

The Conditions for the Creation of Massive Stars and their Distribution



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OVERVIEW

- Herschel studies of high mass star formation
- Our studies of far-IR/sub-mm clumps in W3
- Key observational ingredients and triggering
- Relationship to distribution of Massive Stars in the Galaxy
- Wrap-up



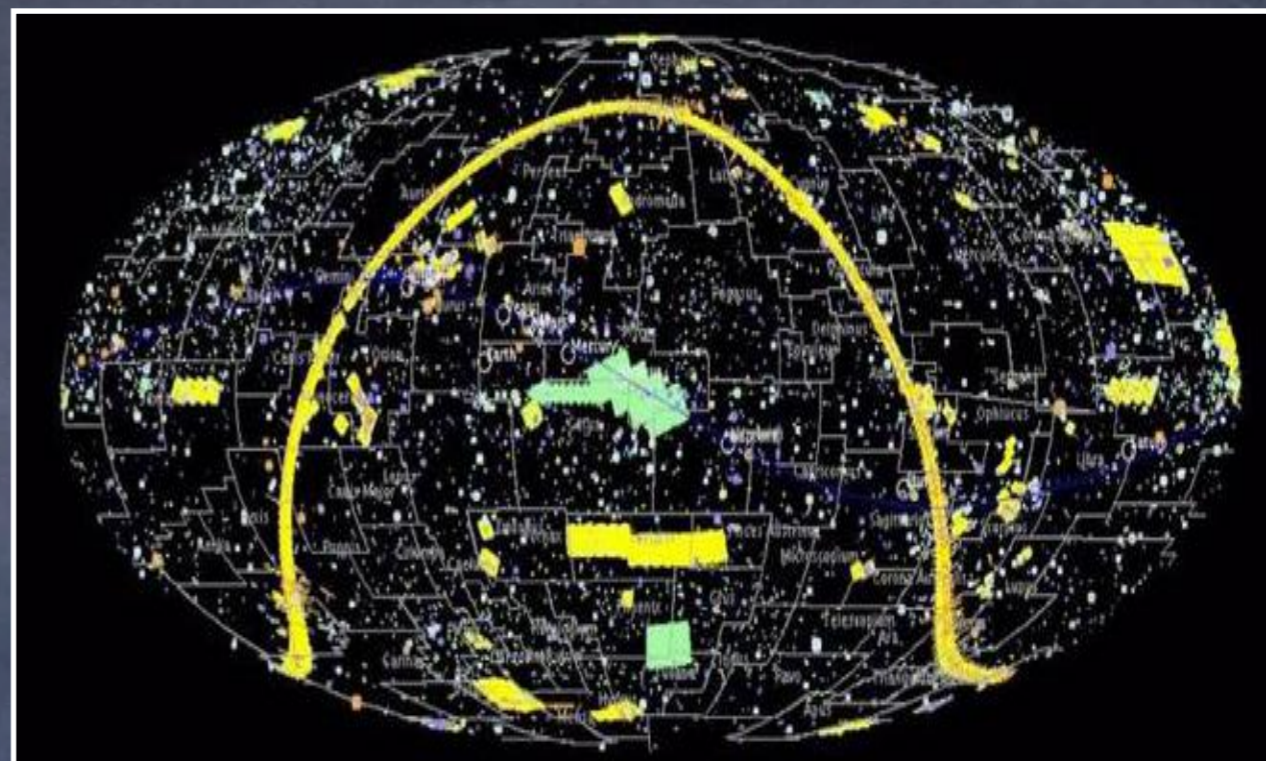
OVERVIEW

Herschel datasets point toward a scenario in which the onset of high-mass star formation (HMSF) is associated with locations where mass inflow and accumulation of material are particularly enhanced relative to the low-mass star formation case

- Convergence of flows (e.g., Nguyen Luong+ 11; Hennemann+ 12)
- Association with supershells (e.g., Rygl+ 14)
- Intersection of filaments (e.g., Schneider+ 12)
- Stellar feedback (e.g., Minier+ 13; Russeil+ 13; Rivera-Ingraham+ 13; 15; 17)

EVOLUTION

- **MC Environment (>1pc scale),**
e.g., Rivera-Ingraham+ 15
- **Clumps (0.5-1pc scale) +**
Filaments (e.g., Rivera-Ingraham+
15; 16)
- **MDCs (0.1pc scale):**
(Rivera-Ingraham+ 17a, subm)
 - Complete catalogue
 - Evolutionary classification
 - Characterization (stellar content,
physical properties)
- **Statistical Studies** (Rivera-Ingraha.
17b, in prep)
 - Comparisons of HMSF regions in
different parts of the galaxy



- **Herschel imaging survey of OB Young Stellar objects** - (HOBYS; PI. F. Motte). *In depth region analysis*
- **the Herschel infrared Galactic Plane Survey** - (Hi-GAL; PI. S. Molinari)
Statistical analysis of fields



CURRENT STUDIES

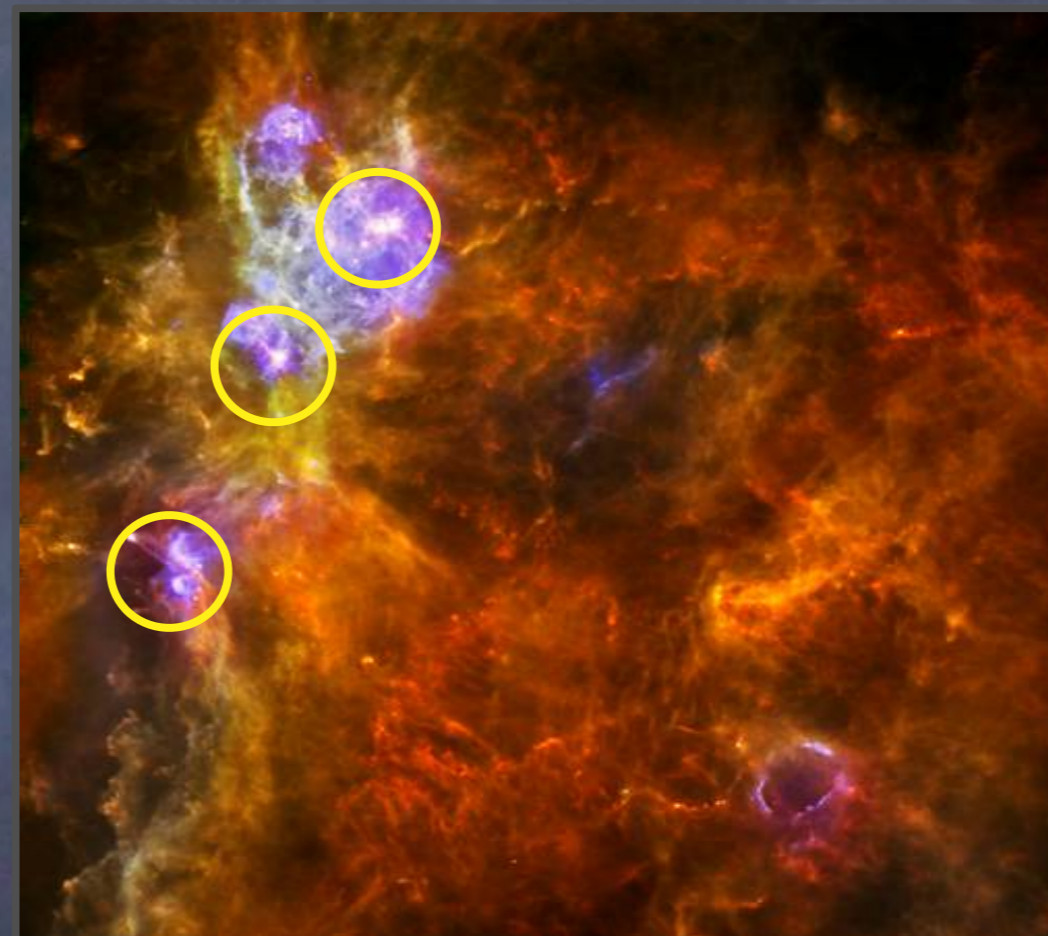
- Used Herschel/PACS and SPIRE data maps – 70, 160, 250, 350 and 500 μm . Typically areas few degrees².
- **For large-scale/more diffuse structures:**
 - Determine offset to pipeline product based on Planck/IRAS large-scale information.
 - Remove background/foreground ISM components using HI and CO (see Tige+ 17).
 - Use point-to-point information at 4 wavelengths to fit greybody ($\tau=2$) dust model.
 - Map resolutions of 36".
- **For clumps and cores:**
- **Temperature and column density/ A_v maps at 18" resolution used for core extraction (HOBYS standard)**
- Extraction of fluxes using *getSource* routine (Men'shchikov+ 12).
- Greybody dust model fit for **temperatures and mass determinations** (including well-known distances).

CURRENT STUDIES

- We have produced a global catalog of cores of W3 (Rivera-Ingraham+ 17)
- HMSF shown previously to be within 3 main clumps (W3 east, west and W3 (OH) – Rivera-Ingraham+ 13)

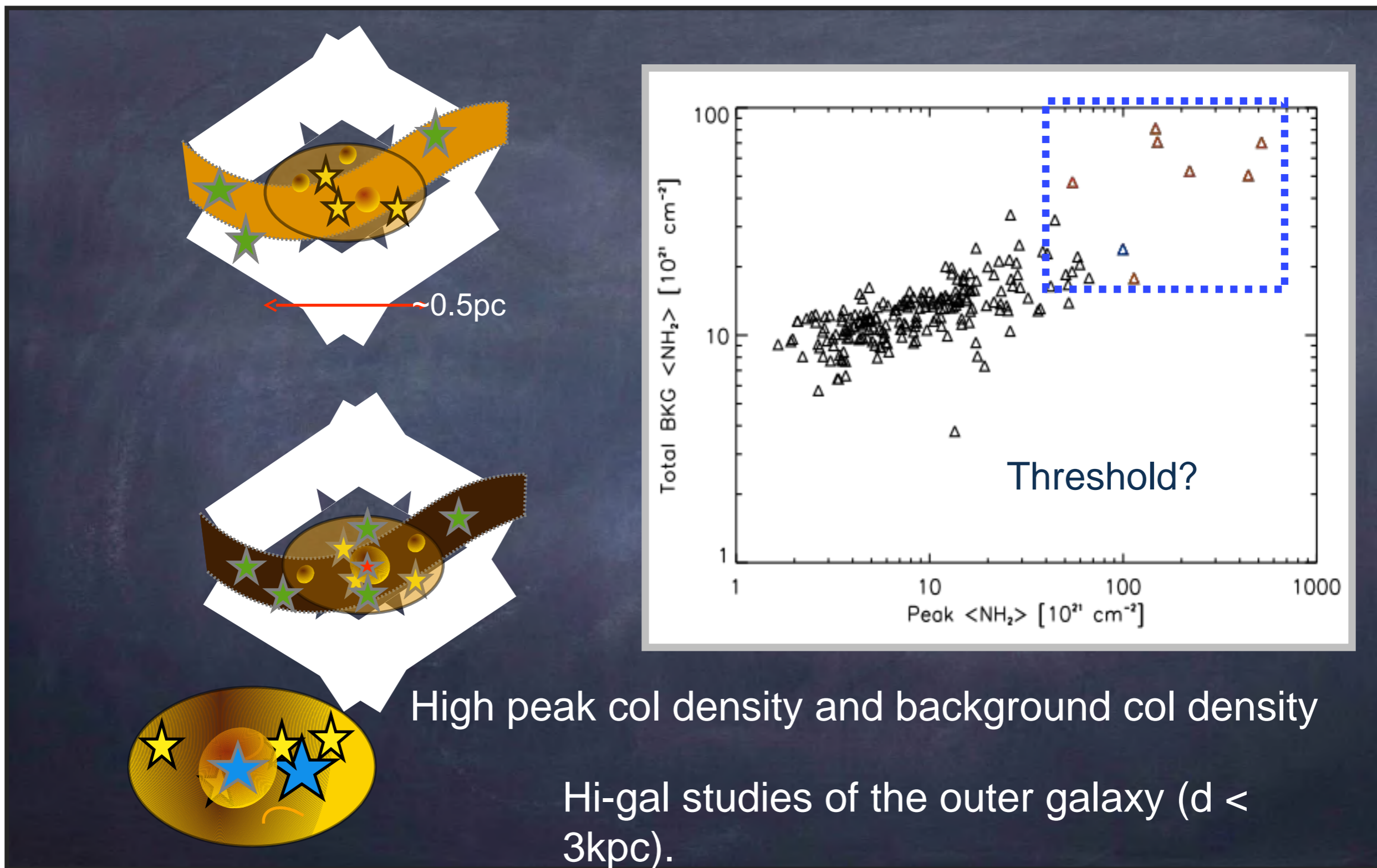
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 $\langle \text{NH}_2 \text{-env} \rangle =$
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Rivera-Ingraham+ 17

