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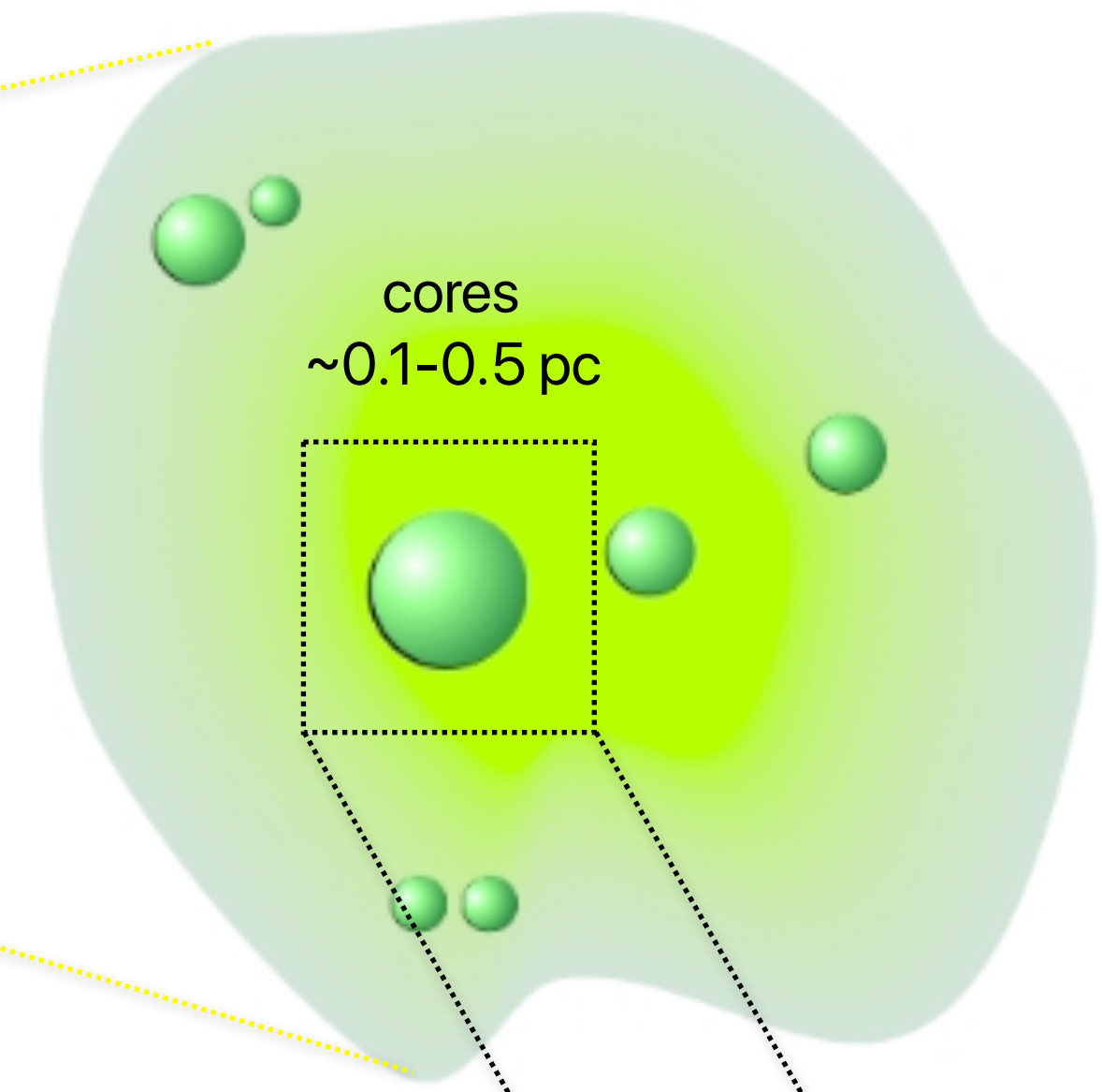
Orion Nebula, HAWK-I infrared camera on VLT, ESO, H. Drass et al.

