

# The accretion burst of G323.46 -0.08

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Could it have triggered protostellar pulsations?



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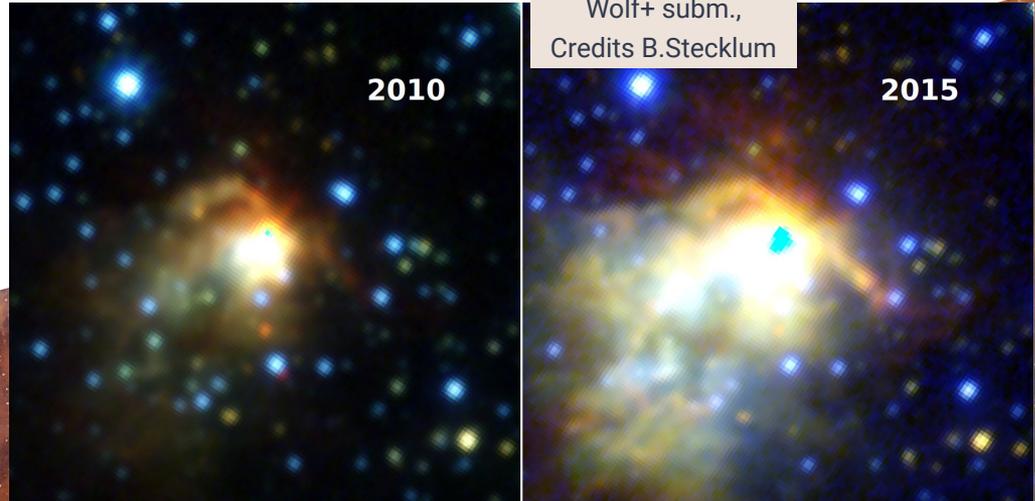
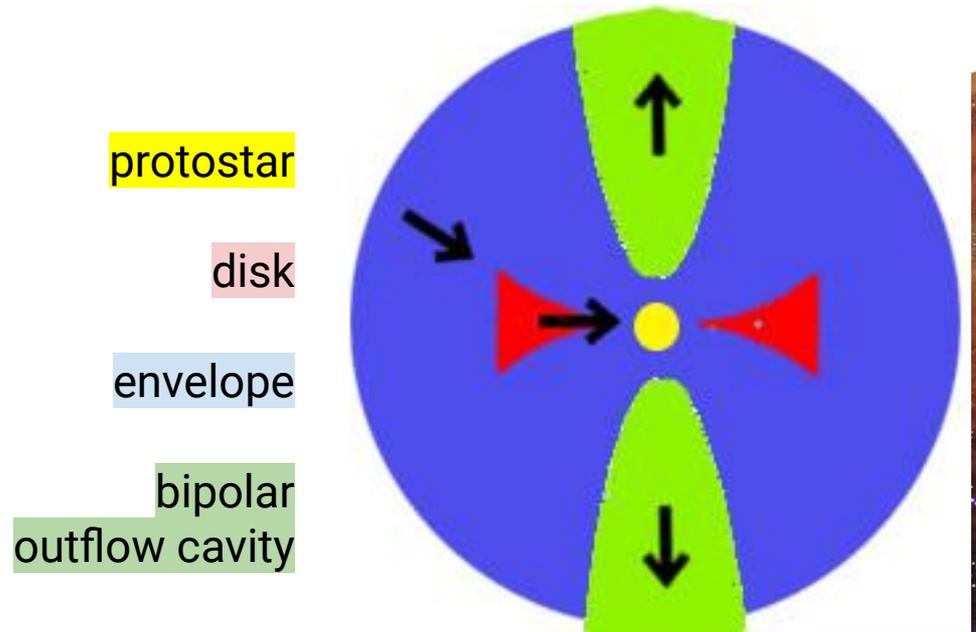


Fig: NIR image of G323 before and during its burst

Background image: NGC 3324, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope. Credits: NASA, ESA, CSA, and STScI

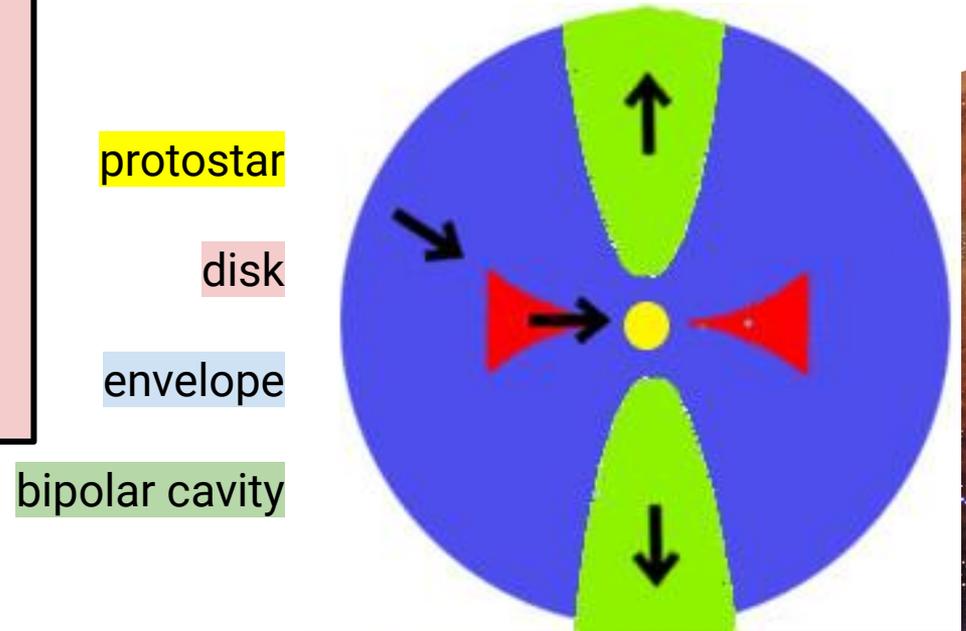
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A fairly simple picture of a forming star



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- Disk-mediated accretion
- Results in episodic accretion outbursts



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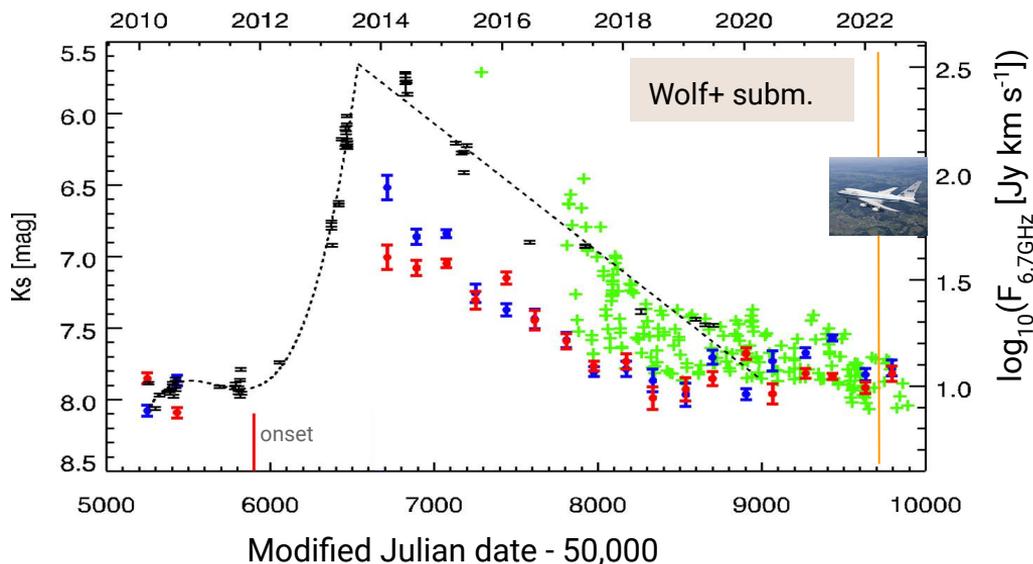


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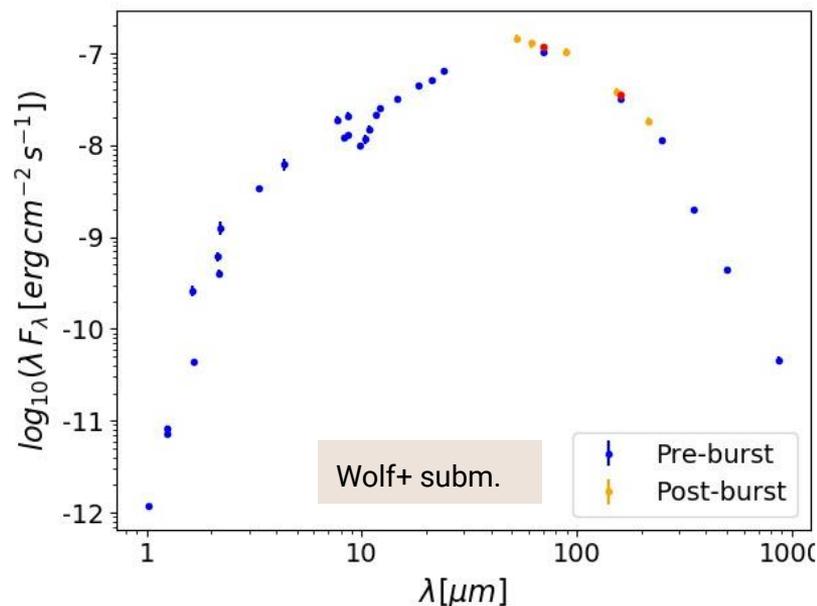