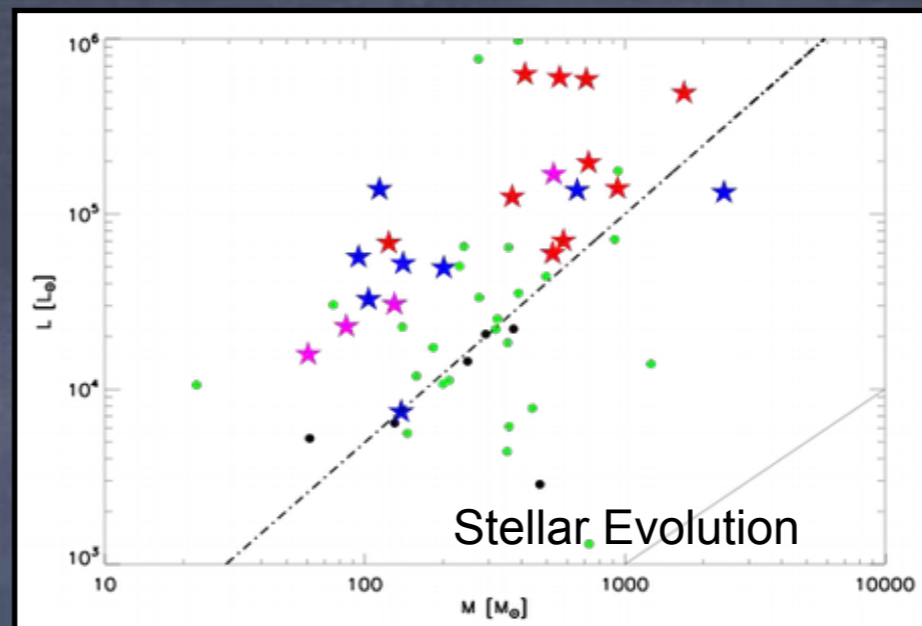
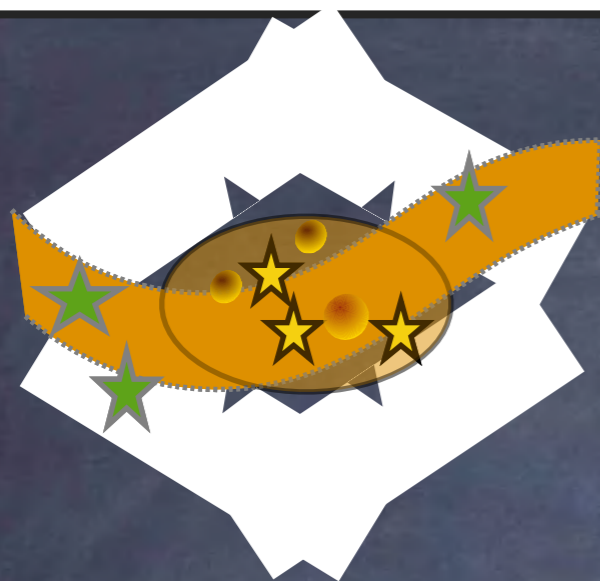


W3 region with Herschel
– Rivera-Ingraham+ 15

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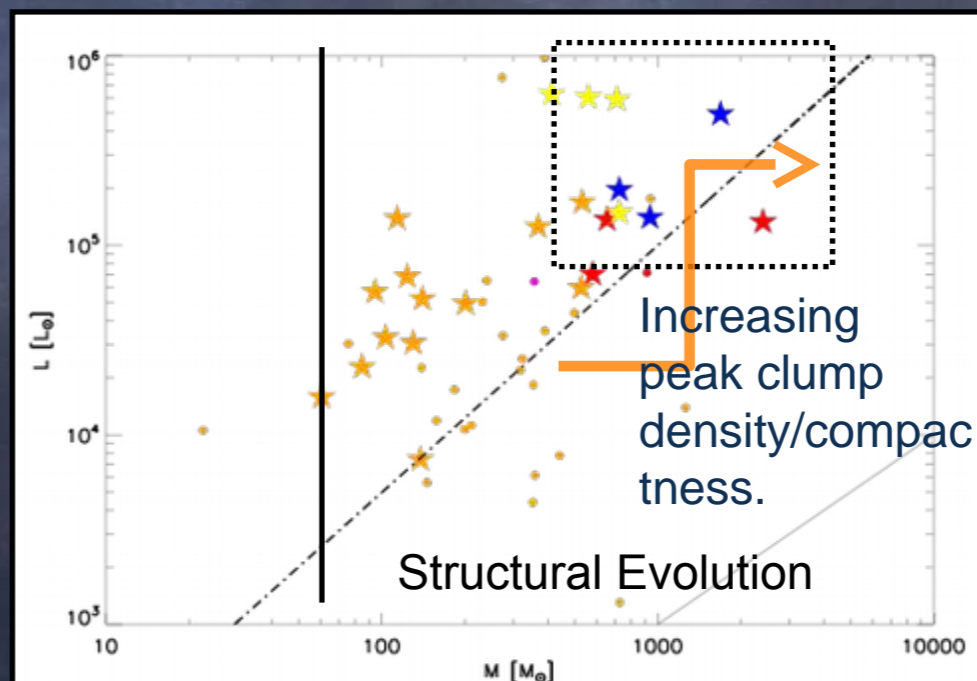


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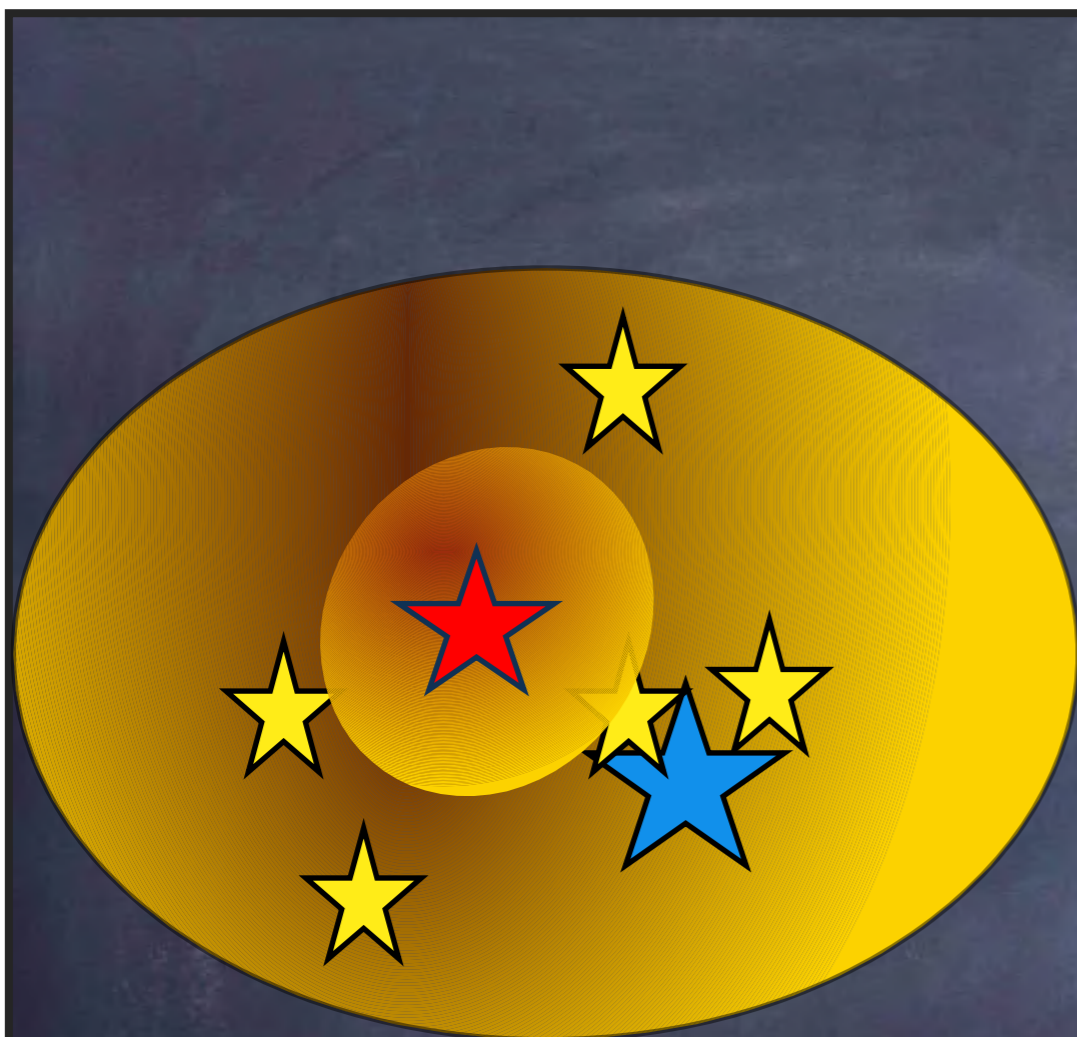


- ★ Strong HMSF features
- ★★ Weak HMSF features
- No HMSF

Hi-gal studies of the outer galaxy ($d < 3\text{kpc}$).



EVOLUTION



High central NH₂.