Approach: the first stages of cluster formation should start at cloud fragmentation

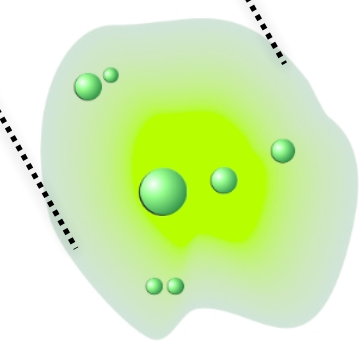
Cone Nebula and Snowflake cluster, Spitzer, NASA, JPL - Caltech, P. S. Teixeira

cloud
~10 pc

clump ~1pc



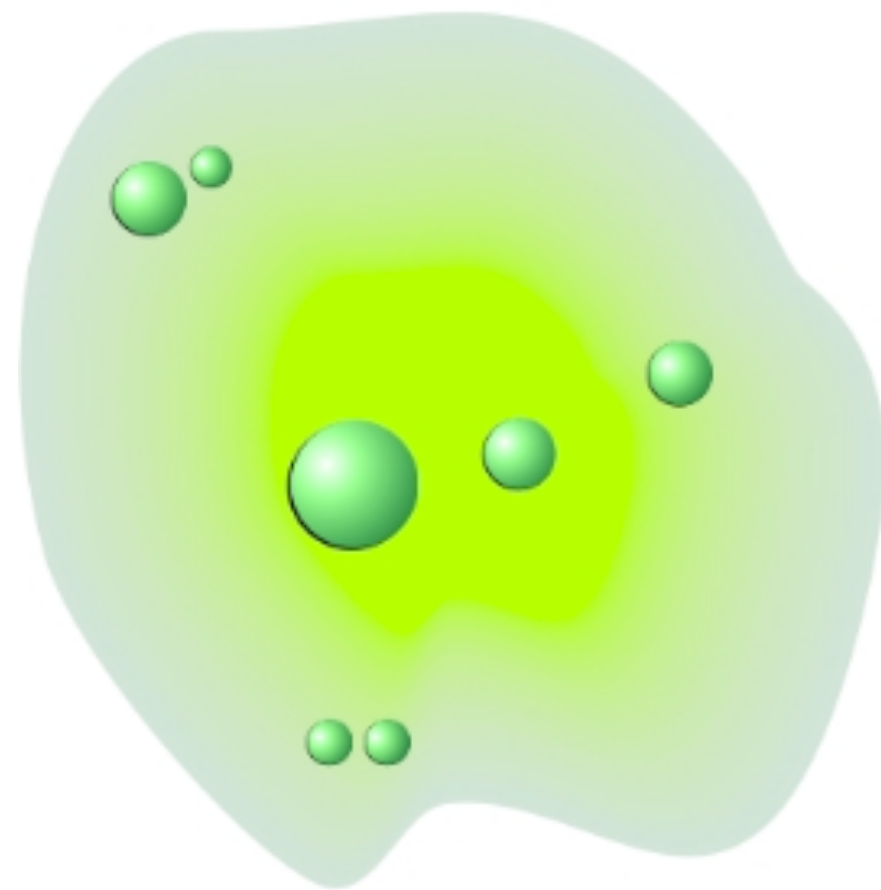
cores
~0.1-0.5 pc



fragments OR
protostellar systems
~0.01pc

Jeans criterion (1902): a fragment will collapse if its gravitational energy overcomes its thermal energy

Core: T, n



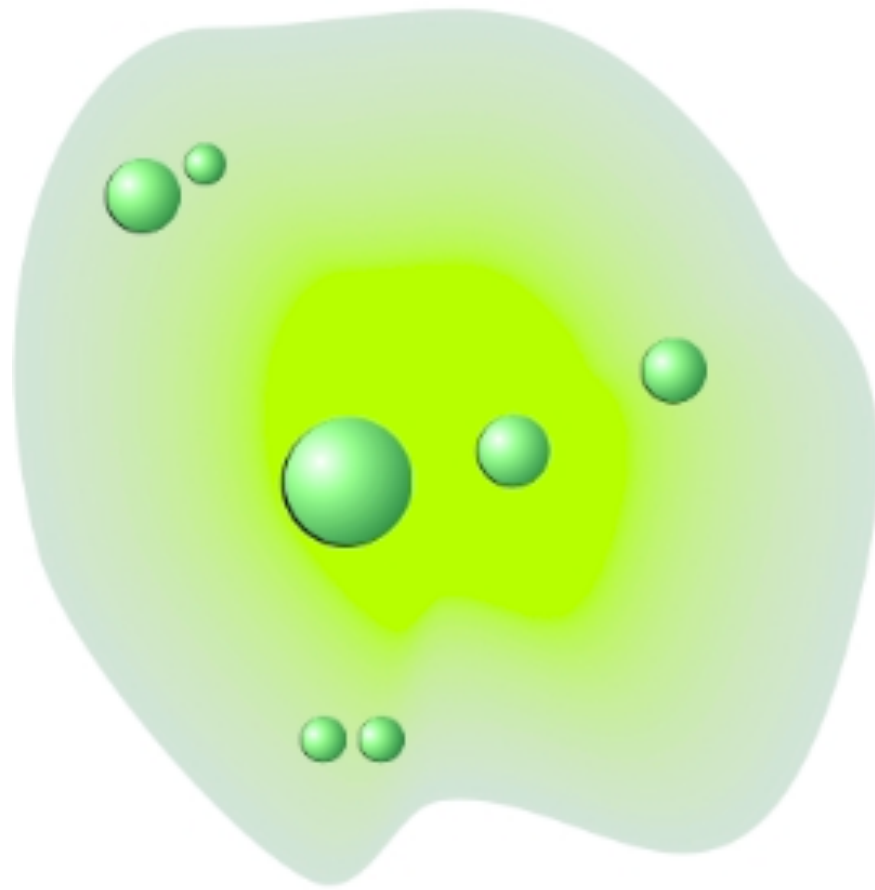
$$\left[\frac{M_{\text{Jeans}}^{\text{th}}}{M_{\odot}} \right] = 0.6285 \left[\frac{T}{10 \text{ K}} \right]^{3/2} \left[\frac{n_{\text{H}_2}}{10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right]^{-1/2}$$

