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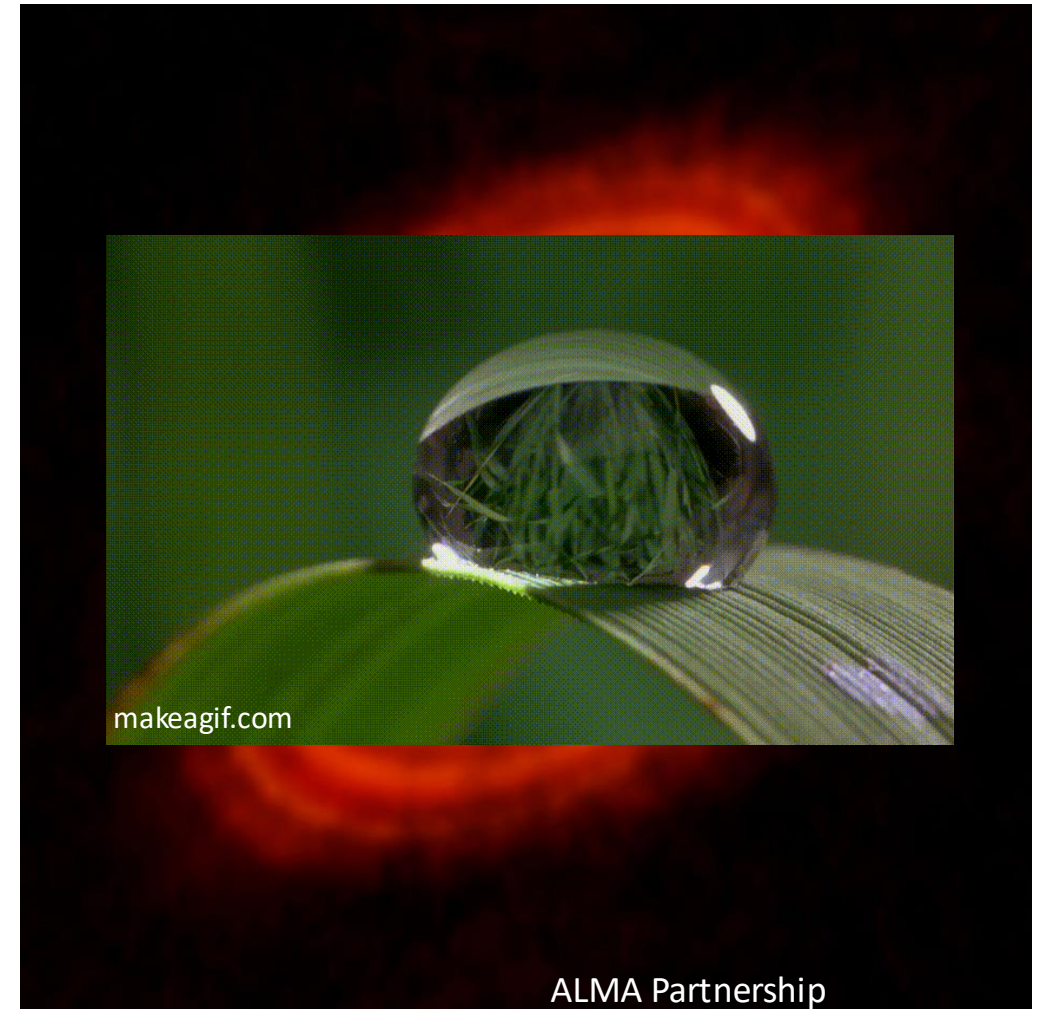
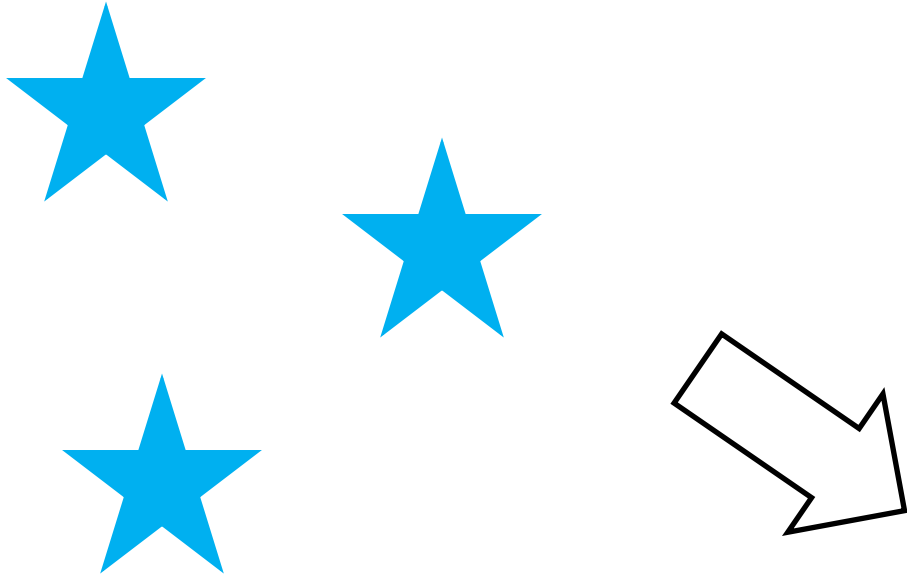


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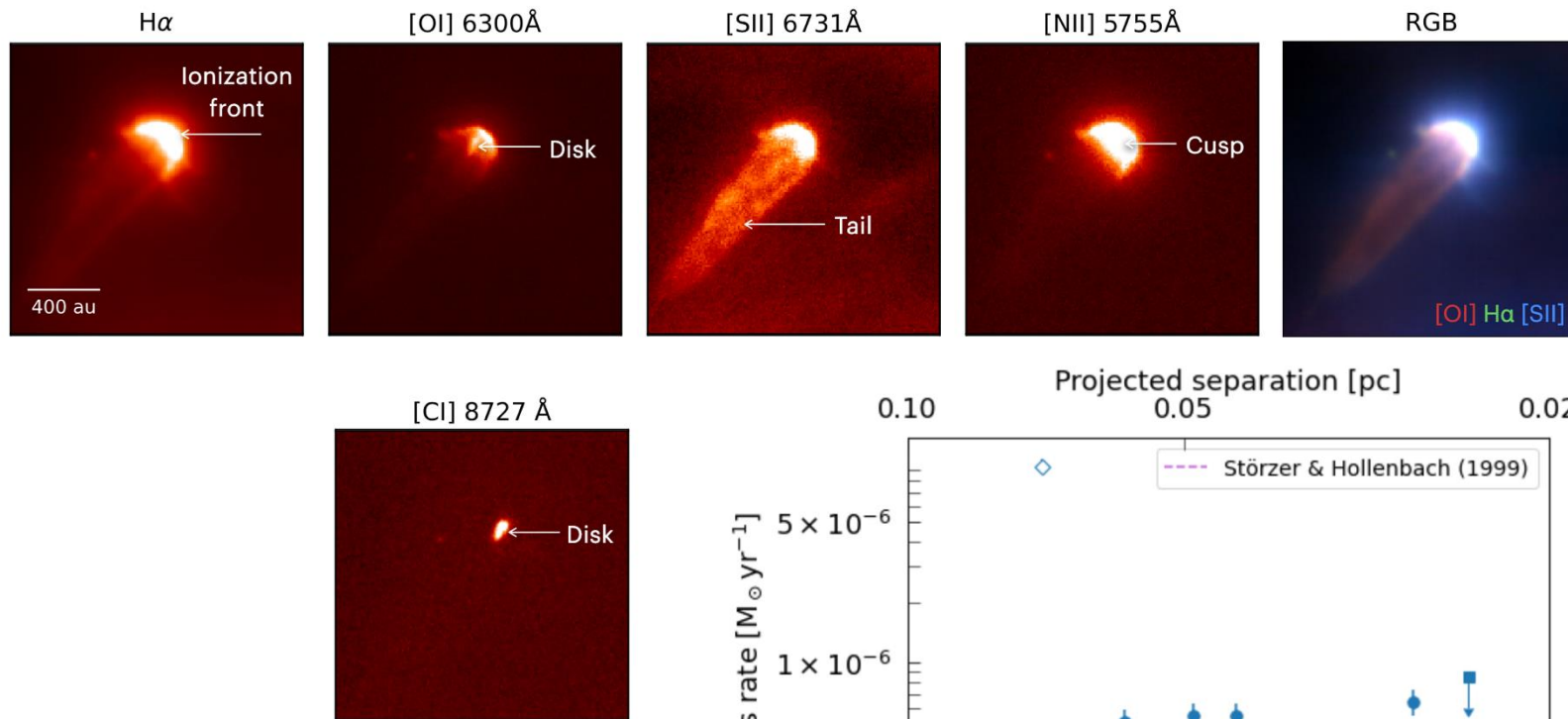
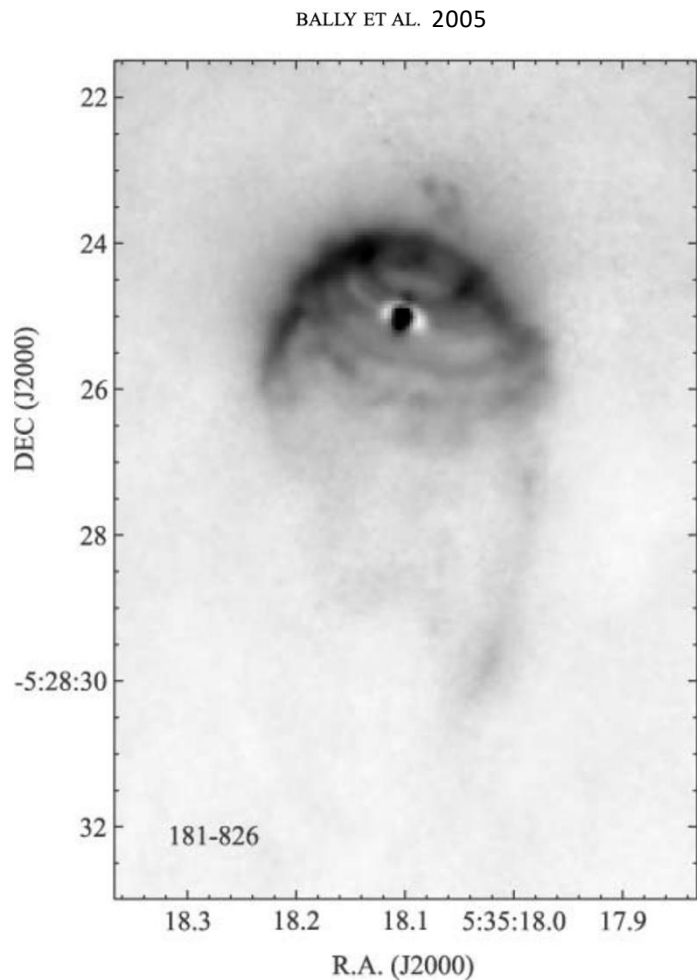
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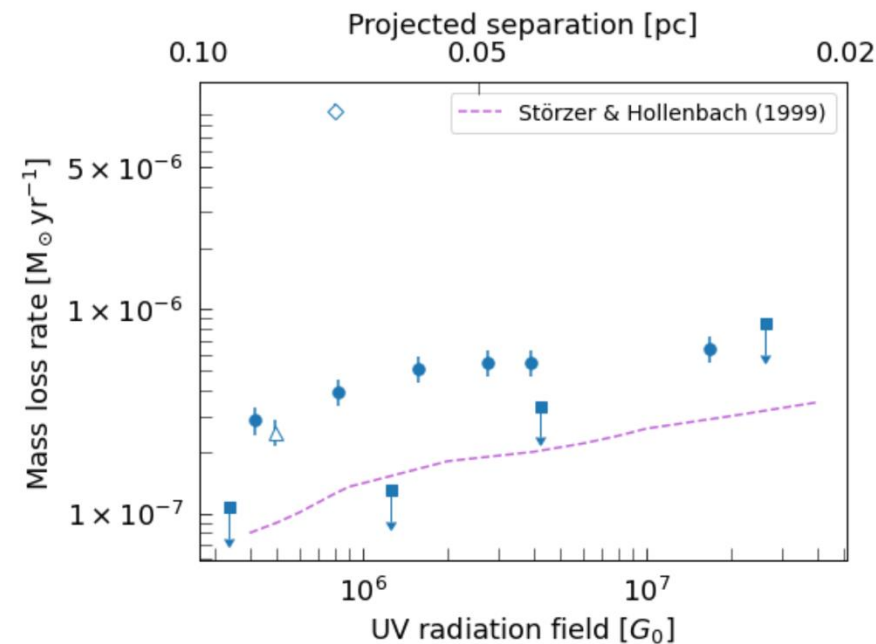


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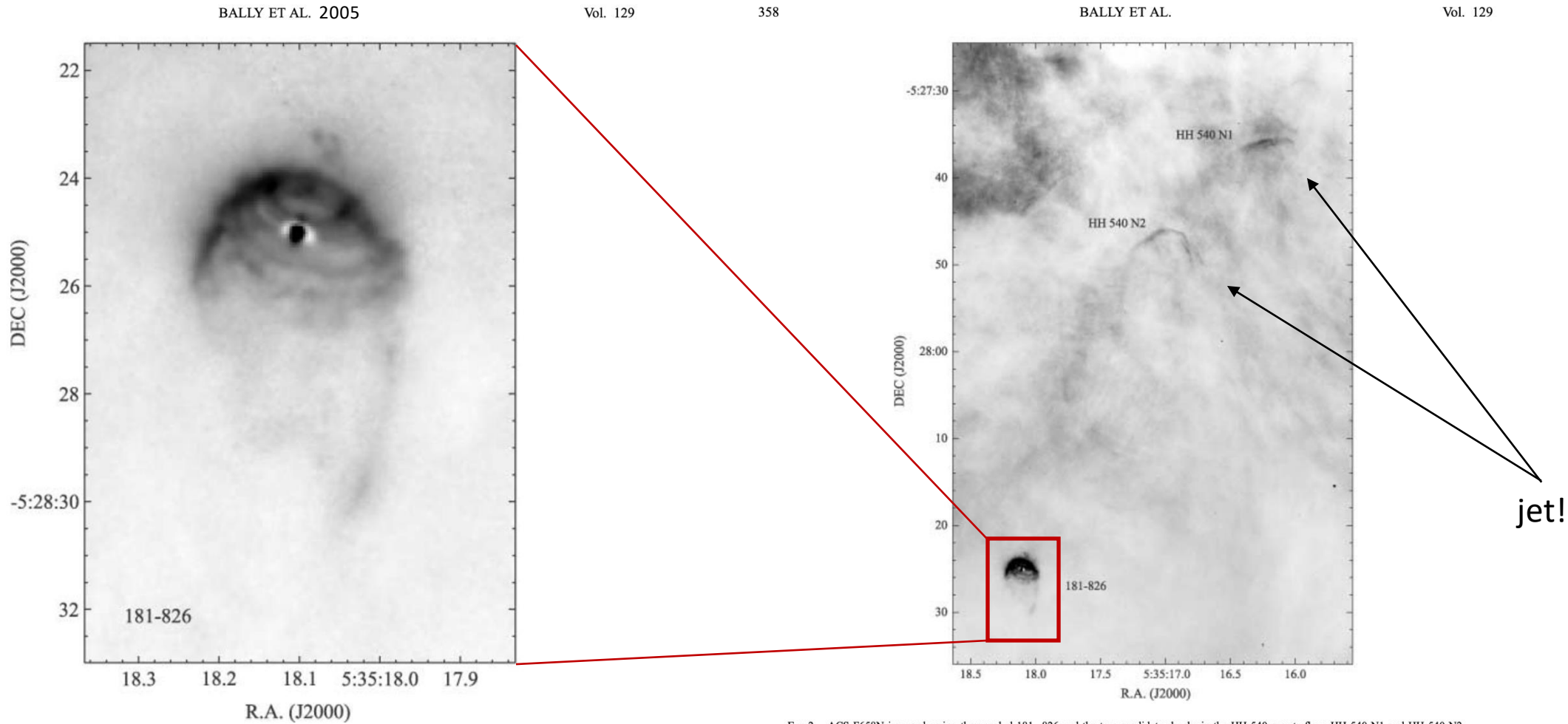
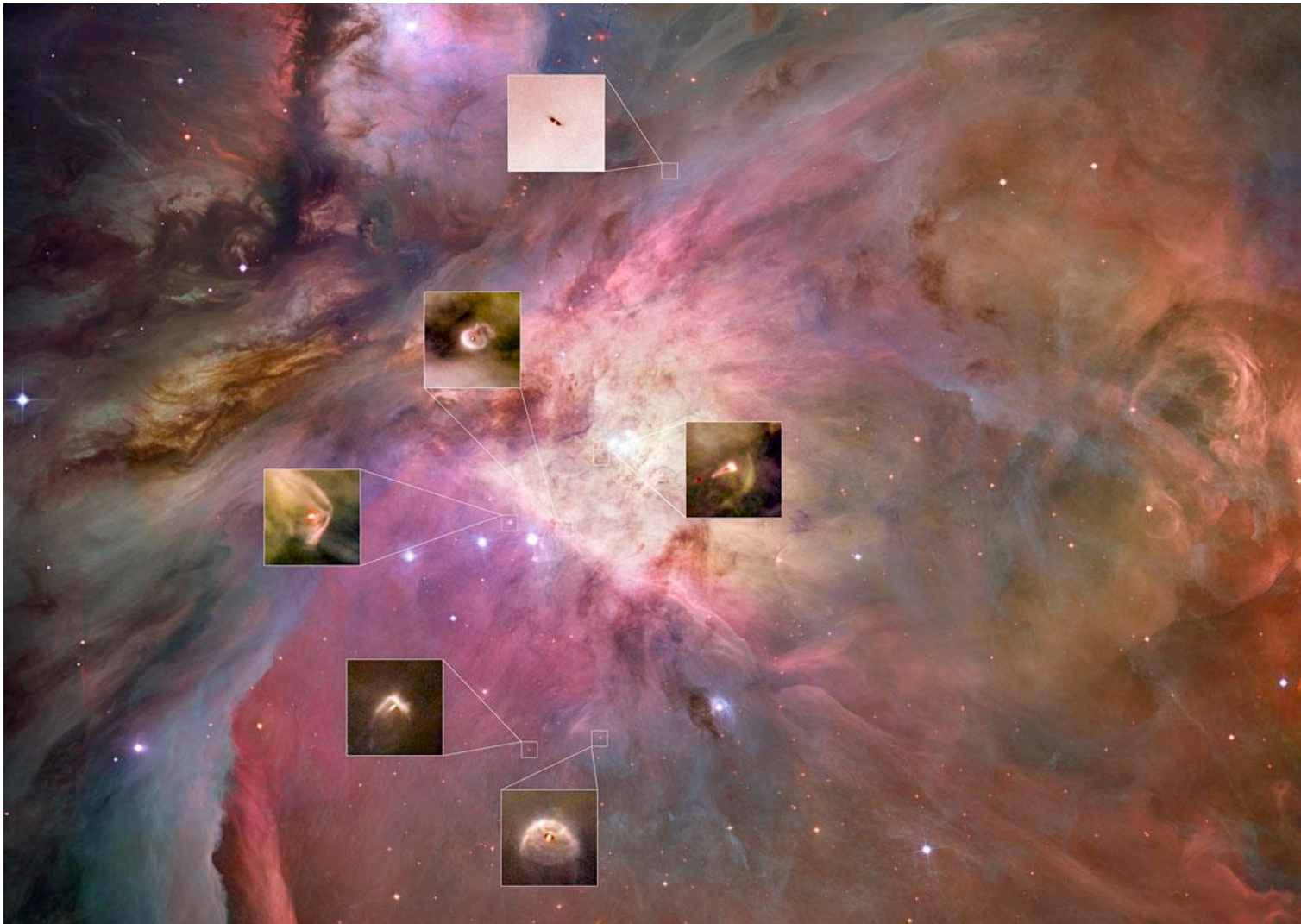


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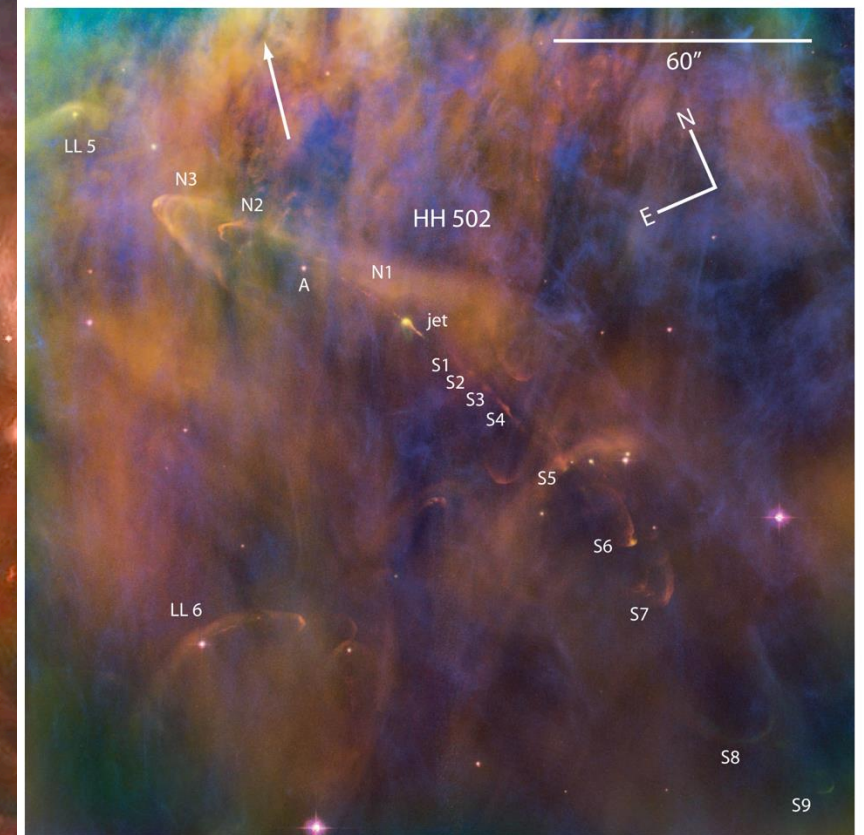
UV radiation from high-mass stars illuminated everything in the vicinity – disks, globules, outflows...