- * Deep gravitational well (core mass) [CONTAINMENT]

Environment mass → a significant, long-lasting supply of material

- * Continuous assembly with large gas supply [MASS ACCRETION, GROWTH]
- * Replenishment
- * Counteracts feedback/disruption
- * Provides confinement needed w/ minimal disruption (e.g. Dale & Bonnell 11)

$$P \propto \langle \text{NH}_2\text{-env} \rangle^2$$

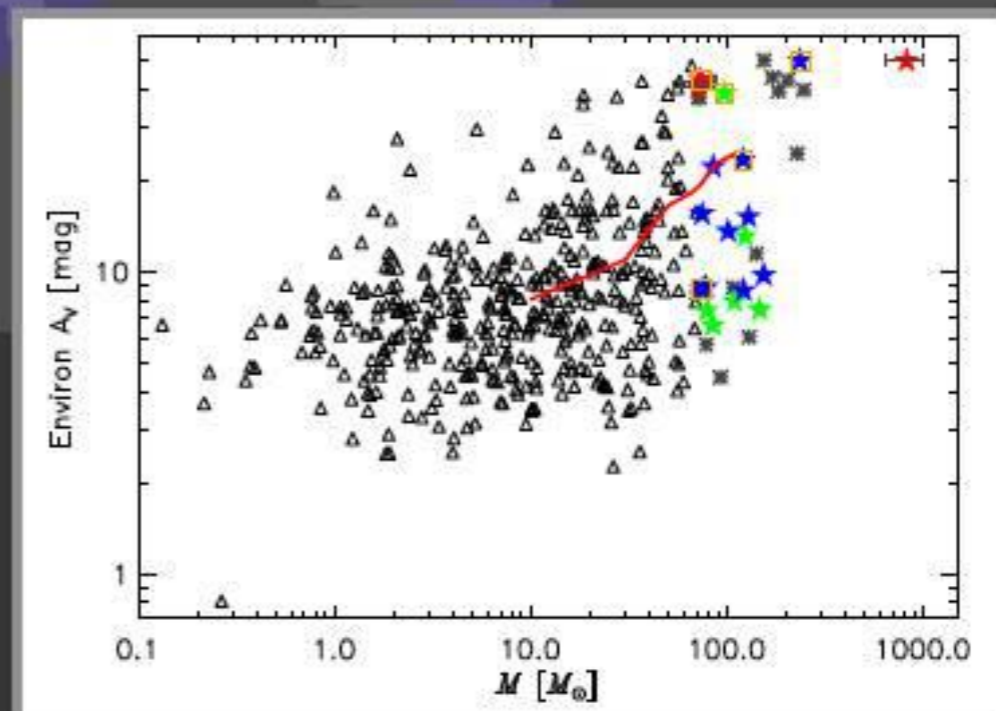
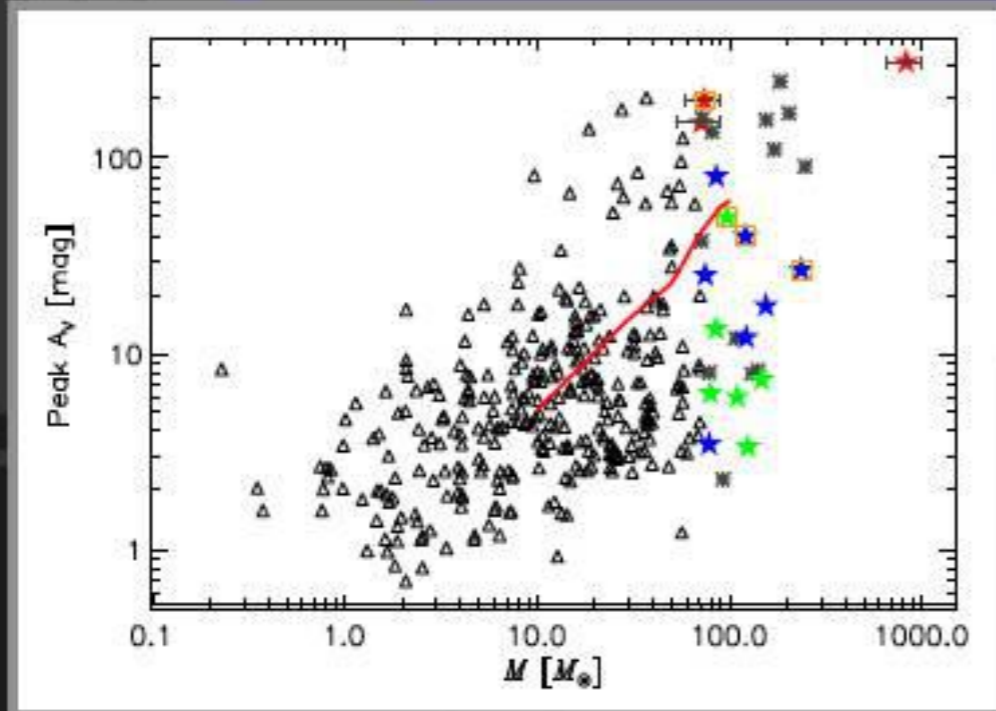
$$\propto \Delta \text{env}^{3/4}$$

(McKee & Tan 03)



EVOLUTION

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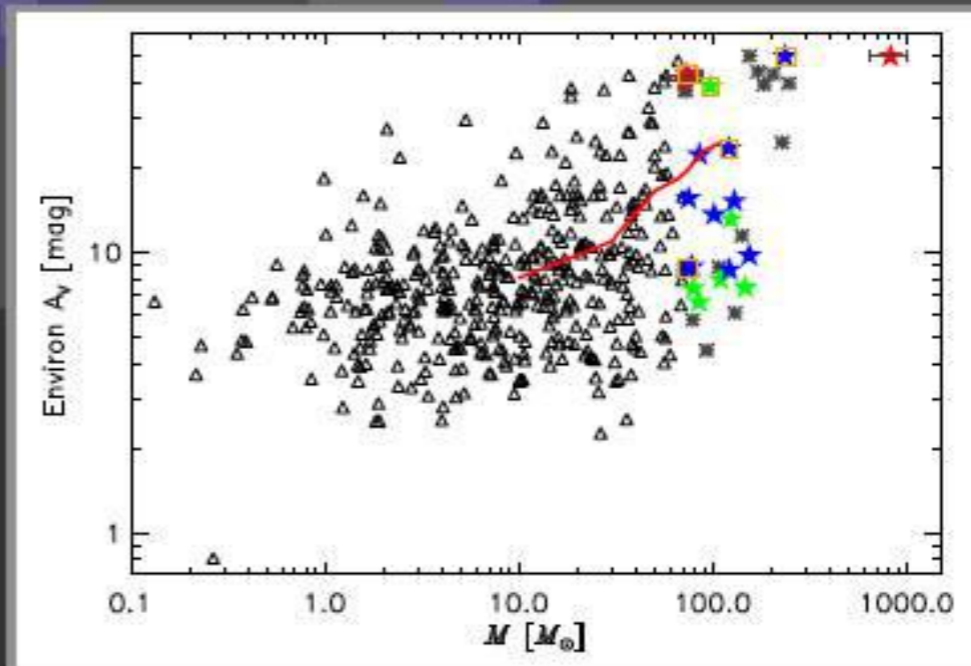
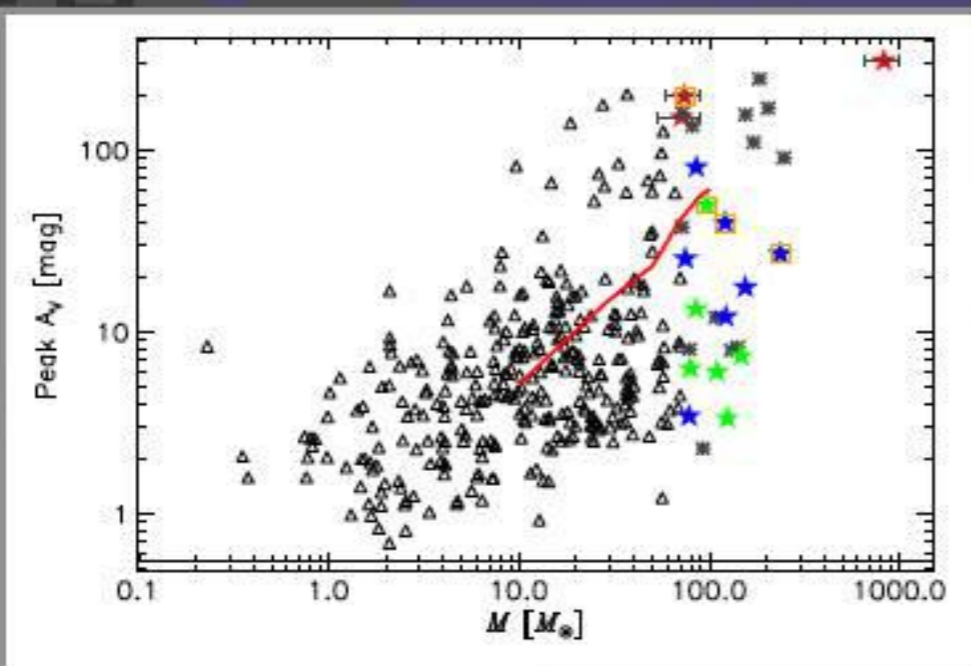


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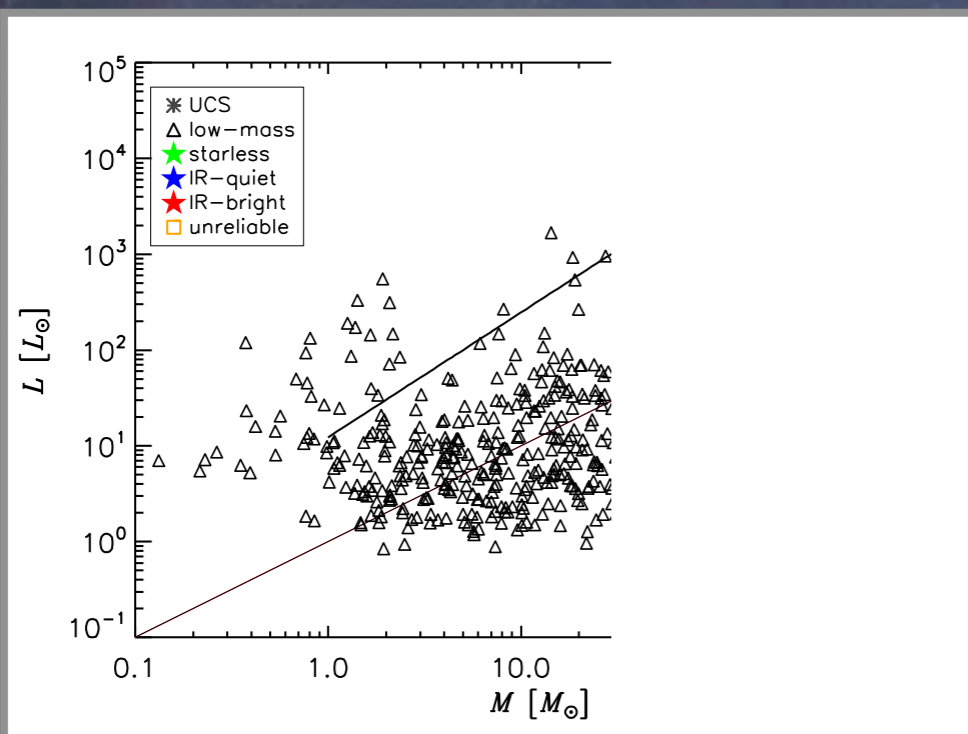
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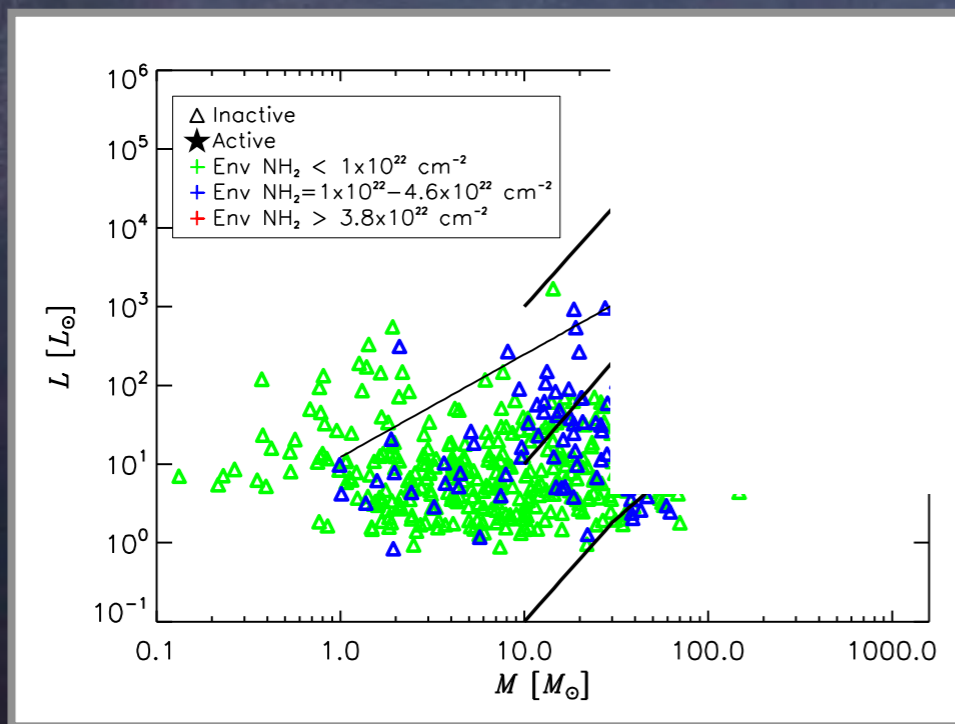