Thermal Jeans fragmentation: efficient at producing low-mass fragments

Up to here: only gravity and thermal pressure taken into account

"Generalized" Jeans criterion: adapted to take into account other forms of support: turbulence

Core: $\Delta v, n$



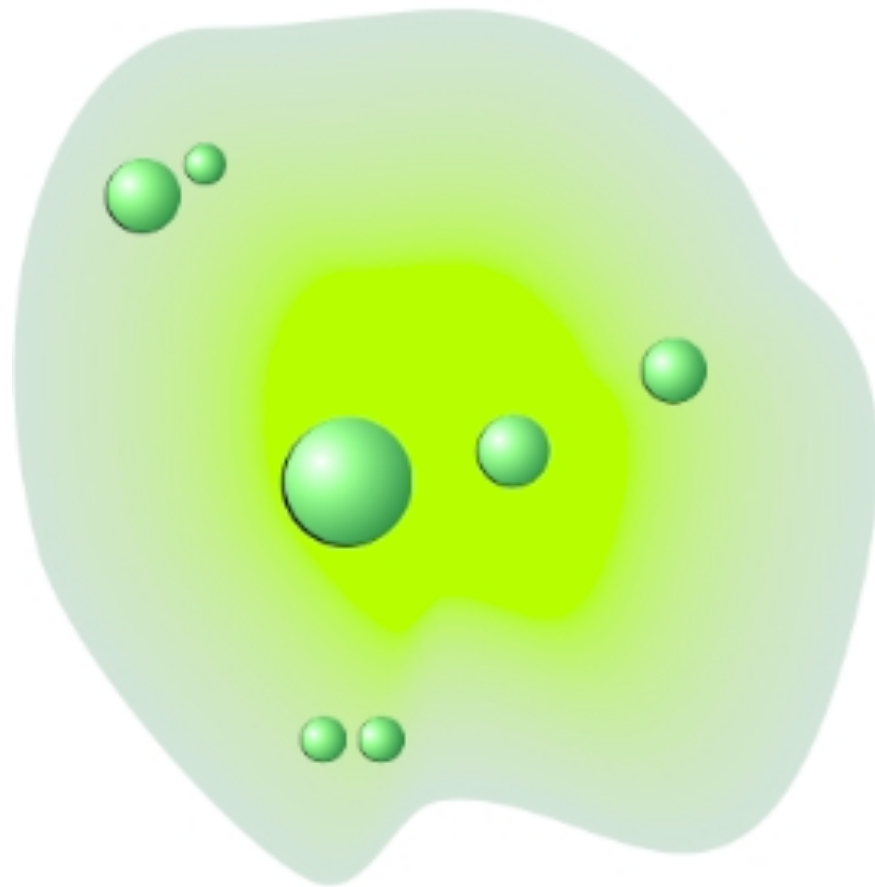
$$\left[\frac{M_{\text{Jeans}}^{\text{nth}}}{M_{\odot}} \right] = 0.8255 \left[\frac{\sigma_{1D, \text{nth}}}{0.188 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right]^3 \left[\frac{n_{\text{H}_2}}{10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right]^{-1/2}$$

Chandrasekhar 53

Turbulent Jeans fragmentation $\rightarrow M_{\text{J}} \sim 120 M_{\text{sun}}$ ($\sigma \sim 1 \text{ km/s}$) \rightarrow naturally yields massive fragments, but only a few

"Generalized" Jeans criterion: adapted to take into account other forms of support: magnetic field

