

STAR FORMATION AND THE YOUNGEST STELLAR POPULATIONS

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THE LMC

- nearby (~ 50 kpc) proxy for high- z star formation, illustrating standard HII region emission line diagnostics
- c.f. galactic star forming regions at $< 1-2-8$ kpc where spectra of individual stars are feasible.



SOME FAVORITE GALACTIC REGIONS ARE WELL-SUITED FOR JWST

d ~8kpc



Lu (2019)

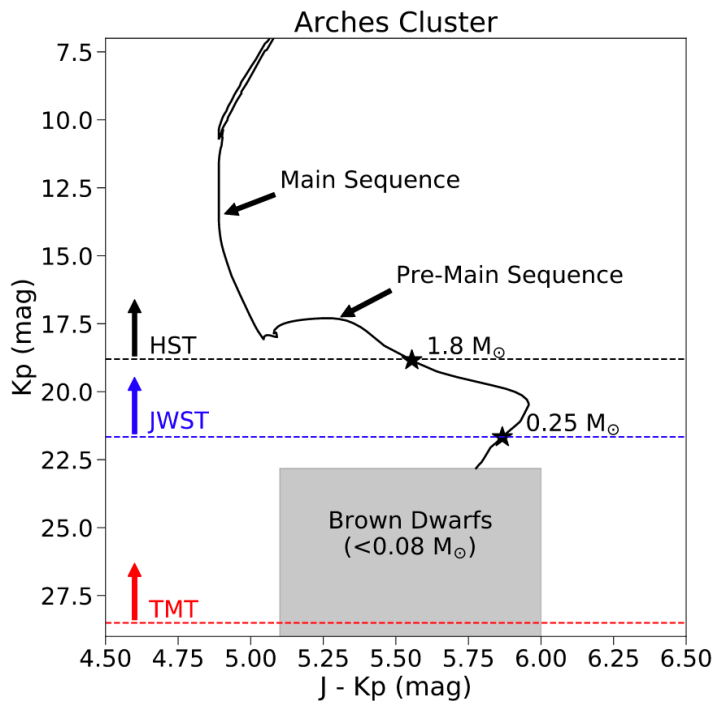


Fig. 3.2 Zoomed infrared images of the Arches Cluster (*left*), Quintuplet Cluster (*middle*), and the Young Nuclear Cluster (*right*). The extreme stellar density and patchy extinction are evident. This false-color image shows infrared light ranging from 1 to 1.6 μm from the NICMOS camera on the Hubble Space Telescope. The centers of both the Arches and YNC are so dense that only a handful of the brightest young stars can be individually resolved with HST and ground-based adaptive optics images on 8–10 m class telescopes are required. The images are oriented with North up and East to the left and are $80''$ (3.2 pc at a distance of 8 kpc) on a side

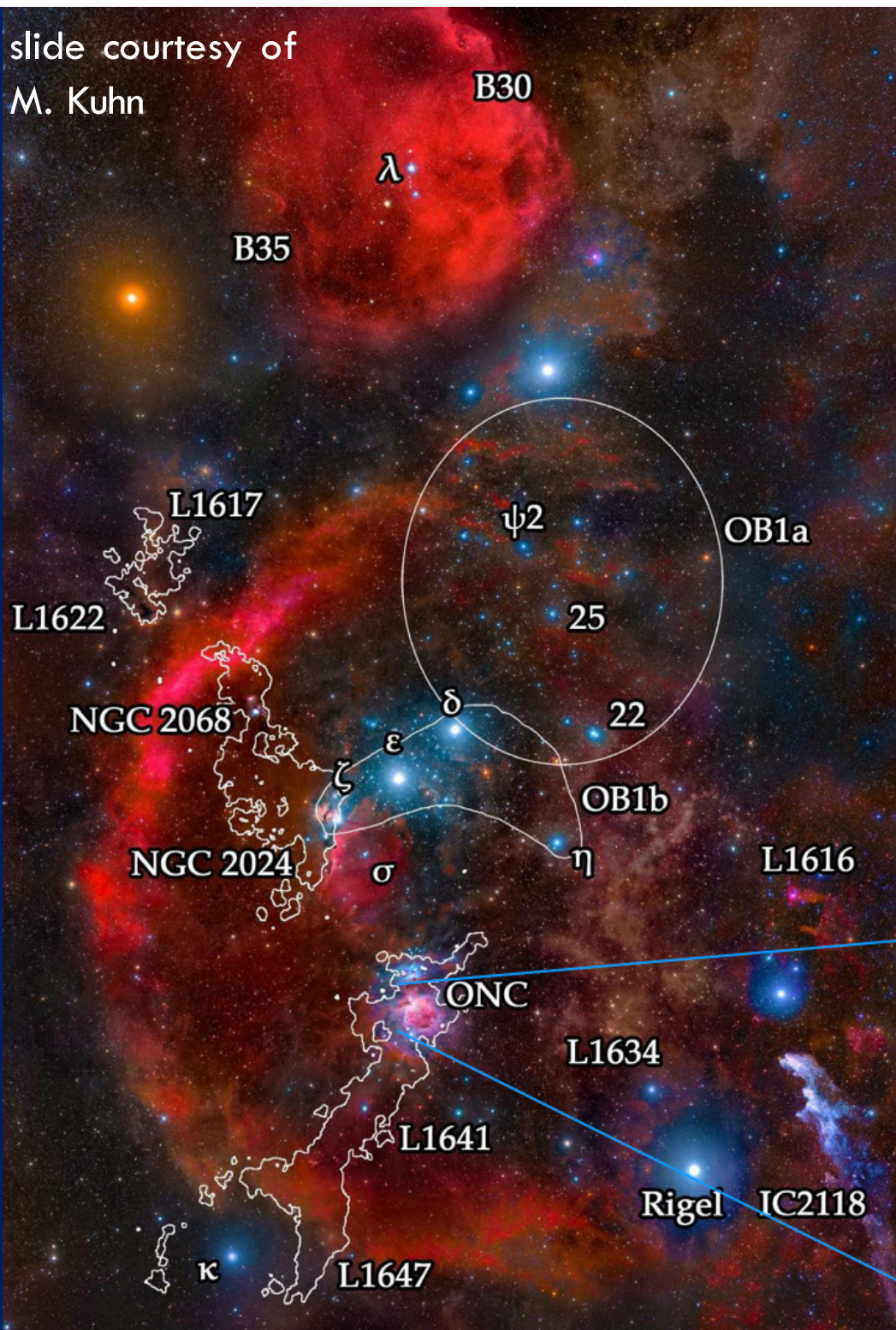
~2-6 Myr old

Each cluster has ~100-150 O-type stars and contains total stellar mass $>10^4 M_{\text{sun}}$.

Spatial resolution, sensitivity, infrared all required. Currently sampled to only 1.8 M_{sun} .

Hosek et al. (2019, DSWP)

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M. Kuhn



GALACTIC STAR-FORMING COMPLEXES

- Stars are born mainly in clusters/groups, within GMCs.
- Spatial-temporal star formation scenarios are complex.
- In massive star-forming regions, UV radiation from the most massive stars can have significant effects on the environment.

d ~0.4kpc



STILL OPEN QUESTIONS REGARDING:

Cluster formation/dispersal timescales.

Gas expulsion processes.

Connection between gas kinematics
and young star kinematics

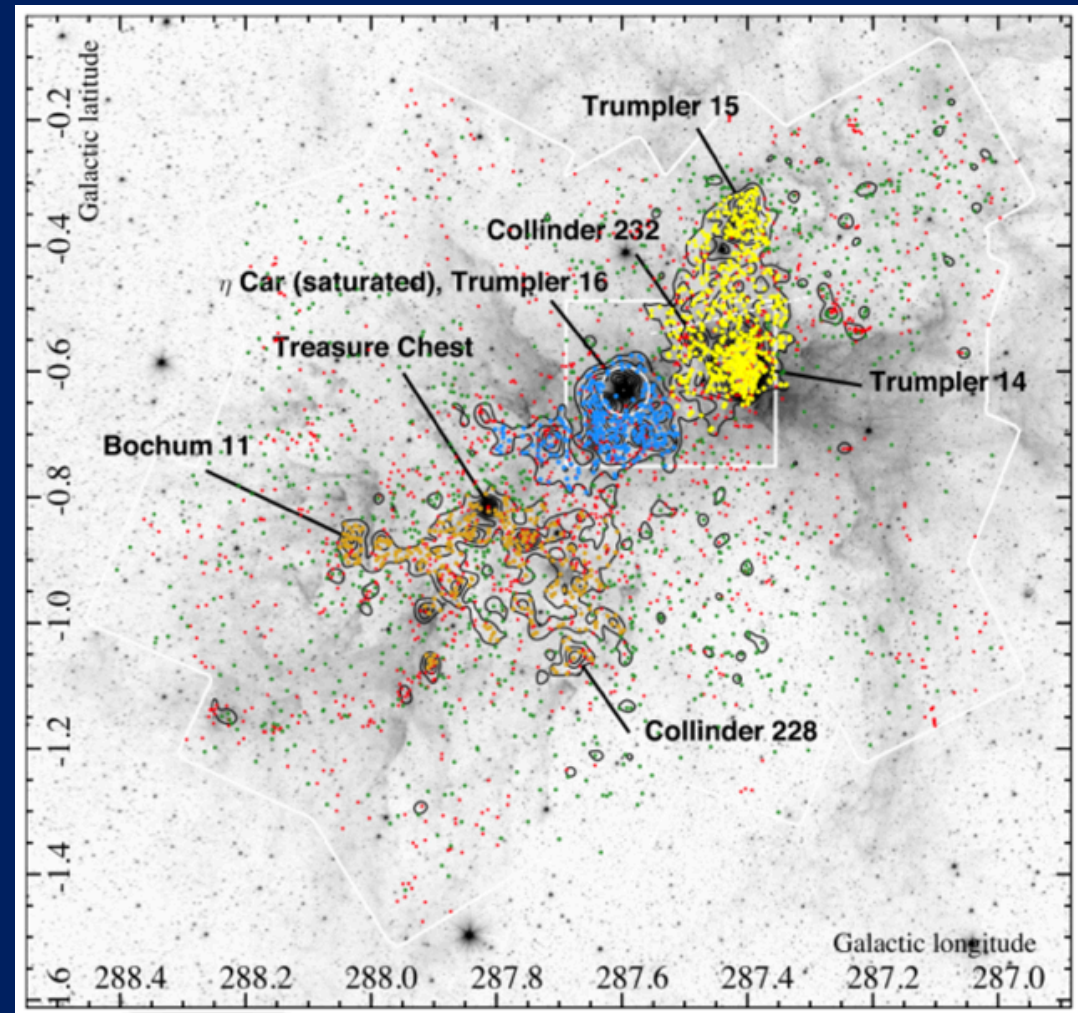
Fraction of clusters that remain bound.

Age spreads and sequencing of s.f.

IMF and variations.

Mass segregation.