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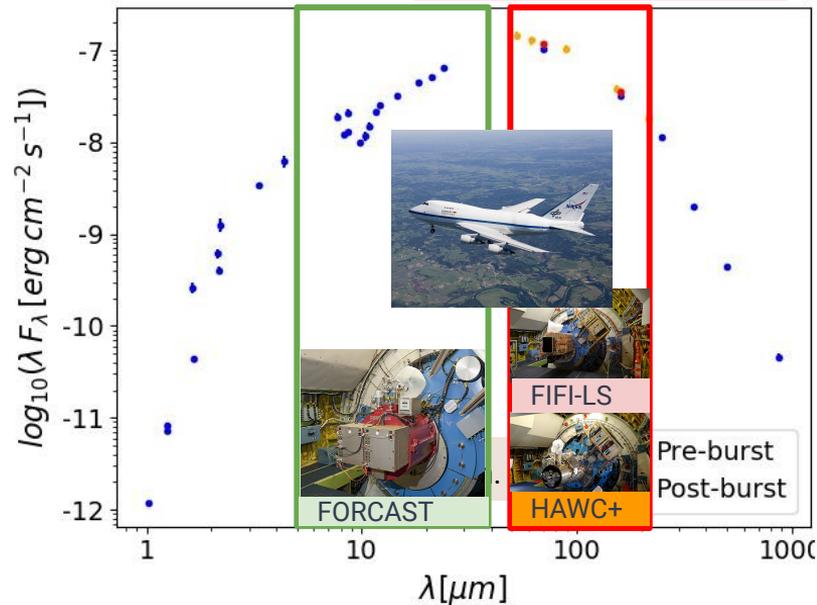
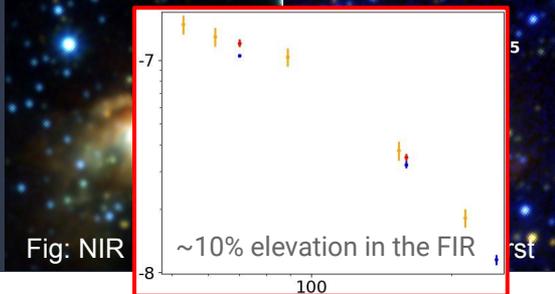


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More on Thursday:

**talk of Bringfried Stecklum**

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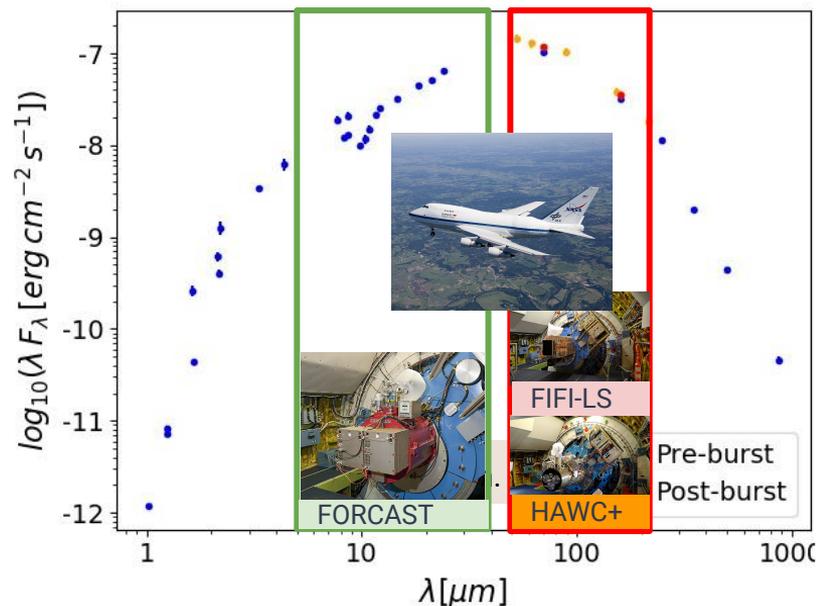
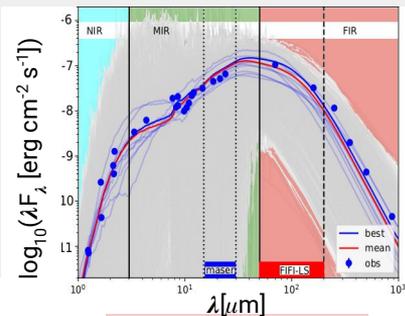
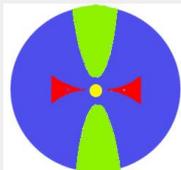


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# The static **pre-burst** model

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# G323



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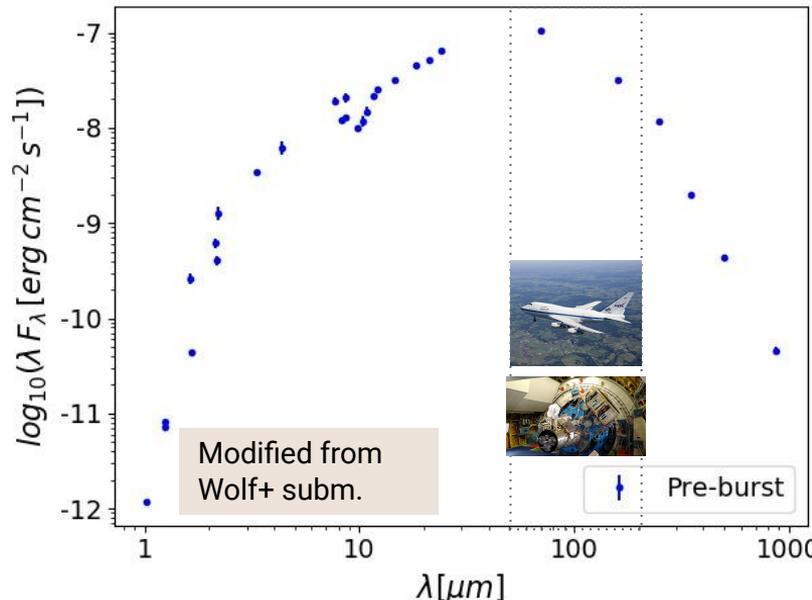


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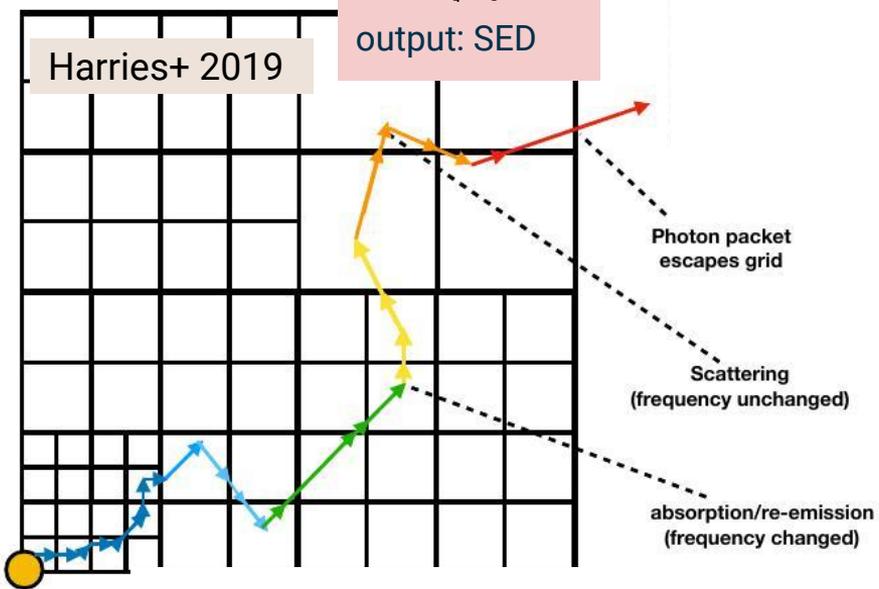
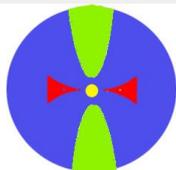


Fig: Schematics of **radiative transfer (RT)**

# From static to time dependent RT

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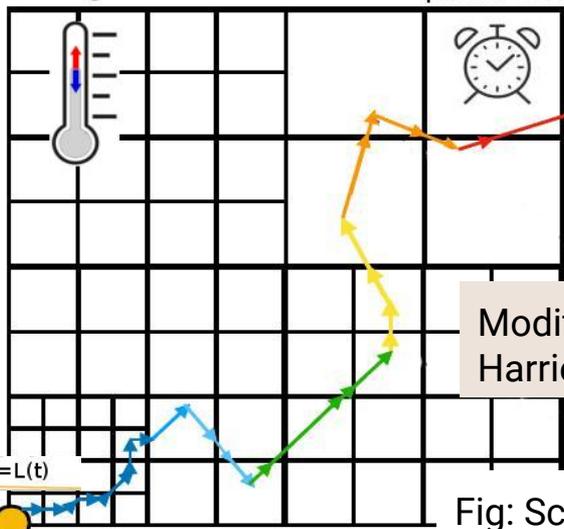