- ★ NH2(peak) [bright/quiet] ~11
- ★ FWHM [quiet/bright] ~2
- ★ n [bright/quiet] ~7
- ★ NH2(env) [bright/quiet] ~2.5

“Vertical” evolution, e.g. Molinari+ 08

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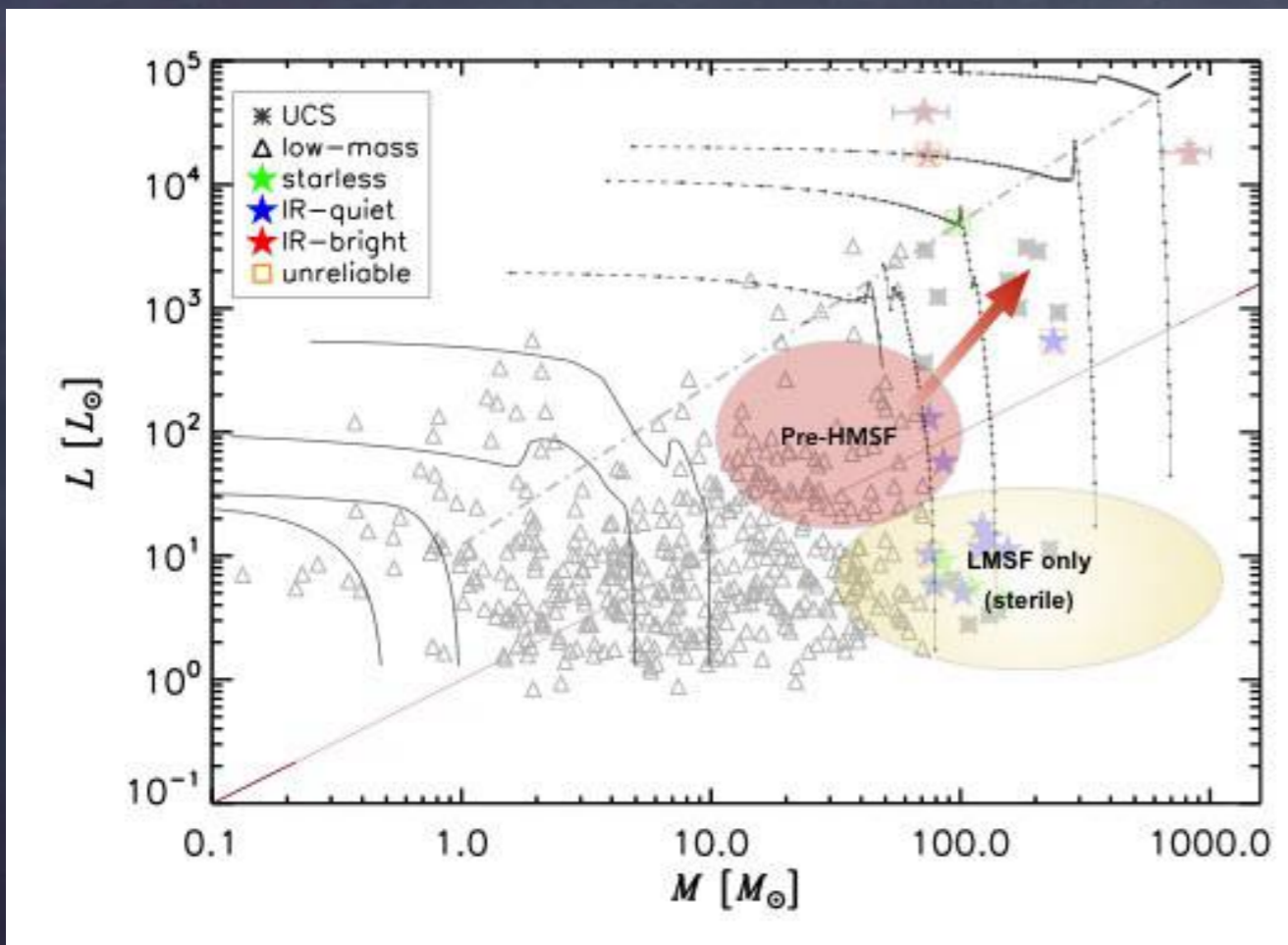
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- ★ FWHM [quiet/bright] ~1.5
- ★ n [bright/quiet] ~9.5
- ★ NH2(env) [bright/quiet] ~4

[also see Tige+ 17]

EVOLUTION



- **IR bright MDCs:** In W3 estimate lifetime $\sim 10^5$ yrs, for $100 M_{\odot}$ accumulation : $10-3 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$
(in agreement with mass accretion rate based on core environment)

- **Starless/IR-quiet:** shorter lifetime or non-existent HMSF

Supports.....

Large Scale Grav. collapse model +

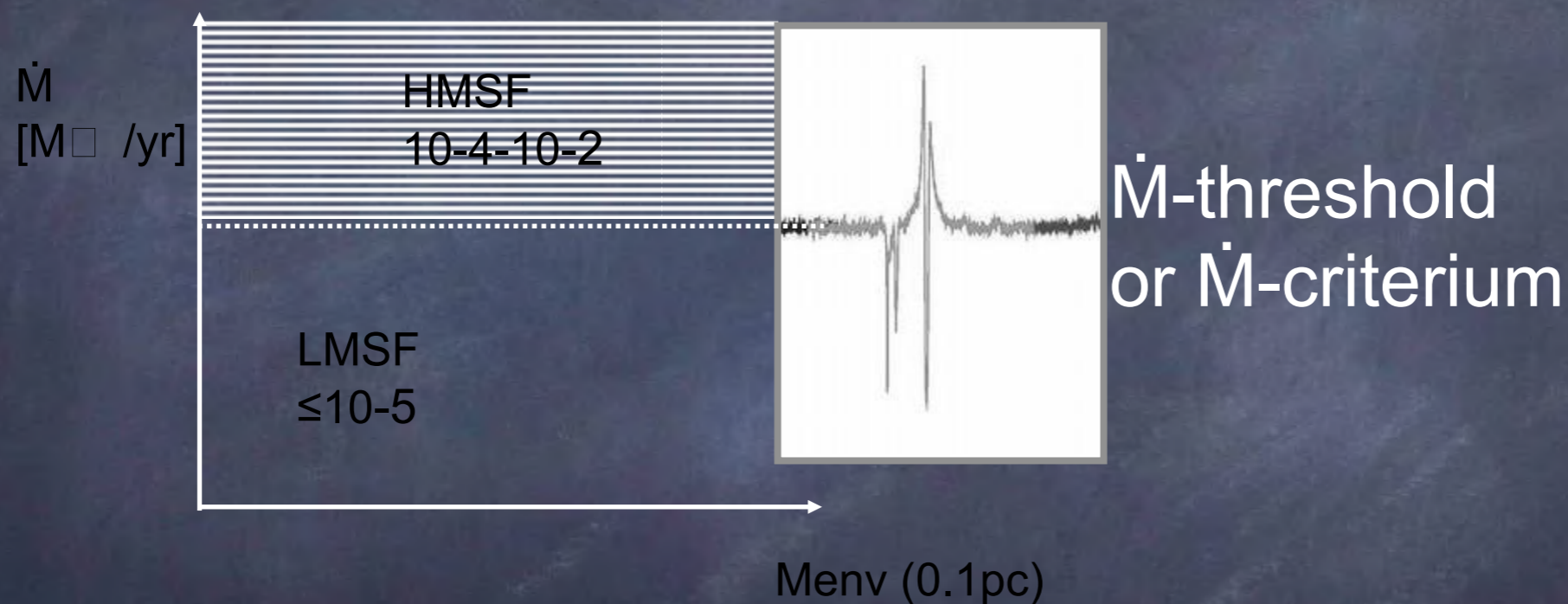
Evolution with core mass growth

A SWITCH FOR HMSF [?]

EXCLUSIVE combination of conditions for 0.1 pc active cores with HMSF:

$\langle \text{NH}_2 \rangle \sim 2 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ $\langle \text{NH}_2\text{-env} \rangle \sim 5 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 $\langle M \rangle \sim 600 M_{\odot}$

Max. efficiency and high mass convergent inflow in localised region: high \dot{M}



- **NH₂** > Deep potential well + minimal disruption (e.g., Dale+ 05)
- **Env/M** > High inflow rate + lots of material + confinement (counteraction of stellar feedback)

IN PROGRESS!

BIMODALITY IN HMSF

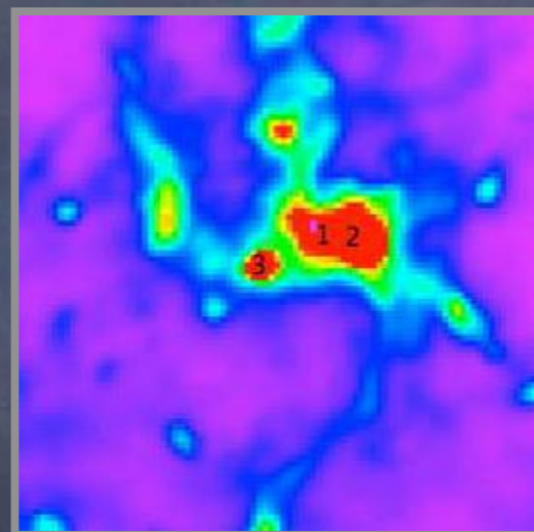
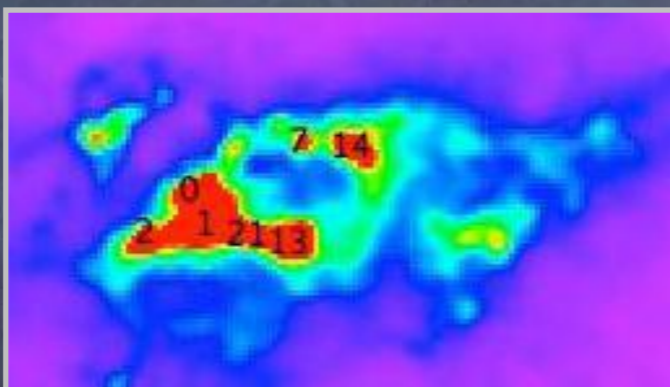
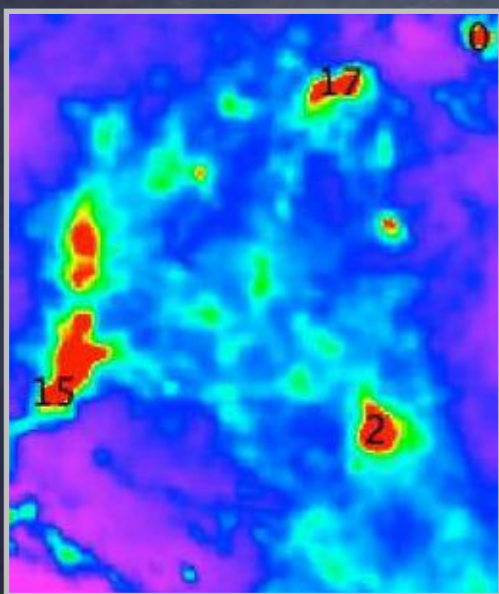
If \dot{M} criterium is the key , then...