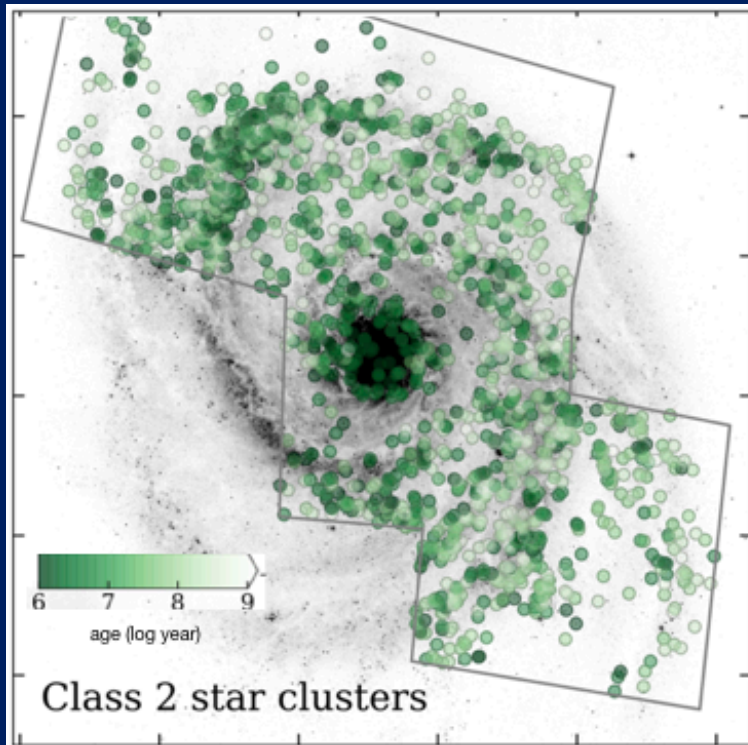
Multiplicity fractions and binary parameters.



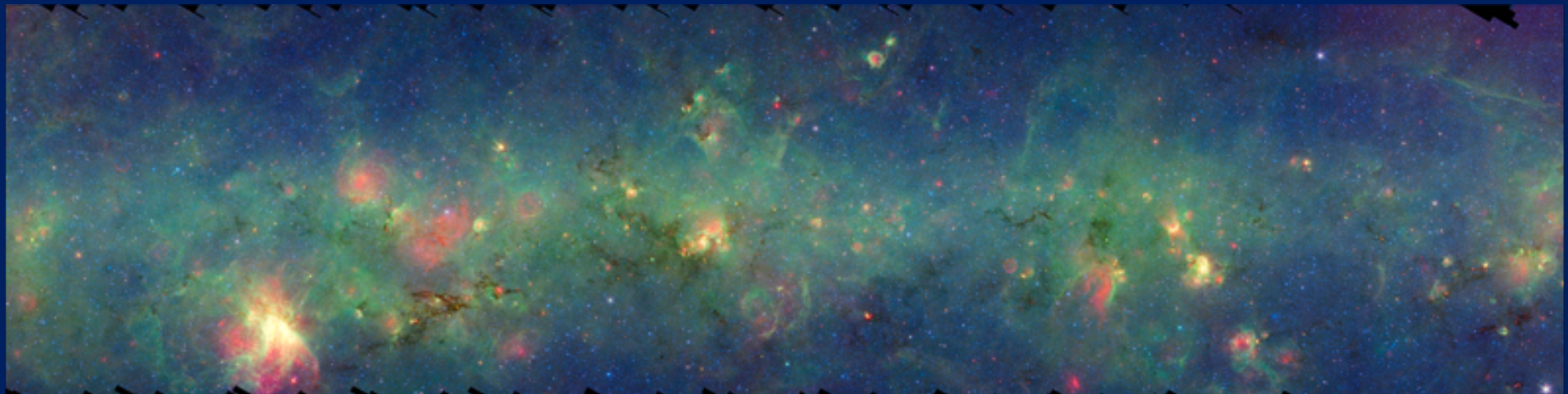
Povich et al 2019

$d \sim 2.7 \text{kpc}$

WE HAVE A NON-IDEAL VANTAGE FROM WHICH TO UNDERSTAND GALACTIC STAR FORMATION

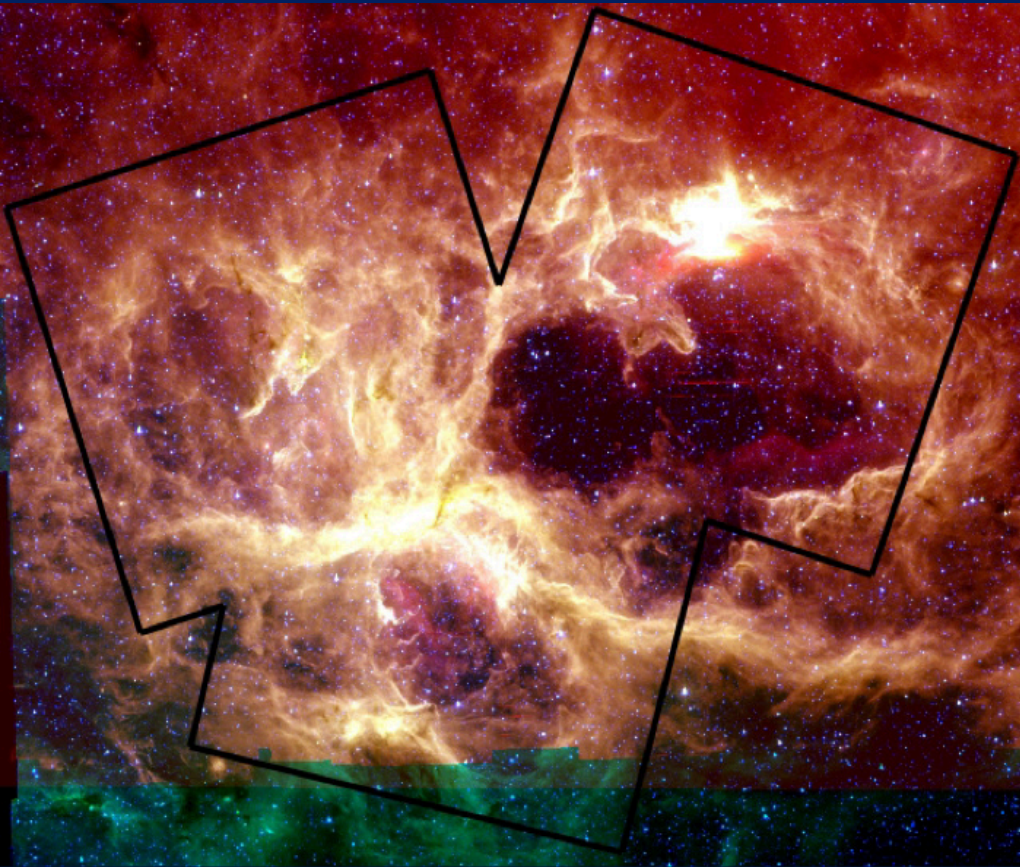


LEGUS HST image of M51 (Grasha+2019)

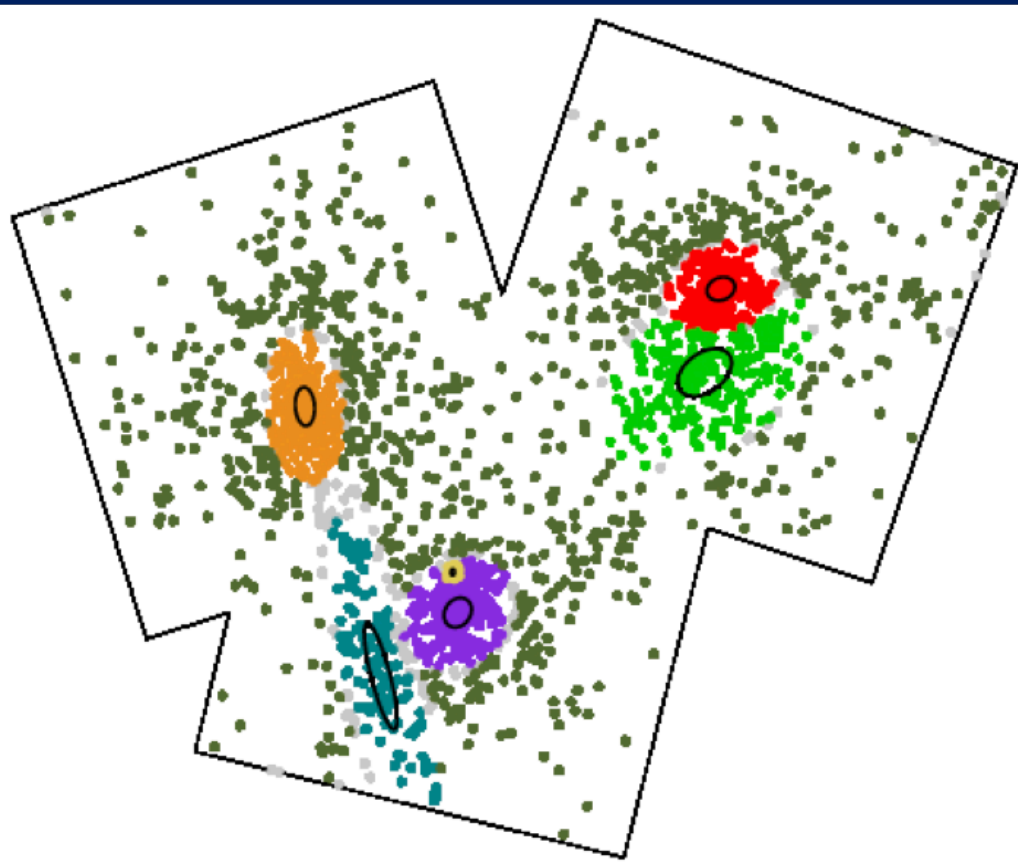


Spitzer's GLIMPSE survey of the midplane (Benjamin+03; Churchwell+06)