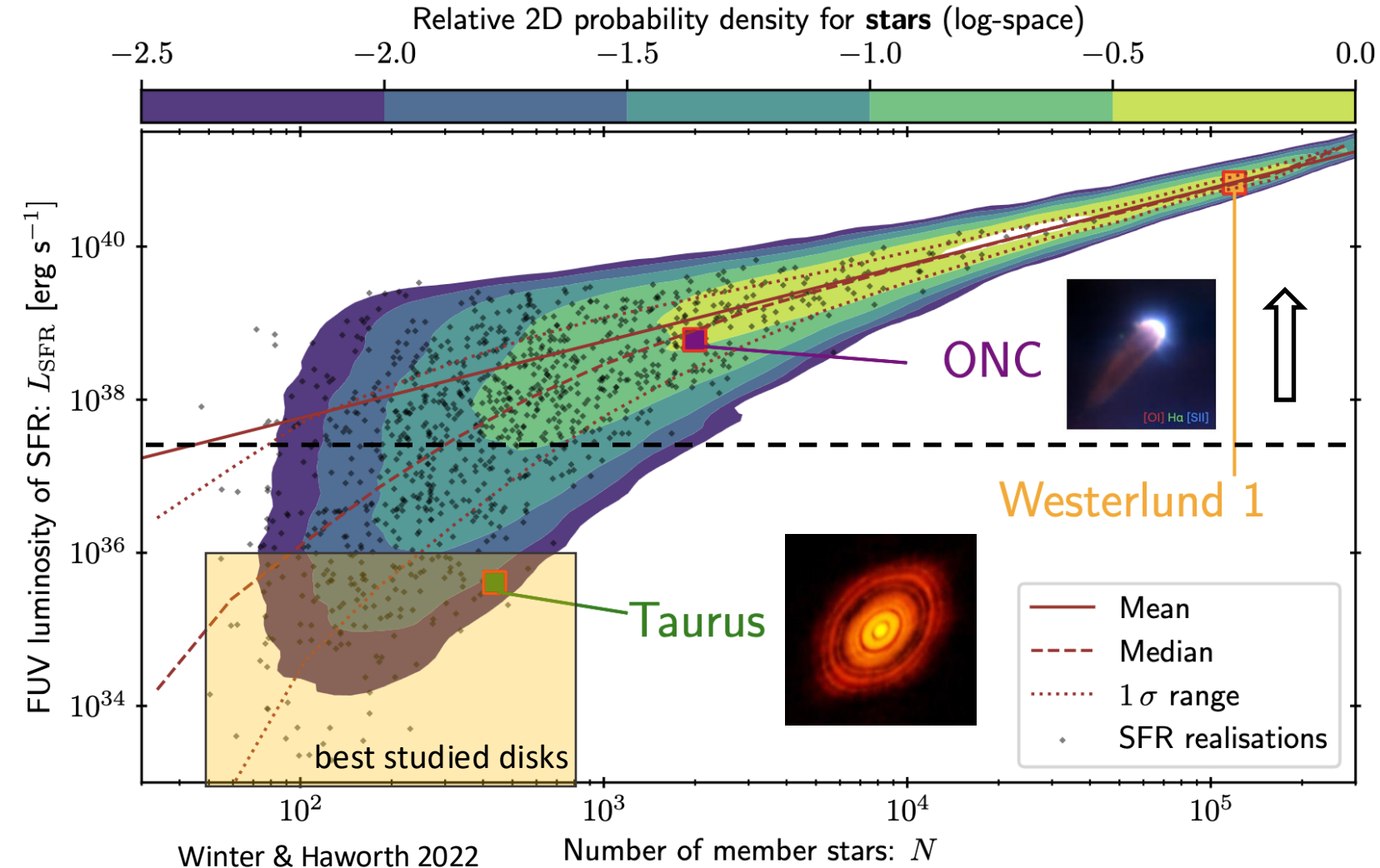
External illumination to measure
all of the mass in the outflow?

Reipurth, Bally, et al. 1998

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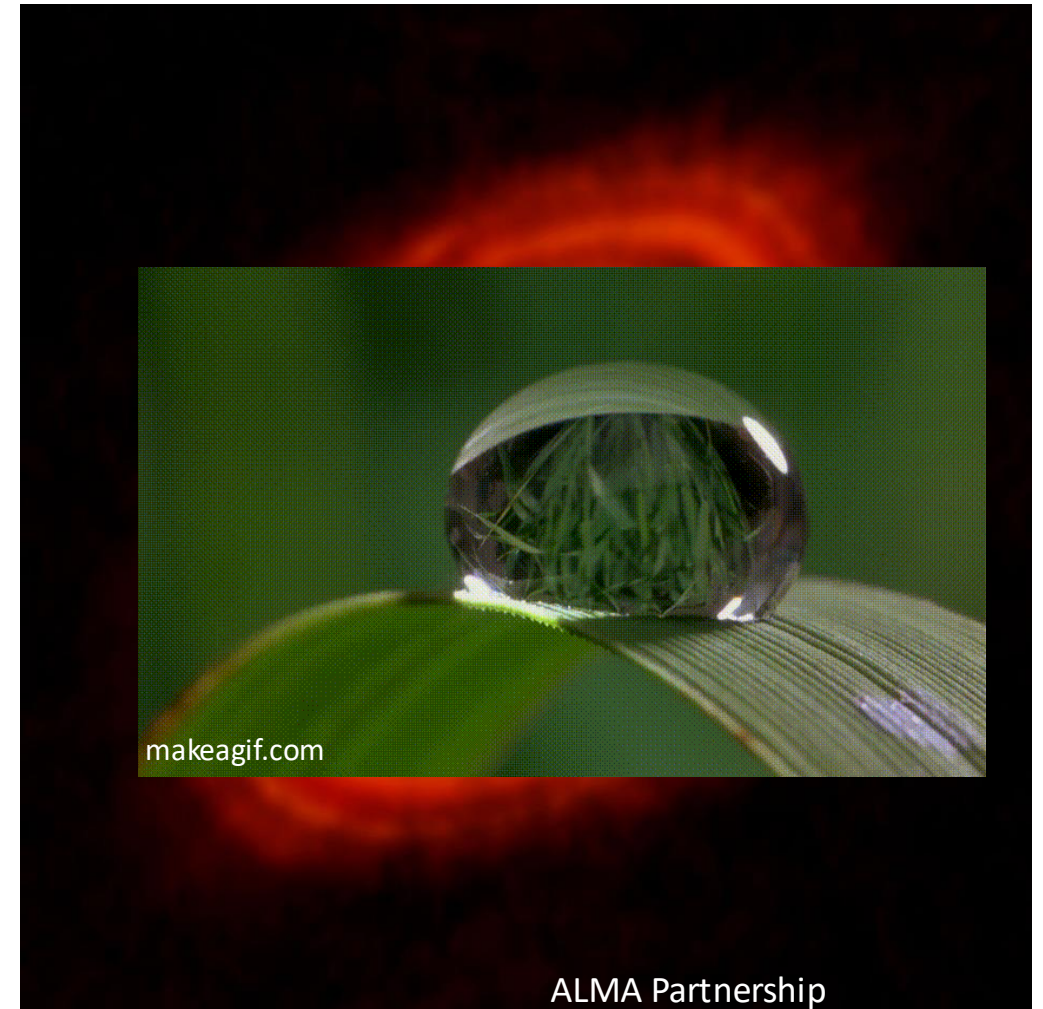
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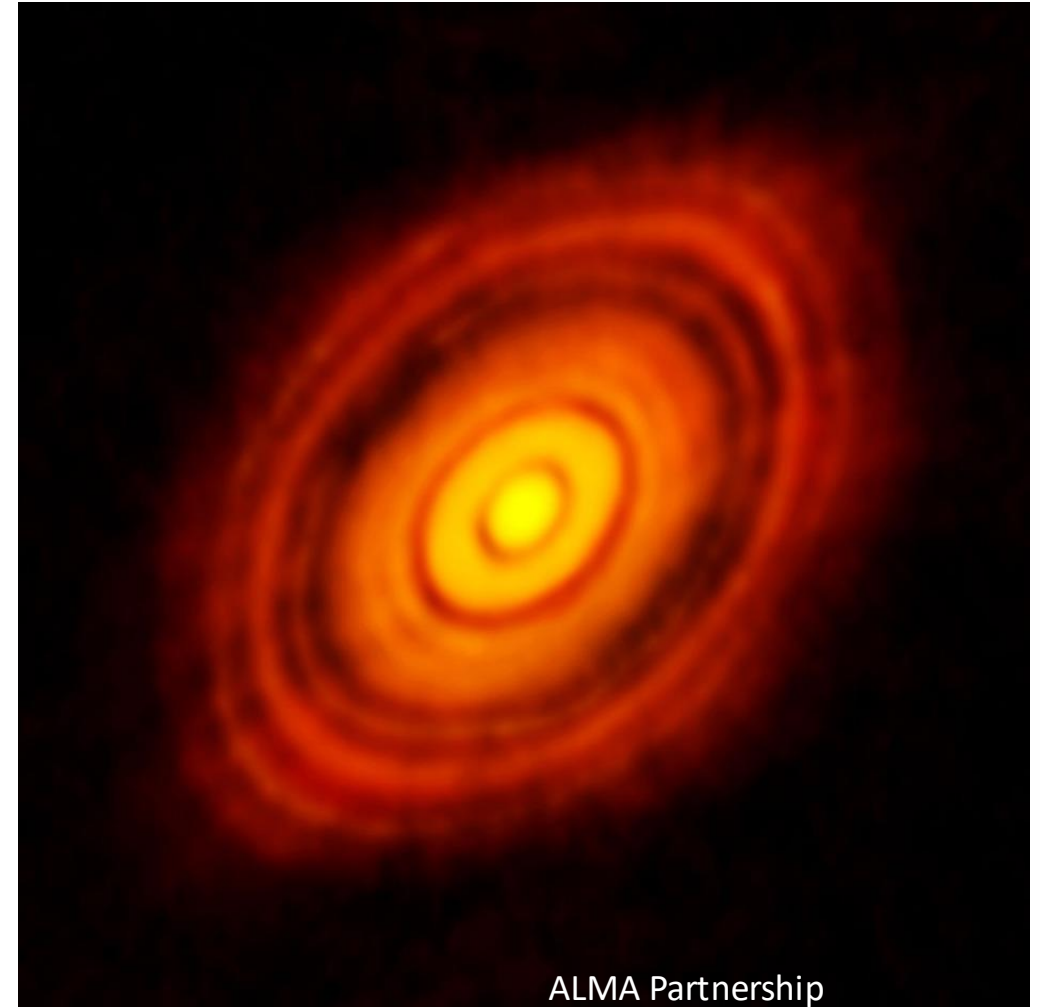
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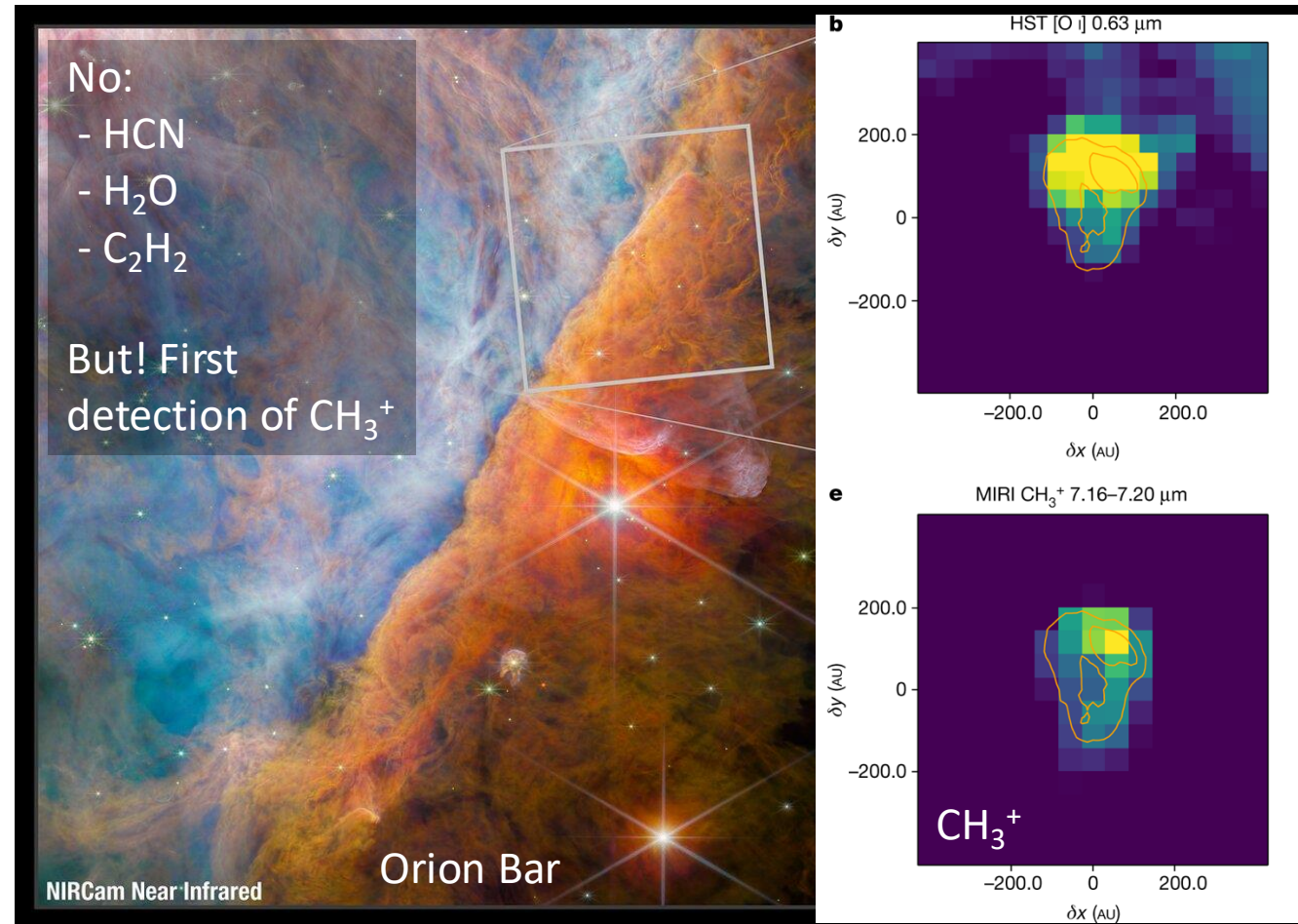
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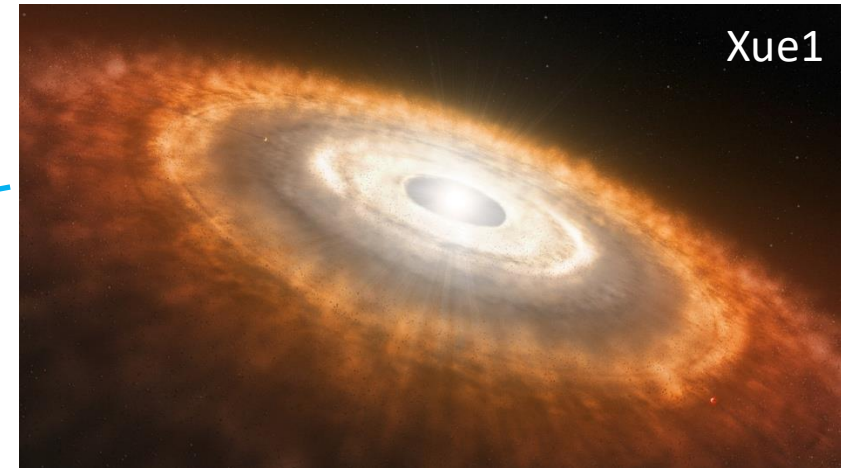
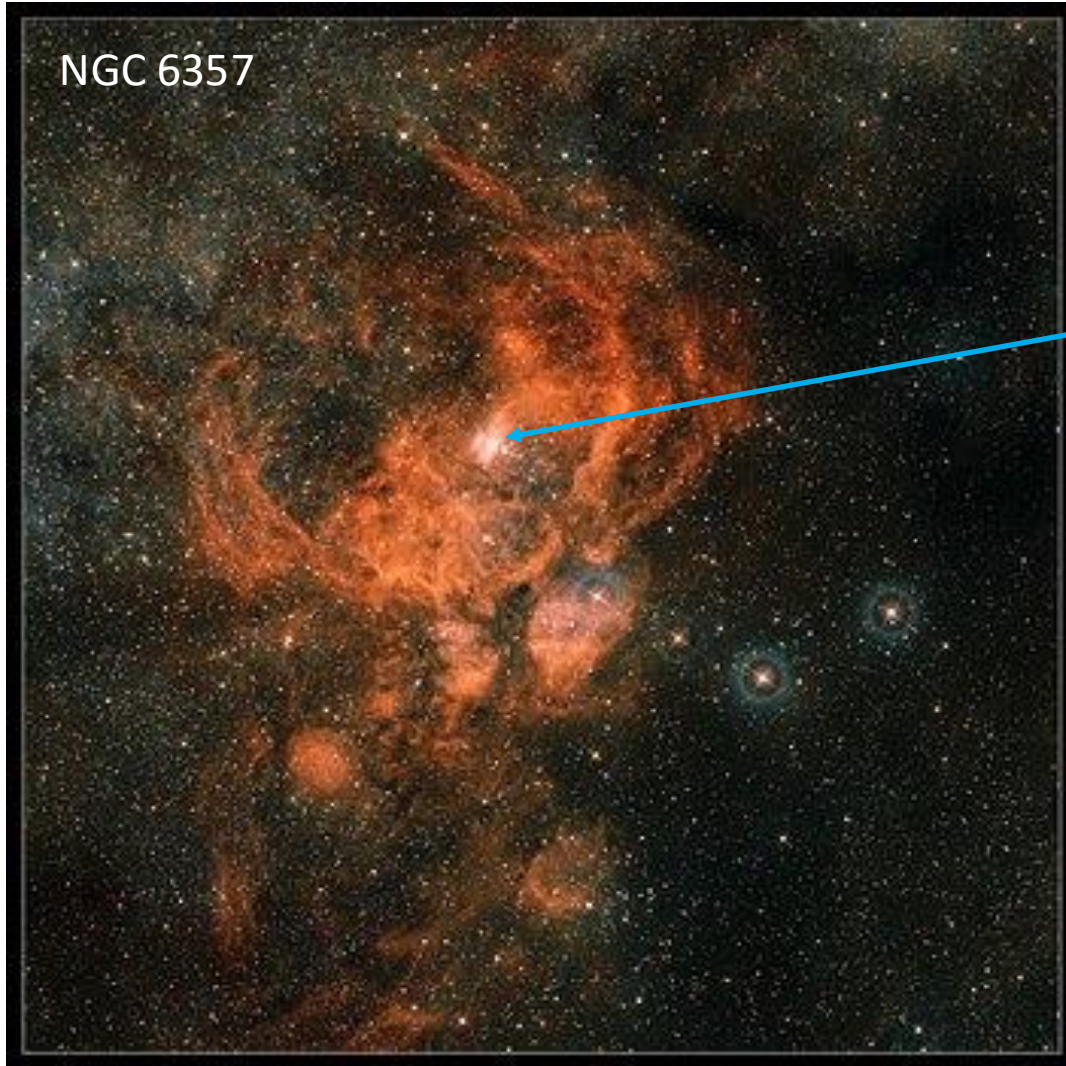