Core: B, n

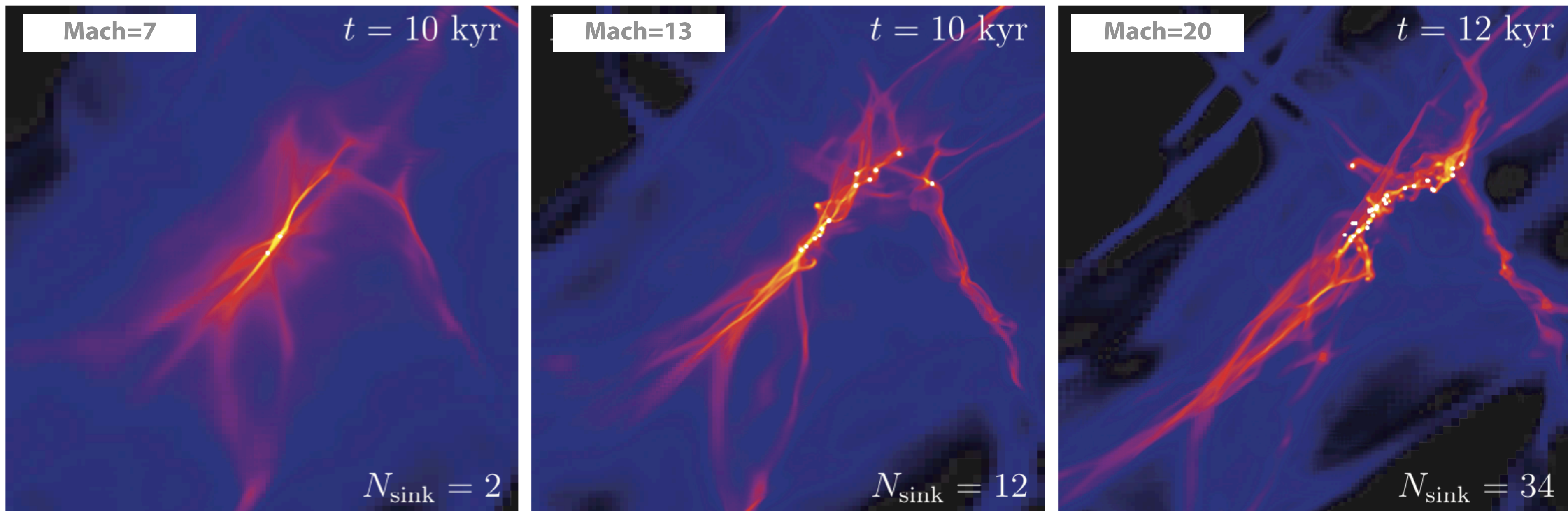


$$\left[\frac{M_{\text{crit}}}{M_{\odot}} \right] = 1020 \left[\frac{R}{Z} \right]^2 \left[\frac{B}{30 \mu\text{G}} \right]^3 \left[\frac{n_{\text{H}}}{10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right]^{-2}$$

Bertoldi & McKee 92, McKee & Ostriker 07

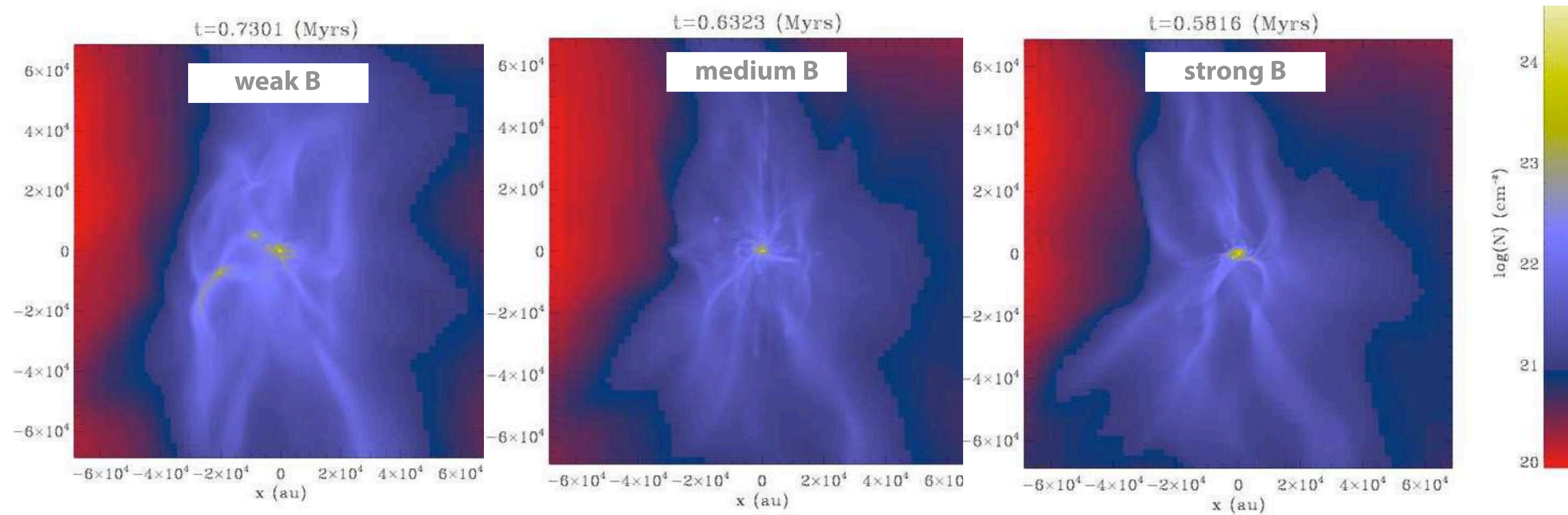
Magnetic Jeans fragmentation $\rightarrow M_{\text{crit}} \sim 150 M_{\text{sun}}$ (0.1x0.5 pc, 1 mG, 10^5 cm^{-3}) \rightarrow naturally yields massive fragments, but only a few