TRADITIONAL SURVEYS COVER ONLY SMALL TO MODERATE FIELDS OF VIEW

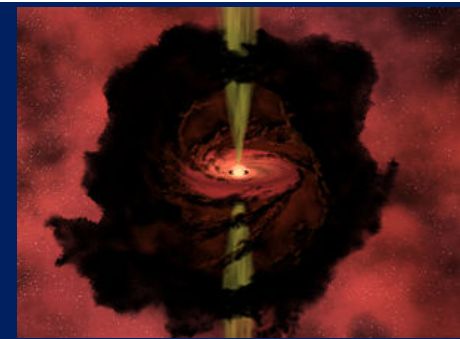


Spitzer/IRAC 3.6 (blue), 5.8 (green), 8.0 (red) micron

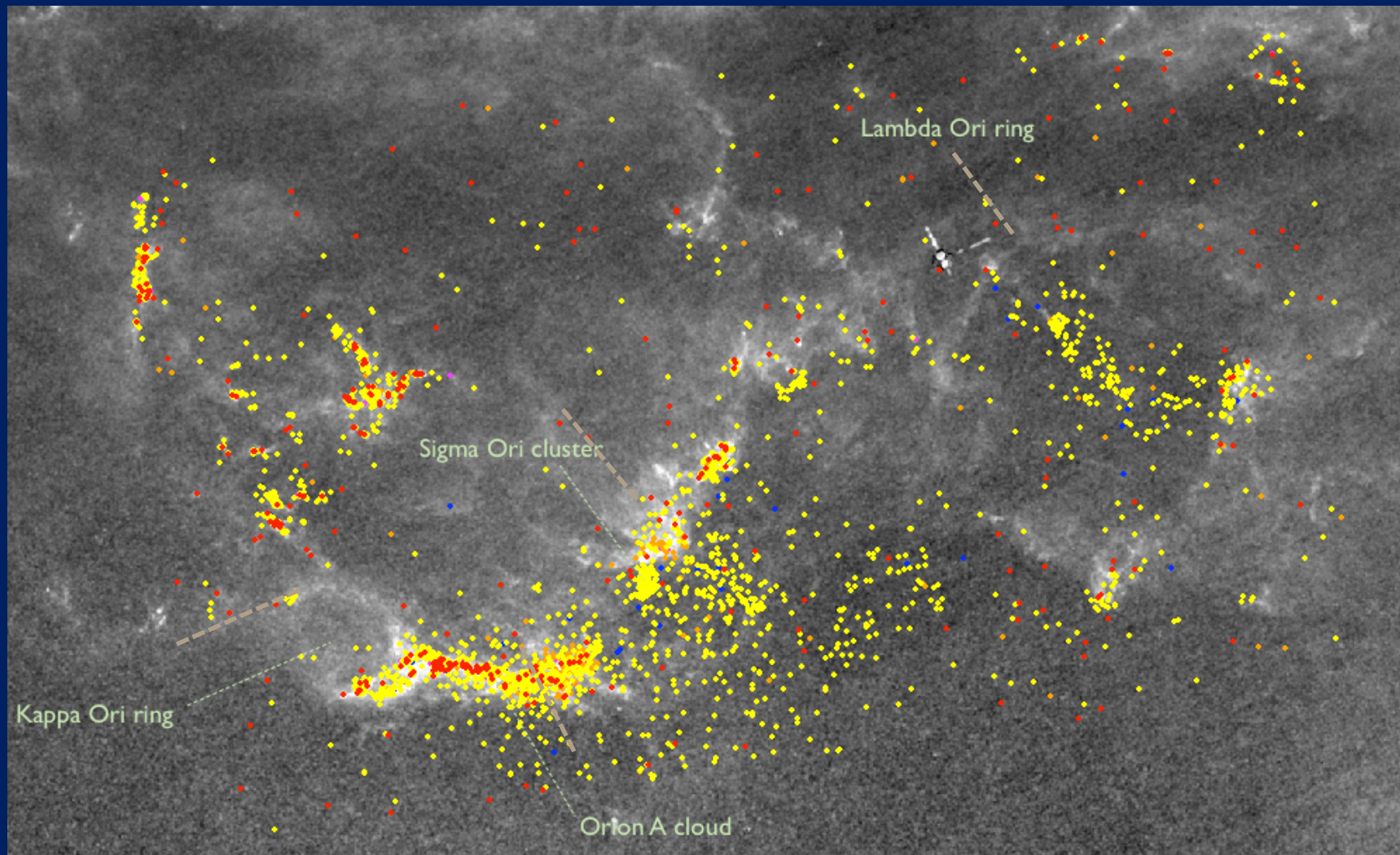


Spatial distribution of YSOs

WIDE-FIELD AND ALL-SKY SURVEYS HAVE IDENTIFIED EXTENT OF YSOS

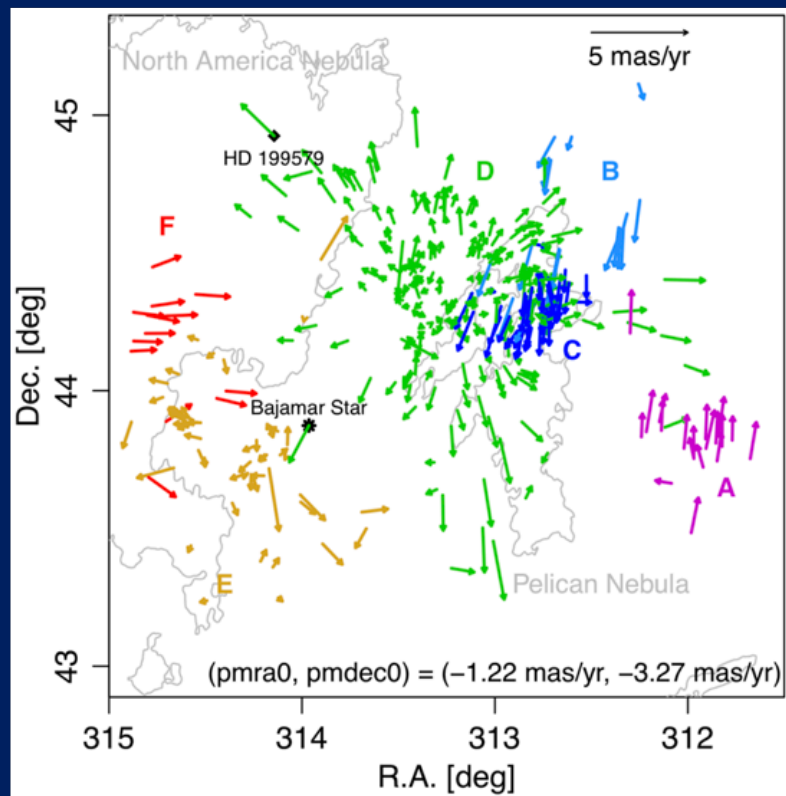
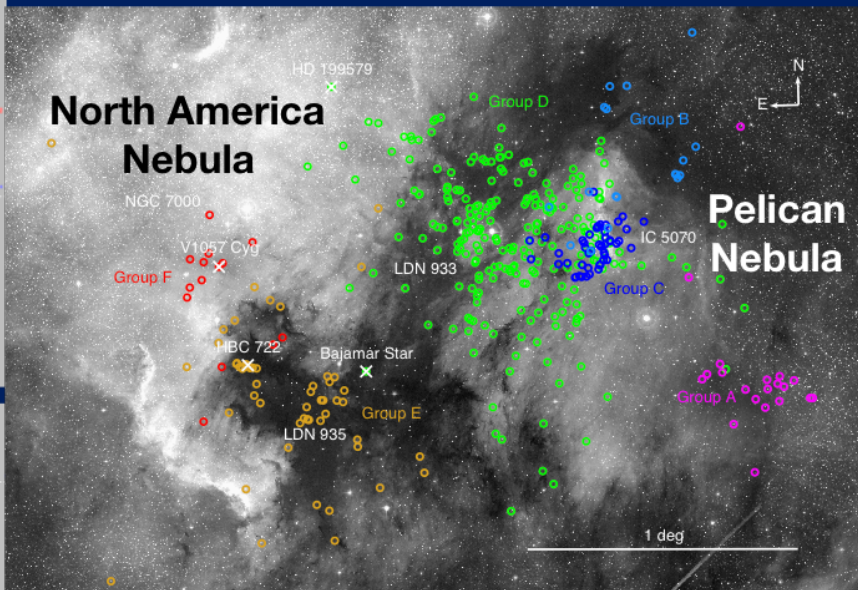
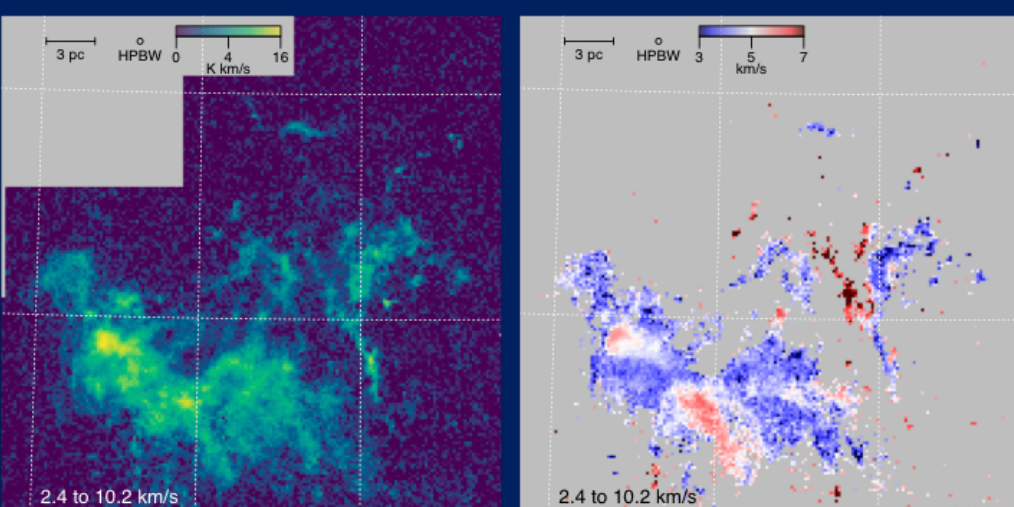
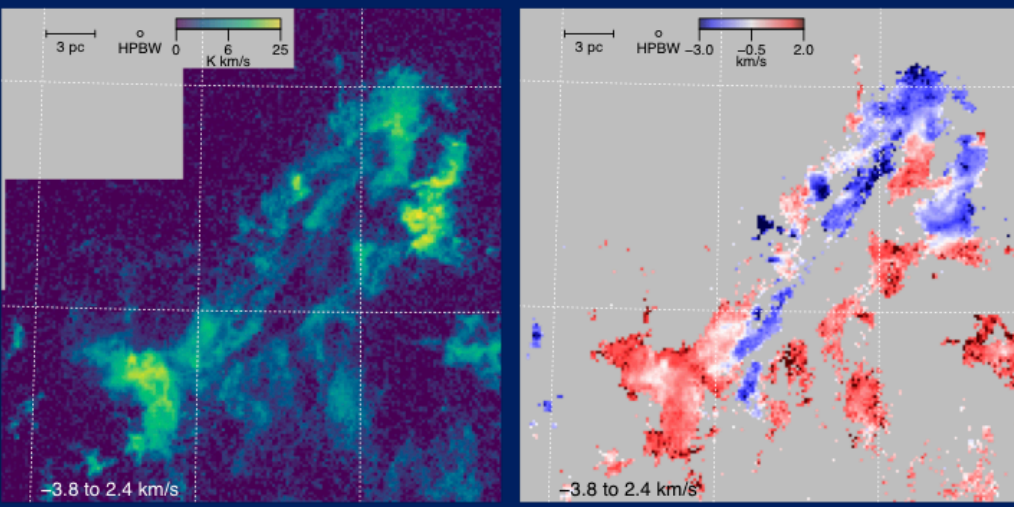
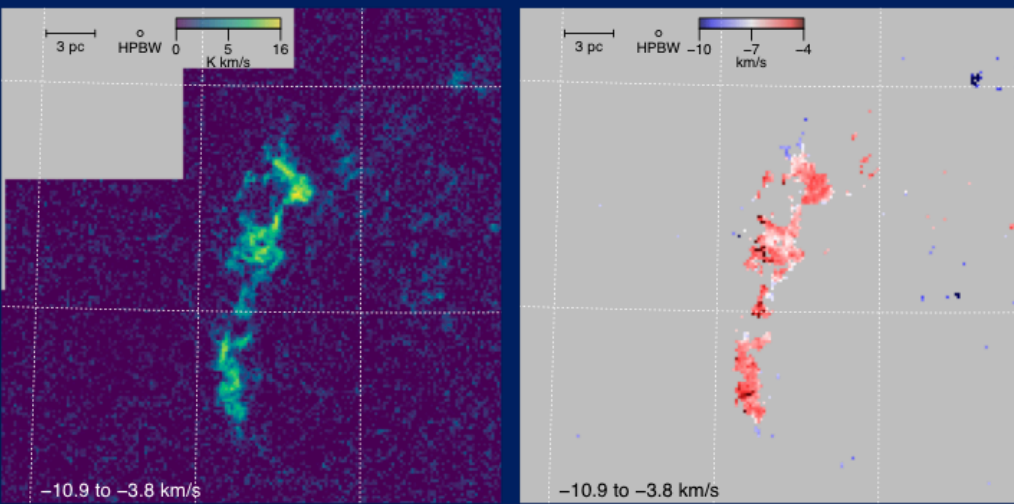