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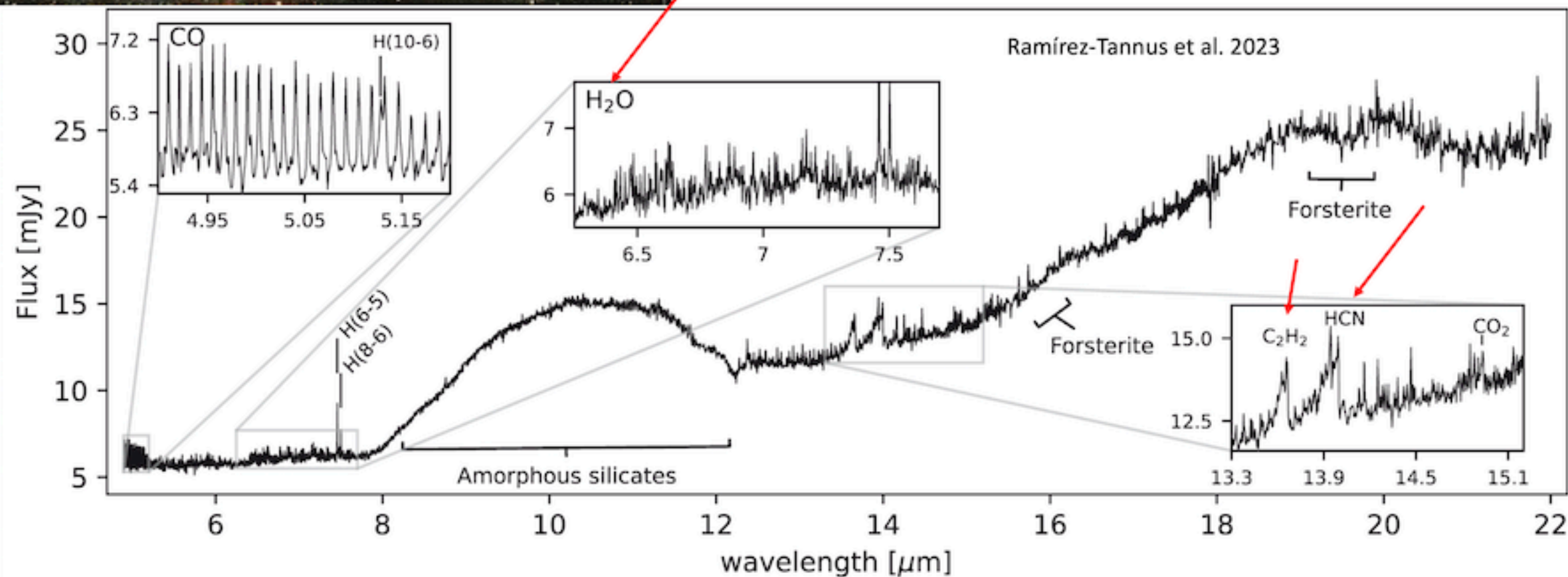
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1/15 disks in NGC 6357 observed with MIRI

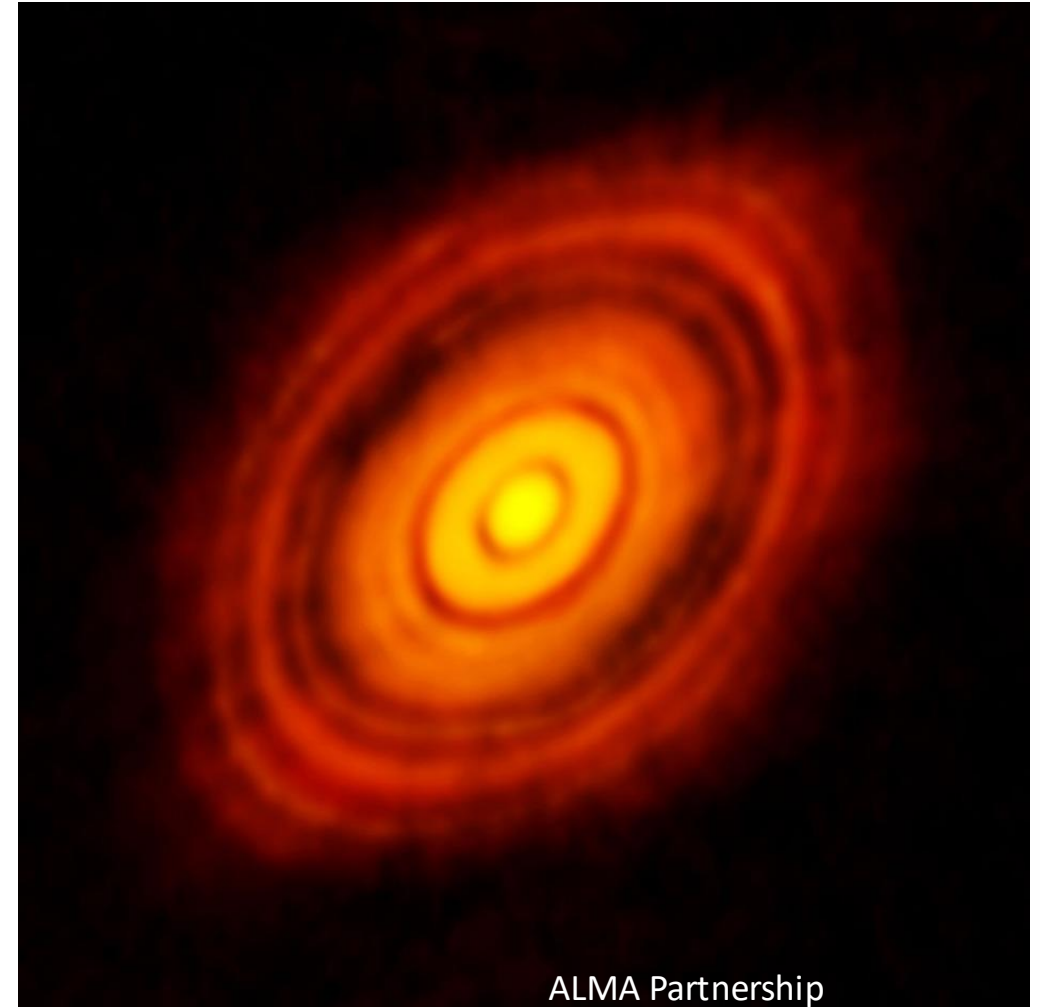
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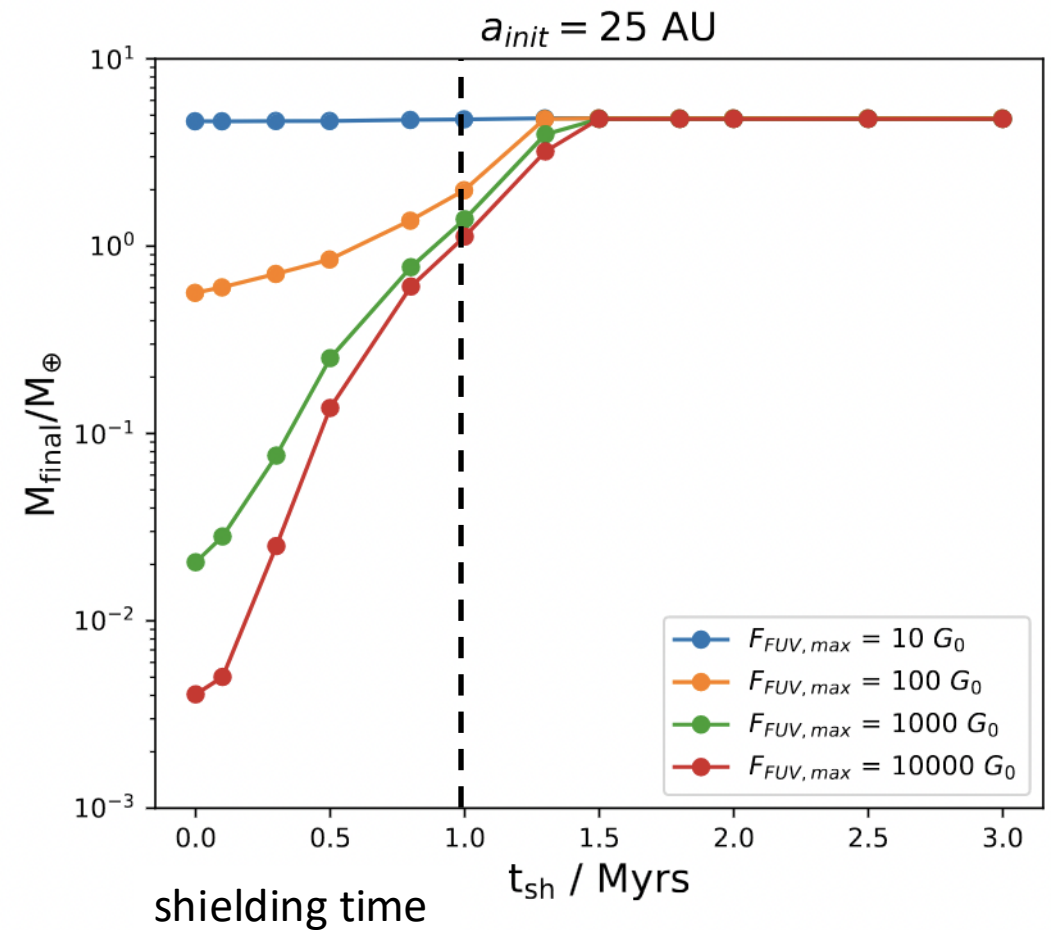
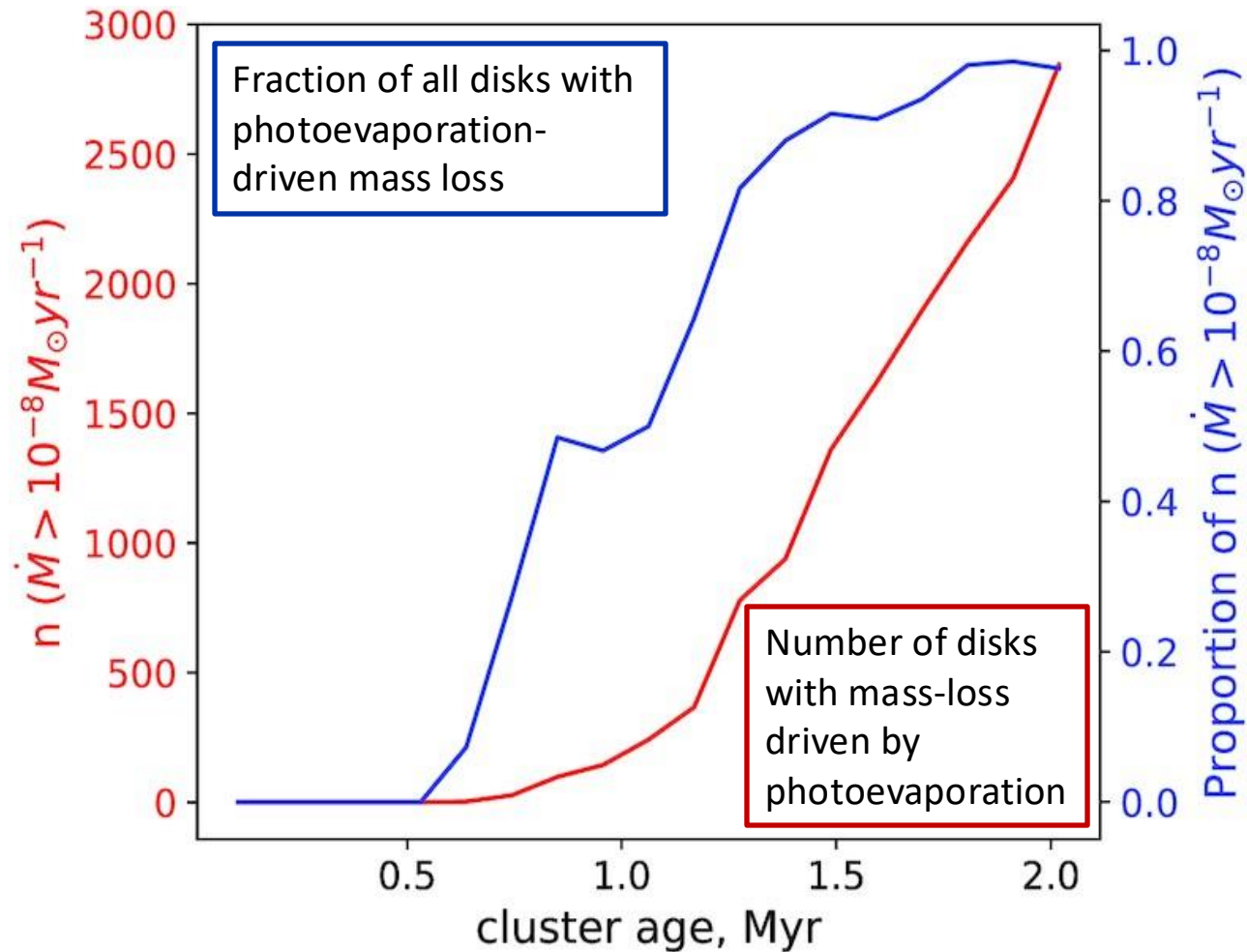


Remaining gas and dust in the star-forming ecosystem protects disks, affects dynamical evolution, may aid enrichment, ...

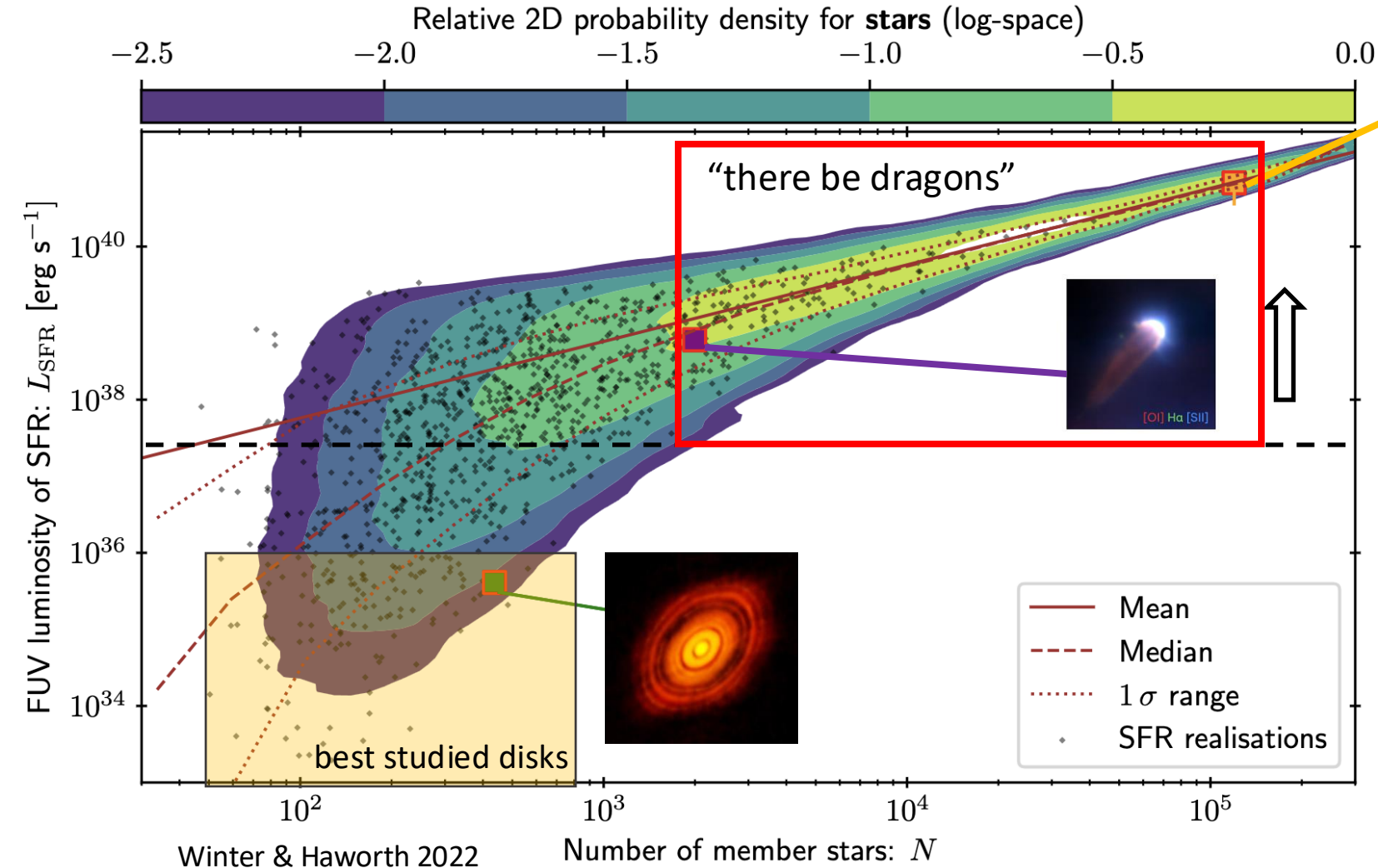


The Pillars of Creation revisited with MUSE
McLeod et al. 2015 (see also McLeod et al. 2016)

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Ramírez-Tannus et al. 2023

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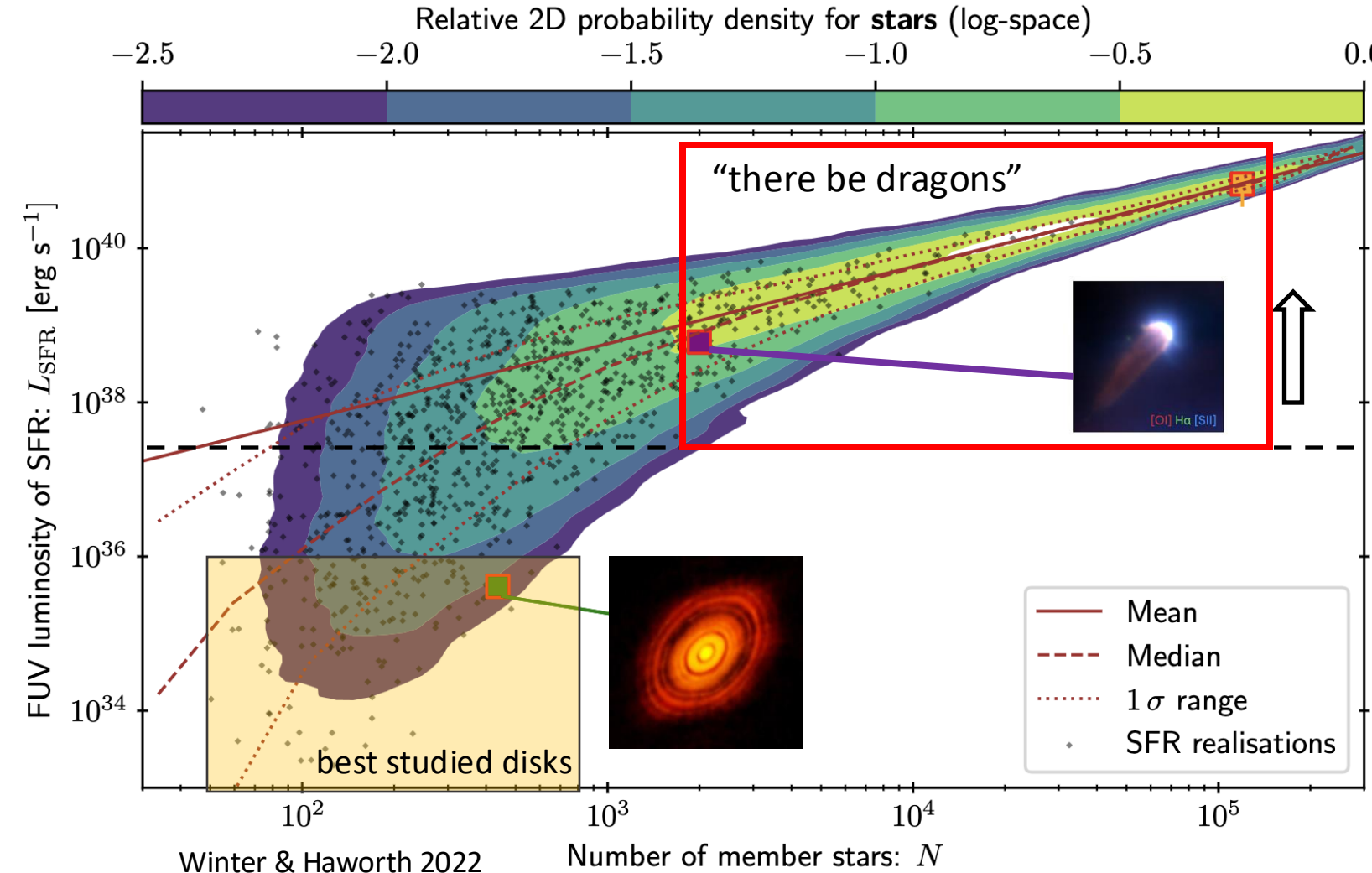
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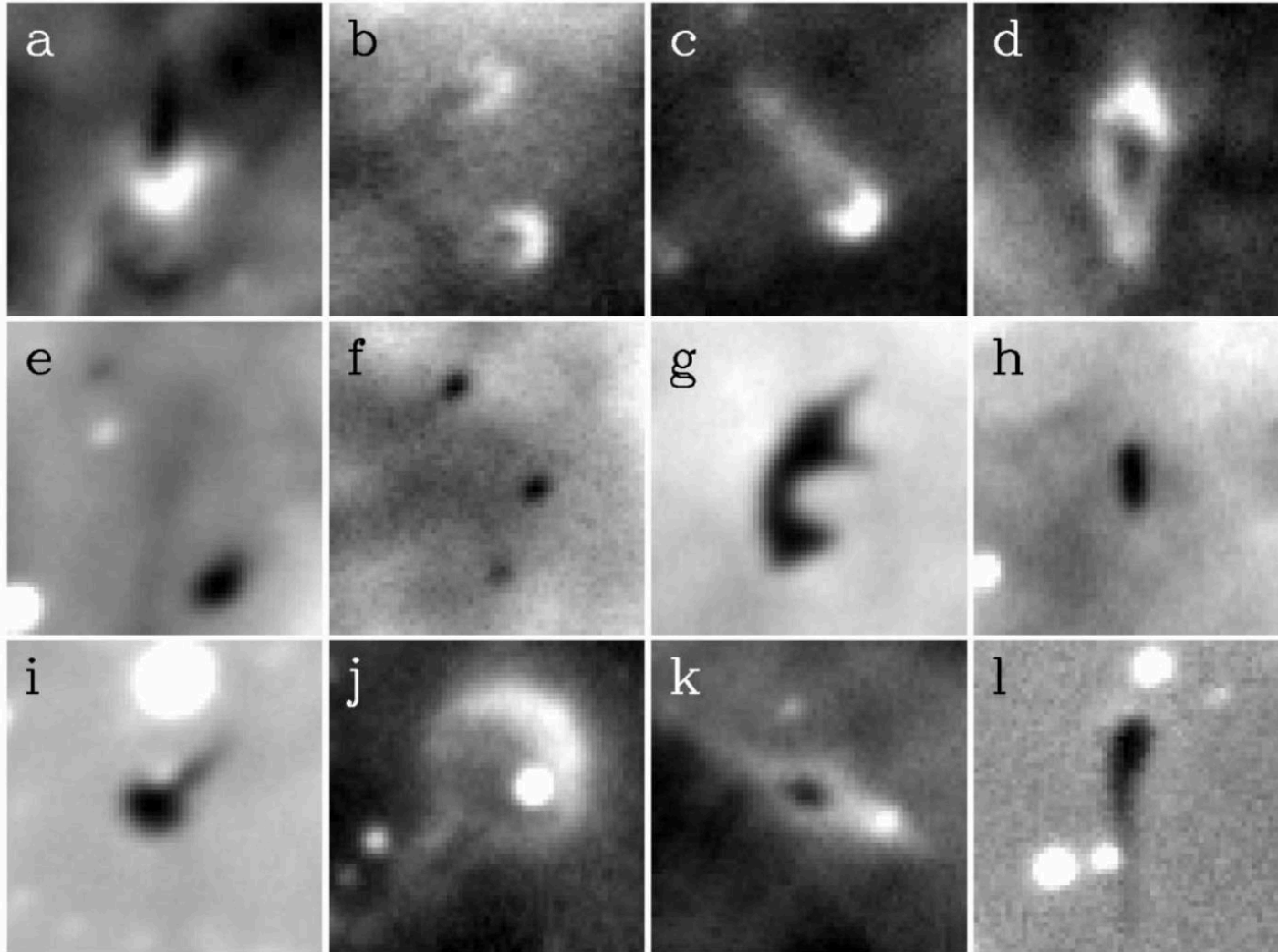
→ Need sample of low-mass sources in different UV environments