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heating & cooling

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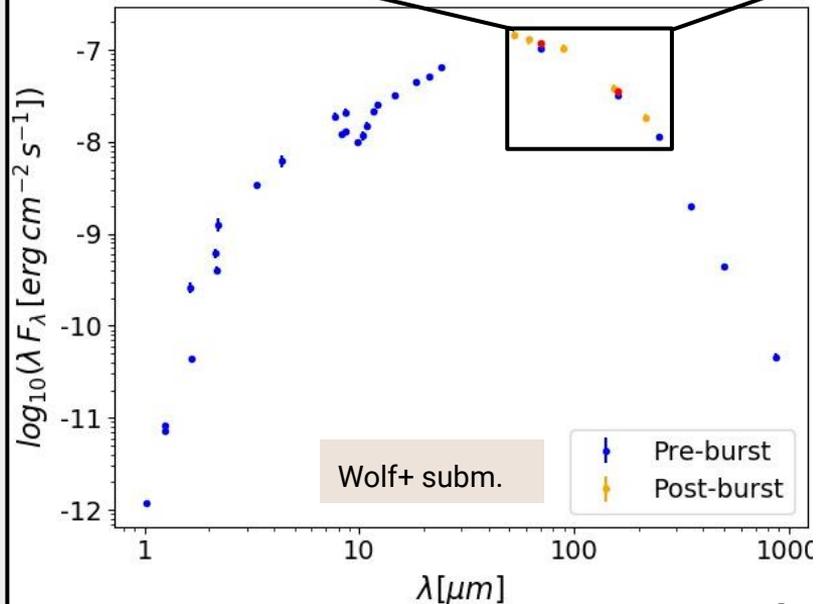
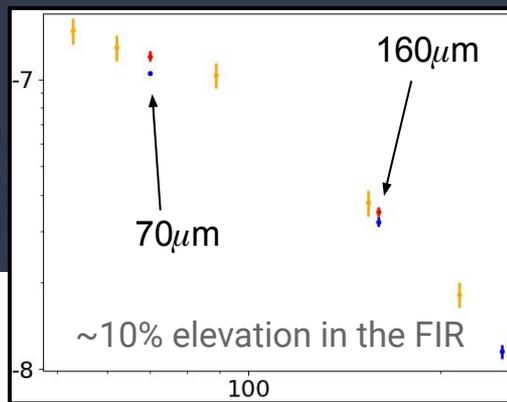
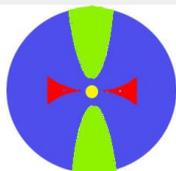


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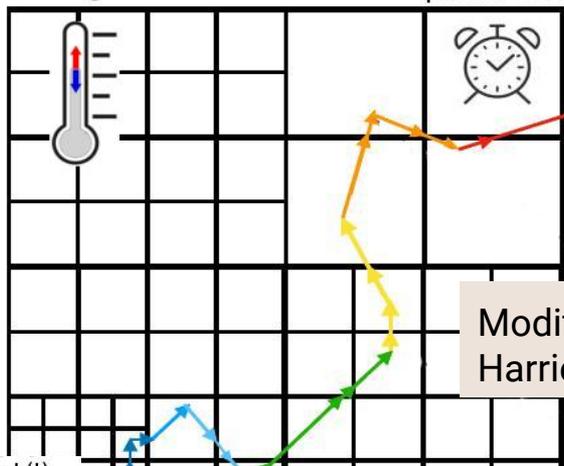


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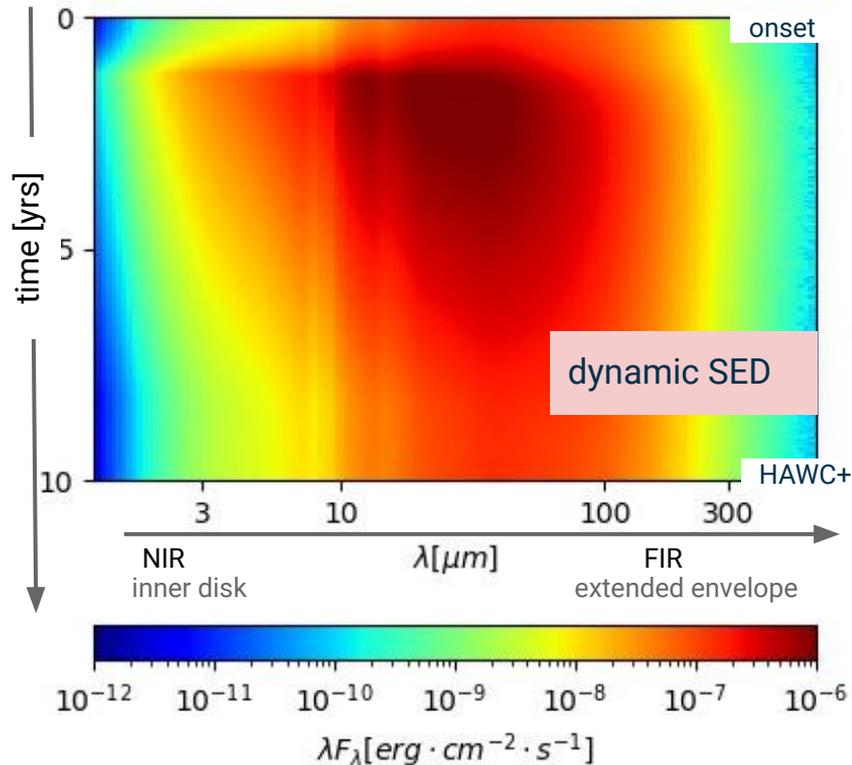
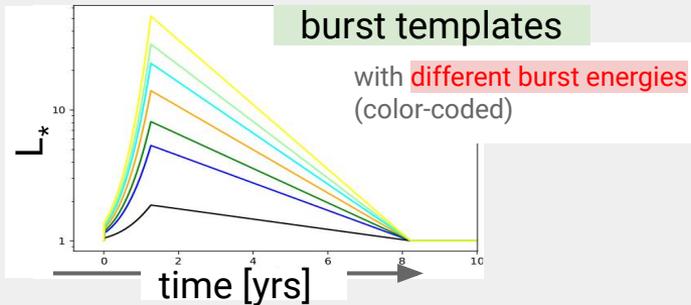
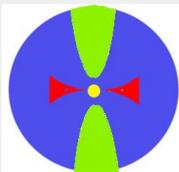


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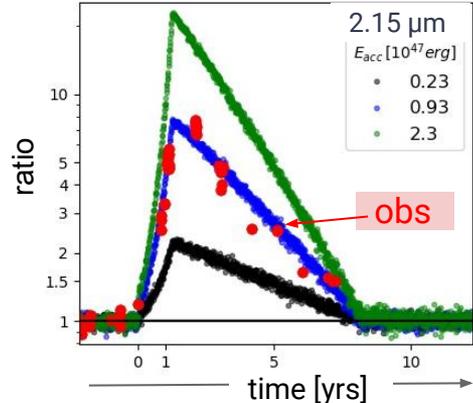


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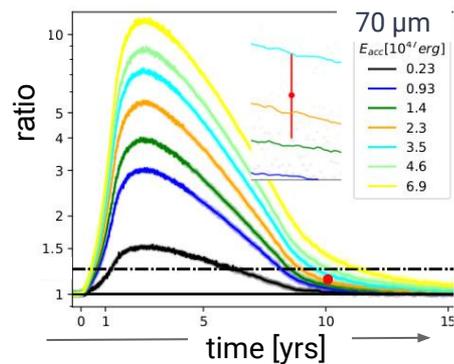


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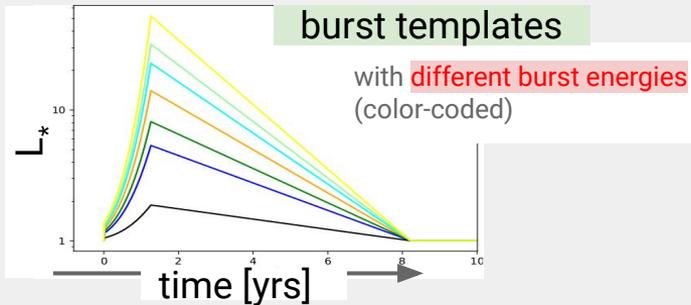
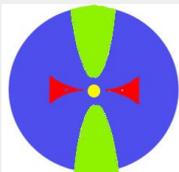
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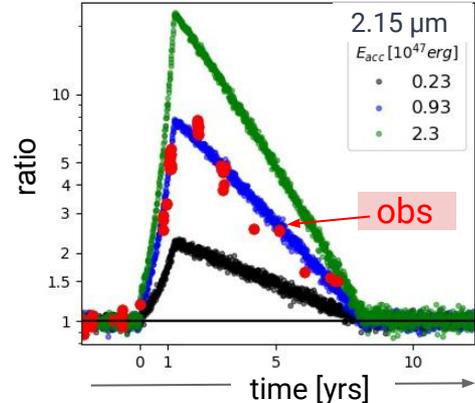


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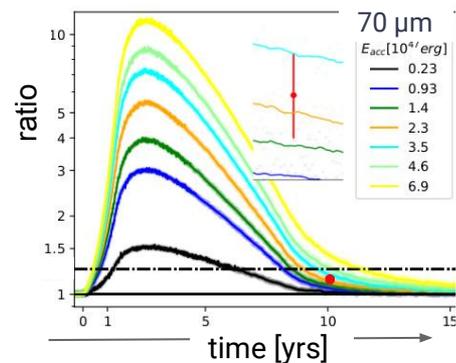


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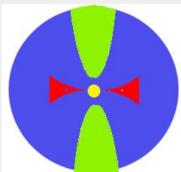
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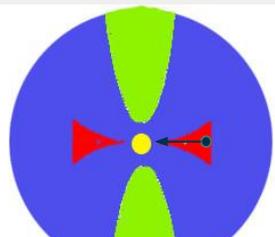
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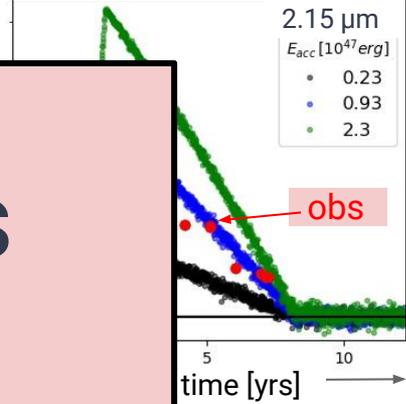
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or three different burst energies (0.23, 0.93, 2.3). (observed data points are shown in red).