- Infrared excess
- Photometric variability
- H α emission
- X-ray emission
- CMDs



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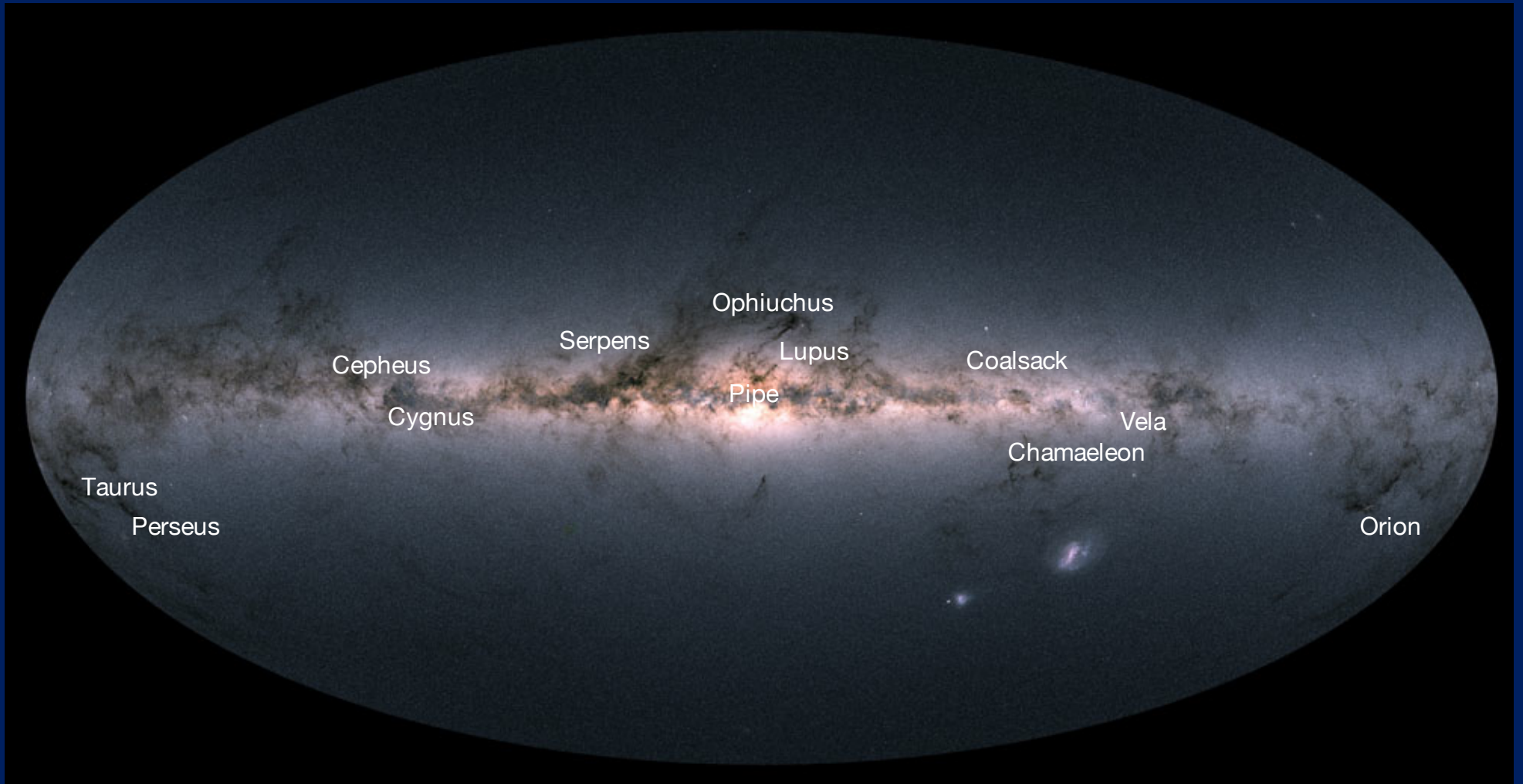
KINEMATICS NOW TOO!



INSATIABLE
APPETITE
FOR
WIDE-FIELD



THE ASTROMETRIC BOUNTY OF GAIA



2-4 X PI FIELDS NOW AVAILABLE

-Photometric surveys

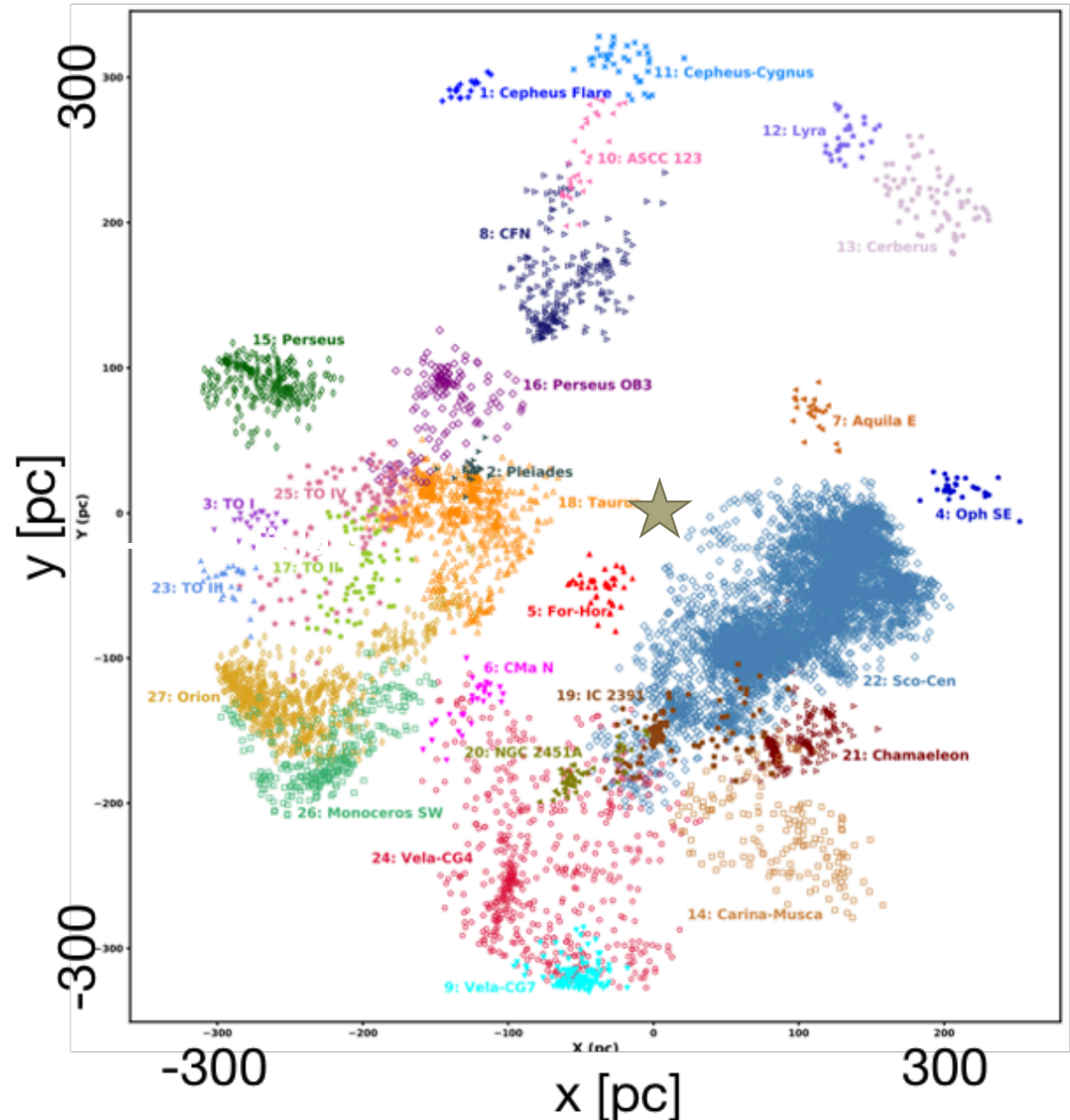
- WISE – mid-IR
- 2MASS – near-IR
- K2/ZTF/VVV - variability
- PanSTARRS – red optical
- Gaia – blue optical
- GALEX – UV

-Astrometric capabilities of Gaia

- proper motions
- parallaxes
- radial velocities

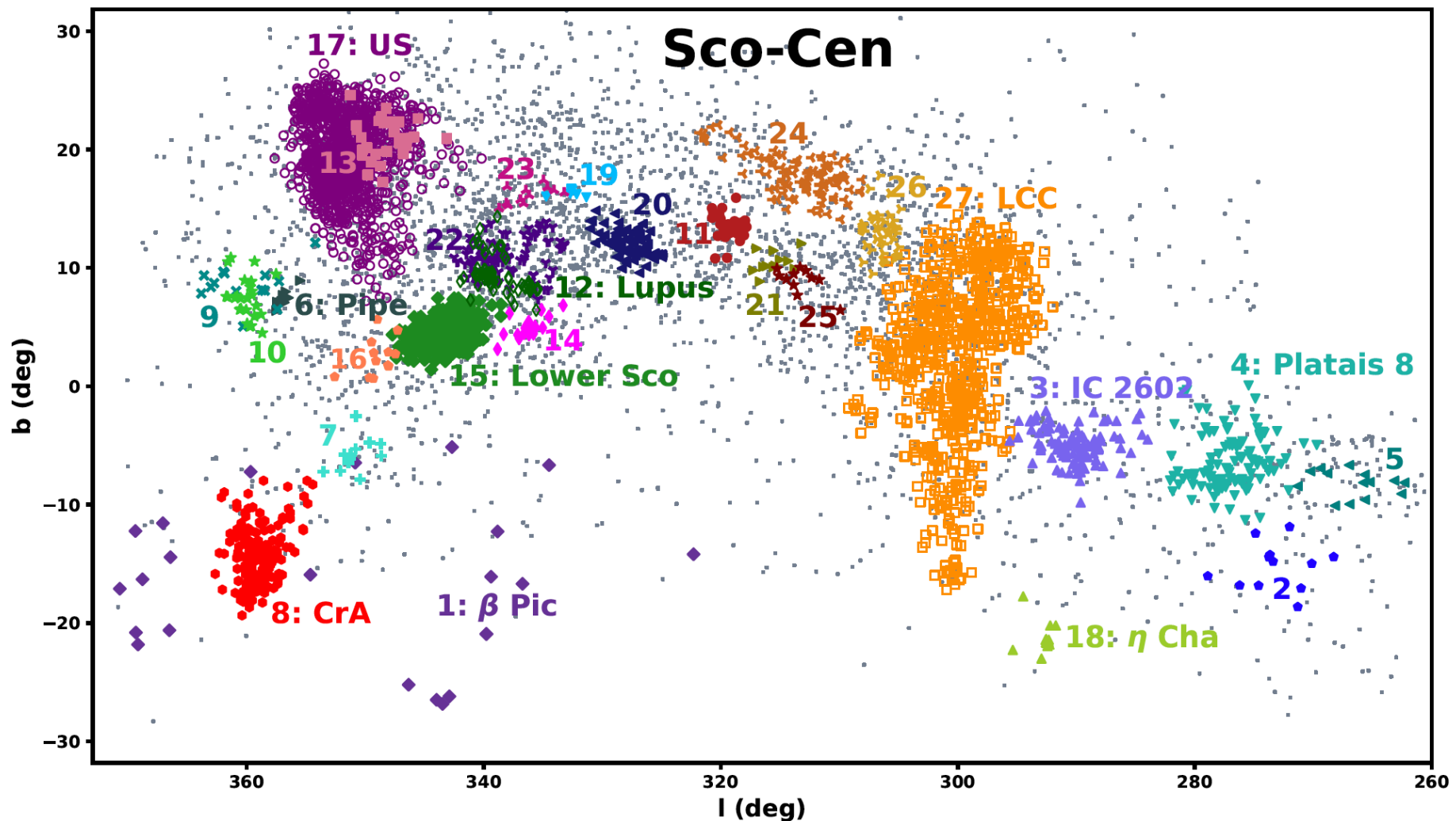
Statistical methods e.g. UPMASK, HDBSCAN used to identify kinematically associated and evolutionarily related sources.