Gravity (Large Scale Collapse)

Easiest way, most common

Externally Driven SF Mode

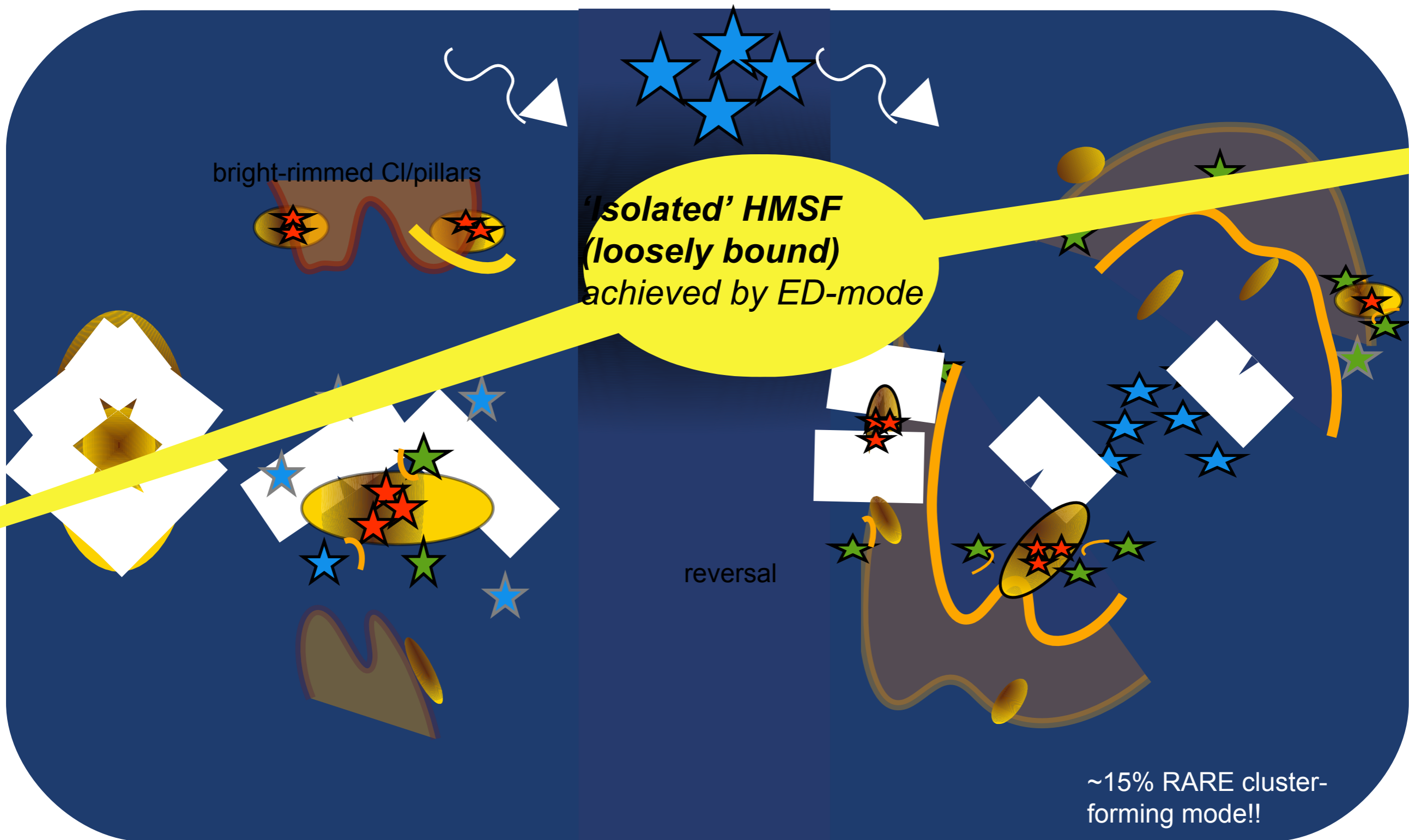
(direct triggering)



- Most common
- (extended) LMSF coeval with HMSF (youngest)
- Age distribution, primordial mass segregation

e.g., CCF Model
(Rivera-Ingraham+ 13)

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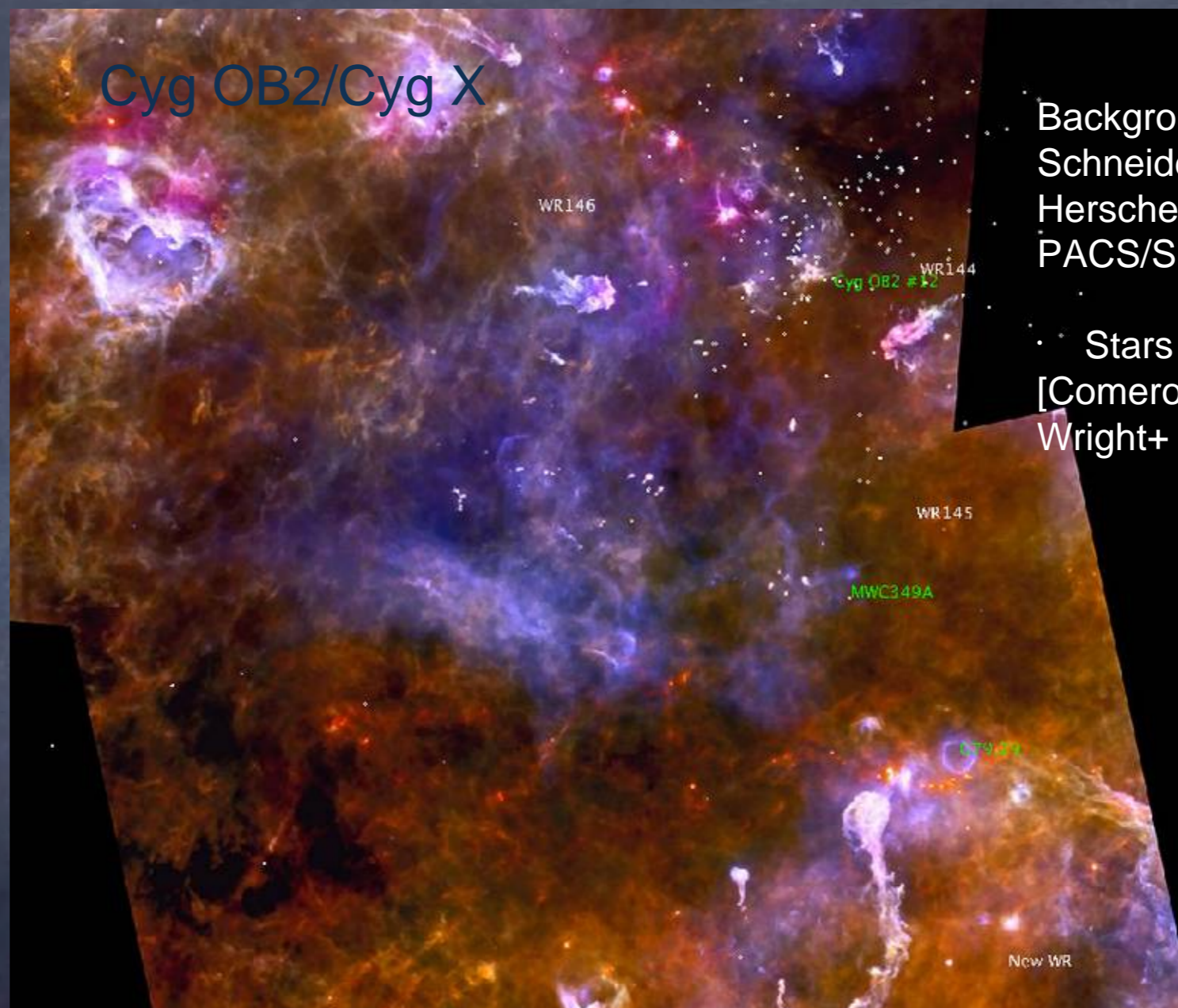
BIMODALITY IN HMSF

~~High-mass Stars Form
in Clusters~~

Clusters form WITH High-
Mass Stars

MASSIVE STAR DISTRIBUTION

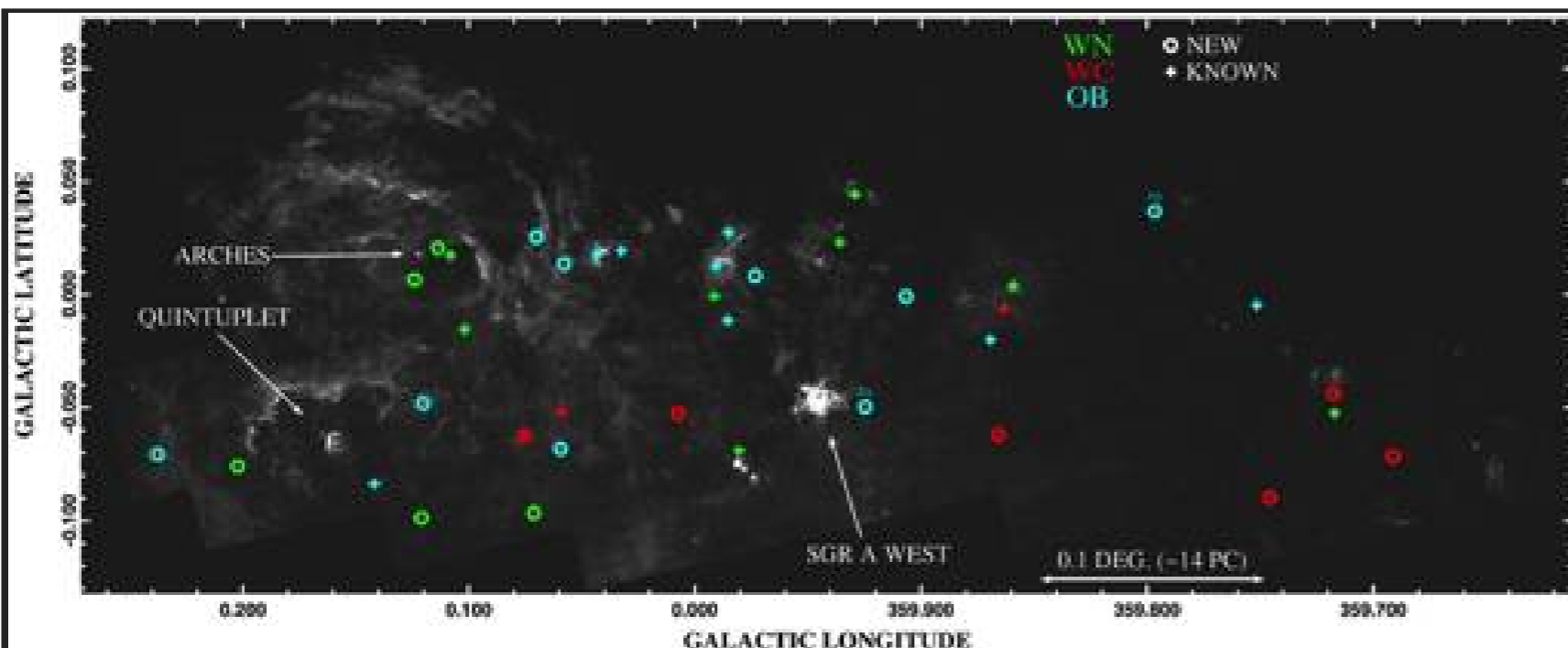
- Considerable substructure based on X-ray emitting population
- No evidence for mass segregation.
- No evidence massive stars are in regions of higher local density.
- Cyg OB2 has always been a substructured, unbound association (Wright+ 14)
- No obvious expansion from PMs (Wright+ 16)



Background –
Schneider+ 16)
Herschel
PACS/SPIRE

• Stars
[Comeron+ 08 +
Wright+ 15]