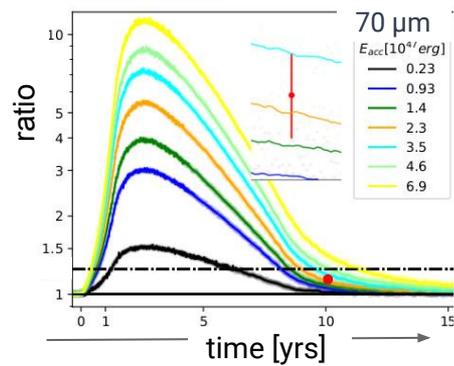


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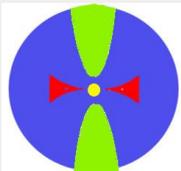
60 micrometer

pre-burst  
post-burst

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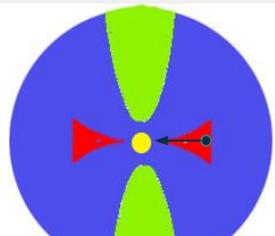
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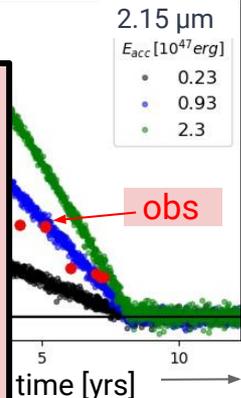
$M_{pre}$   
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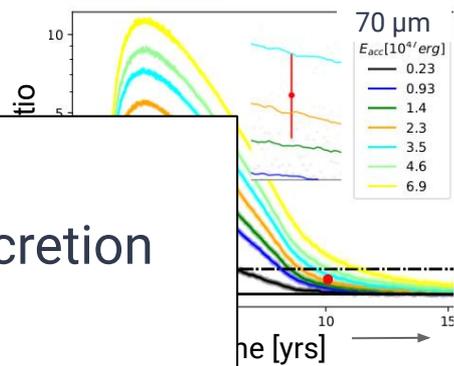
$M_{\odot}$

- Much higher accreted mass
- Pulsation-unstable for high accretion rates

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60 μm

pre-burst  
post-burst

1000

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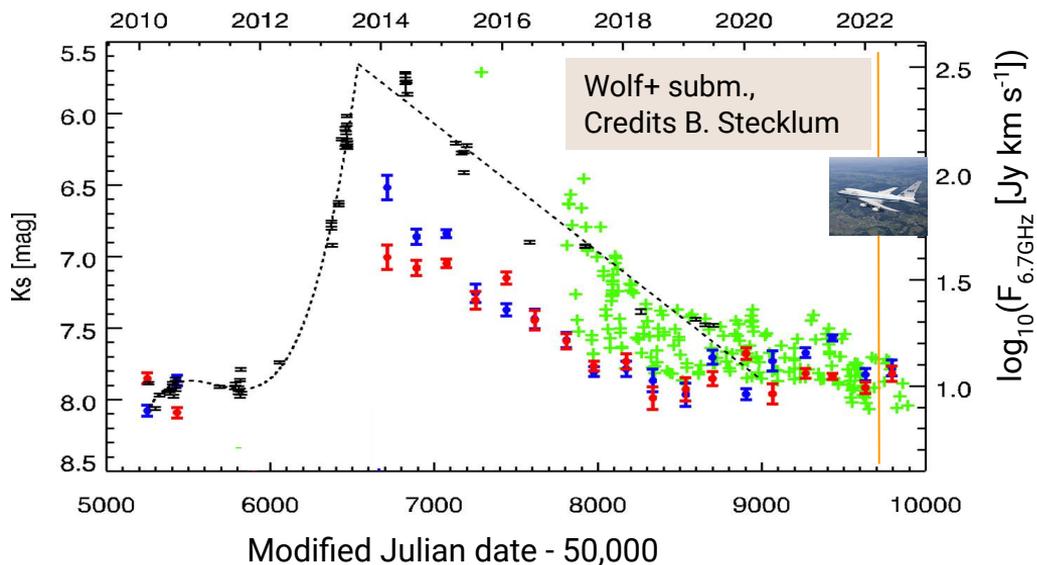


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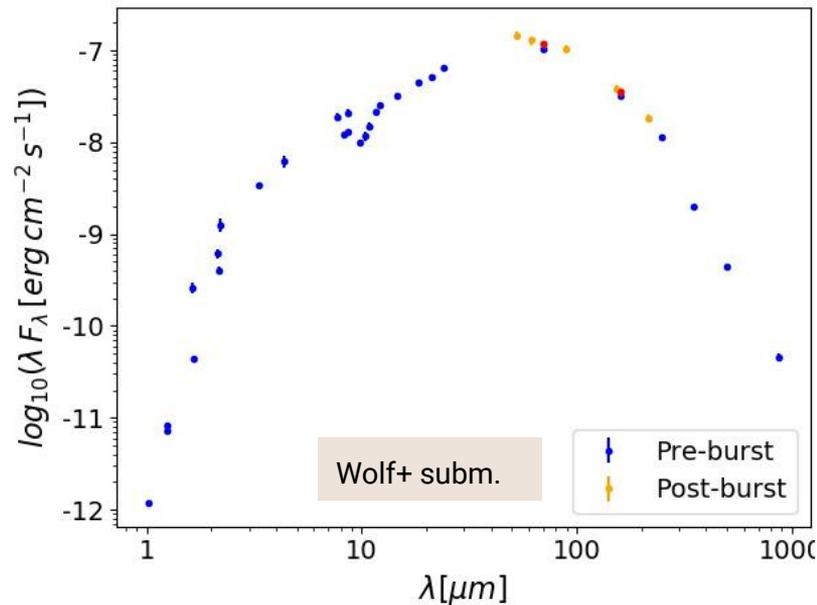


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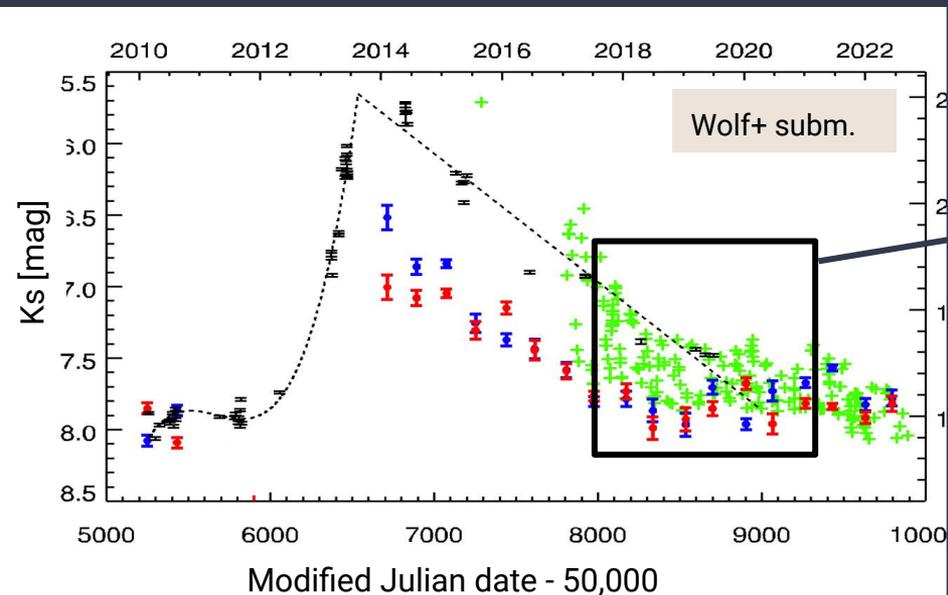
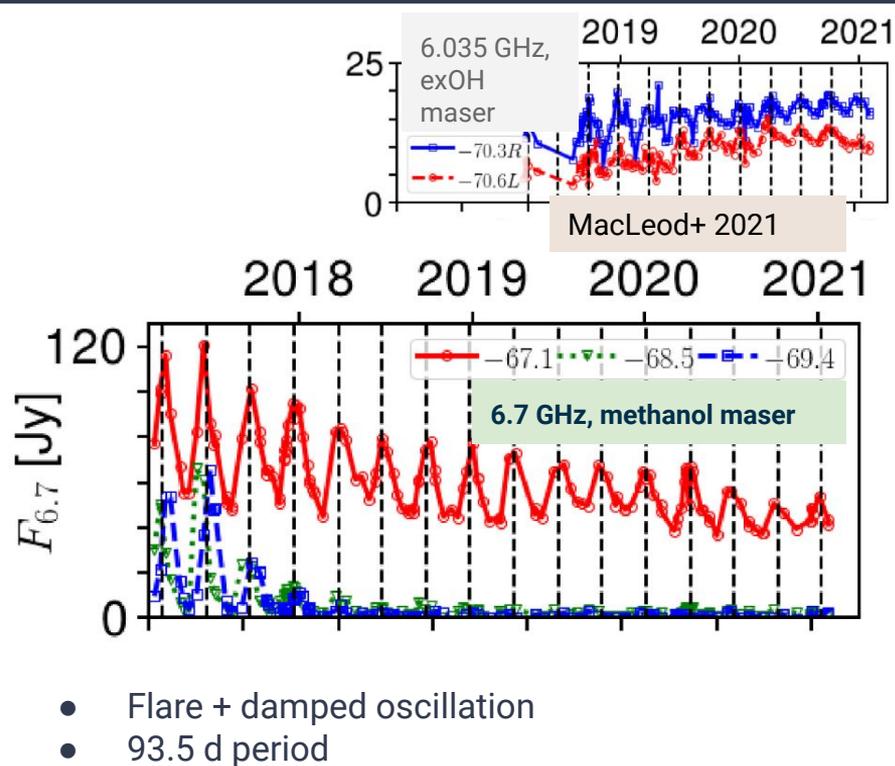