pre-main-sequence stars from Kerr+2021



THE EXTENT AND POPULATION STATISTICS OF THE NEAREST OB ASSOCIATION ARE STILL BEING DISCOVERED

d ~0.15kpc



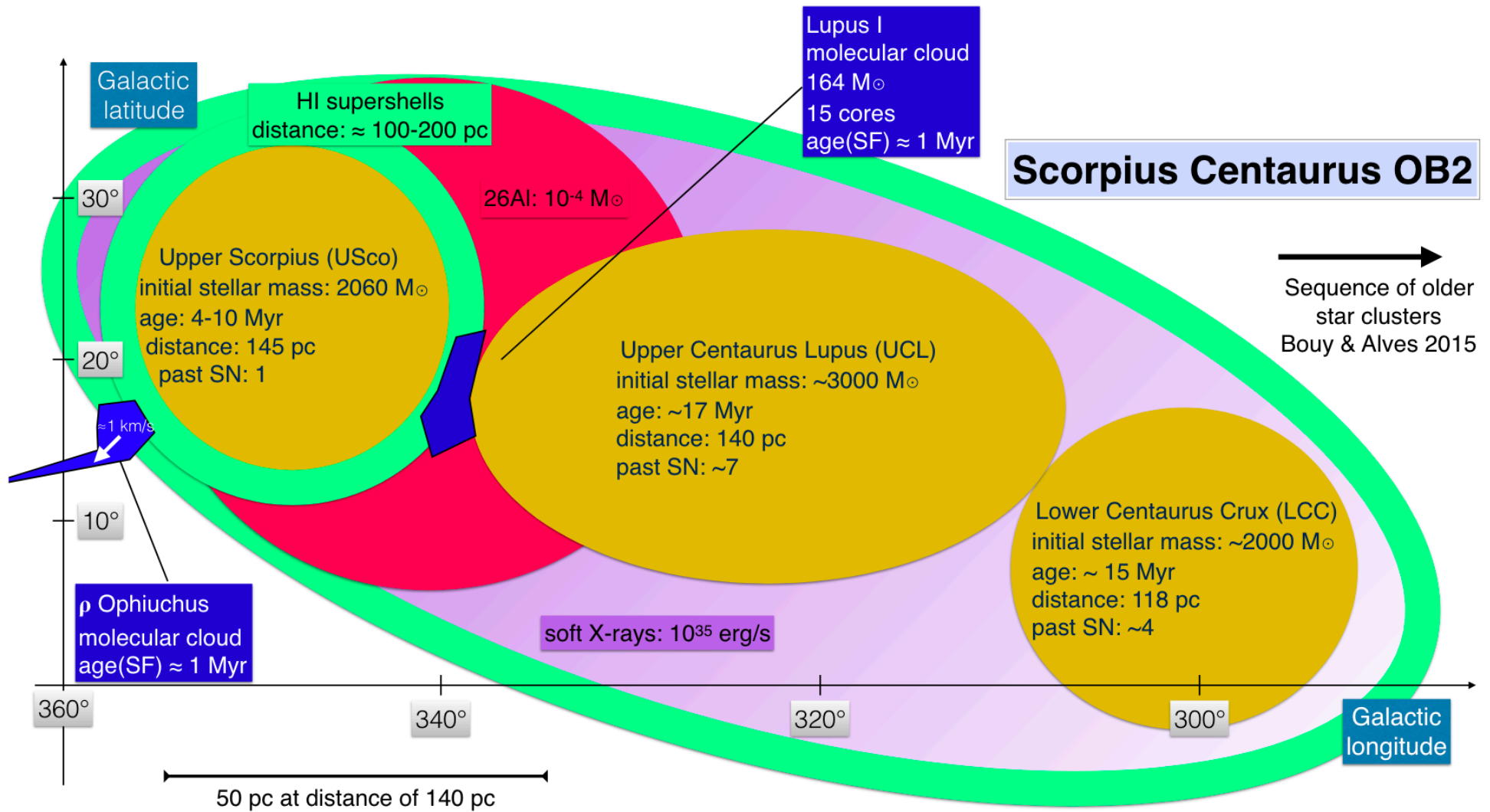
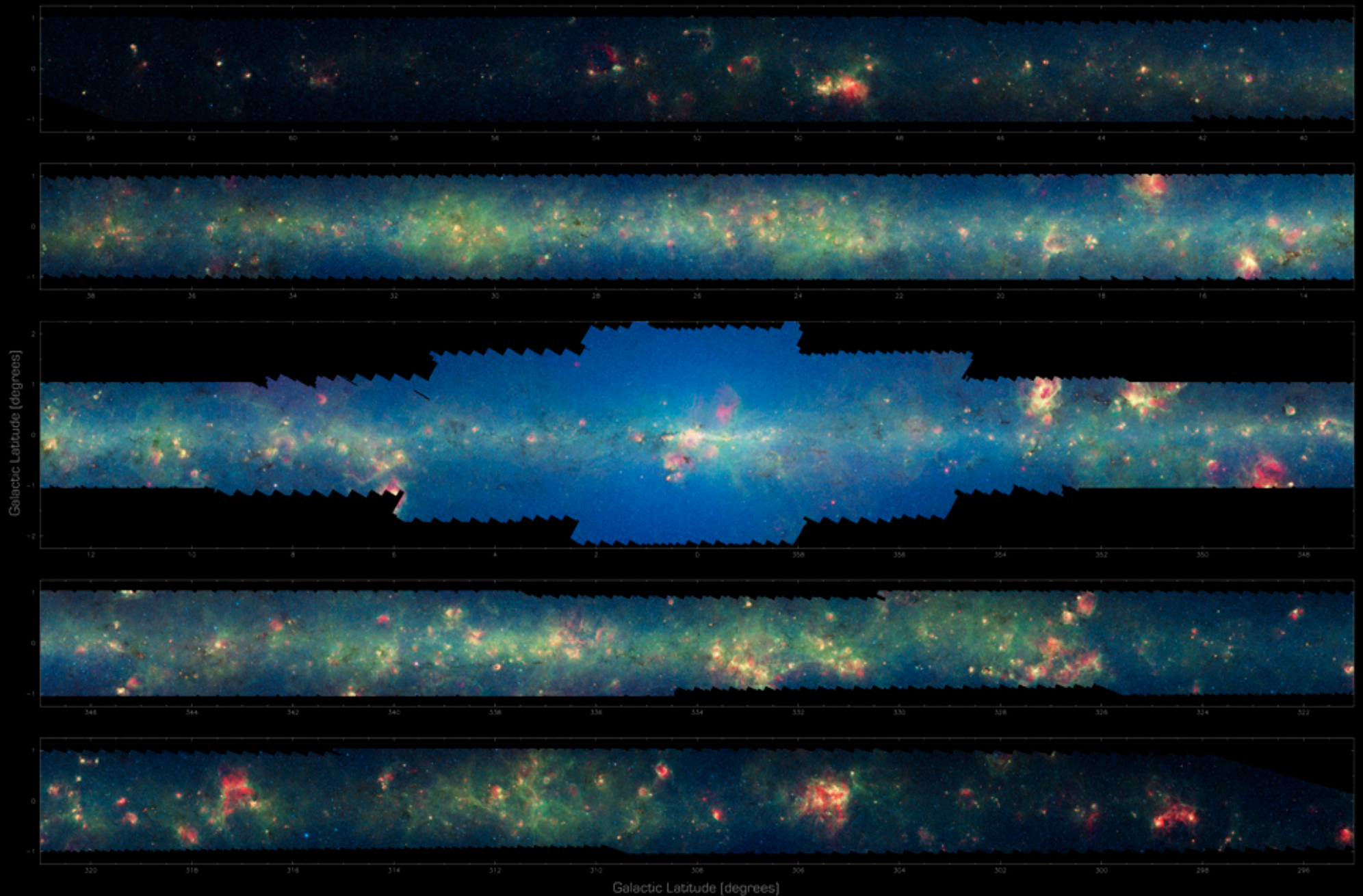


Fig. 1. Summary sketch of observational information on the Scorpius–Centaurus region. The OB-association Sco–Cen OB2 has three subgroups of $\approx 2000 M_{\odot}$ each, formed over the last $\approx 15\text{--}20$ Myr. Stars are currently forming in the ρ Ophiuchus (moving away from USco at about 1 km s^{-1}) and Lupus I (part of an expanding HI loop around USco) molecular clouds. See Table 1 for more details on the stars. HI shells are detected around the youngest OB subgroup, USco, and around the entire region. Diffuse soft X-ray emission is detected towards the superbubble at a level of $10^{35} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$. One of the detected signatures of massive star winds and supernova explosions is ^{26}Al , towards USco.

THE INFRARED MILKY WAY: GLIMPSE/MIPSGAL (3.6–24 microns)