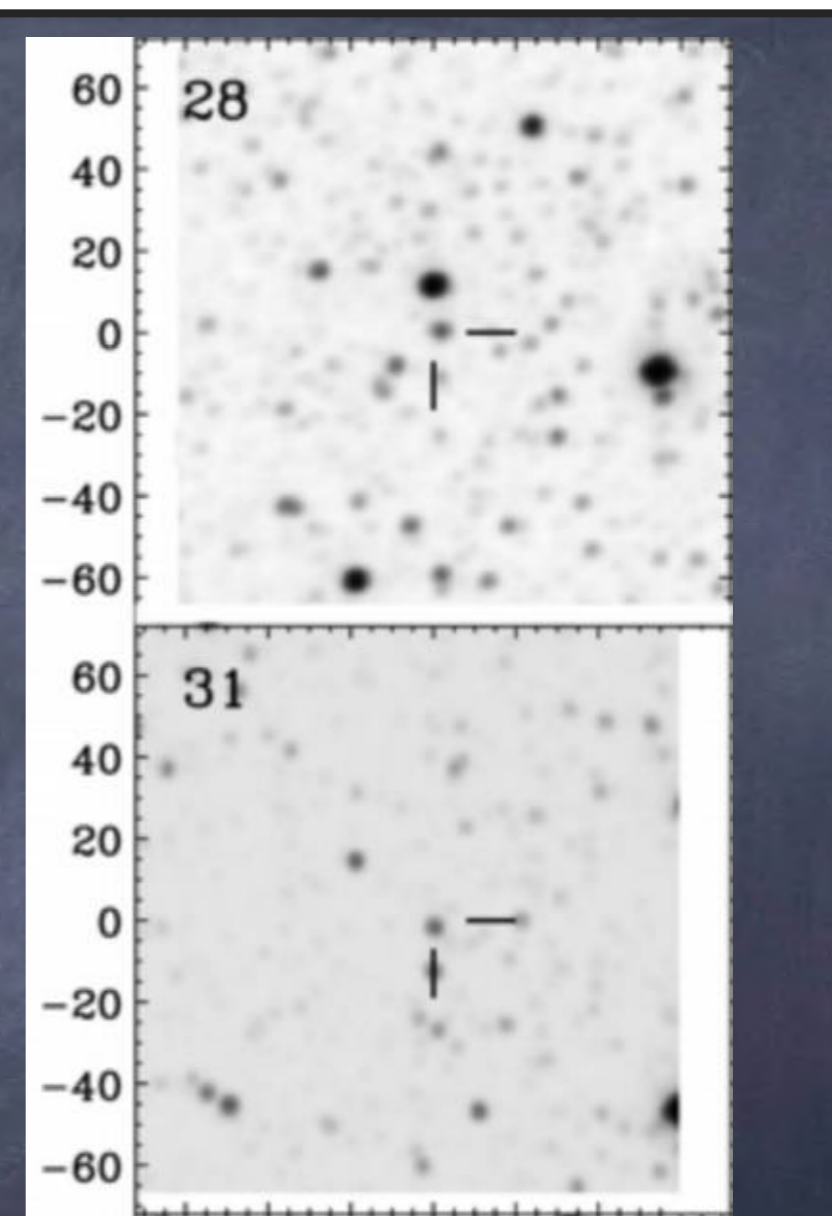
MASSIVE STAR DISTRIBUTION



O/WR stars towards Galactic Center
(Mauerhan+ 11b)

~70% of WR/LBV stars are NOT found within 4 stellar cluster radii (Rosslowe & Crowther 17). In loose OB assocns./in field.

Also note Marston+ 15; 16.



Example 2MASS Ks band images of "new" WR stars (Mauerhan+ 11a)

Massive star expulsion from young clusters.
Binaries in SNe?



Low mass clusters $\sim 10^2$ - $10^3 M_{\odot}$.

Distributed/more isolated – e.g. via
triggered SF.



SUMMARY & FUTURE PROSPECTS

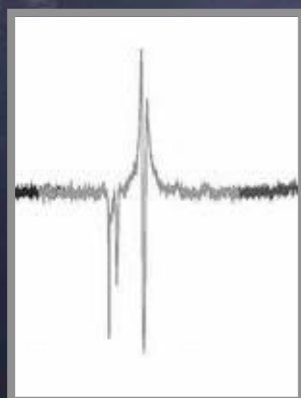
- Isolated HMSF, no/few companions, formed in peripheries of triggered regions
- > loose associations
- > subclusters neighbourhoods of associations, out-in progression

- Compact bound massive clusters
- formed @ center of potential wells from large scale collapse or active compression of dense region:
- prolonged SF

Triggering + external feedback

Threshold

[Dynamics]



Evolutionary Model $F(t)$

(1) CCF

(2) gravitational large scale collapse + pre-compression

- Cluster Diversity: richness, age, mass/stellar dynamics and distribution [JWST, Gaia]

Convergent Localised High Inflow/collapse Rate
 ($10^{-4} - 10^{-2} M/yr$; e.g., Fuller et al 2005; Herpin et al. 2012, etc.)

(1) Rivera-Ingraham+ 13; 15 40

(2) Rivera-Ingraham+ 17a; 17b

$M_{env} [M_{\odot}]$ (0.1pc-scale)



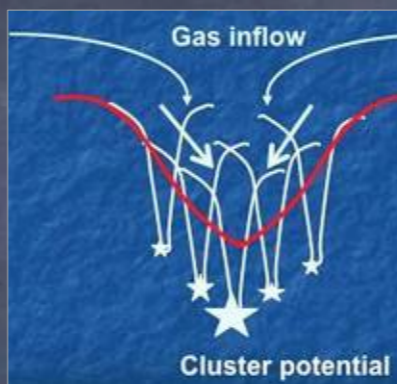
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- Unique processes associated with conditions and onset of HMSF
- Environment conditions are important
- HMSF requires a column density threshold
- Potential rather than M relation to HMSF
- Containment needed
- HMSF can take time – not necessarily first stars
- Clusters not essential to HMSF
- High mass stars distribution – changing perspective with less clustering.

Competitive Accretion (Bonnell et al. 1997, 2001)
 ‘The rich get richer model’, ‘location, location, location’

Pre-existing (low-mass) overdensities

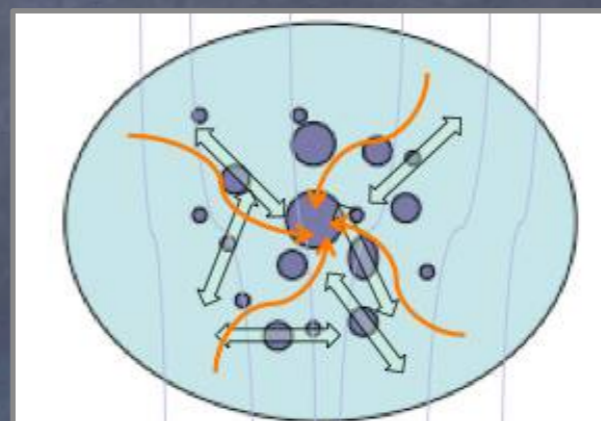
Bondi-Hoyle Accretion, determined by gas dynamics



HMS form first or simultaneously, mass segregation

No HMS cores

Outflow Regulated Clump Fed Model (Wang et al. 2010)

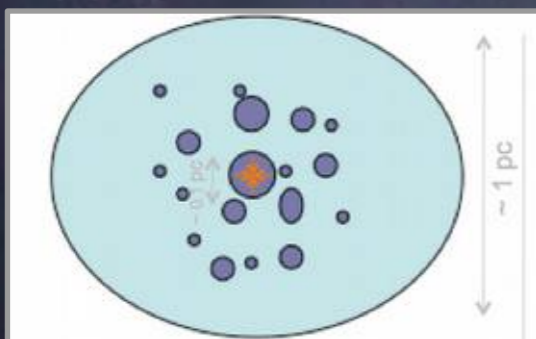


Credit: Zhi- Yun

No pre-assigned mass/core - fed from pre-exist. collapsing clump

Mass segregation

Turbulent Core Model (McKee & Tan 2003)



Credit: Zhi- Yun

No competition – mass already assigned to cores

Pre-existing HM cores - characteristic scale

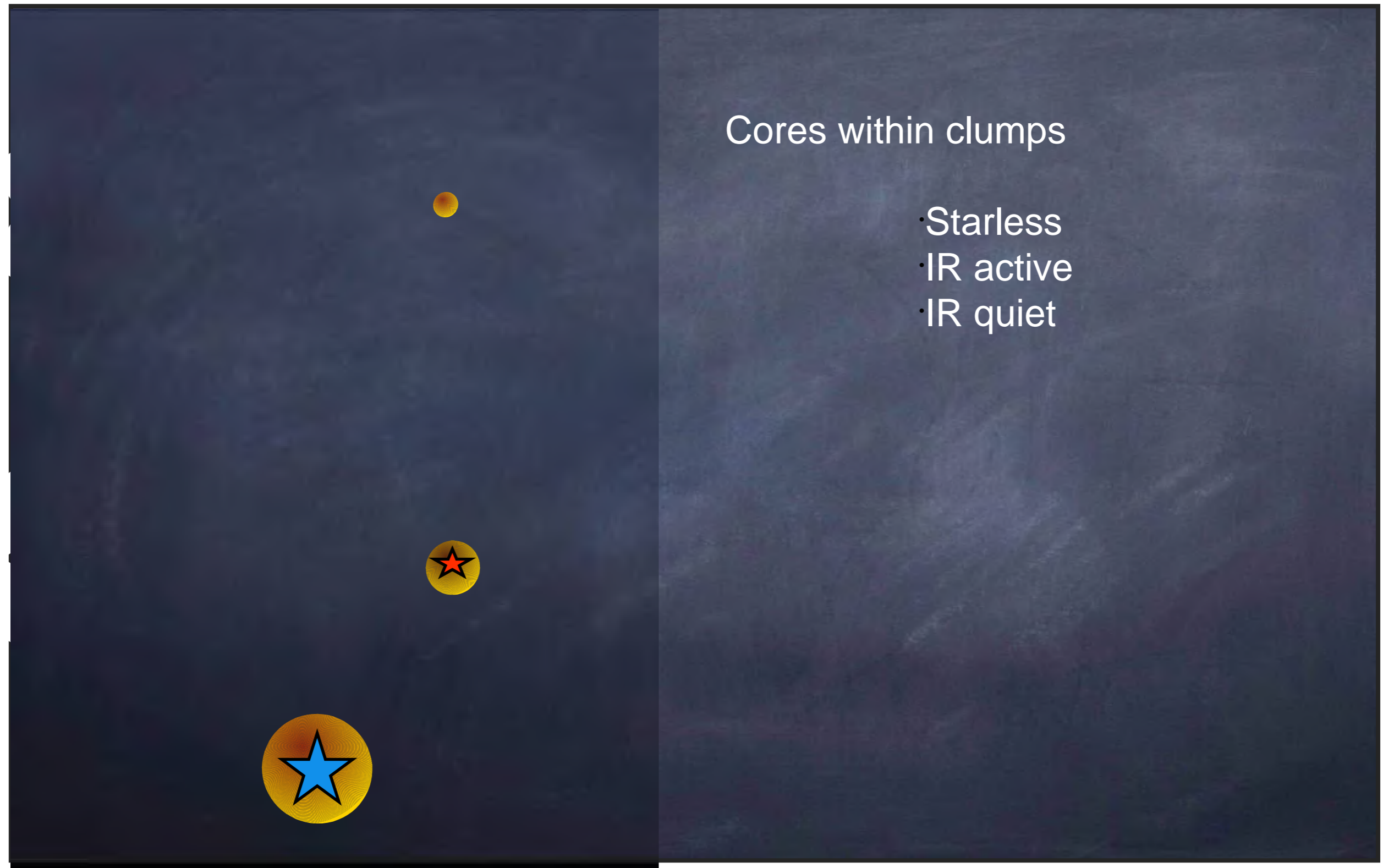
Turbulent support

Filamentary inflows from large scale reservoirs

No pre-existing seeds but Grav potential important - location, location, location

Turbulence important

EVOLUTION



Cores within clumps

- Starless
- IR active
- IR quiet

OVERVIEW

THEORETICAL CHALLENGES

Evolution: Mechanism, pre-stellar cores?...