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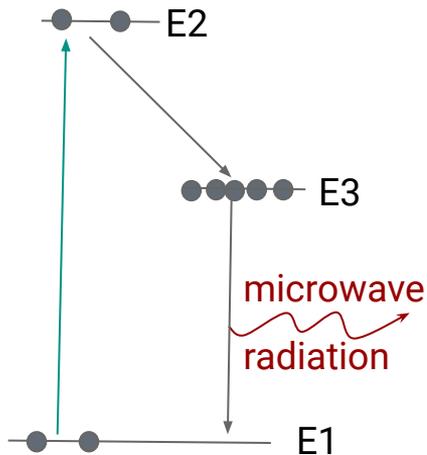
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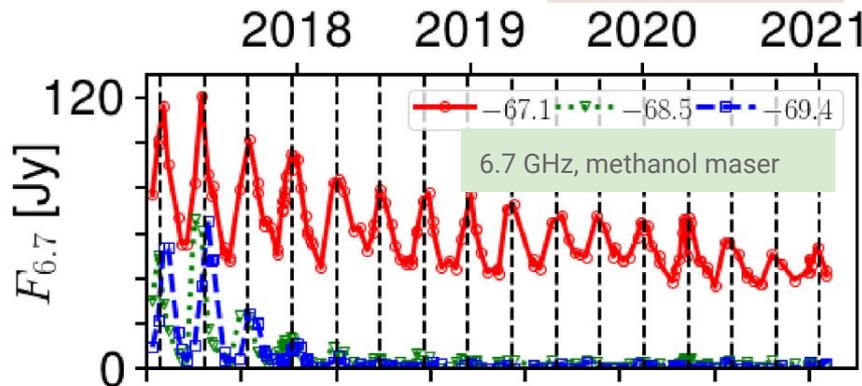
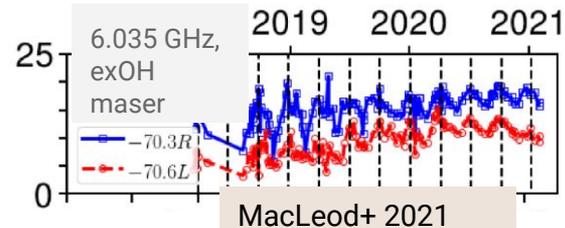
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(Class I)

MIR radiation  
(Class II)



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- 93.5 d period

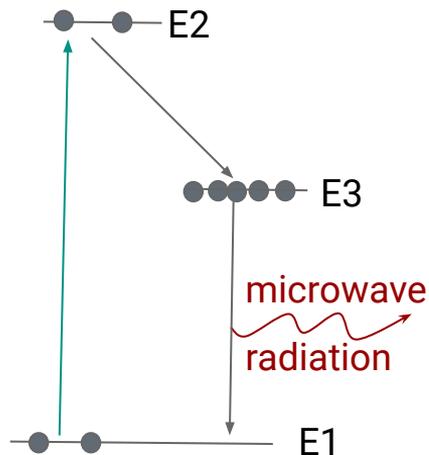
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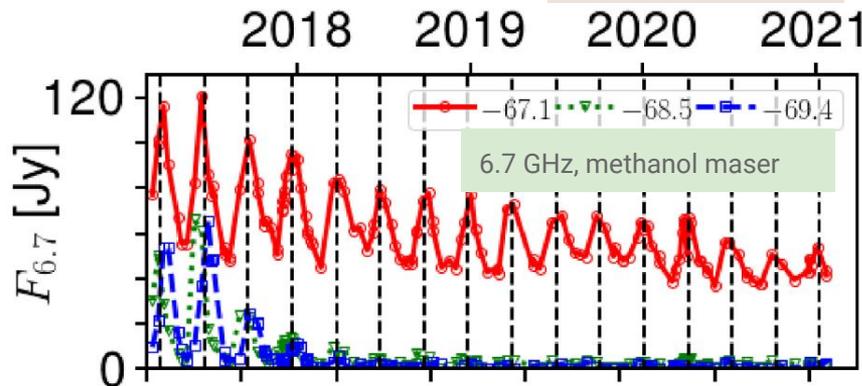
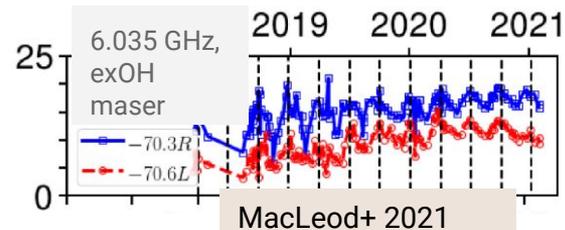
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- Flare + damped **oscillation**
- Flare + **periodic background variations?**
  - [Proven-Adzri+ 2019, MacLeod+ 2021]
- Flare + **protostellar pulsations?**
  - [Inayoshi+ 2013]

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protostellar pulsations

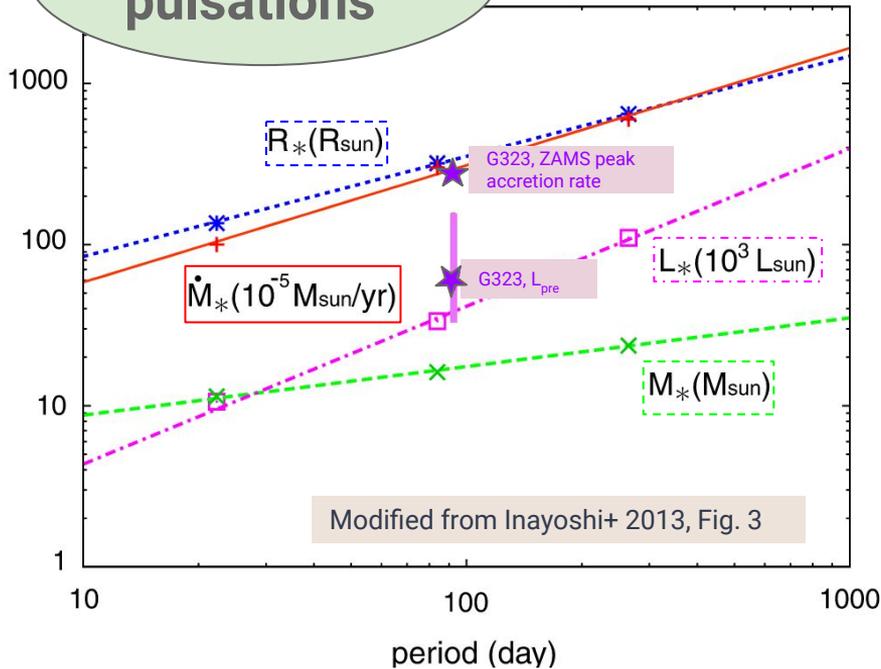
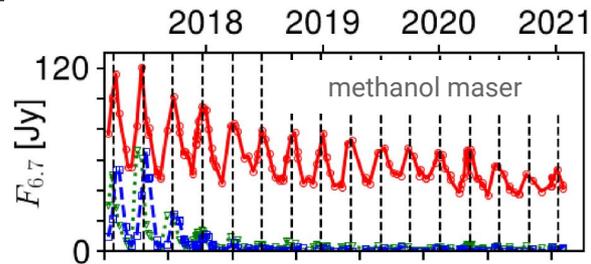
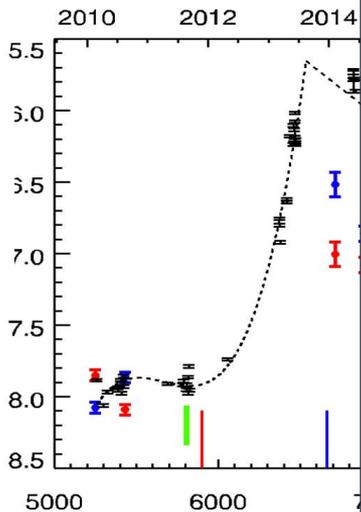


Fig: Period relations for pulsating protostars using spherical accretion models



- Period and luminosity are consistent with predictions from [Inayoshi+ 2013]
- Requires a bloated protostar ( $\sim 300 R_{\odot}$ ) and high accretion rates ( $\sim 3 \cdot 10^{-3} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ )
- Possibly the burst induced pulsations (?)



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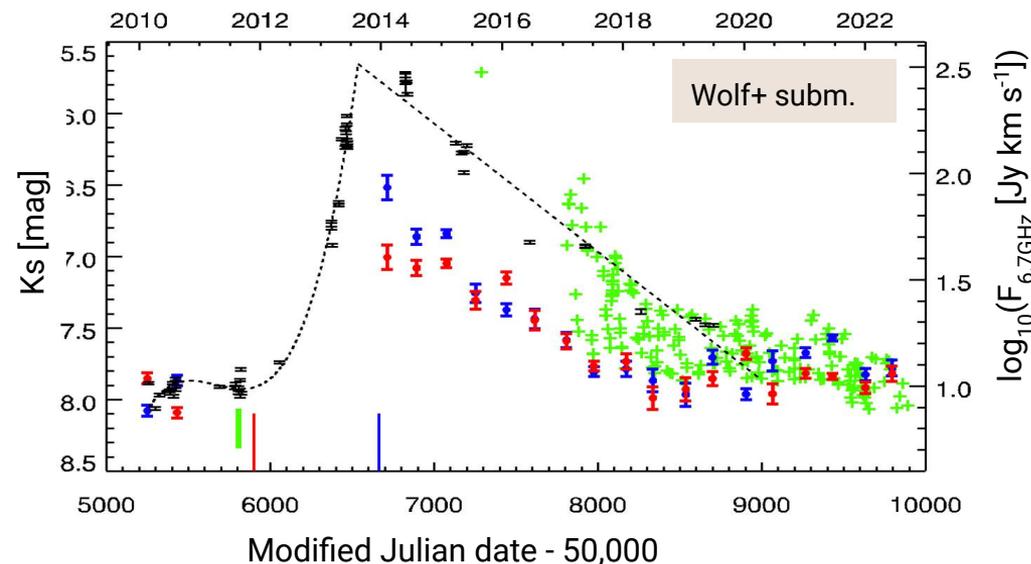
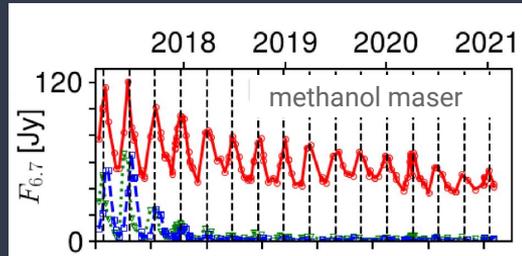