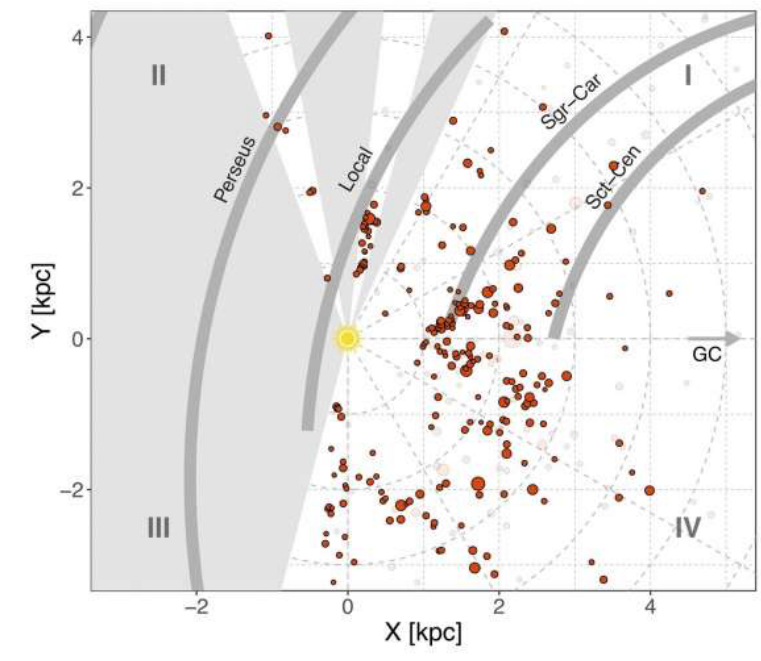
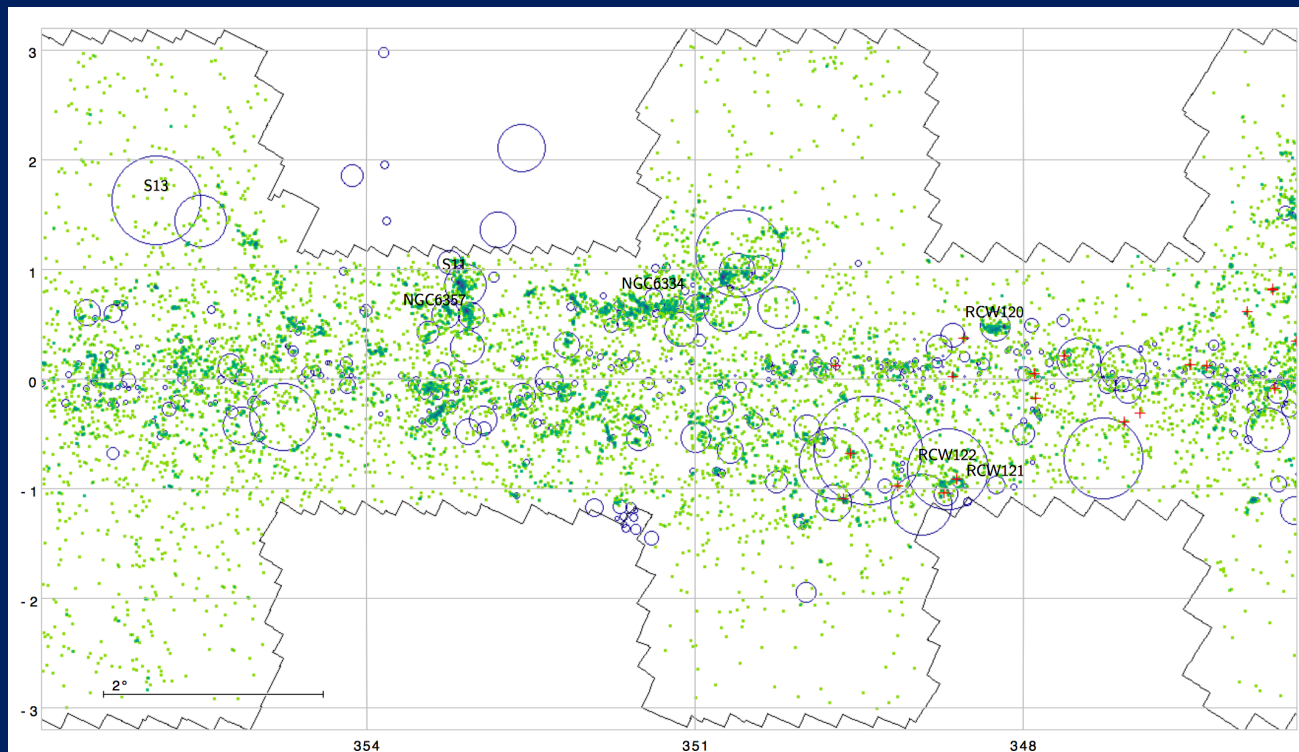
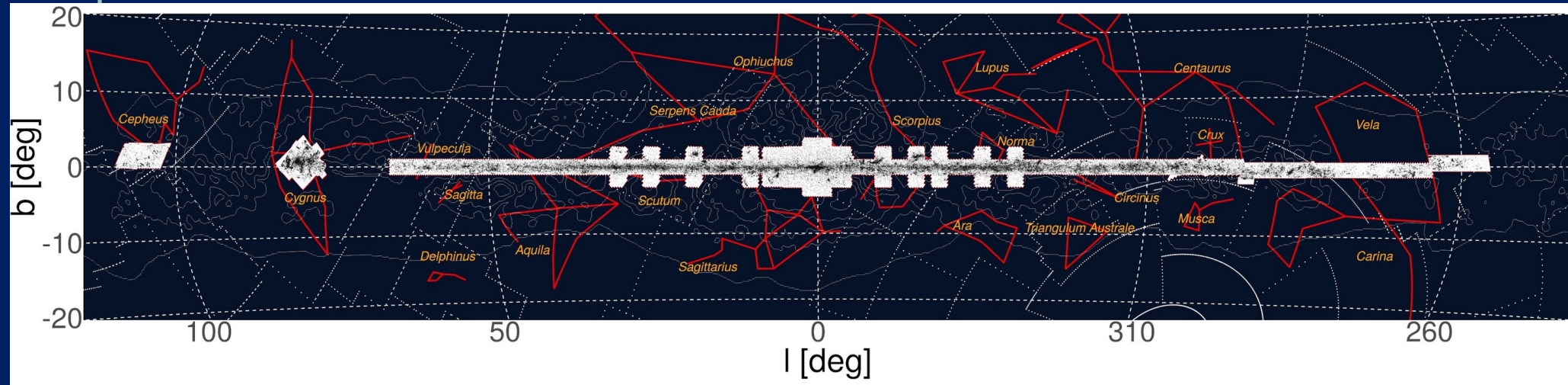
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NEW CATALOG OF $>10^5$ YSOS

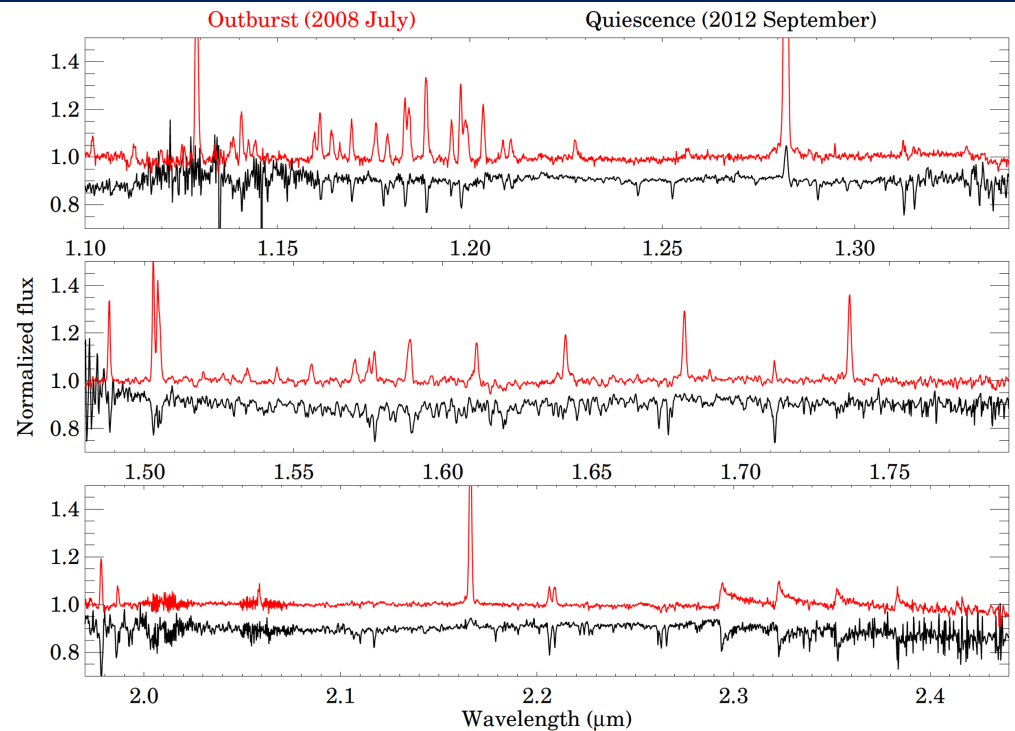
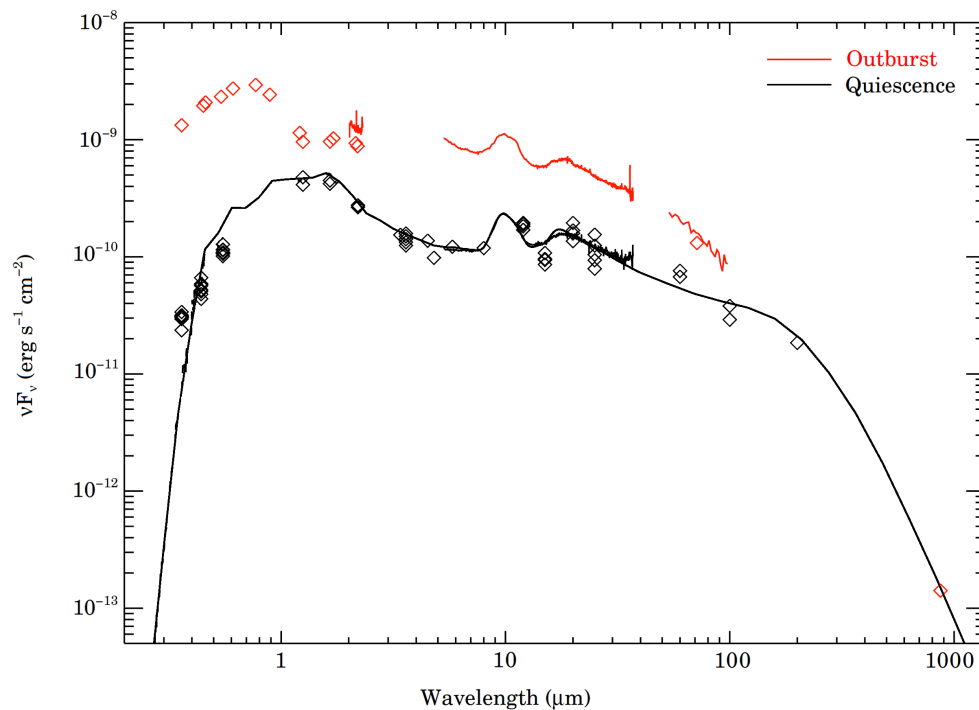
Kuhn, de Souza et al. 2021



BOTTLENECK IS STILL SPECTROSCOPY

photometry → SEDs (*cheap*)

spectroscopy → physics (*expensive*)



PRE-MS EVOLUTIONARY THEORY

Amard et al.: Grid of rota

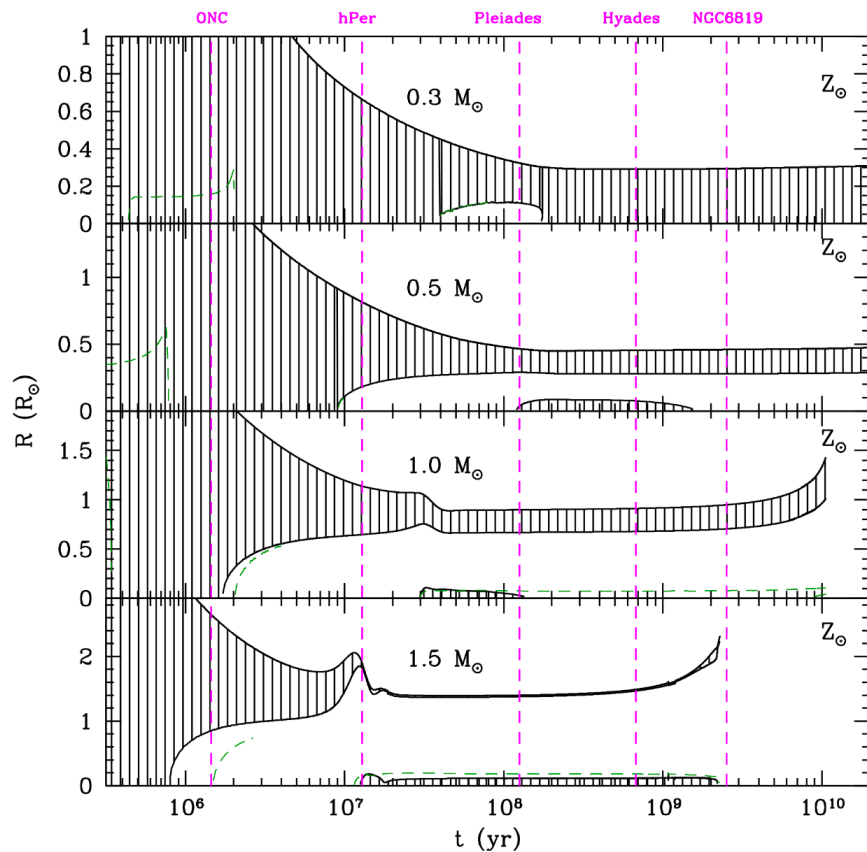


Fig. 5. Kippenhahn diagram showing the evolution of the internal structure of the non-rotating solar metallicity models of 0.3 (top), 0.5 , 1.0 and $1.5 M_{\odot}$ (bottom) from the PMS up to the end of the main sequence. The upper line represents the surface radius and hatched areas refer to convective regions. The green line displays the H-burning limit. The five pink vertical lines indicate the ages of open clusters used as markers of the evolution.