Environment: evolution may be crucial to understand the demographics of exoplanets

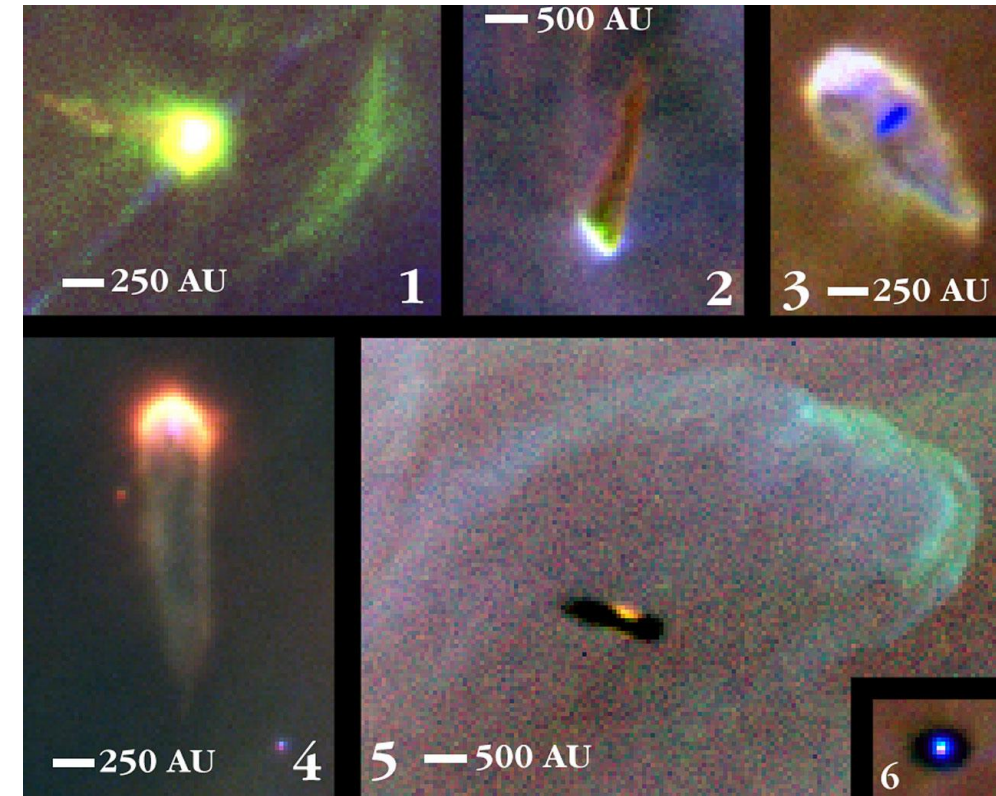
→ Need to measure the local gas/dust environment



True proplyds are small, $\sim 250\text{-}500$ AU, not well-resolved for $d \geq 2$ kpc with the best-available instruments.

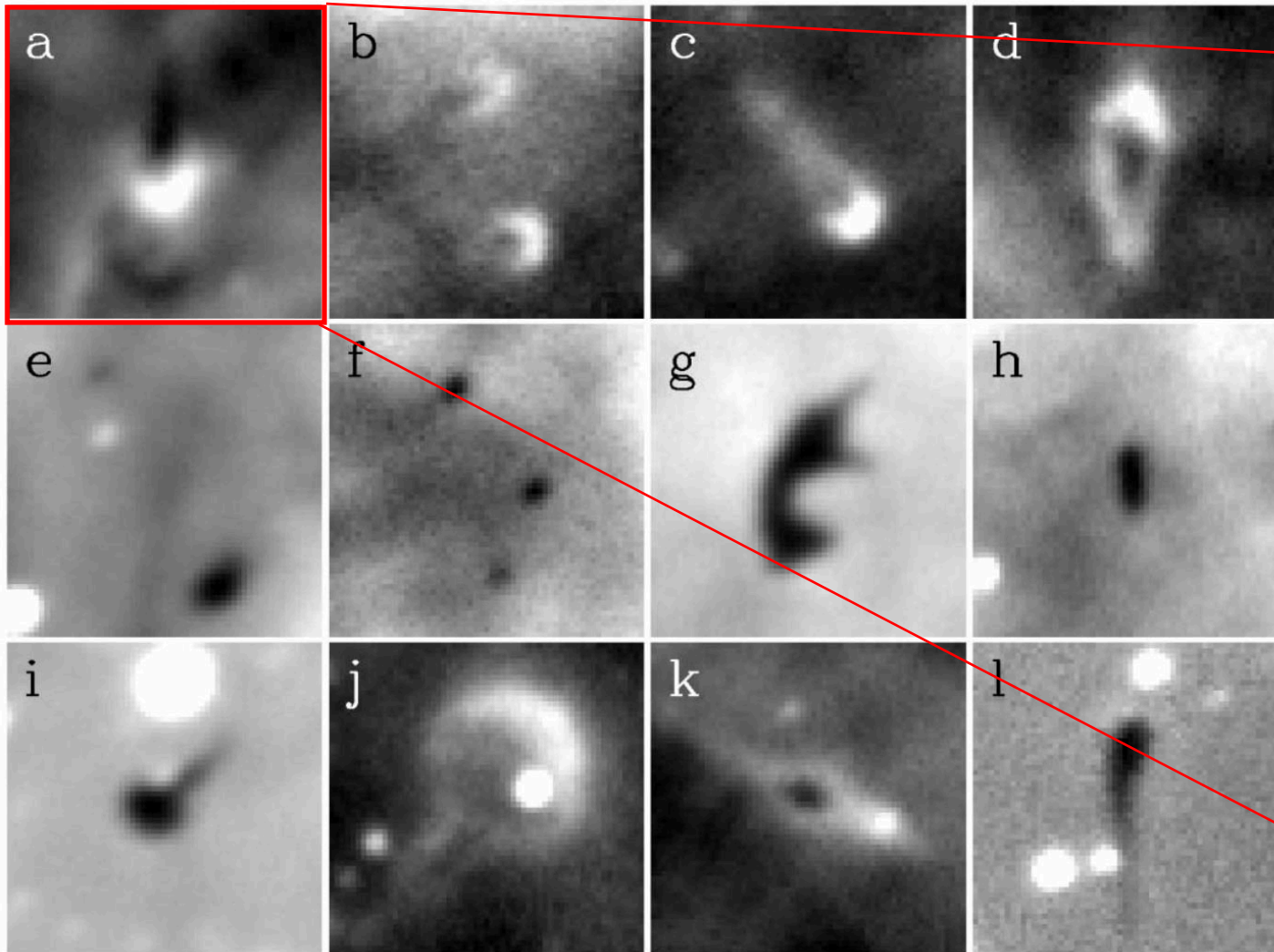


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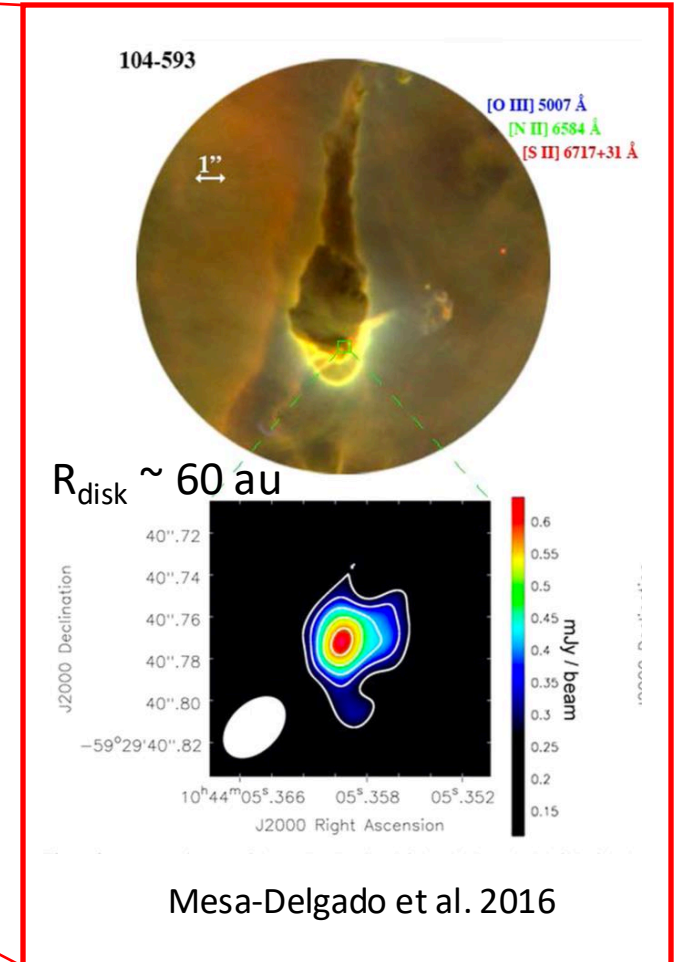


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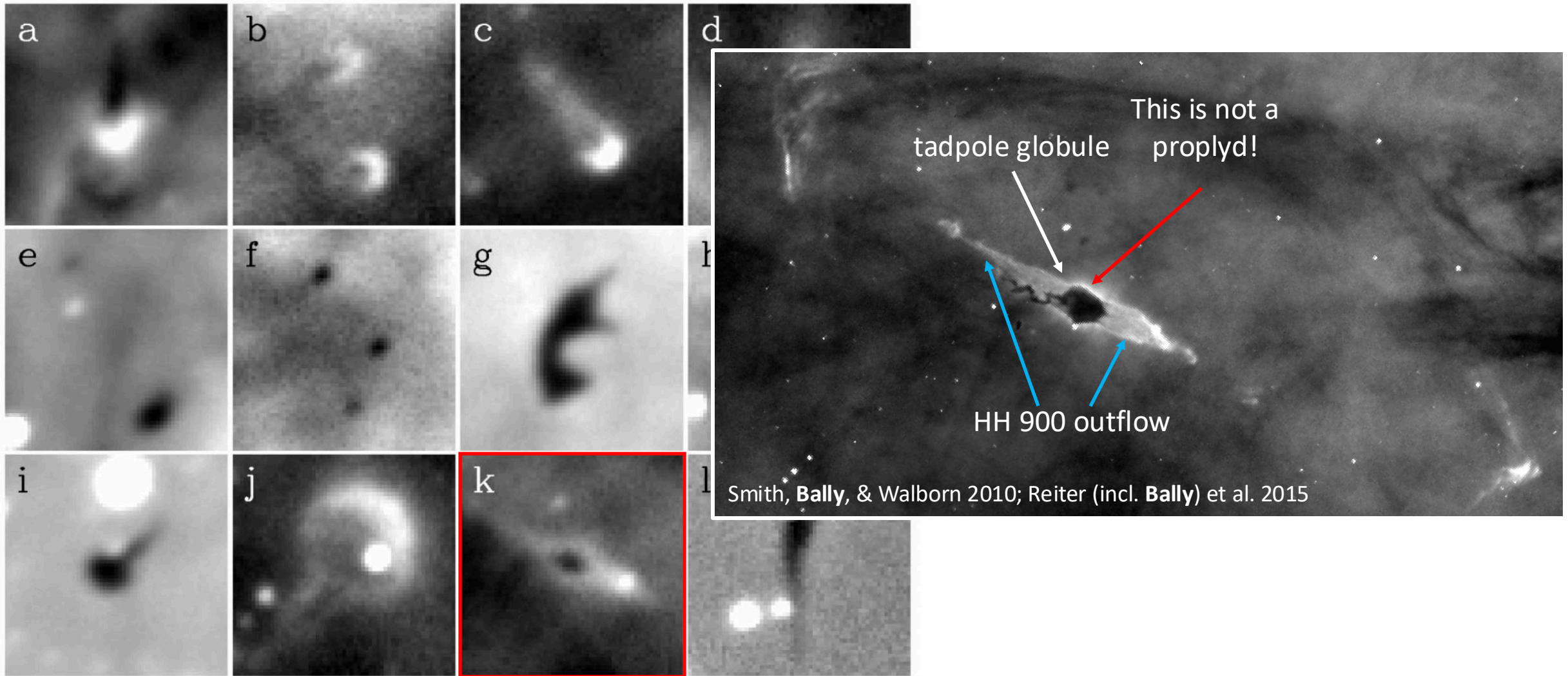