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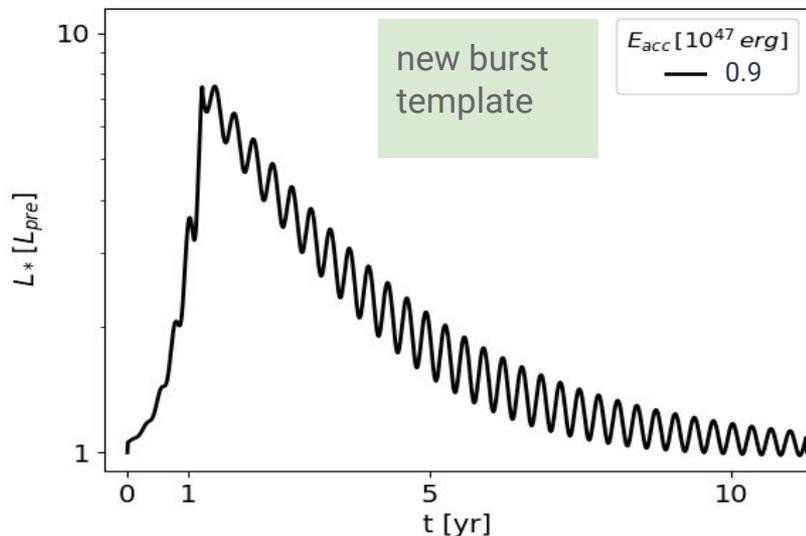


Fig: New burst template, featuring a burst with a polynomial decay + a damped oscillation

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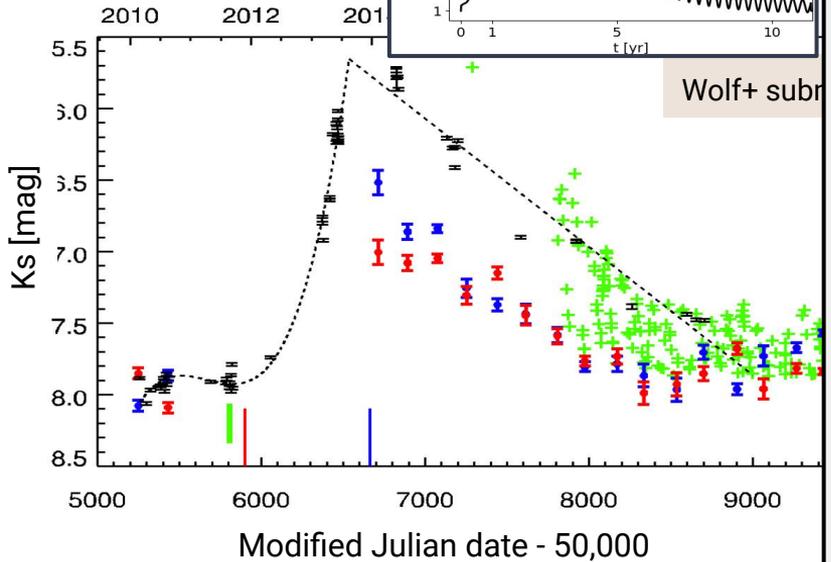
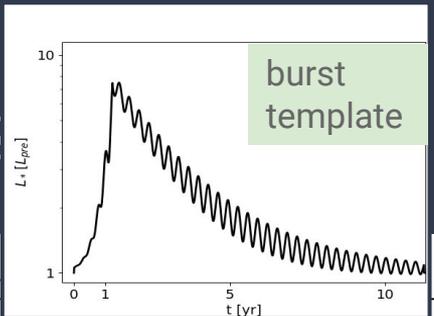


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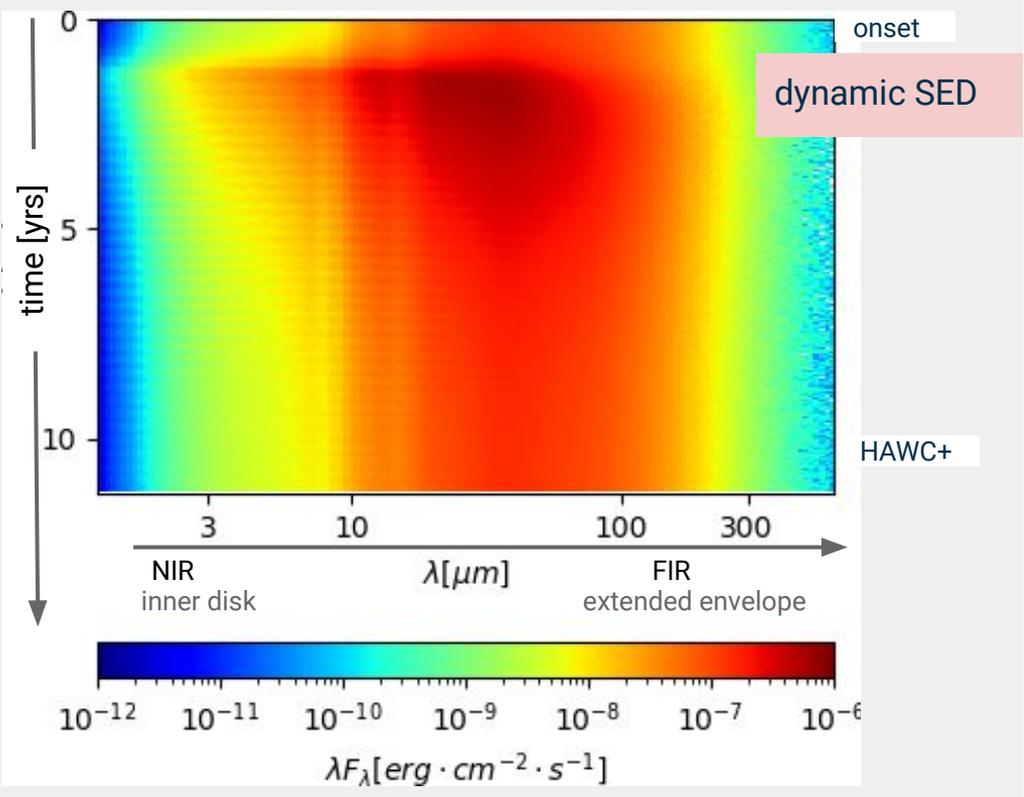


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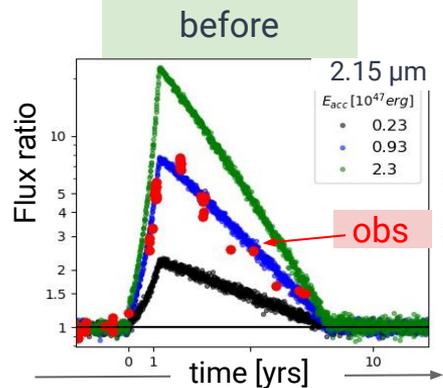


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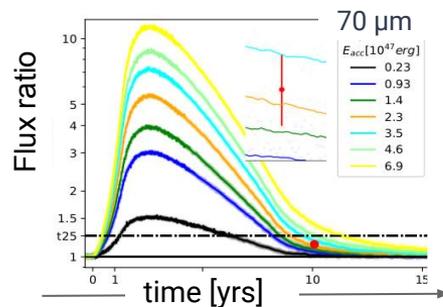
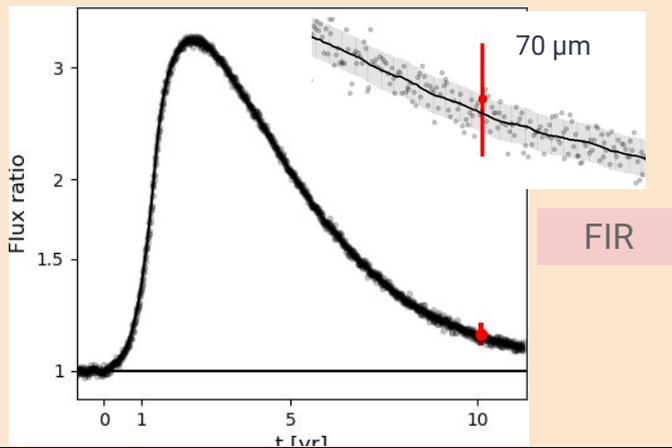
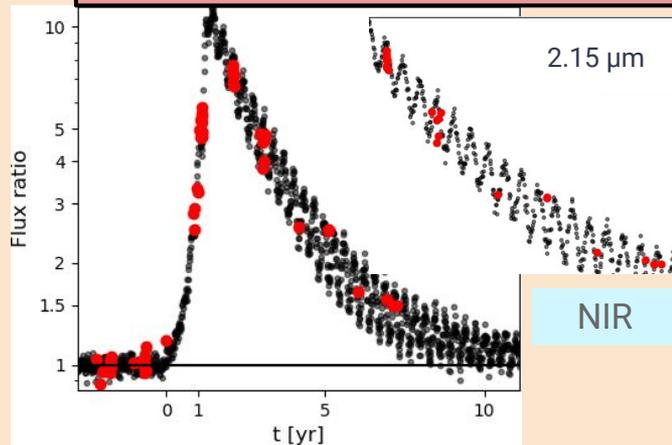