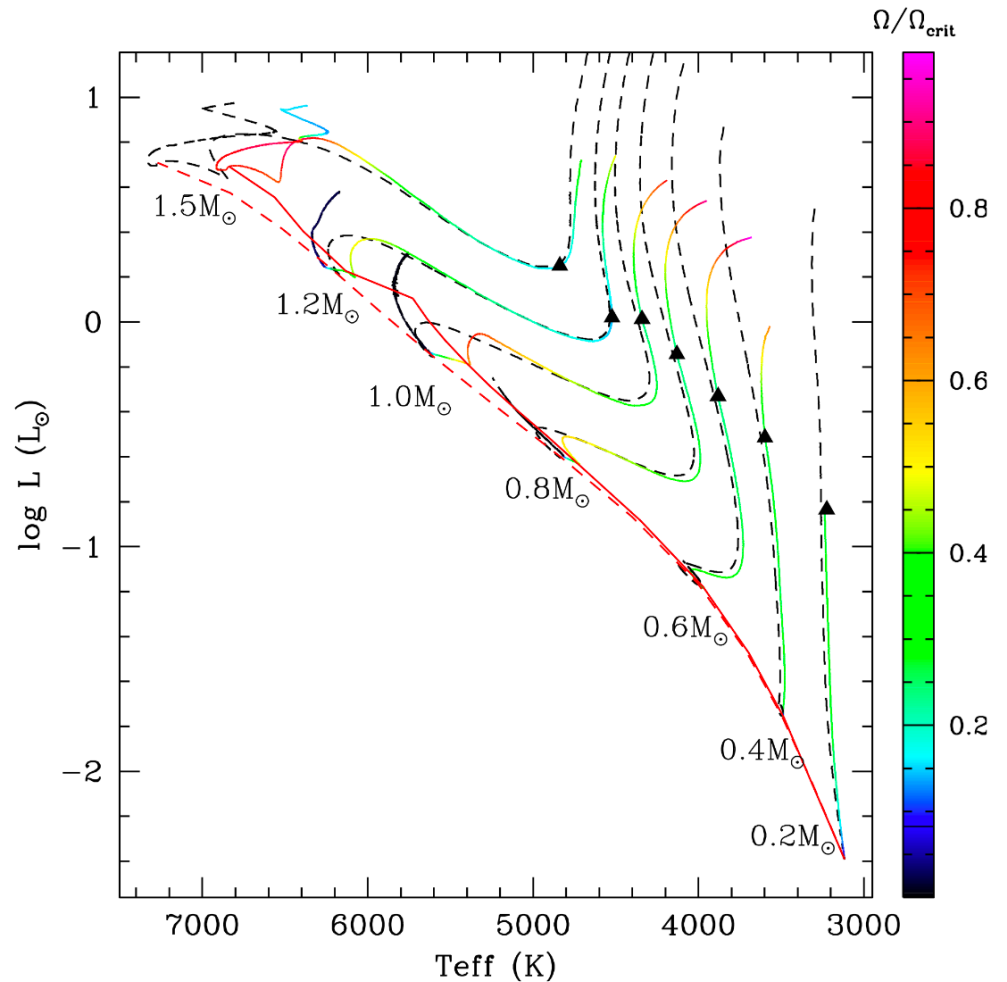
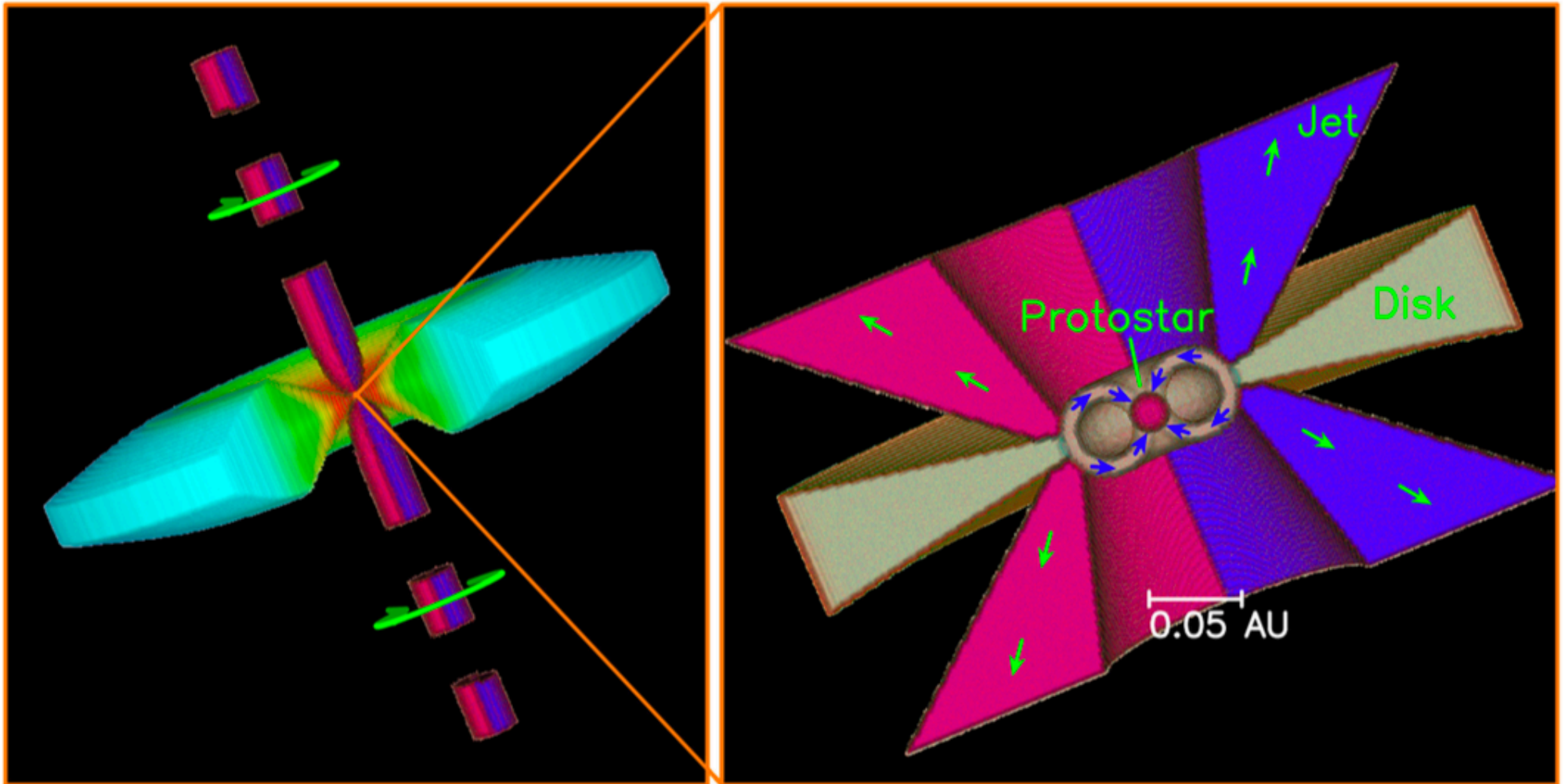


Fig. 4. HR diagram of solar metallicity models without (dashed black line) and with rotation (solid colored lines; here we show the fast rotators). The values of the surface velocity normalized to the break-up value ($\Omega/\Omega_{\text{crit}}$) increase from blue to red as shown on the right color bar. The black triangles indicate when the rotating models are released from their disc. The red lines indicate the standard (dashed) and rotating (solid) ZAMS.