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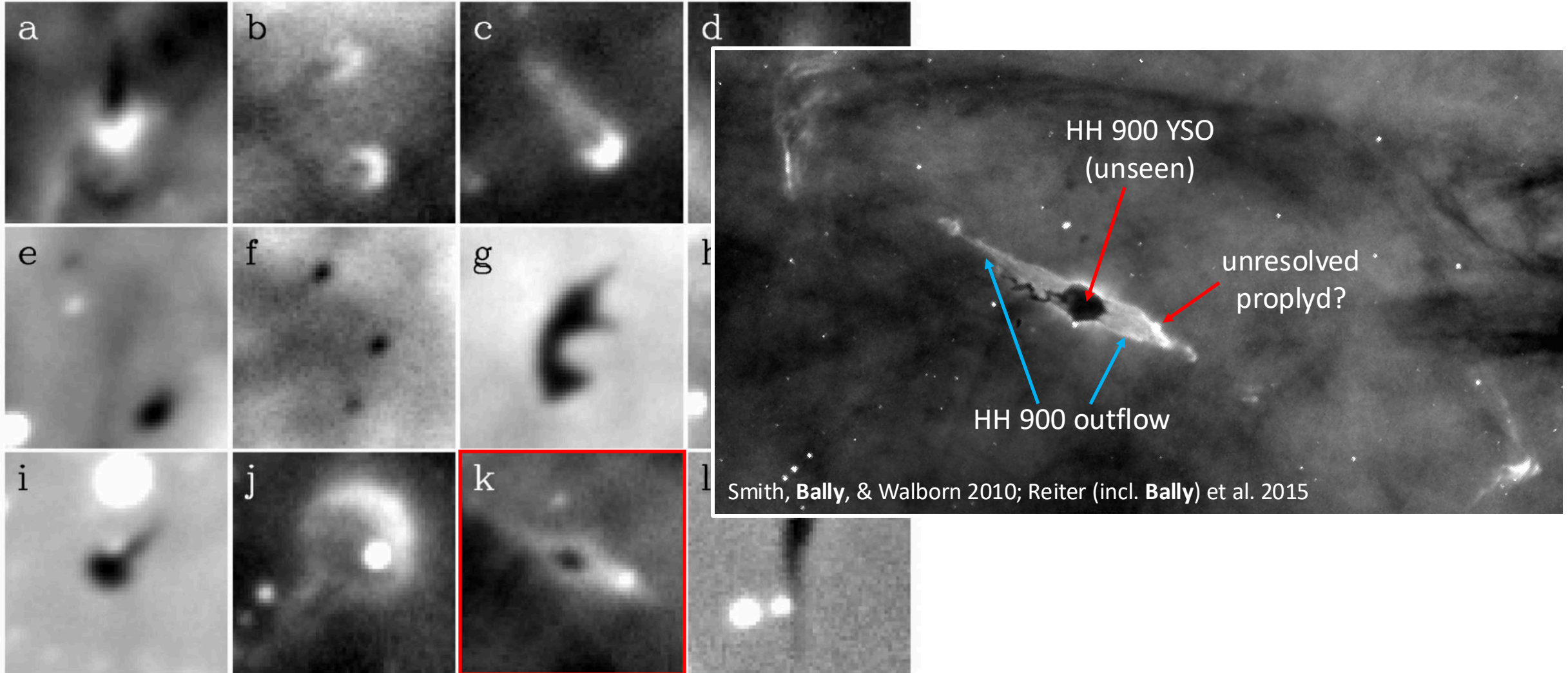
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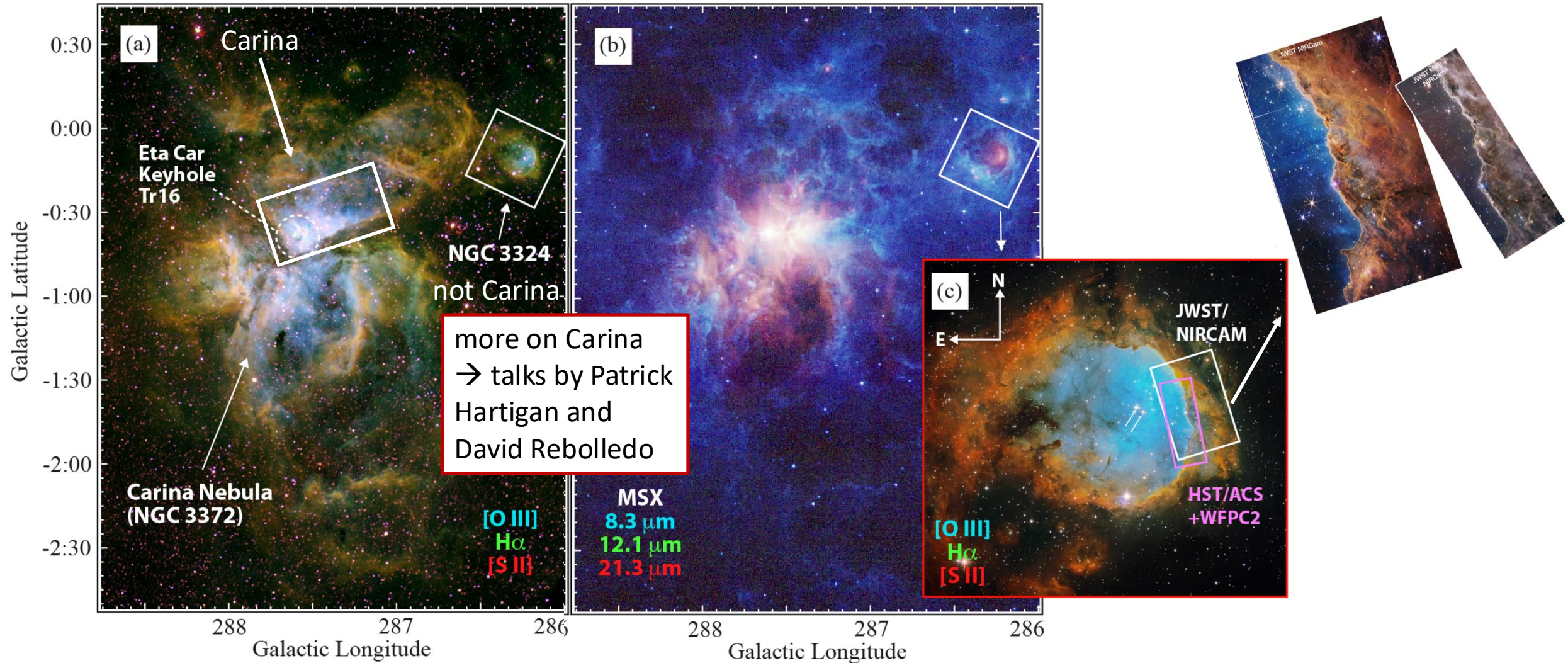
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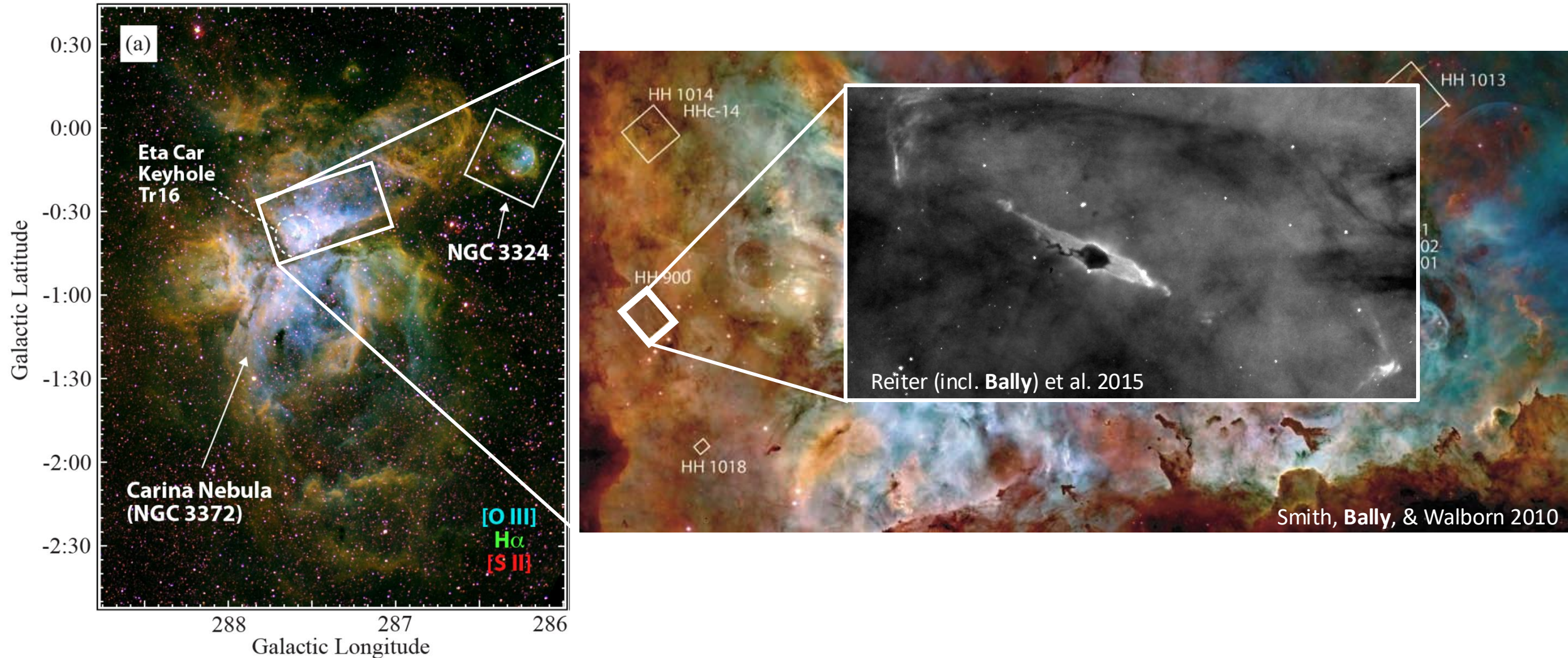
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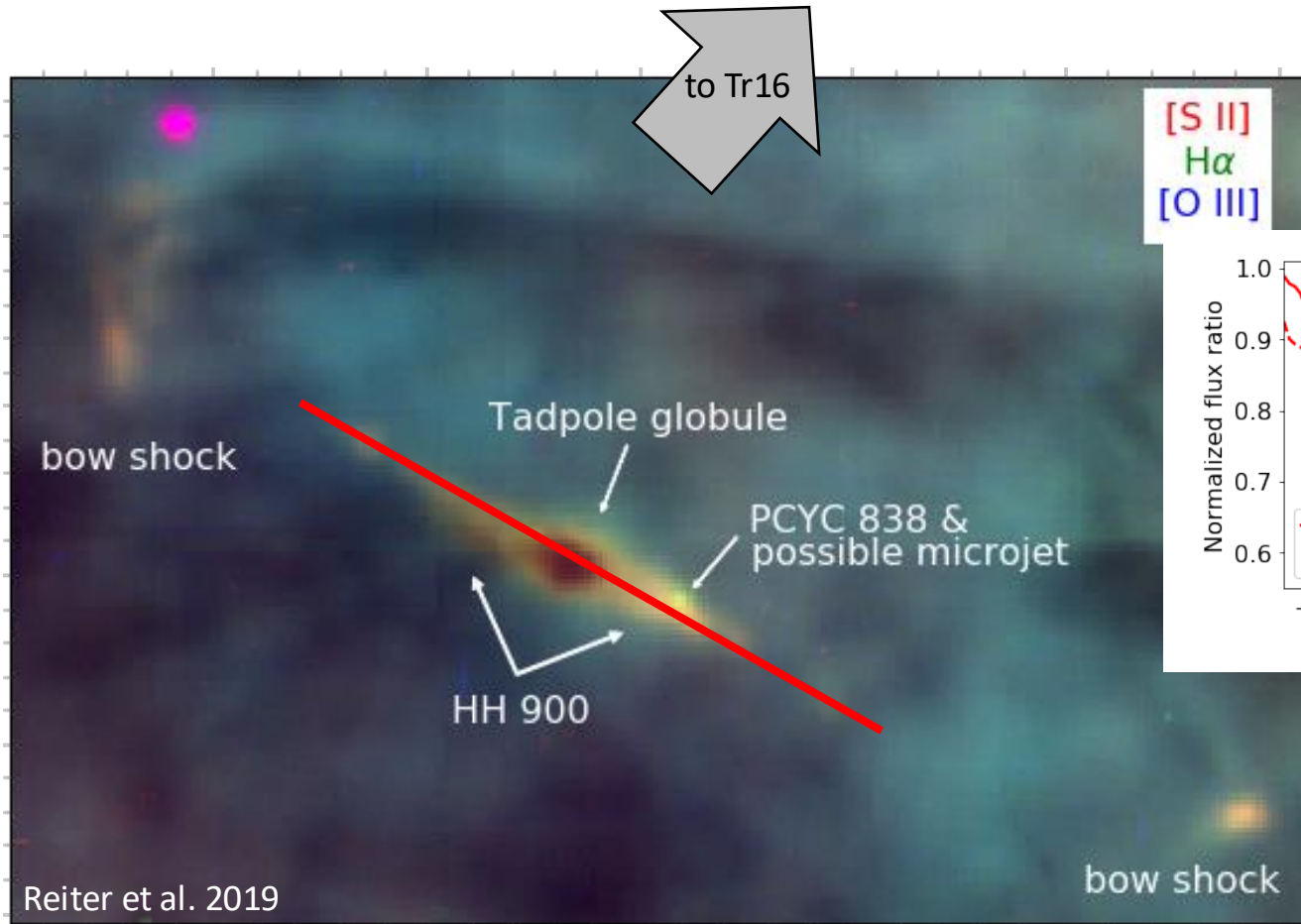
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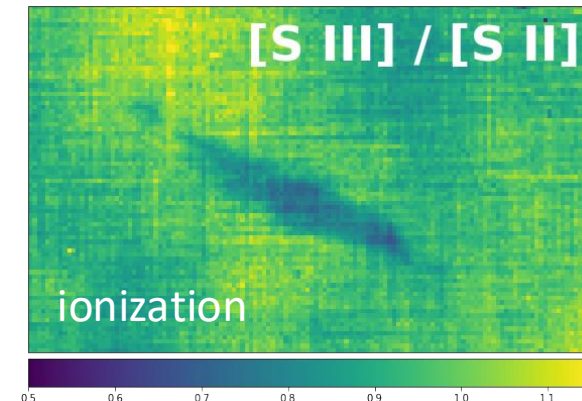
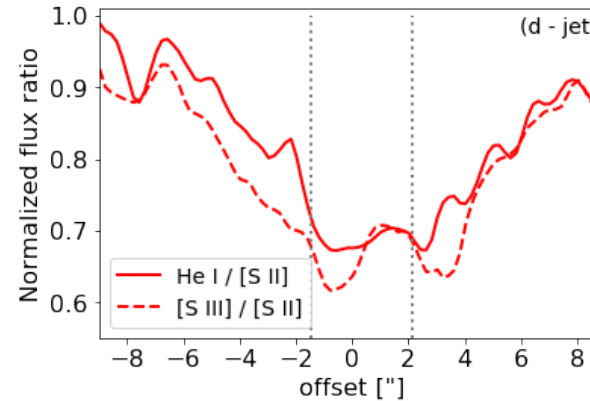


Using MUSE to put star/planet-forming disks in context: ionization front properties of the globule and outflow.

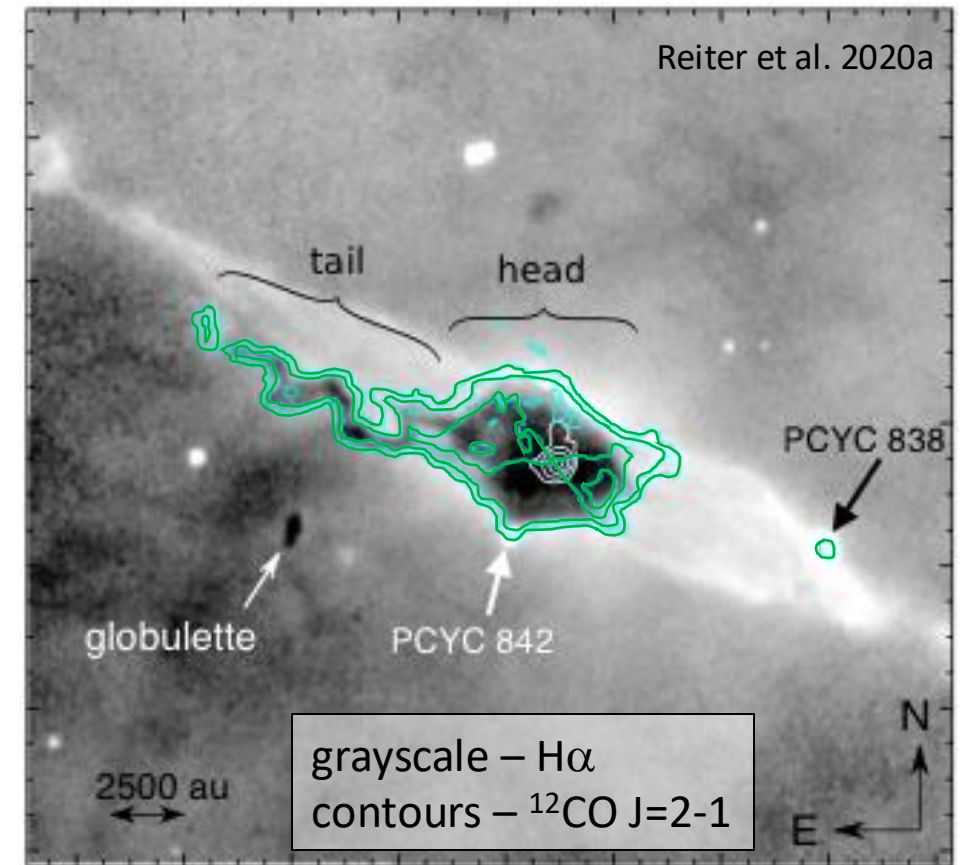
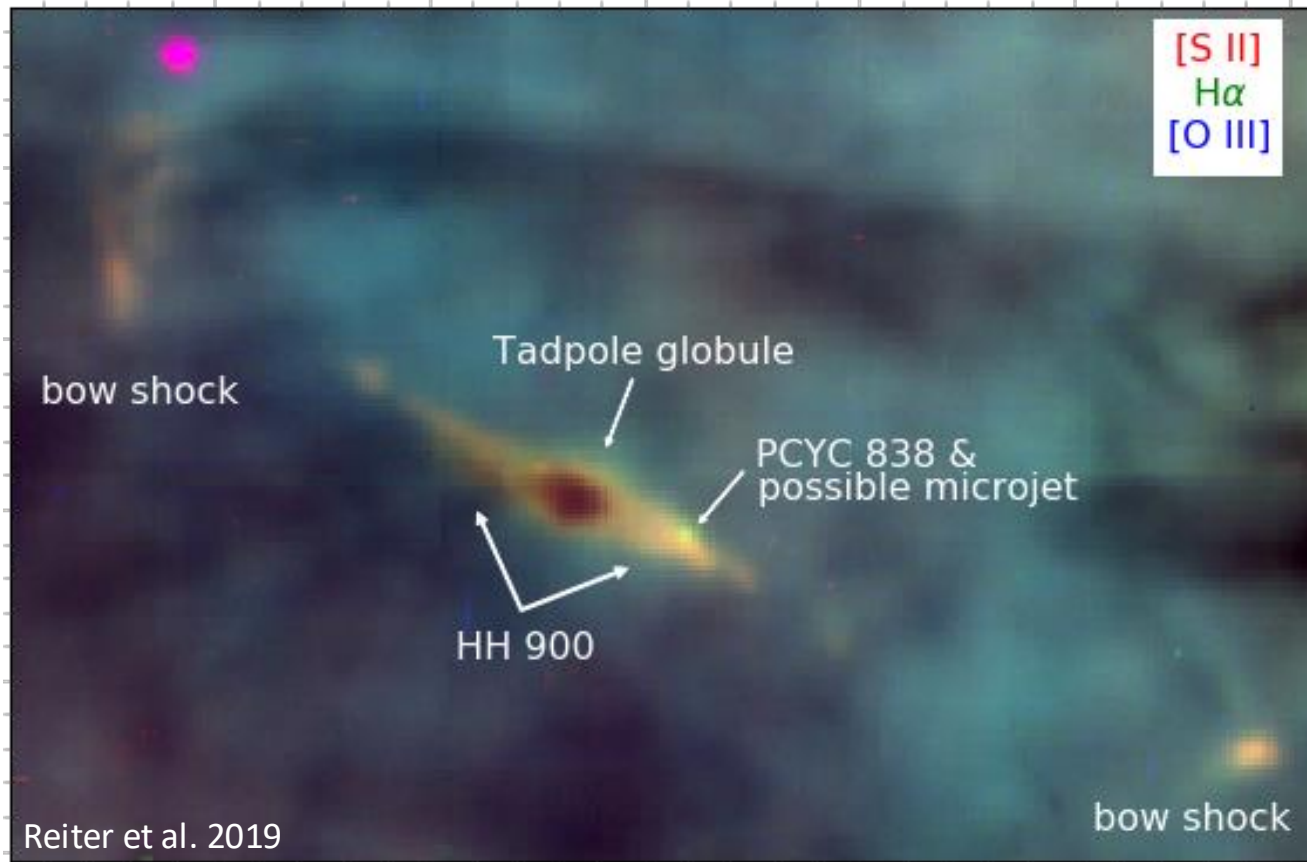


Externally illuminated by nearby OB stars?

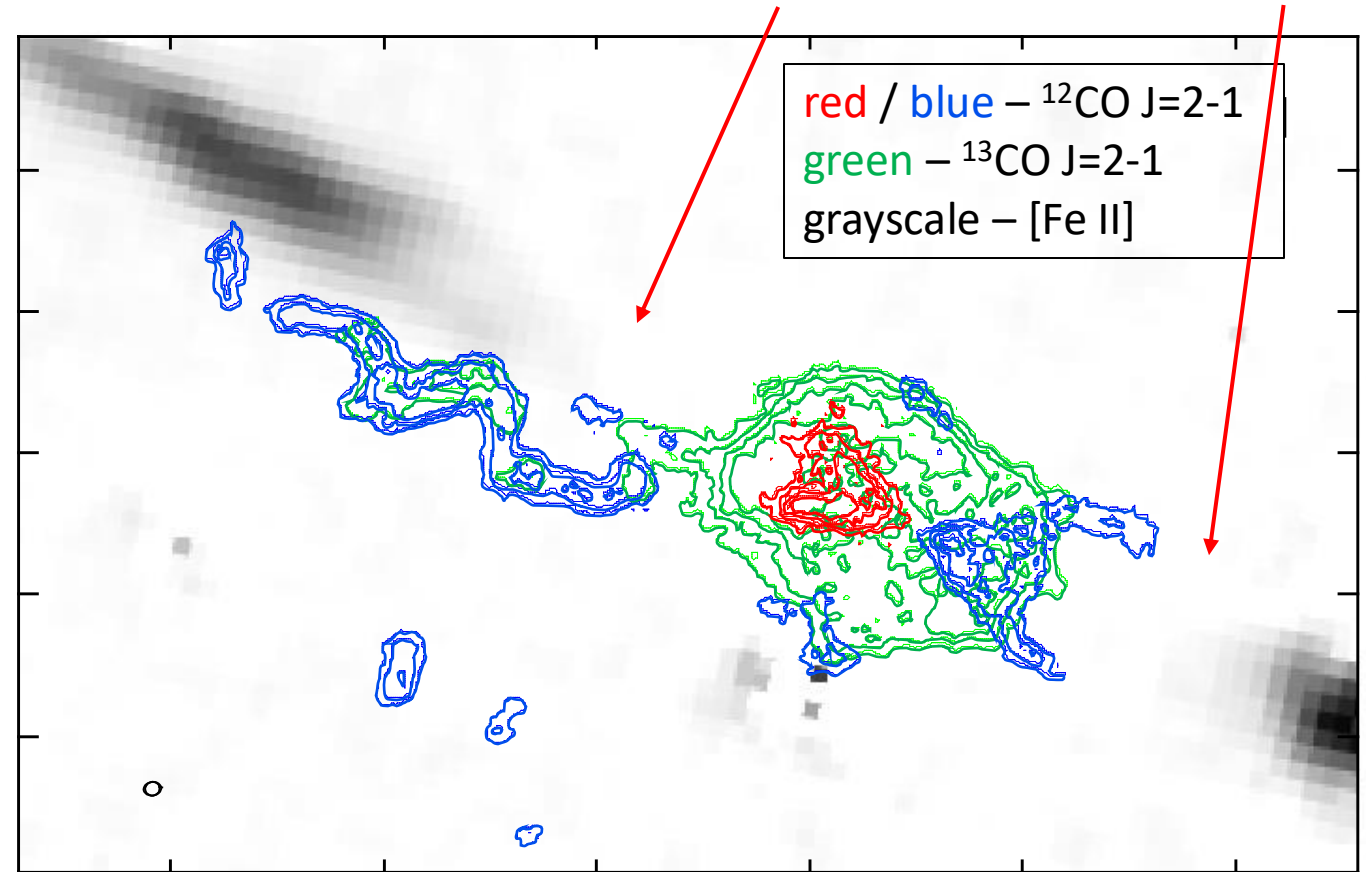
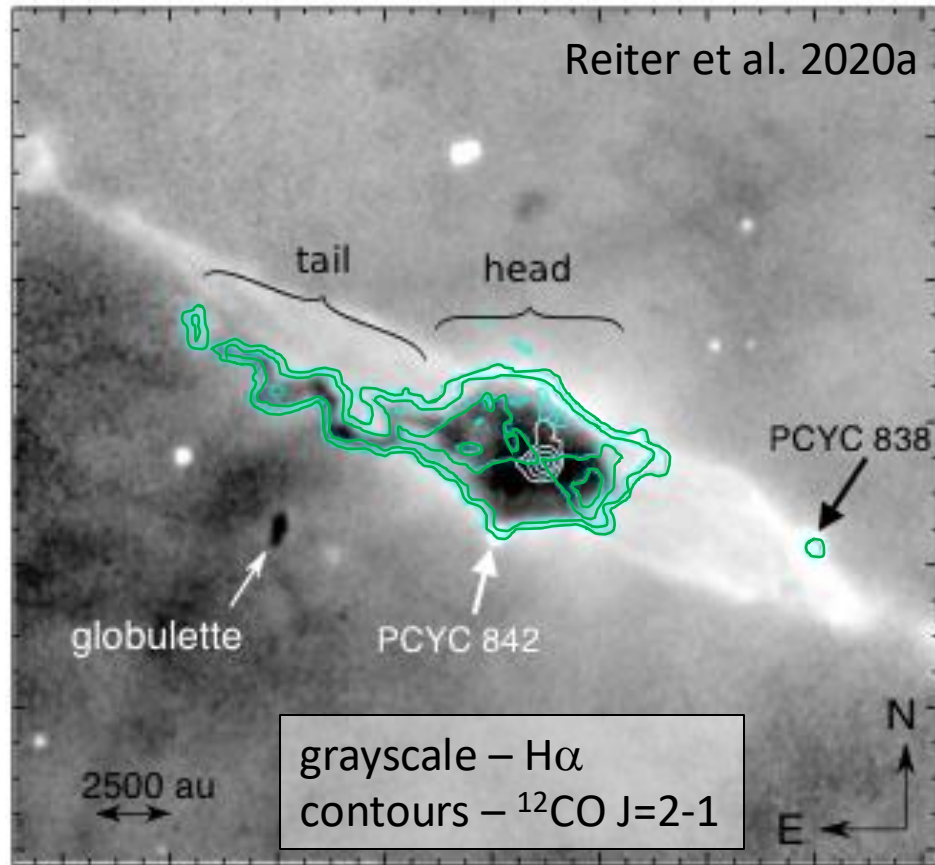
→ Yes! Outflow ionization increases with time



MUSE+ALMA connects the ionized outflow (in the HII region) and the molecular outflow (in the globule).