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agrees well with the observations



in the maser-regime

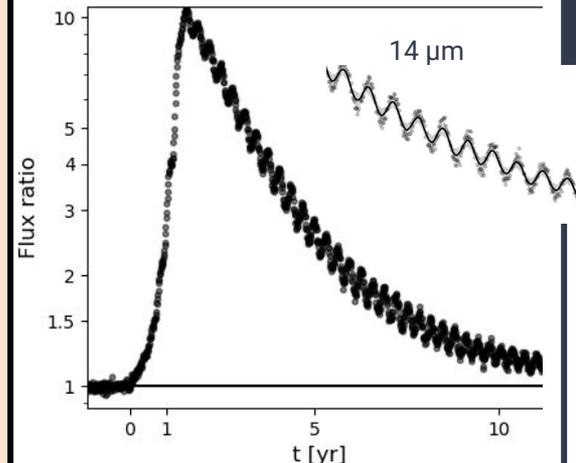


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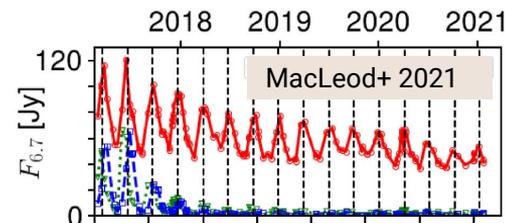
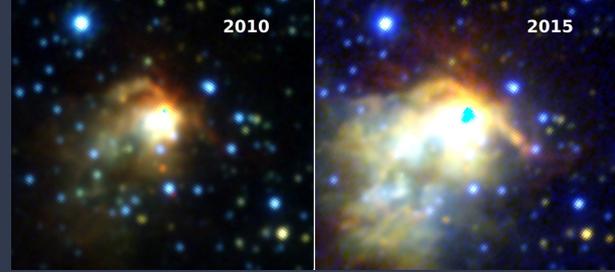


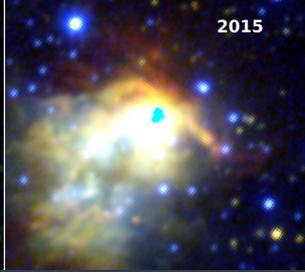
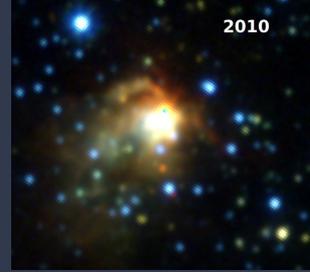
Fig: Methanol maser observations

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Questions ?



# Low mass star formation

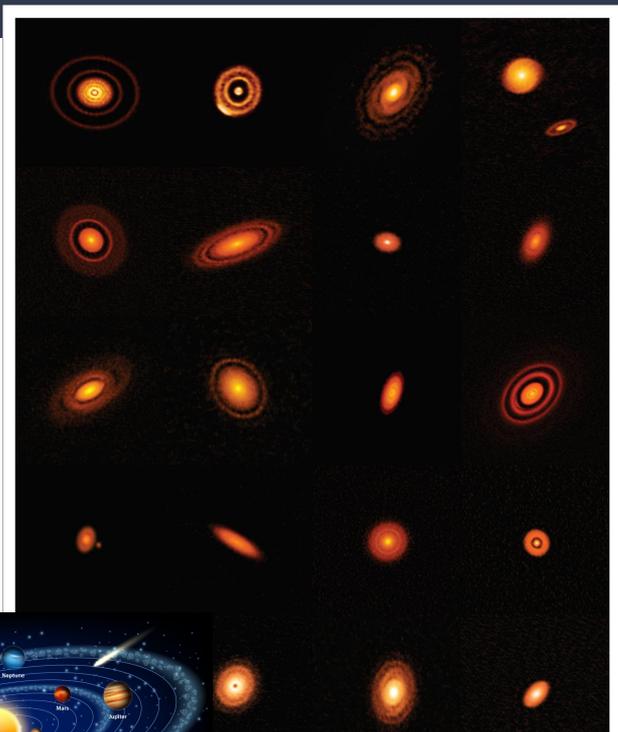
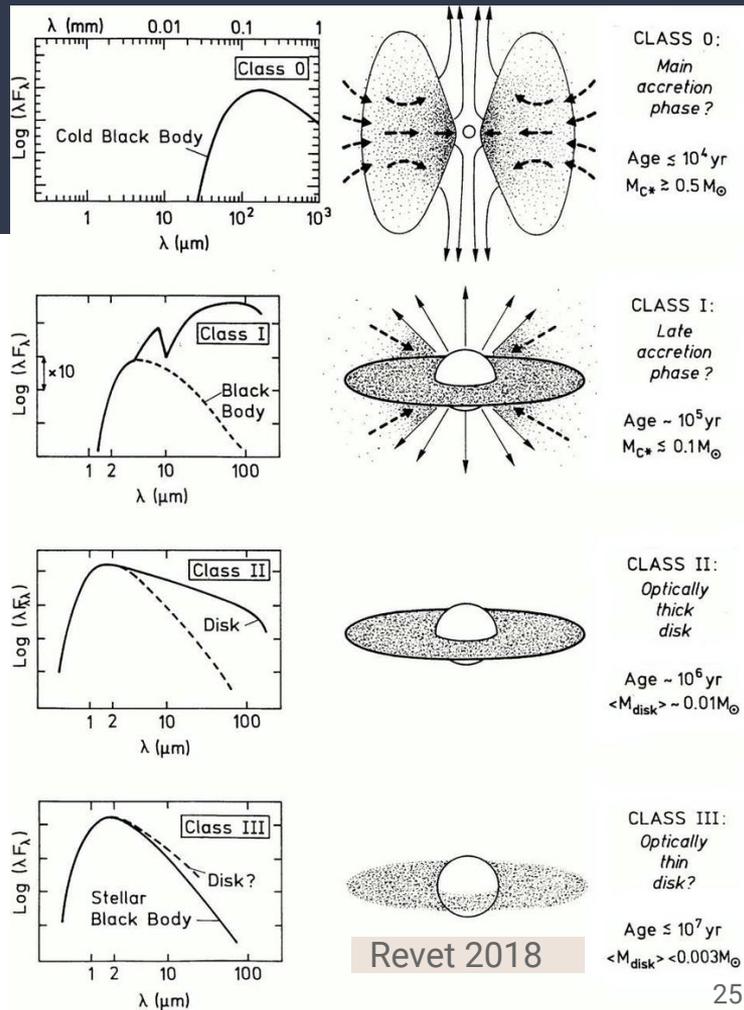


Fig: Protoplanetary disks from the DSHARP program (ALMA)

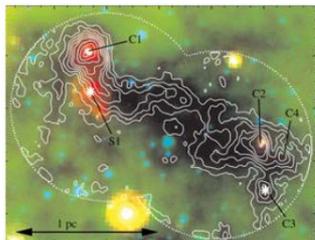
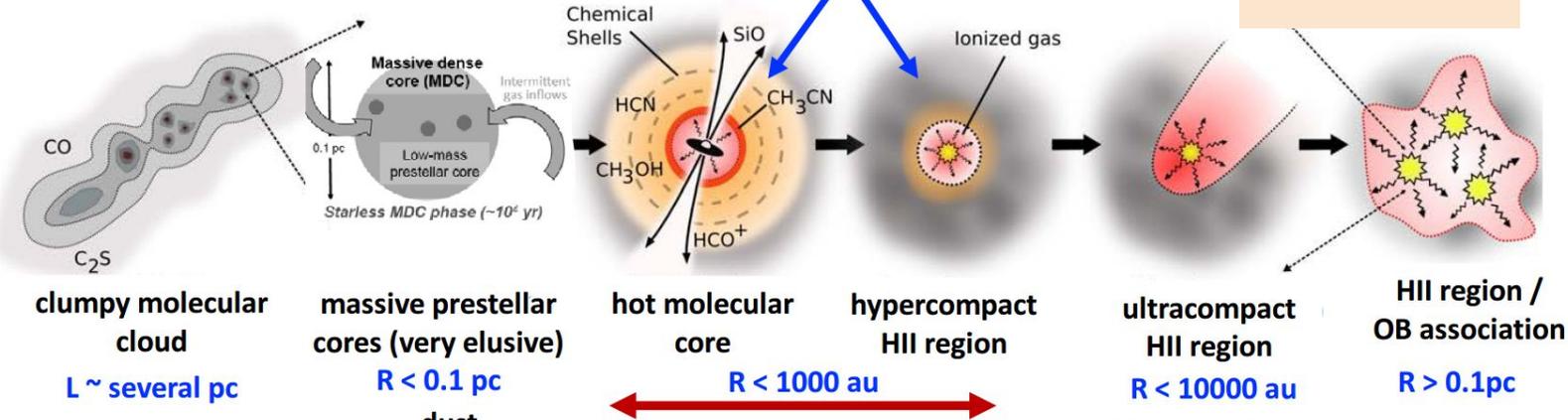
Credits: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO), Andrews+; NRAO/AUI/NSF, S. Dagnello



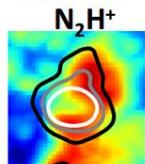
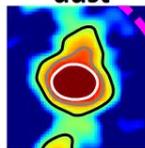
# Observation-based stages of Massive Star Formation

