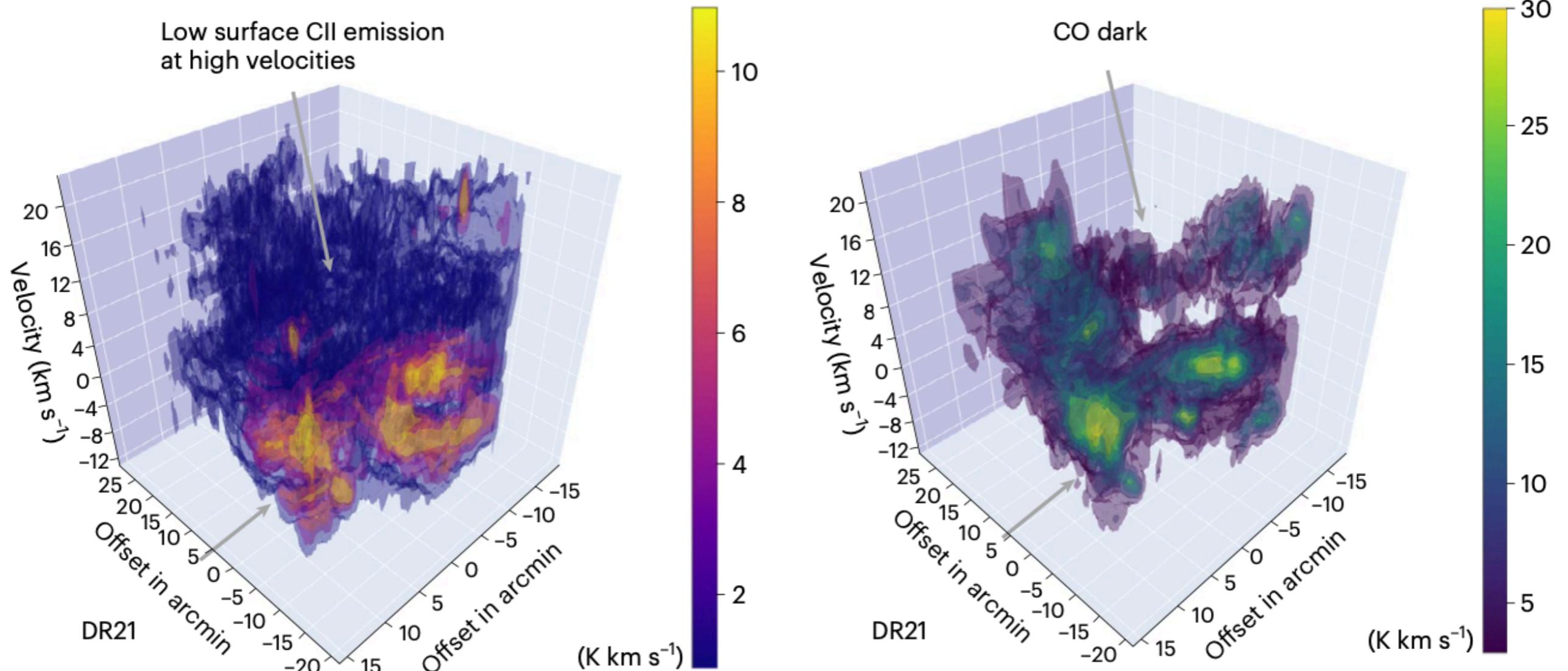


[CII] as cloud formation tracer

CO [CII]



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What other facilities, now and future

Balloons:

BLASPOL: Polarization and magnetic fields

GUSTO: (launch Dec 31, 2023, 55+ days):

[CII], [OI], and [NII] at 158, 63, and 205 mm

ASTHROS: (launch Dec. 2024): [NII]

NASA PROBES:

PRIMA: 1.8m, low-res spectroscopy 24-235 μ m,
polarization

SALTUS: 14m, low-res (34-230) & high-res (56-660 μ m)
spectroscopy

FIRSST: 1.8m, 35-600 μ m, high spectral resolution,
heterodyne focal plane array

Summary

Paraphrasing Erick Young:

You can't escape the far-infrared!