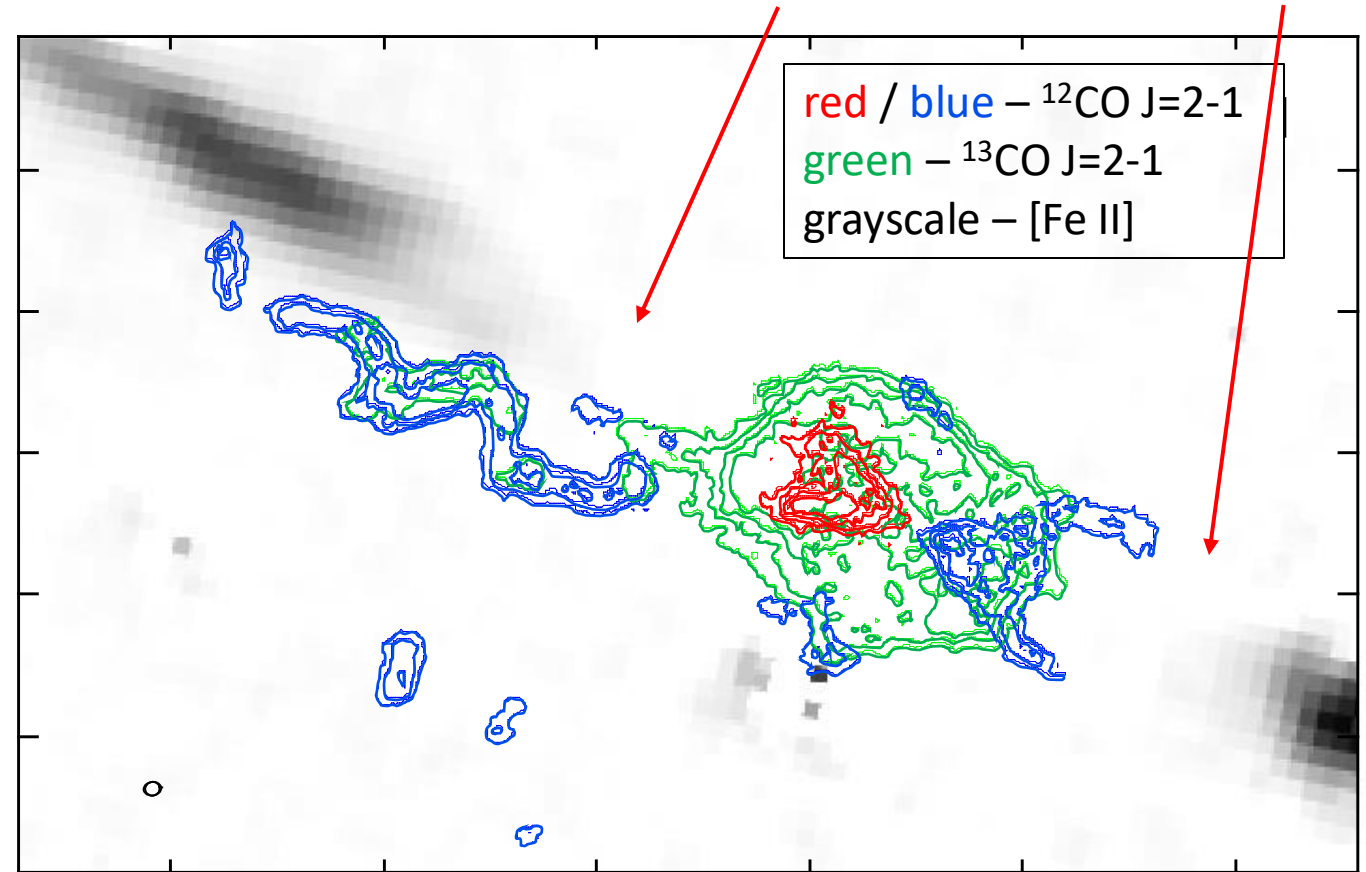
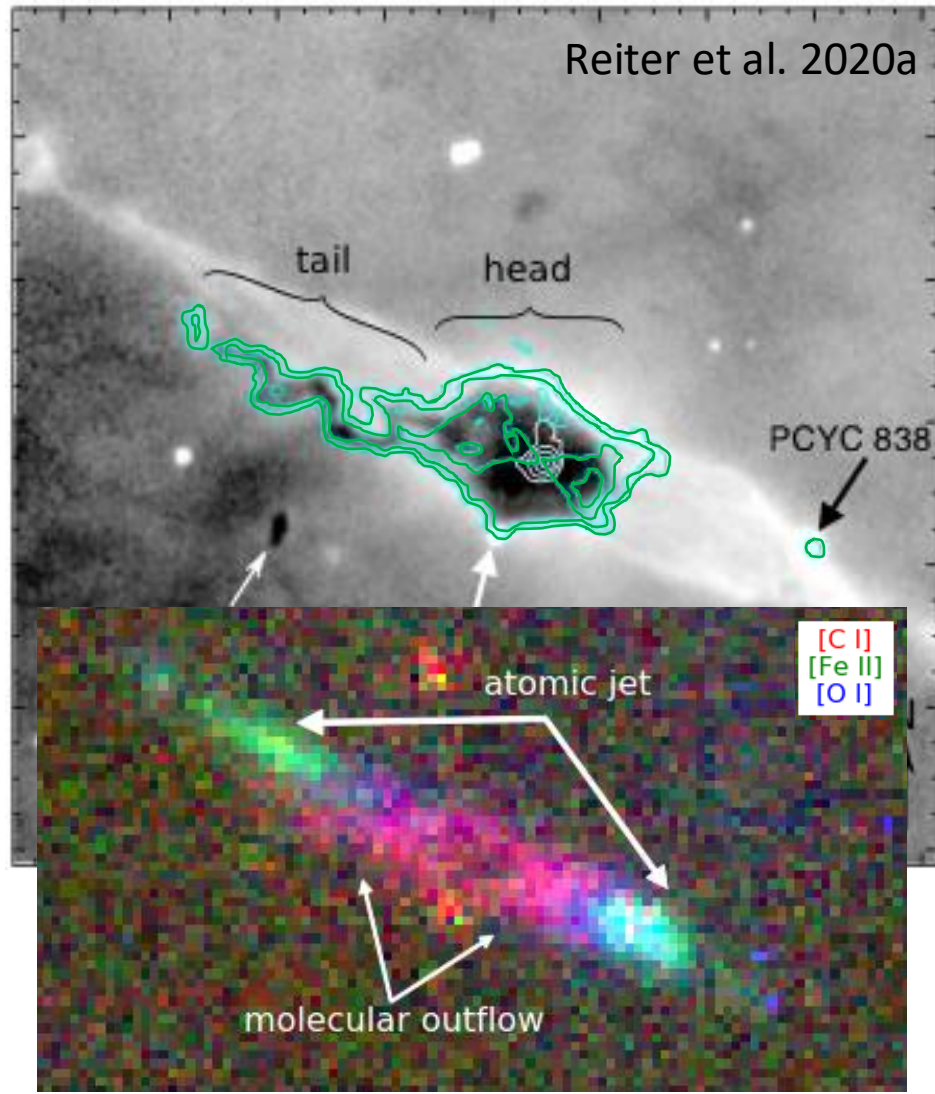


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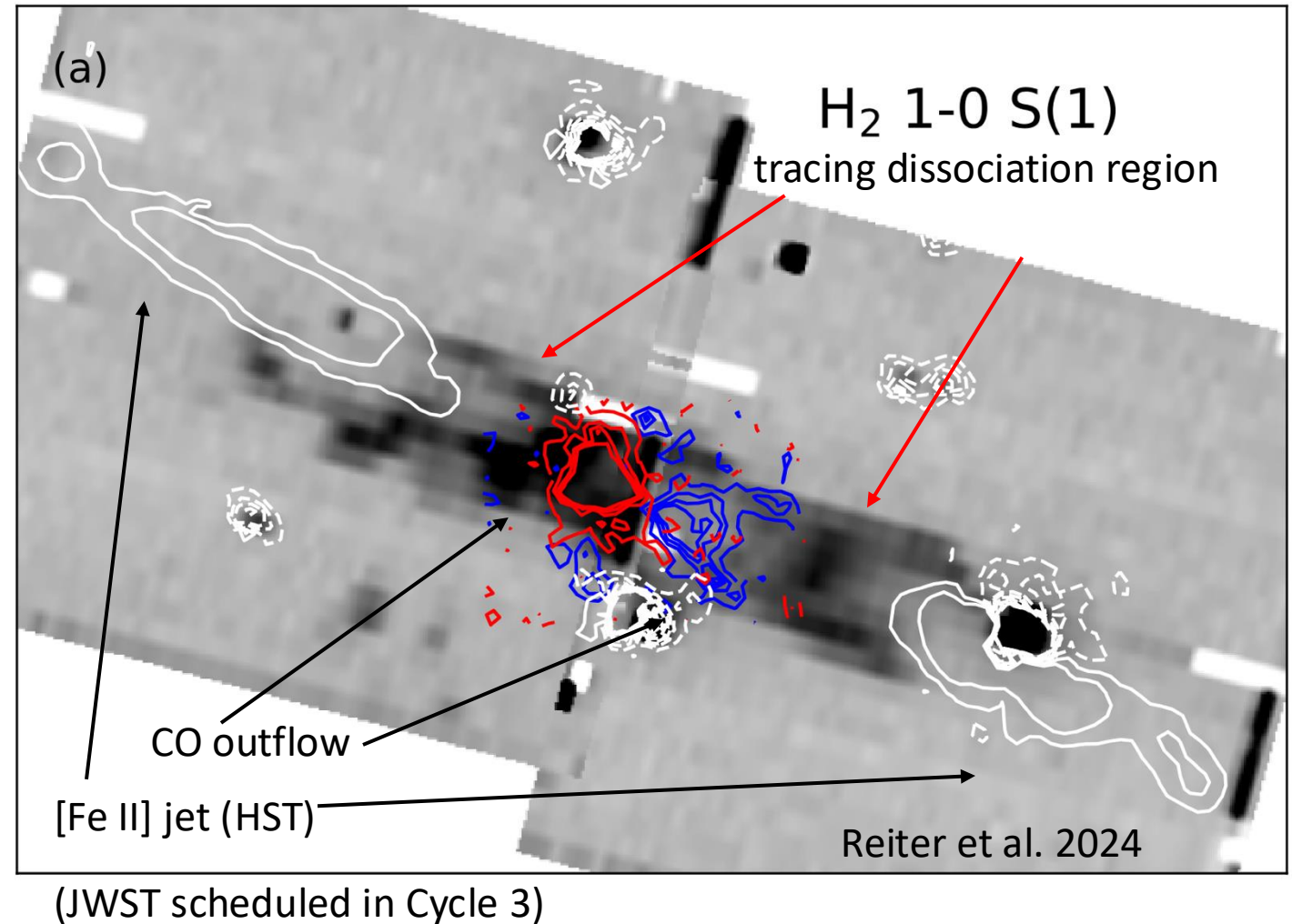
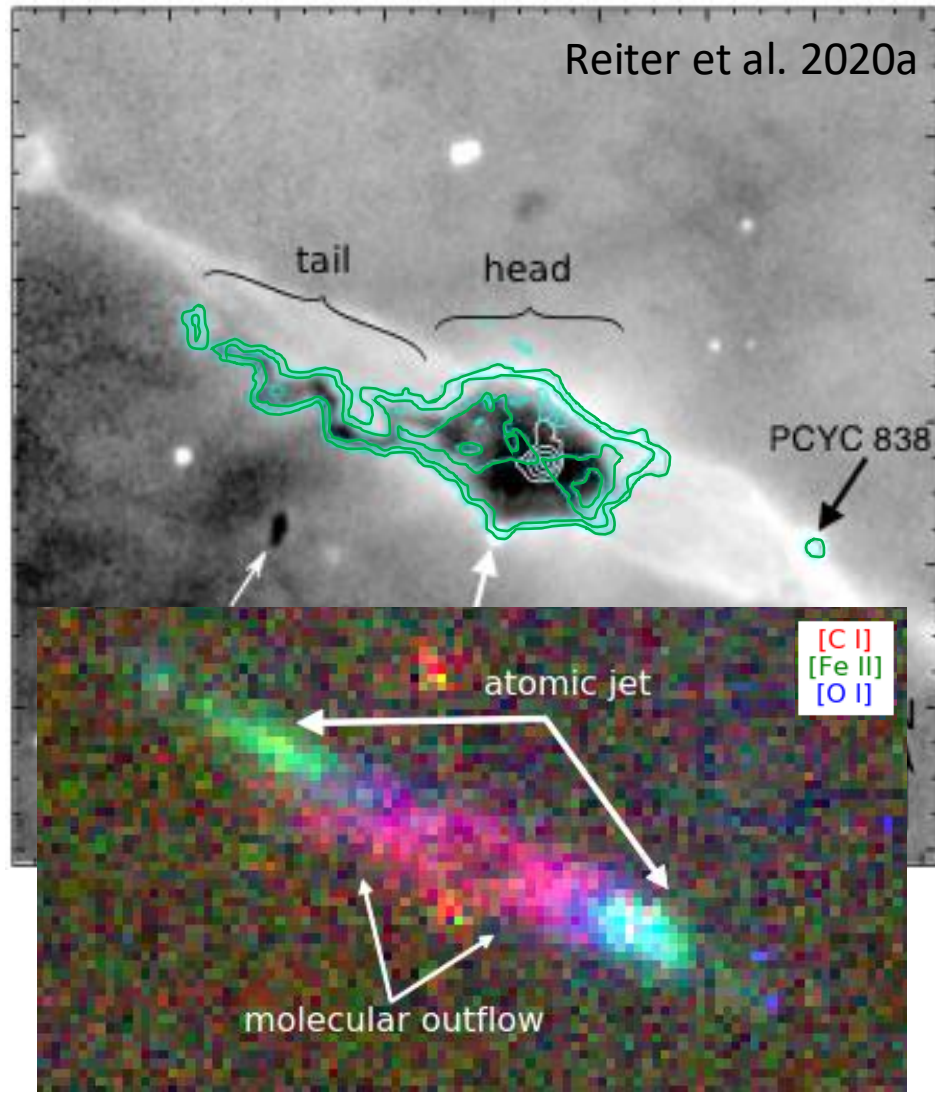
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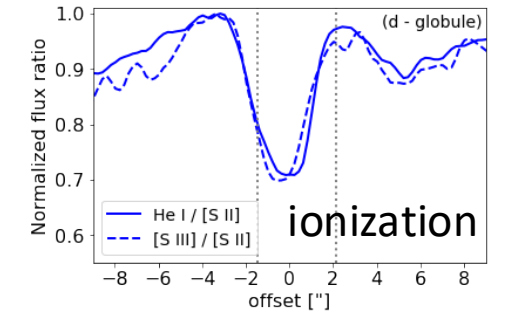
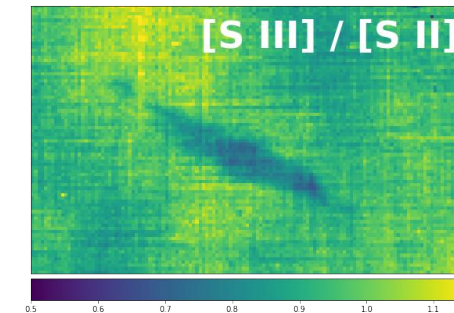
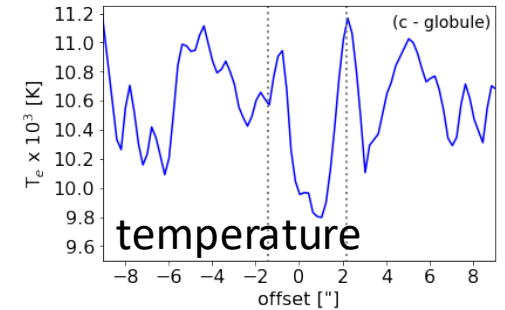
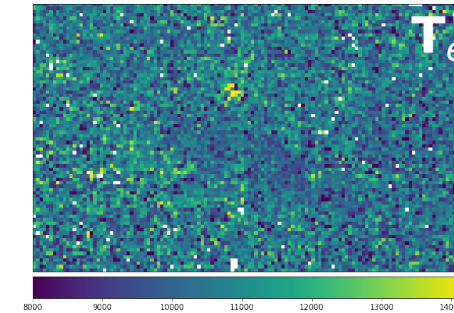
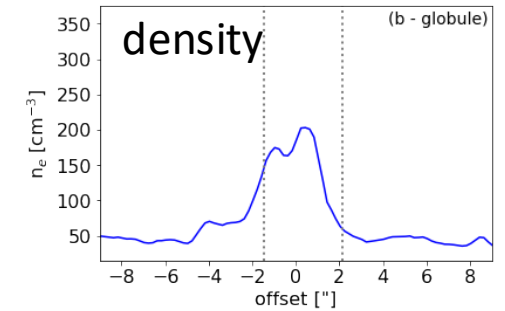
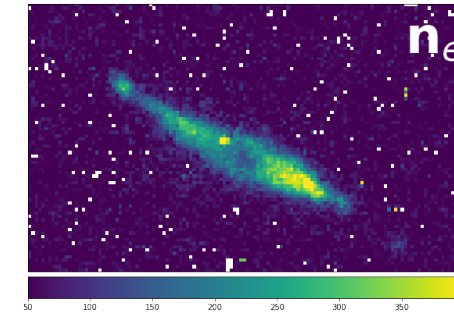
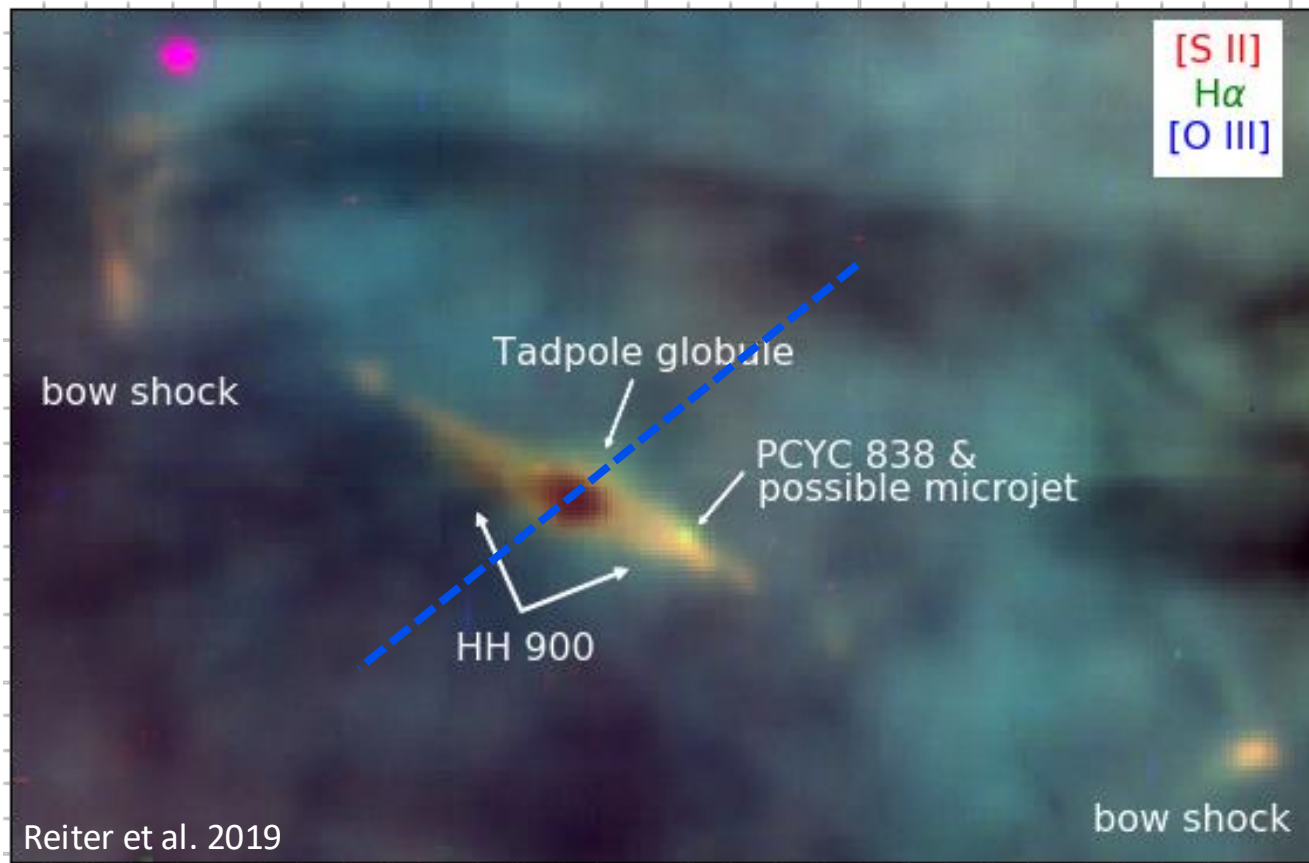