CARTOON OF AN INDIVIDUAL YOUNG STAR ACCRETION/OUTFLOW SYSTEM



YSO SEDS CONSIST OF UNDERLYING STELLAR PHOTOSPHERE + CIRCUMSTELLAR DUST/GAS

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BALLERING & EISNER

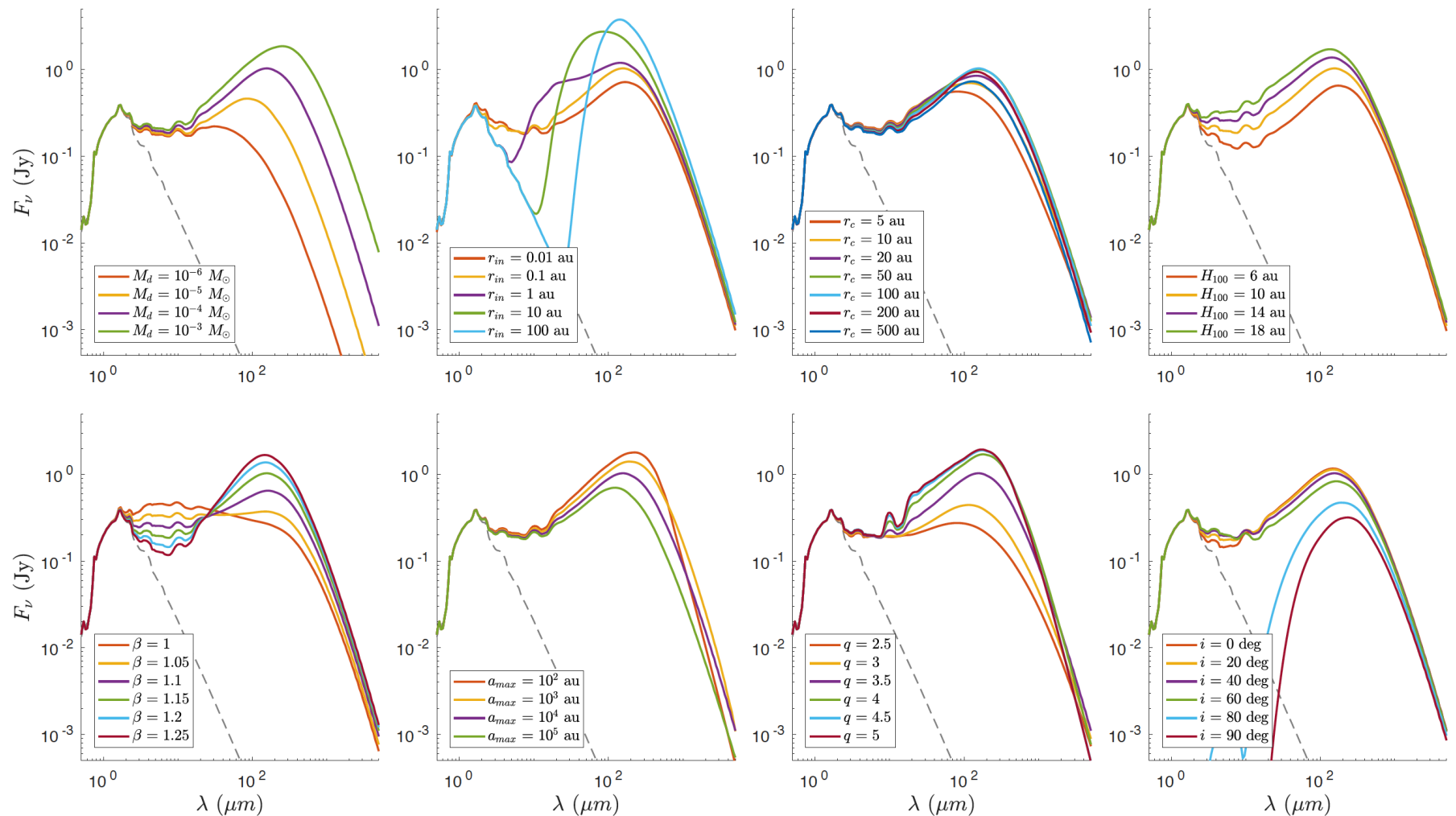


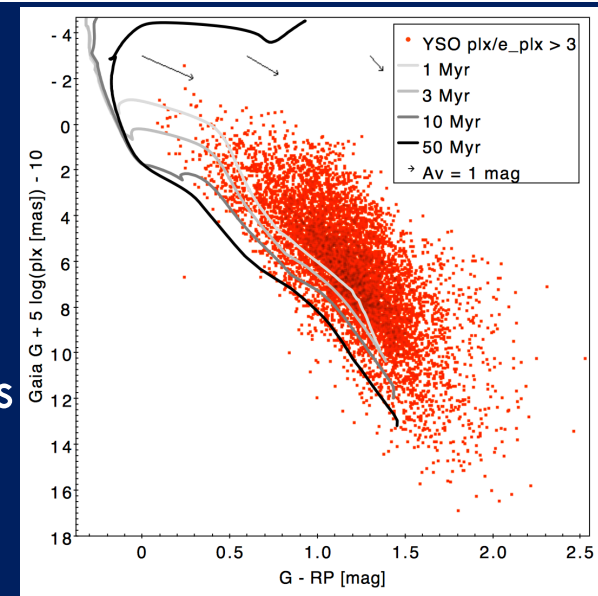
Figure 1. A demonstration of the effect on the model SED by varying each of the eight free parameters from the fiducial model. The dashed gray line in each plot is the stellar photosphere.

WHAT CAN ATLAS DO?

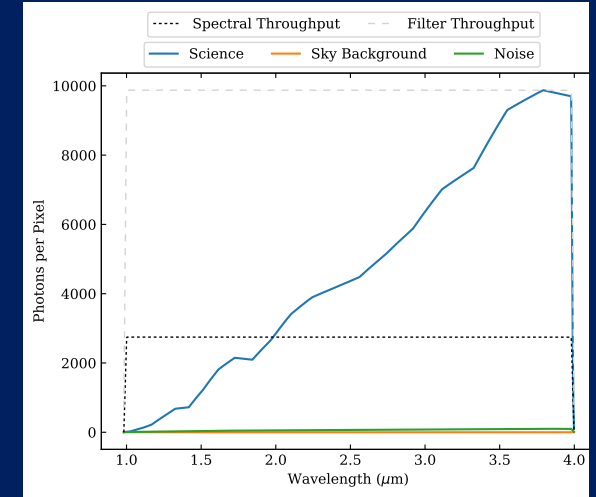
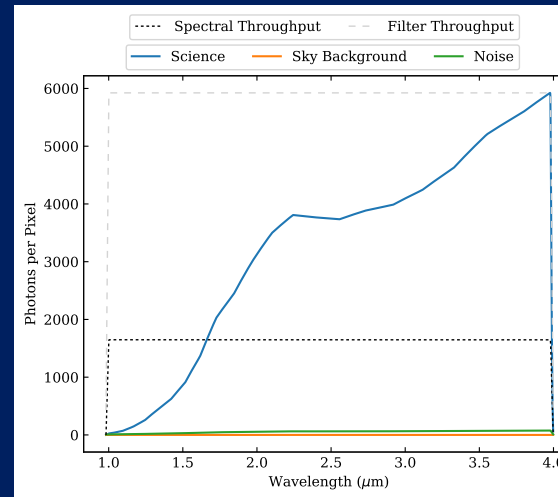
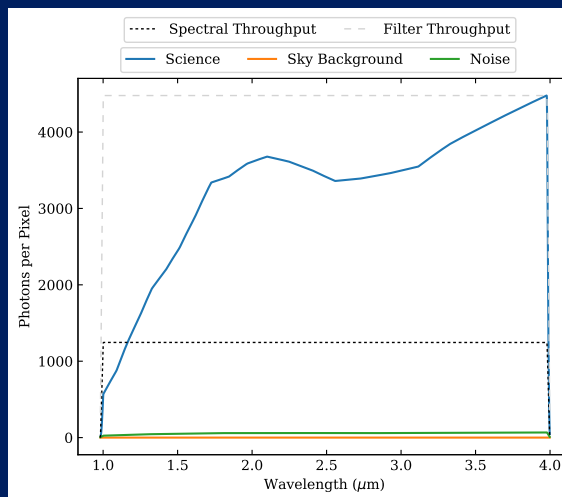
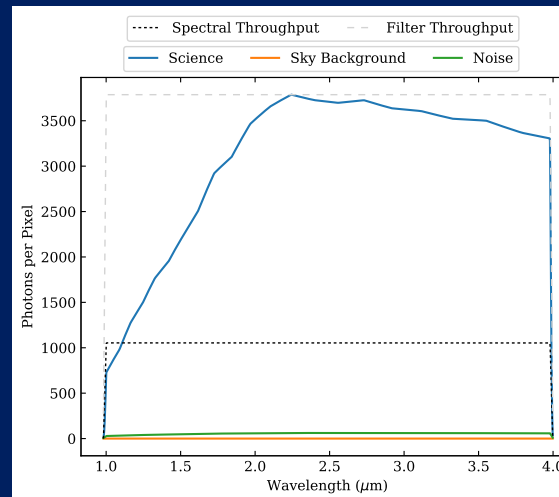
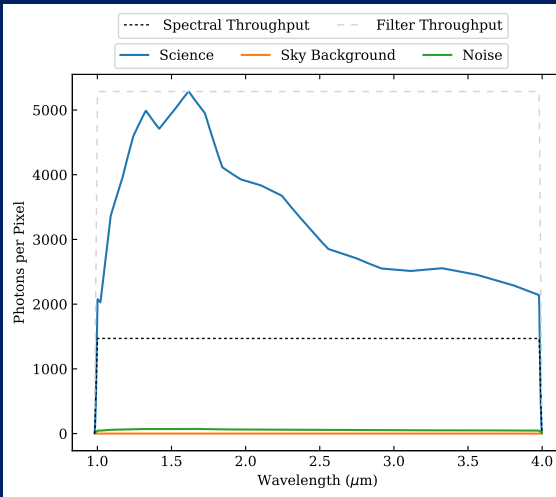
1-4 μm spectrophotometry

$R = 1000$ spectroscopy \rightarrow spectral typing; emission lines

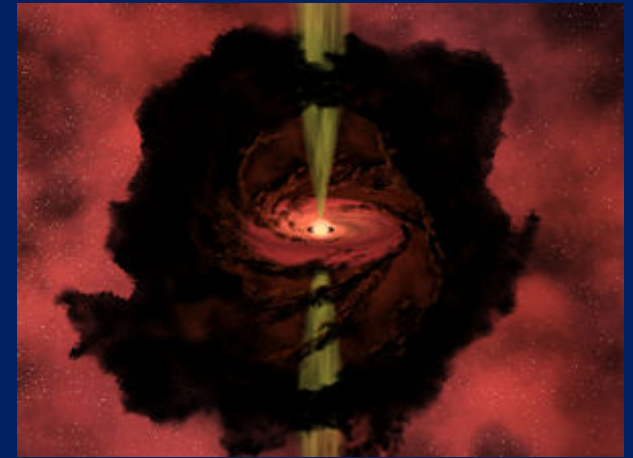
YSOs at $\text{SNR}=60$ out to beyond 2.5-3 kpc!



range of SED shapes at $K=14$ mag
(current sample limited by Gaia sens.)



BUILDING HR DIAGRAMS FOR YOUNG STARS



Spectral type from optical or infrared spectra used to estimate photospheric **temperature**.

Accretion effects need to be taken into account.

De-reddened photometry plus bolometric correction *and distance* allows **luminosity** estimate.

Few months of ATLAS with multiple DMD reconfigurations per pointing to survey entire galactic plane.

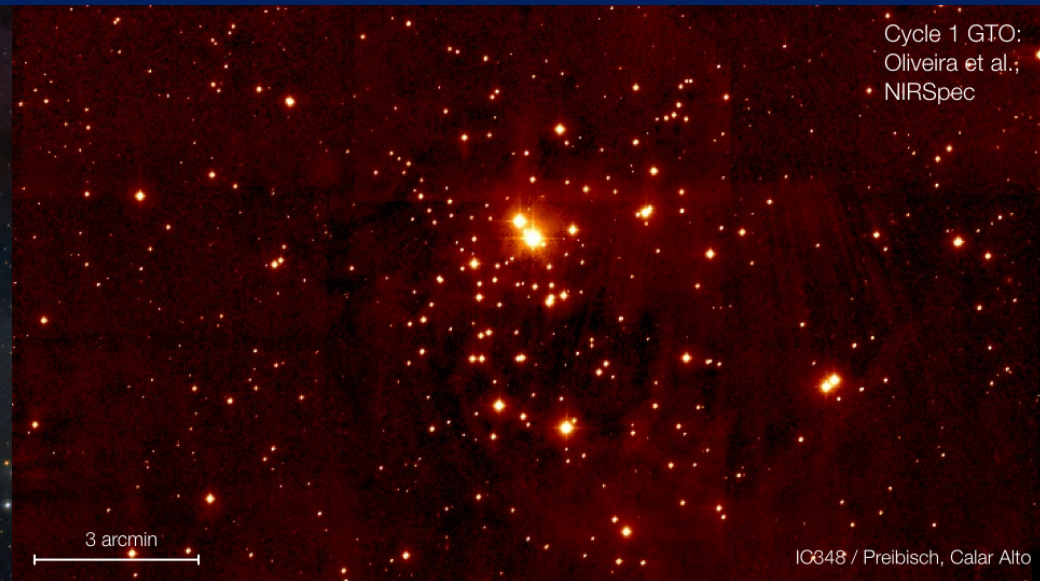
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COMPLEMENTS JWST-TARGETTED NEARBY STAR FORMING REGIONS

Cycle 1 GTO:
Scholz et al.
NIRISS



Cycle 1 GTO:
Oliveira et al.;
NIRSpec



NGC1333 / Howard



IC848 / Preibisch, Calar Alto



Cycle 1 GTO:
Meyer et al.
NIRCam

Cycle 1 GTO:
McCaughrean
NIRCam
Oliveira et al.
NIRSpec

NGC2024 / Emerson et al., VISTA, ESO

Trapezium Cluster / McCaughrean et al., VLT, ESO

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