COMs: Complex Organic Molecules

Hunter 2019

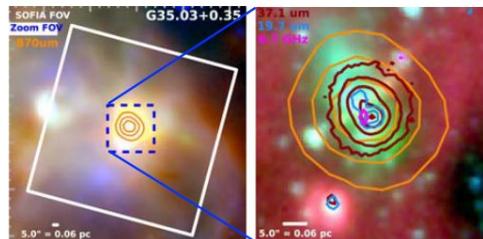


e.g. G19.30+0.07  
Devine+2011



e.g. G11.92-0.61MM2  
Cyganowski+2014

Not distinct stages; incl. EGOs 4.5um accretion outbursts occur here

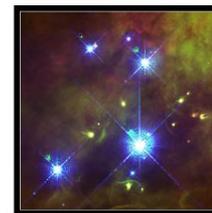


e.g. G35.03+0.35, Towner+2018

modest time variability (DePree+2018)



e.g. G29.96-0.02  
Kalcheva+2018



Orion Trapezium  
Bally+1998

# Atmospheric transmission and episodic accretion

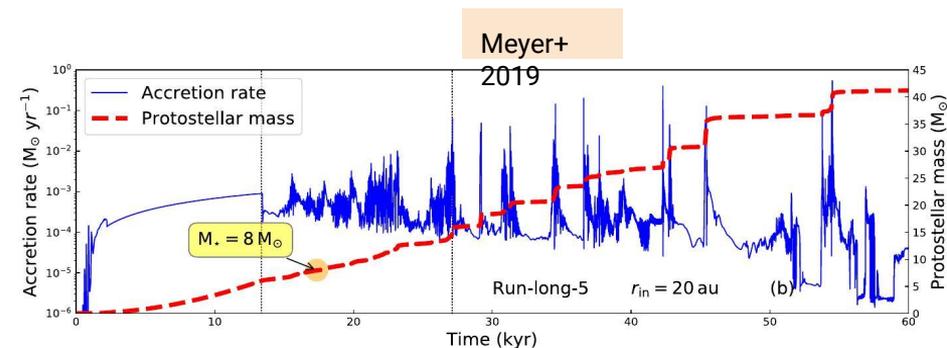
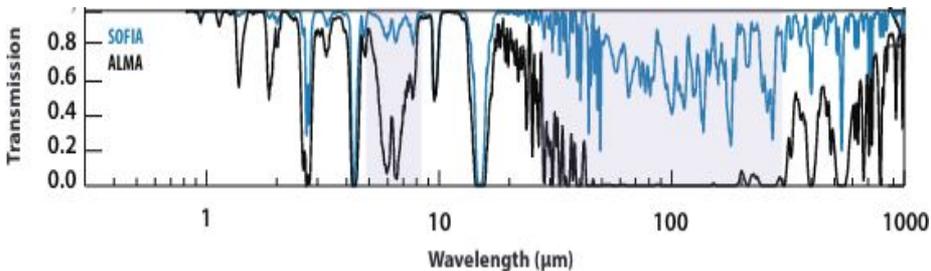
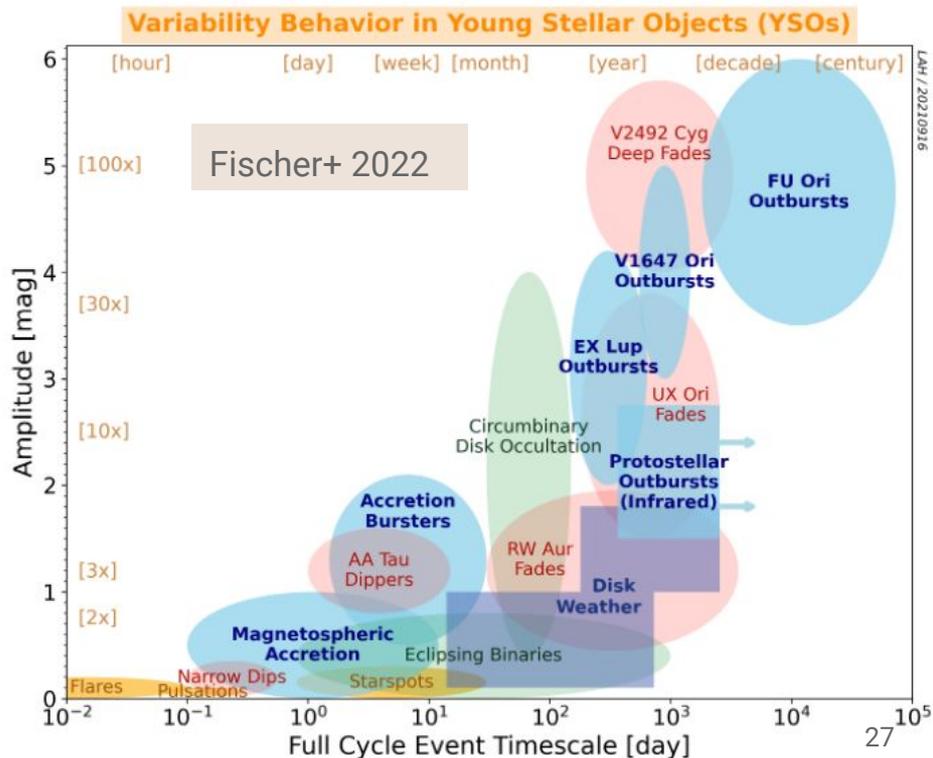


Fig: Modeled protostellar mass and accretion rate as a function of time



# The sample of known MYSO bursts

System	$M_*$ $M_\odot$	$L_*^{pre}$ $10^3 \cdot L_\odot$	$L_{peak}$ $L_{pre}$	$\Delta L$ $10^3 L_\odot$	$t_{rise}$ yr	$\Delta t$ yr	$\dot{M}$ $10^{-3} \frac{M_\odot}{yr}$	$E_{acc}$ $10^{45} \cdot erg$	$M_{acc}$ $M_{Jup}$
NIRS3*	20	30	5.5	130	0.4	2.5	5	12	2
G358*	12	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>19</b>	0.14	0.5	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
G323*	<b>23</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7</b>
NGC*	6.7	3	16	44	0.6	>8	2.3	>40	>0.4
V723 Car	10?	$\approx 4$			4	$\approx 15$			
M17 MIR	5.4	1.4	6.4	7.6		9-20	$\approx 2$		

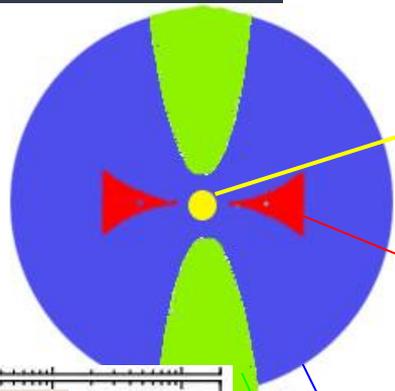
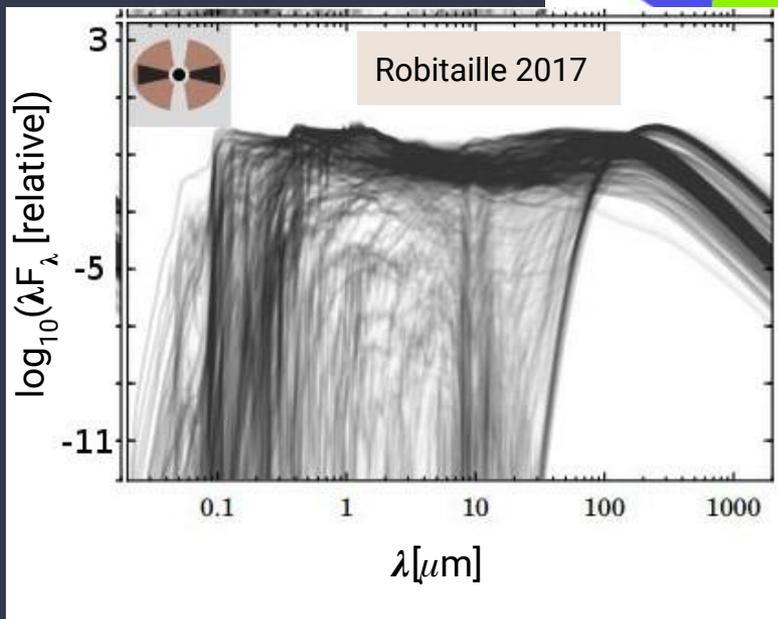
\* accompanying maser flare

NIRS3 (S255IR NIRS3) [Caratti o Garatti+ 2017], G358 (G358.93-0.03-MM1) [Sugiyama+ 2019, Brogan+ 2019, **Stecklum+ 2021**, Burns+ 2020, 2022, 2023], G323 (G323.46-0.08) [Proven-Adzri+ 2019, **Wolf+ in prep.**], NGC (NGC 6334I MM1) [Hunter+ 2017], V723 Car [Tapia+ 2013, 2015], M17 MIR [Chen+ 2021]

Tab: The sample of known MYSO bursts. Bold values are derived within this work.

# The YSO-grid

(aka sedfitter)



parameter		unit	samp	min	max
star	$R_*$	$R_\odot$	log	0.1	100
	$T_*$	$T_\odot$	log	2000	30,000
disk	$m_{\text{disk}}$	$m_\odot$	log	$10^{-8}$	0.1
	$r_{\text{disk}}$	au	log	50	5,000
	$\beta_{\text{disk}}$	-	lin	1	1.3
	$p_{\text{disk}}$	-	lin	-2	0
	$h_{\text{disk}}$	au	log	1	20
env	$\rho_{\text{env}}$	g/cc	log	$10^{-24}$	$10^{-16}$
cav	$\rho_{\text{cav}}$	g/cc	log	$10^{-23}$	$10^{-20}$
	$\Theta_{\text{cav}}$	$^\circ$	lin	0	60
	$c_{\text{cav}}$	-	lin	1	2
view	i	$^\circ$	lin	0	90

Fig: YSO-grid (set of static SEDs) used for the pre-burst fit

Tab: Parameter-ranges of the models included in the YSO-grid. All masses/densities are dust properties. <sup>29</sup>