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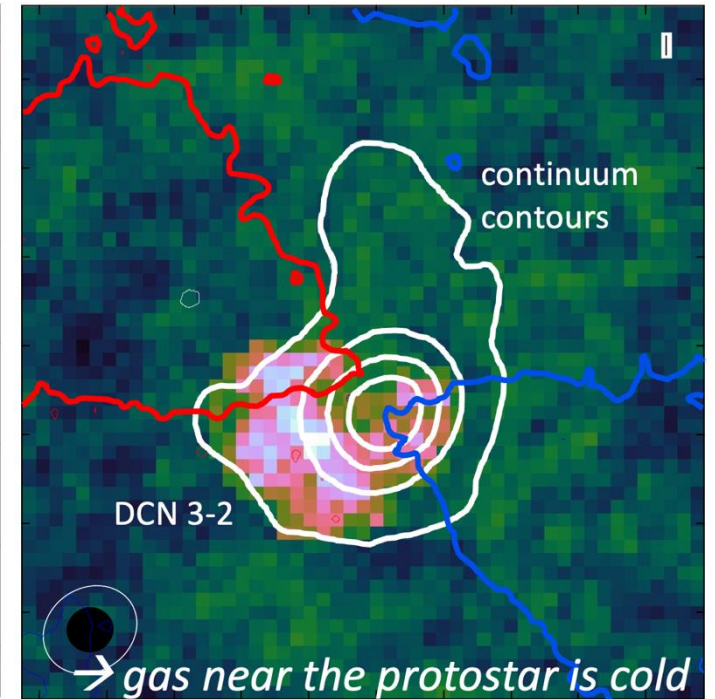
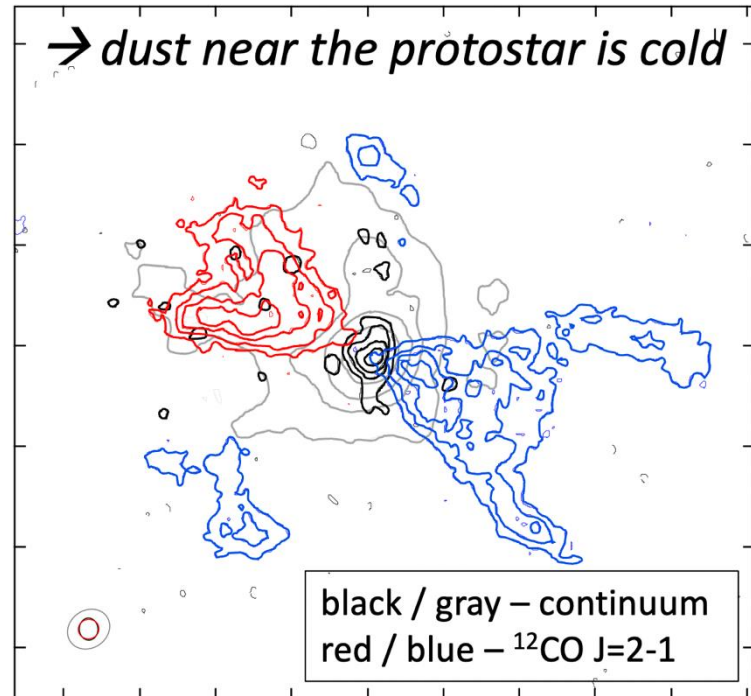
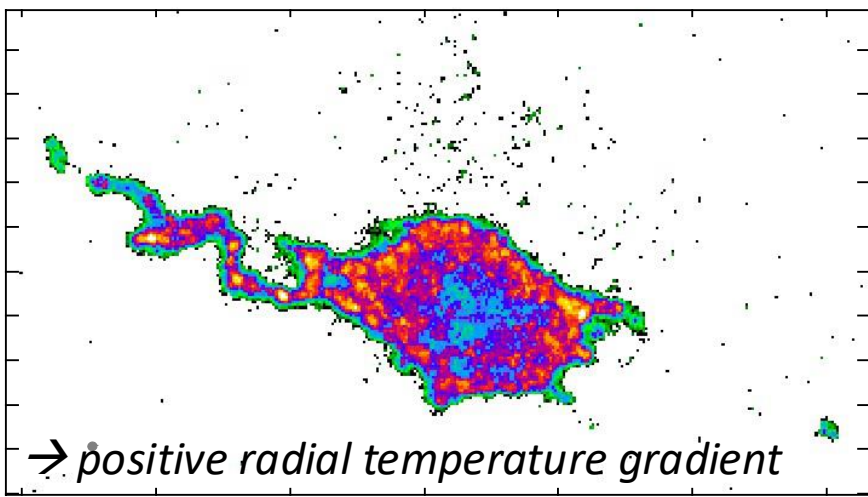
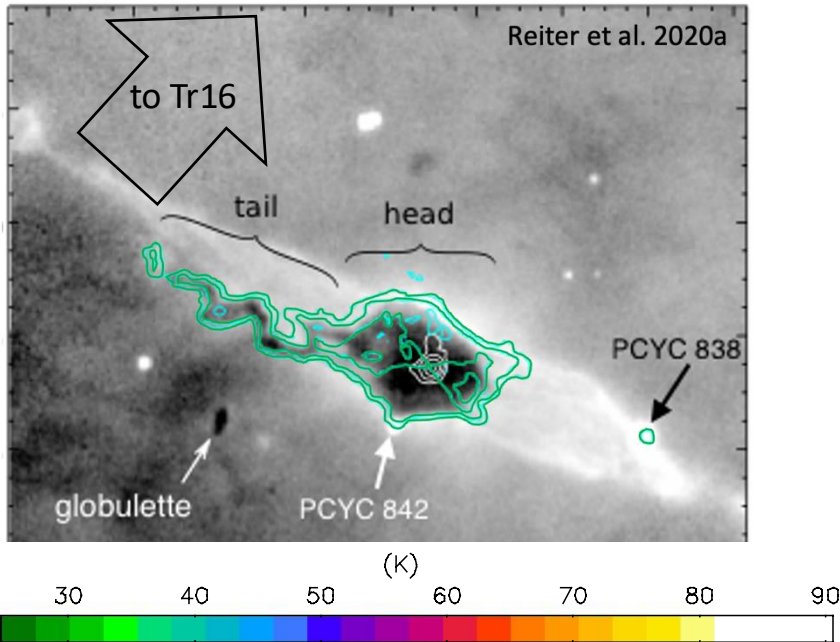


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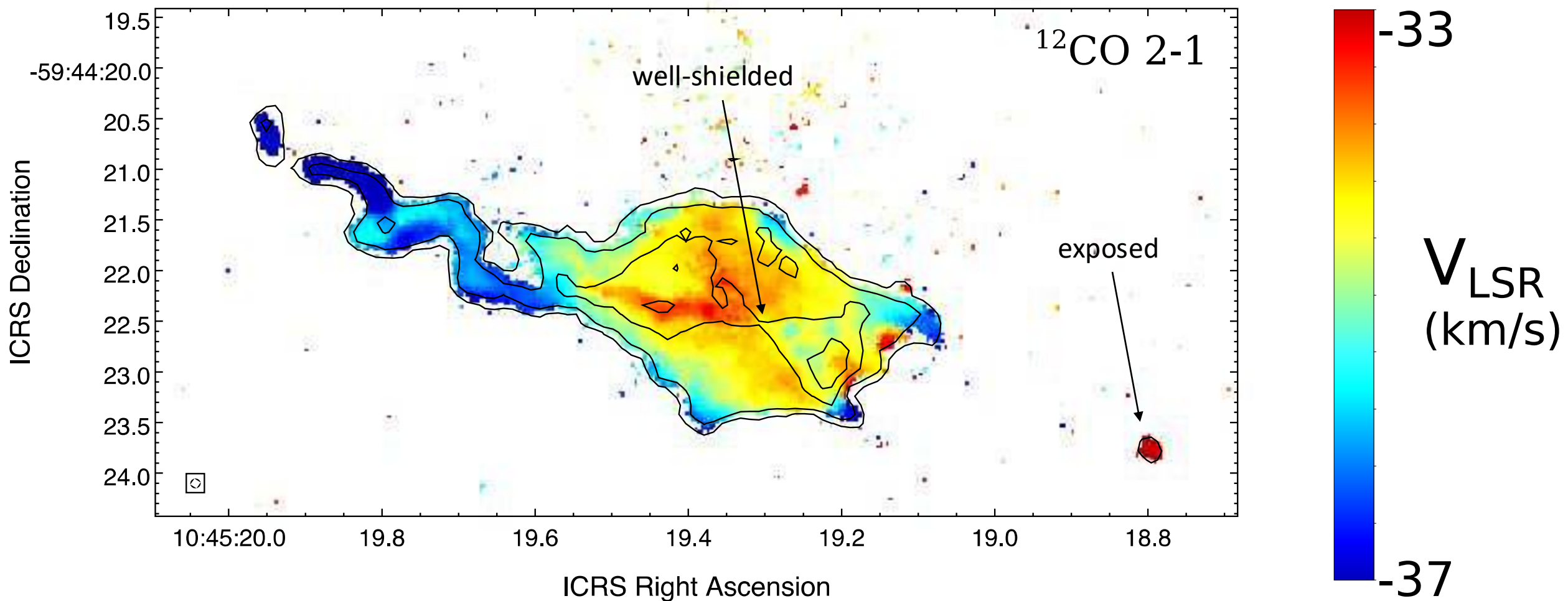
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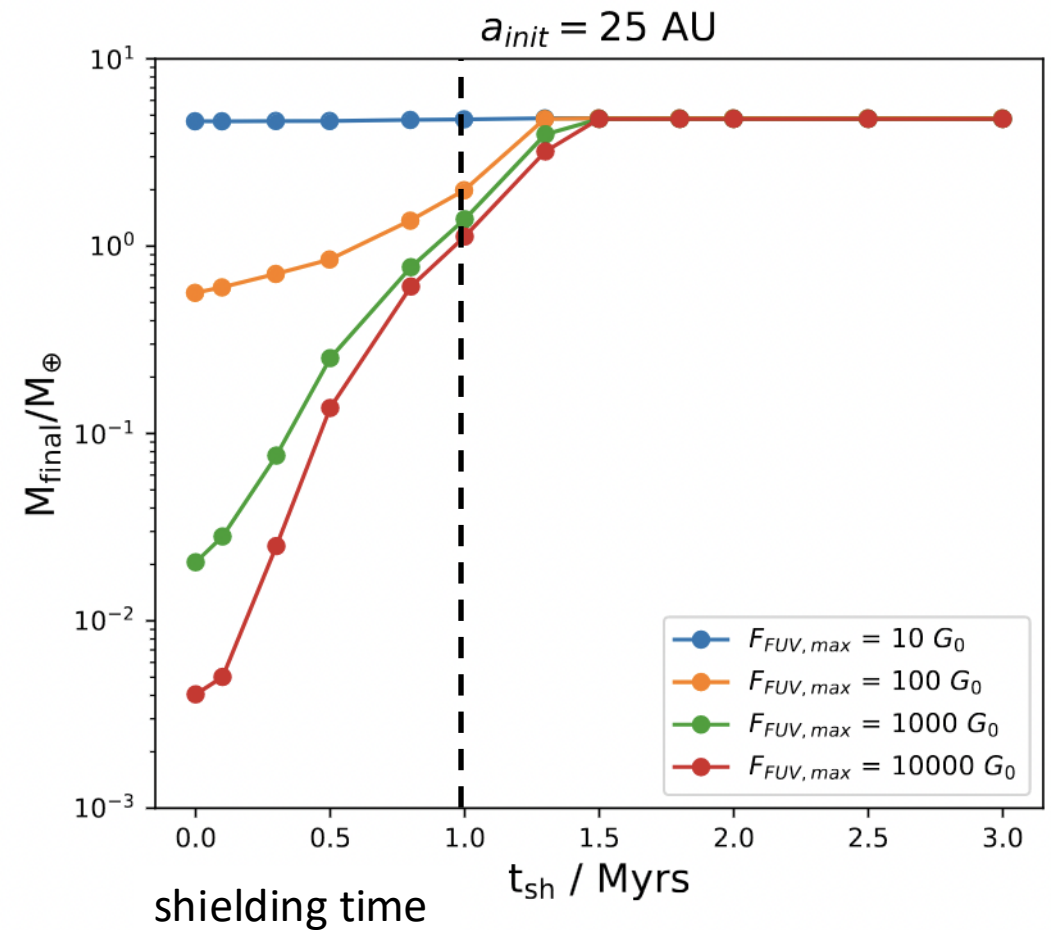
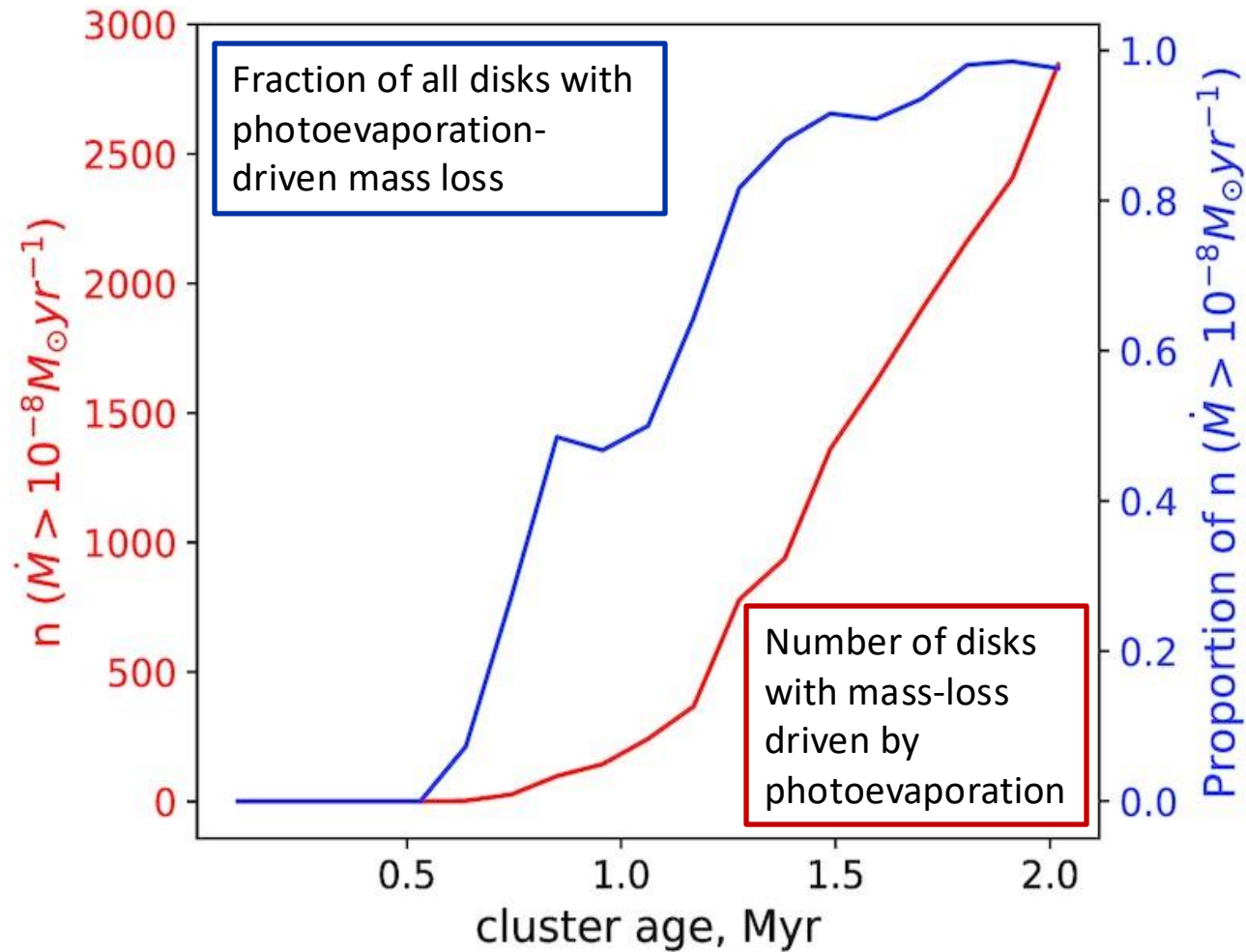