Physics: e.g., Radiation pressure

Preferential Cluster formation

Cluster primordial mass segregation and age distribution

Bimodality? Threshold?

OBSERVATIONAL CHALLENGES

Large Distances (kpc - Resolution)

Rare (Statistics)

Disruptive

Short lifetimes

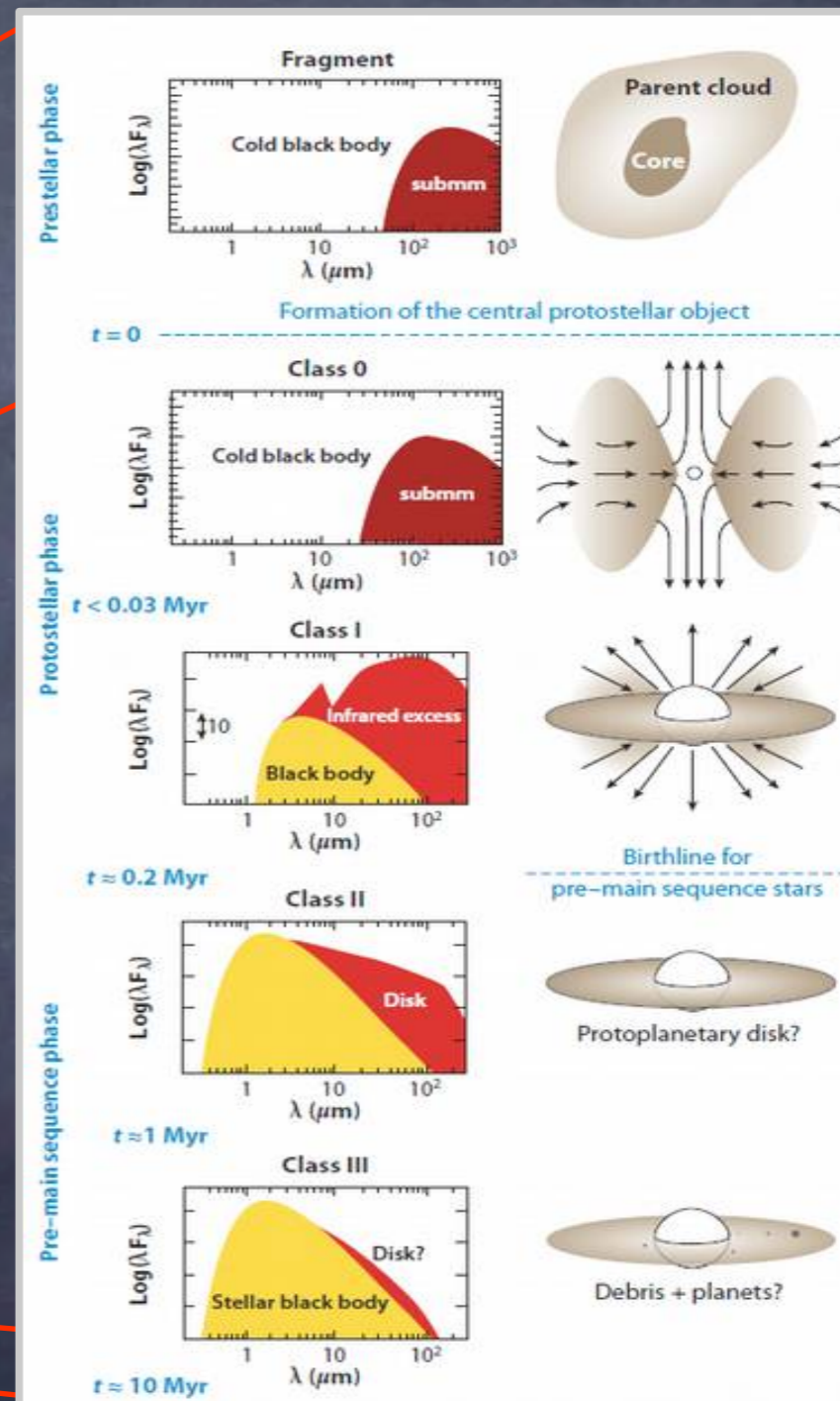
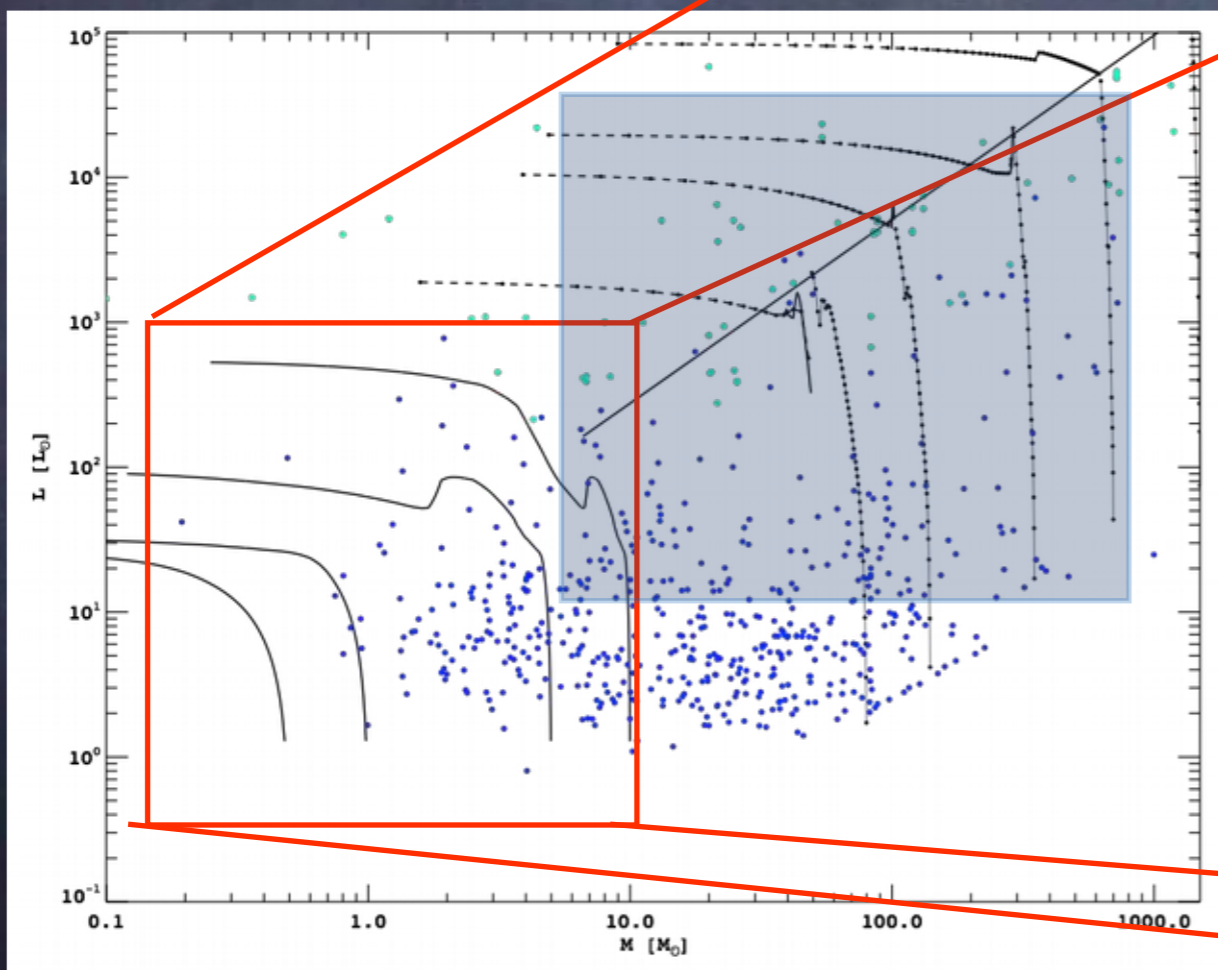
Highly-embedded (IR/submm)

Highly Clustered (Resolution)

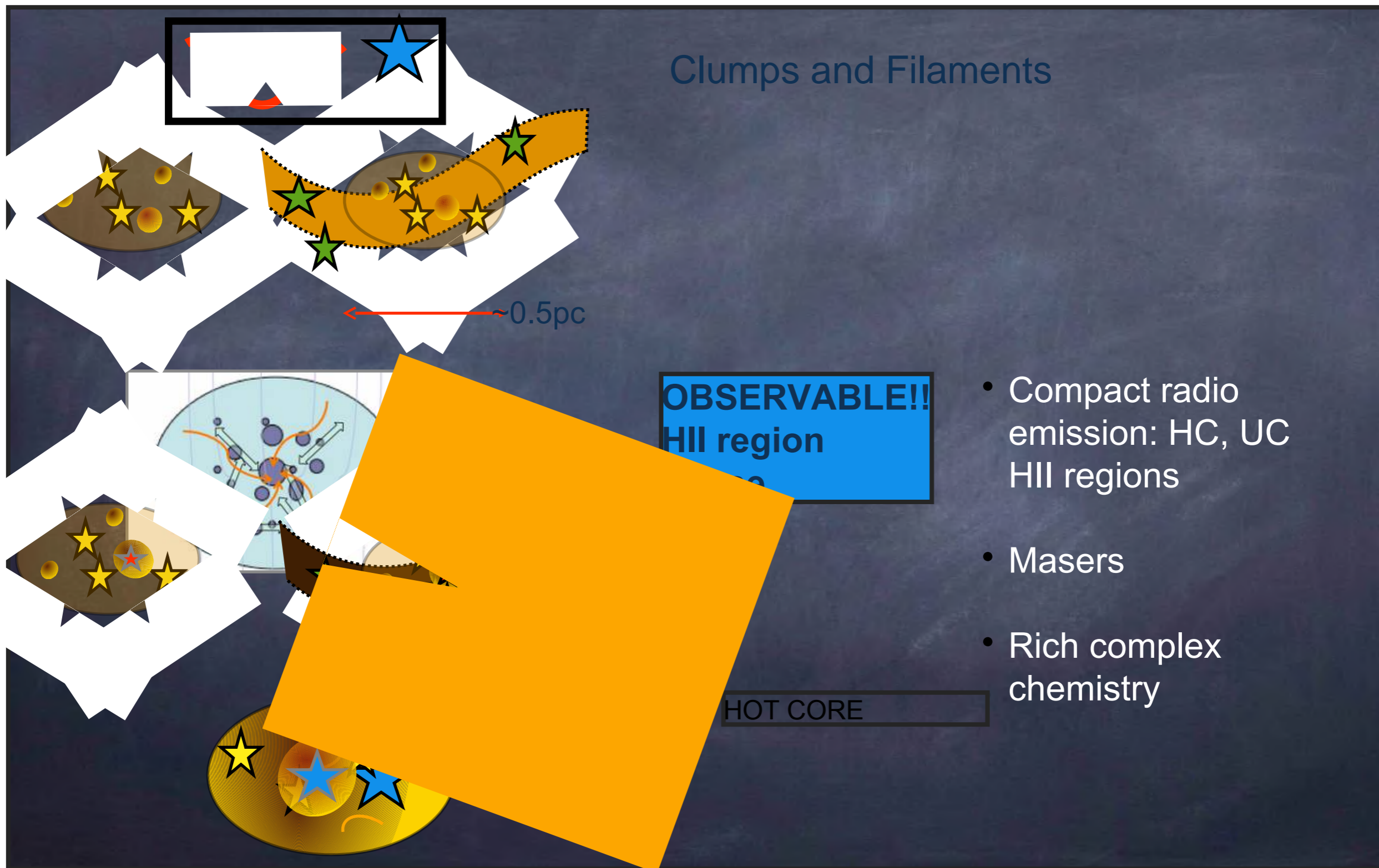
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8-16M \odot	Early B-type massive stars	B3V to B0V
16-32M \odot	Later O-type massive stars	O9V to O6V
32-64M \odot	Early O-type massive stars	O5V to O2V
64-128M \odot	O/WR type massive stars	Of?/WNL-H