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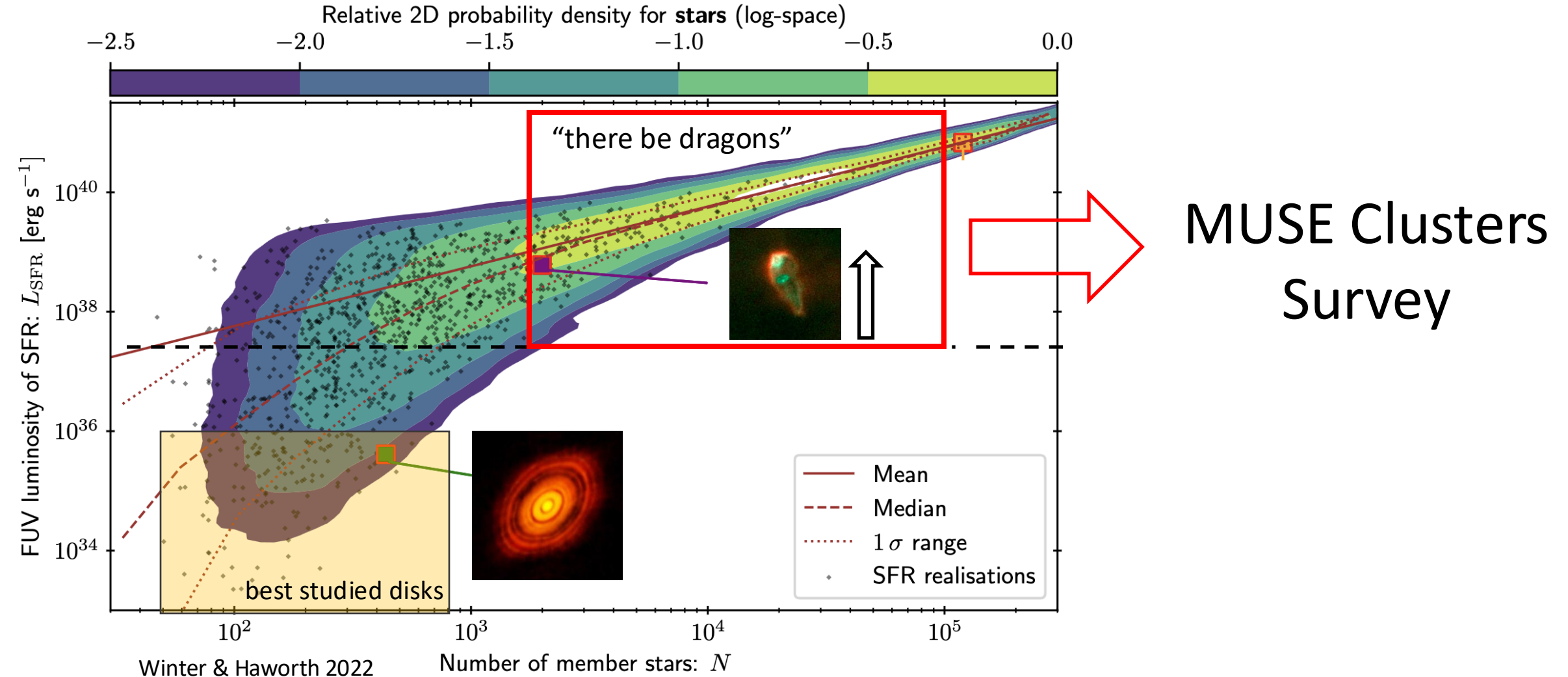
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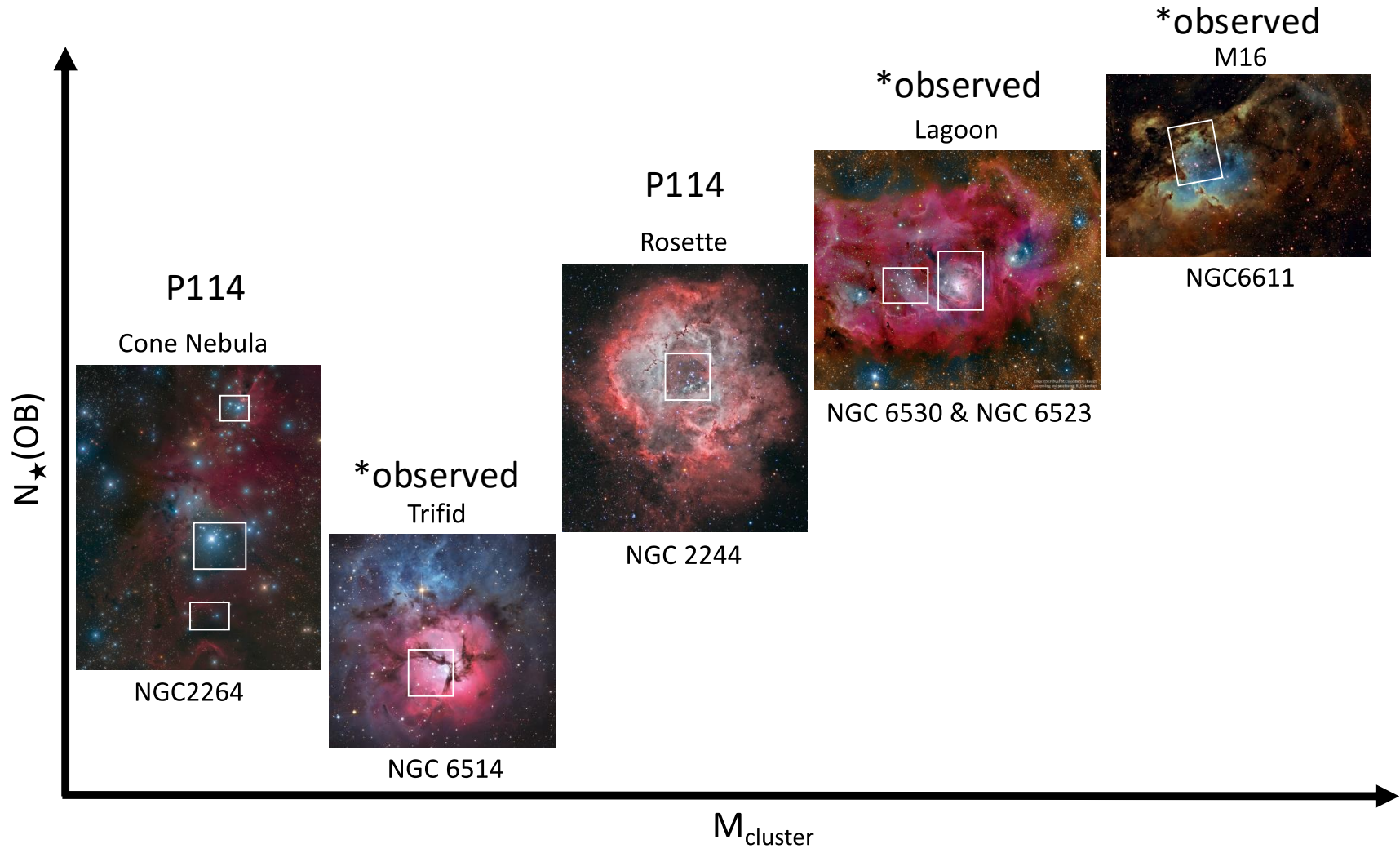
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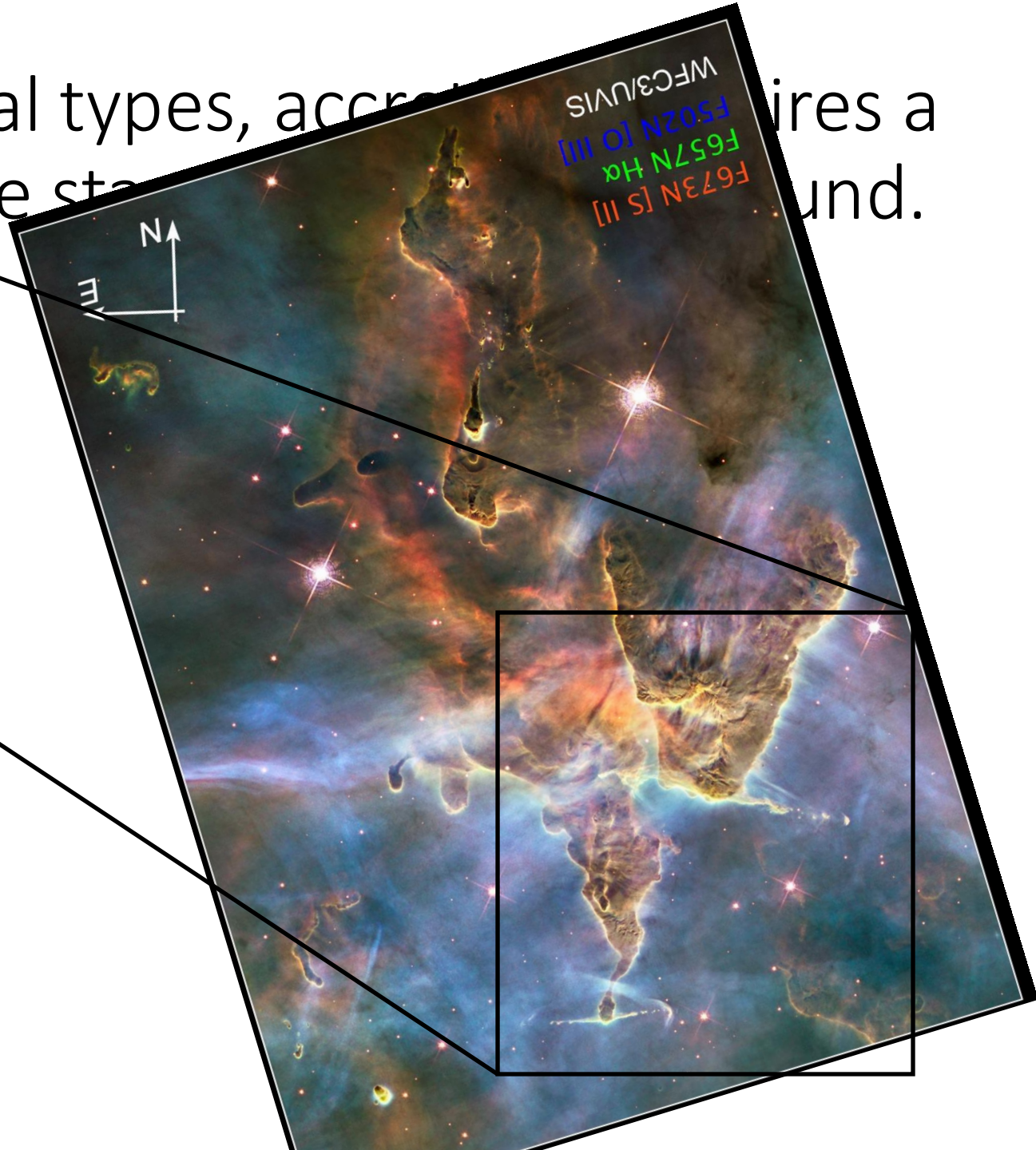
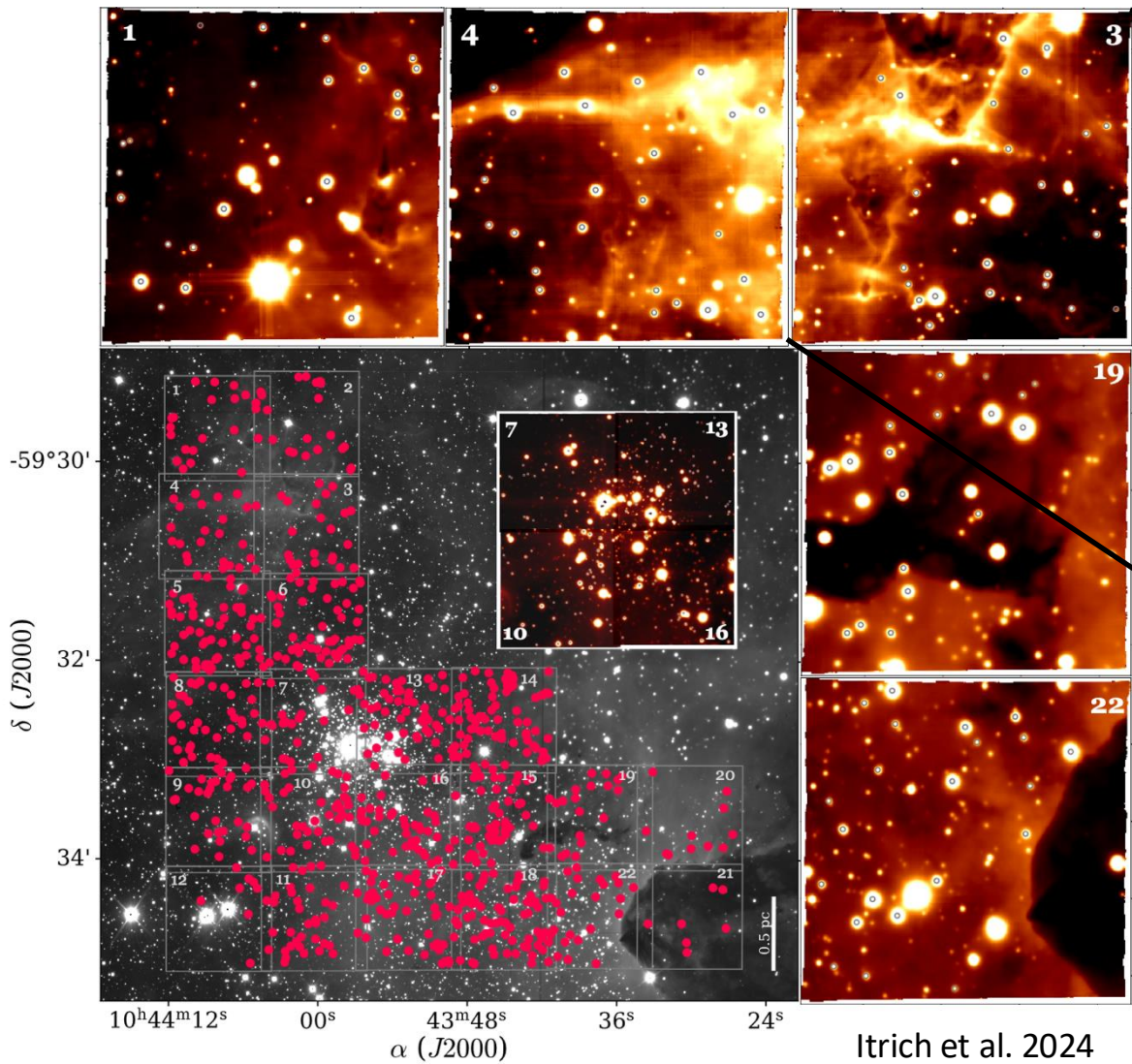


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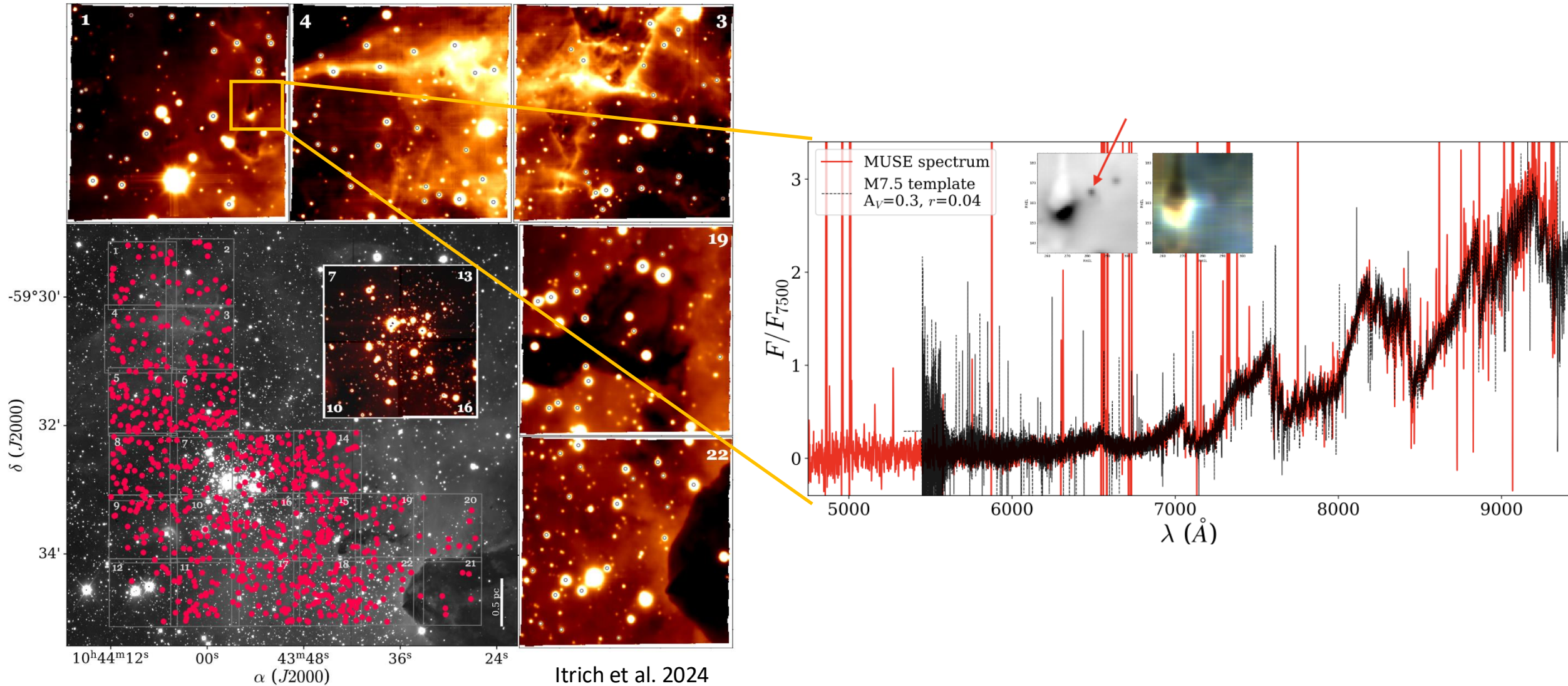


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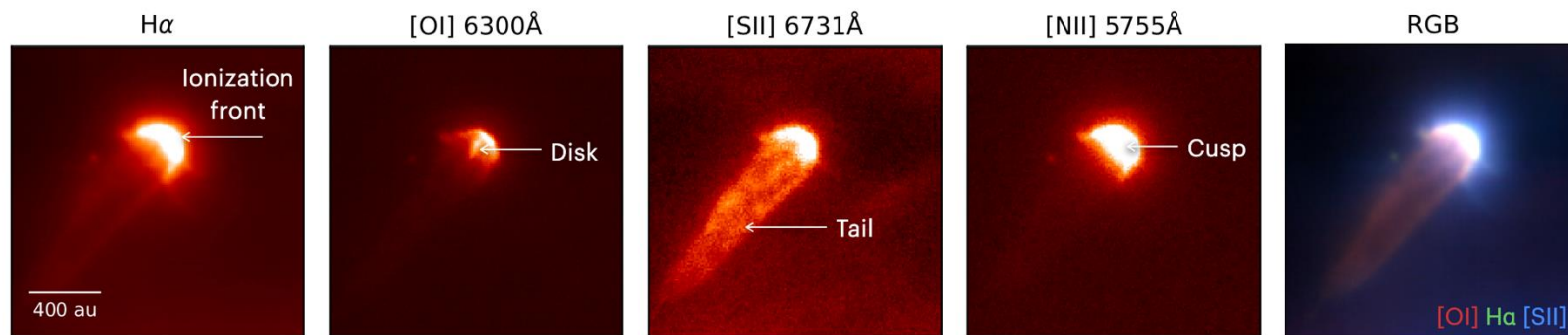
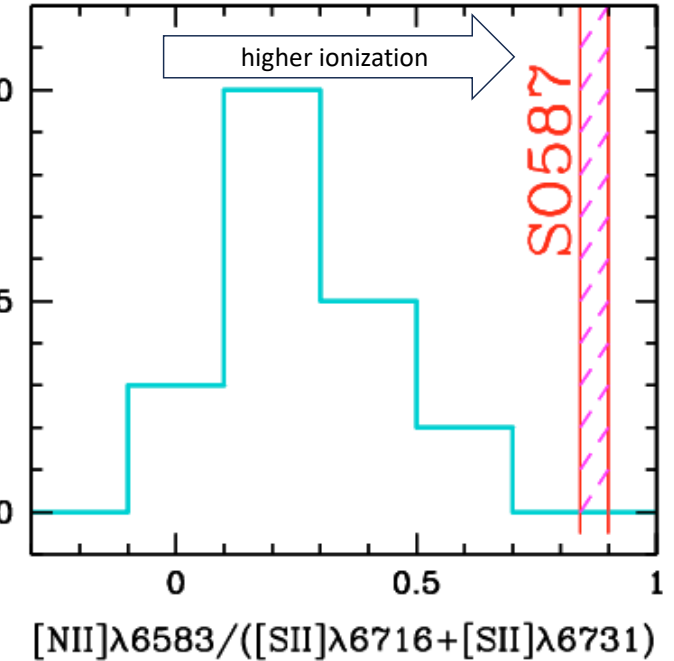
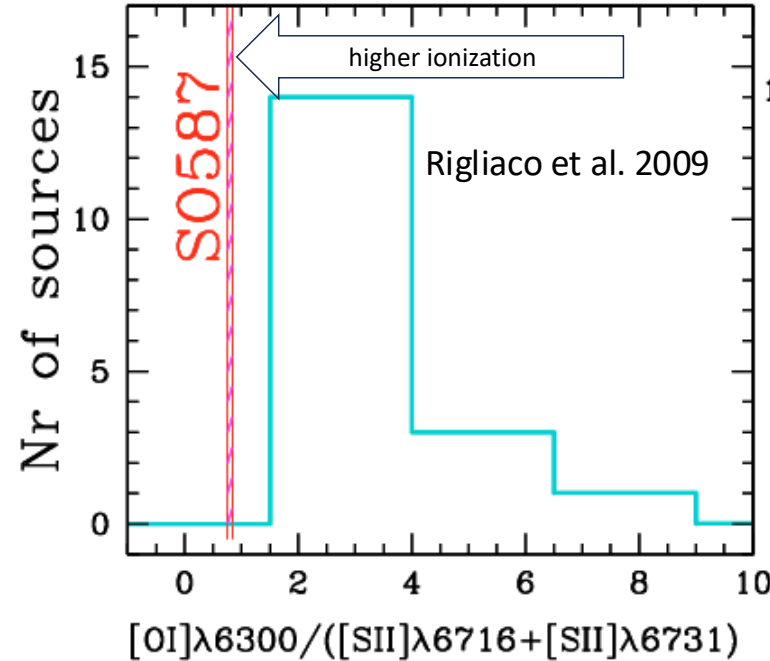
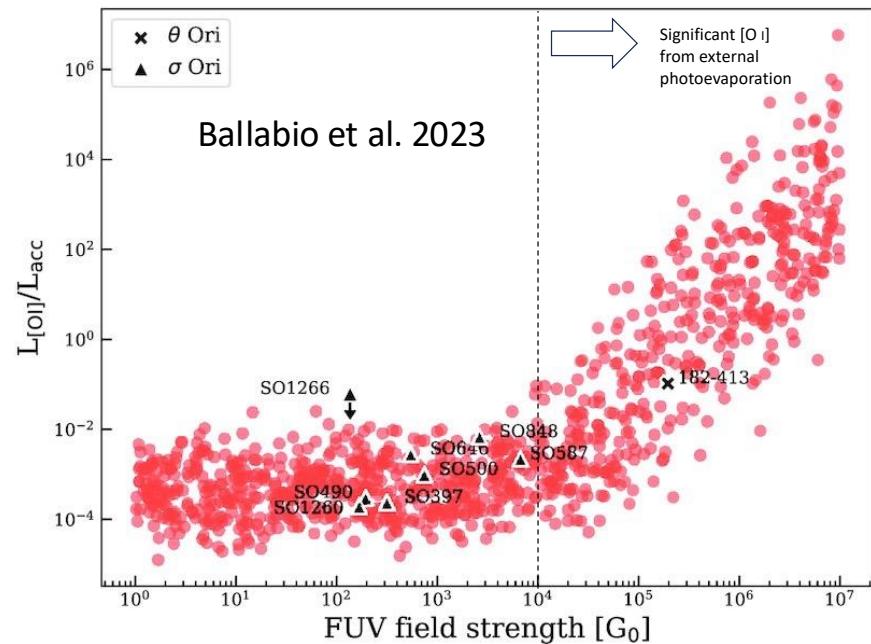
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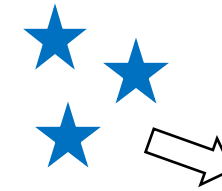
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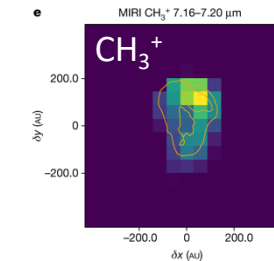
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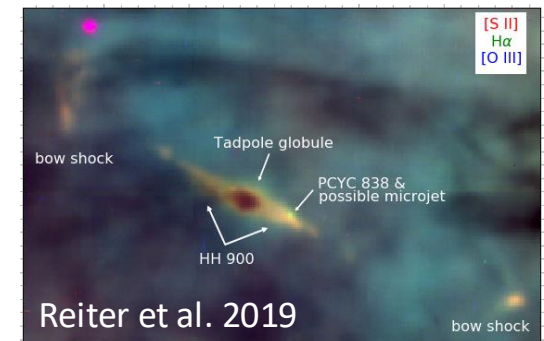
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Berné et al. 2023

Environment: evolution may be crucial to understand the demographics of exoplanets



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