Zinnecker et al 2007



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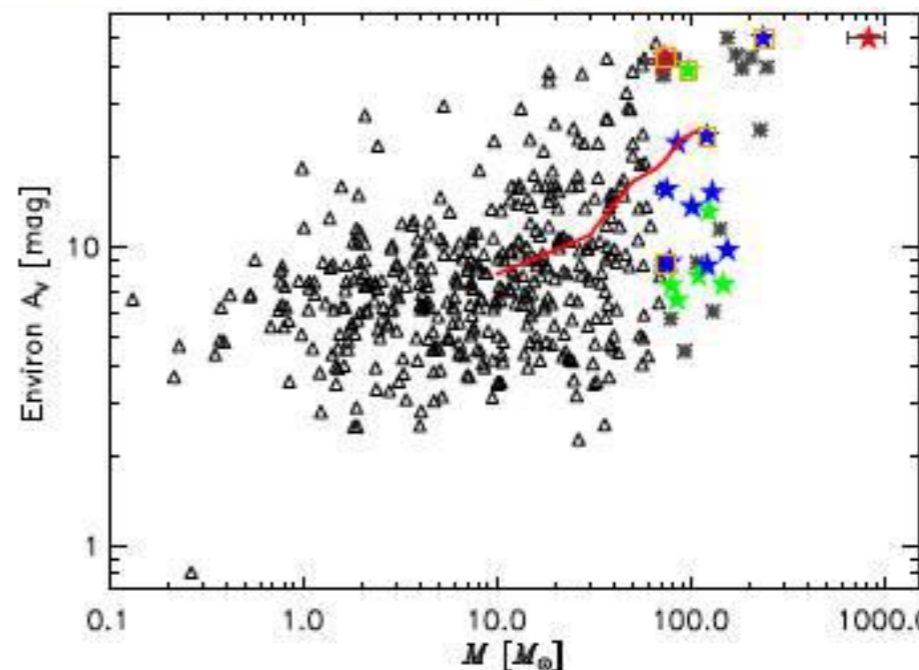
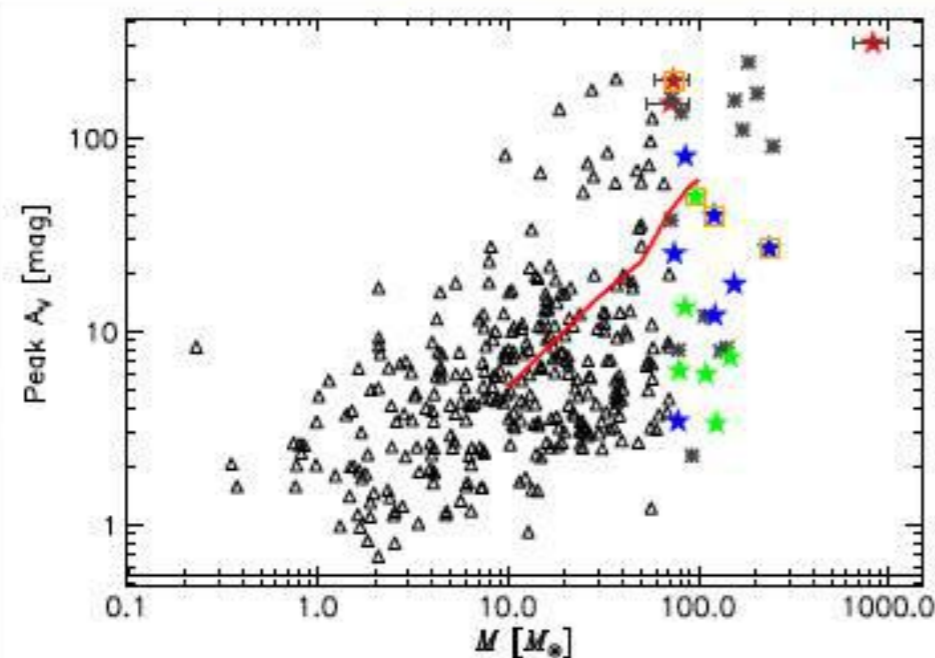
Clumps and Filaments

- Compact radio emission: HC, UC HII regions
- Masers
- Rich complex chemistry

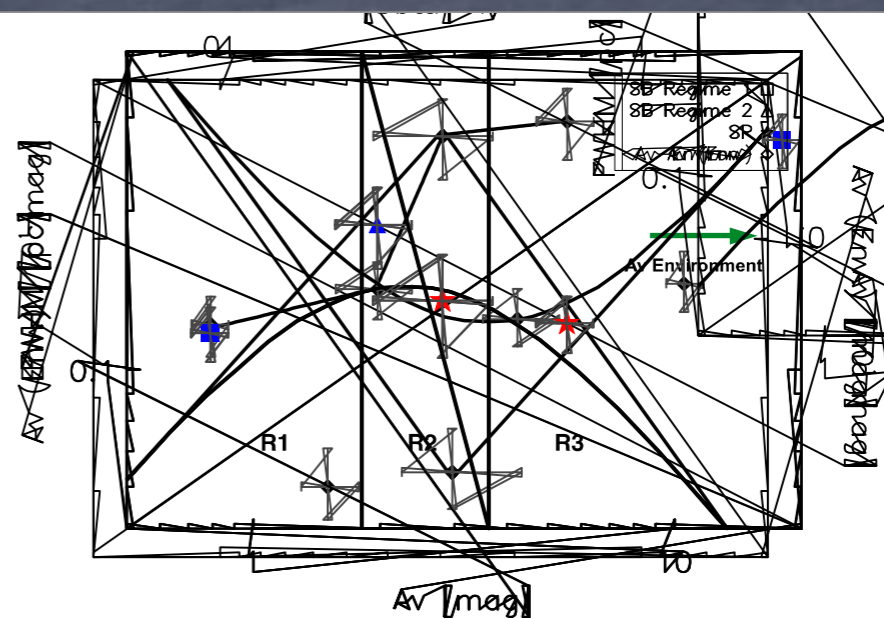


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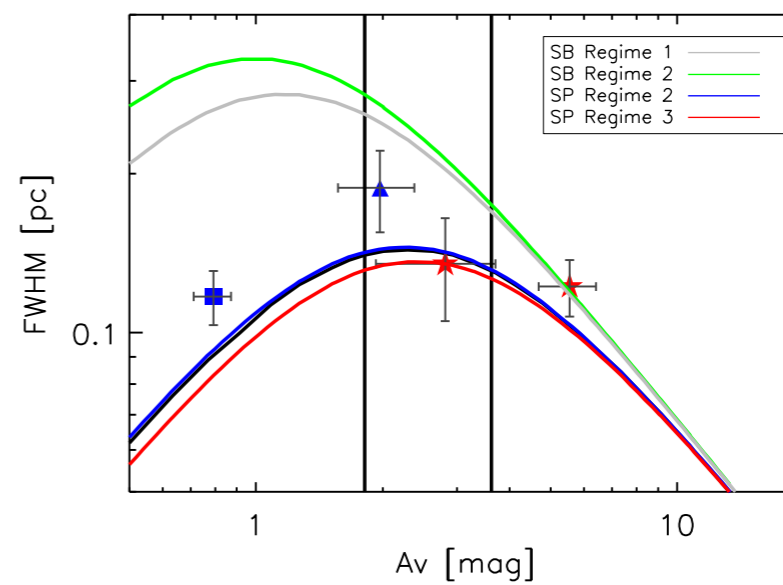
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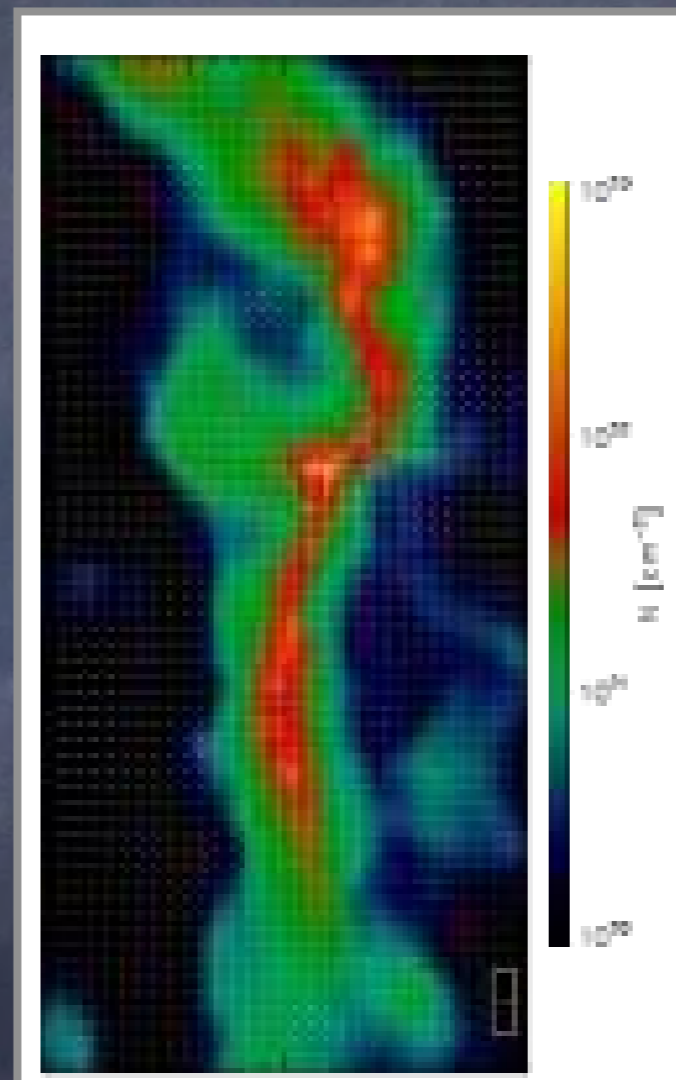
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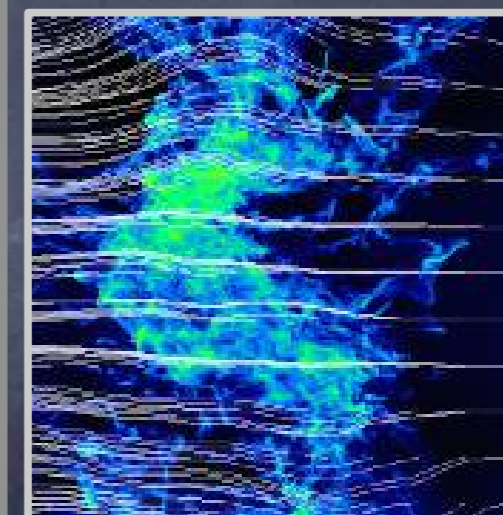
(a)



EVOLUTION



Gómez et al. 2014



Fogerty et al. 2016

MASSIVE STAR DISTRIBUTION

New WRs (and O stars) on the 'edge' of RCW49 – scattered out from Westerlund 2 cluster?

*Roman-Lopes+
11a,11b*