Turbulence: initial kinetic energy (Mach number), turbulence mode (compressive, solenoidal)



Girichidis et al. 2011; also: Vázquez-Semadeni et al. 1996, Padoan & Nordlund 2002, Schmeja & Klessen 2004, Federrath et al. 2008...

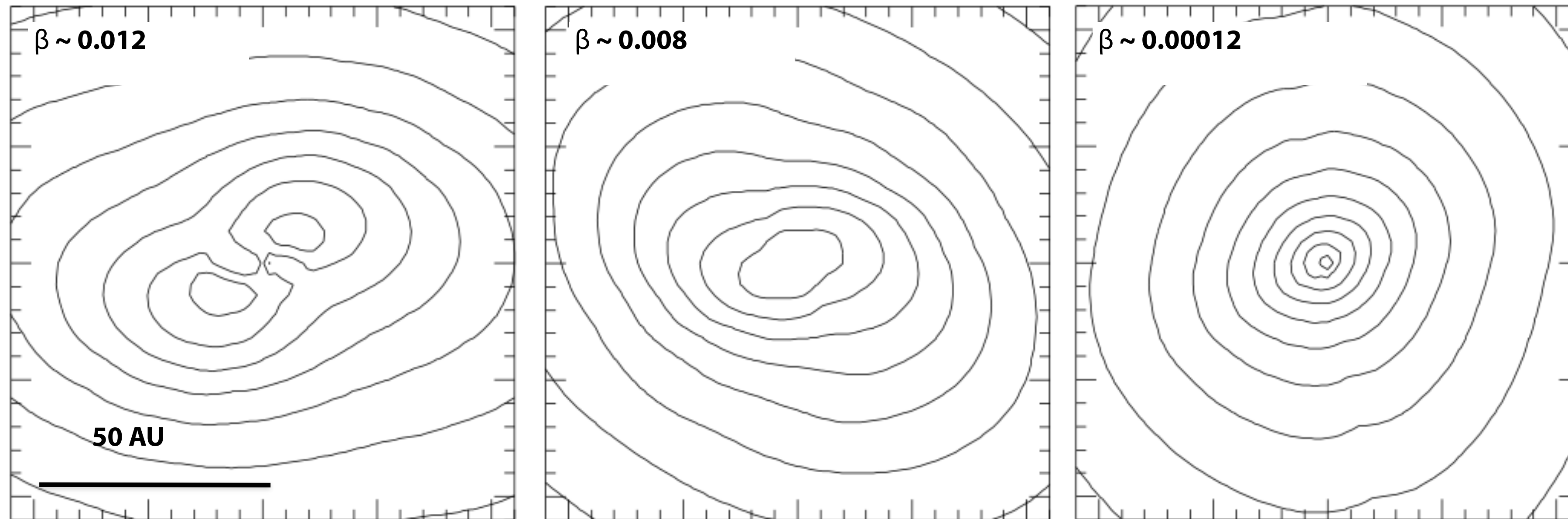
Magnetic field (**B**): higher B suppresses fragmentation



Hennebelle et al. 2011, Commerçon et al. 2011; also: Vázquez-Semadeni et al. 2005, 2011, Ziegler et al. 2005, Banerjee & Pudritz 2006, Price & Bate 2007, Peters et al. 2011, Myers et al. 2013...

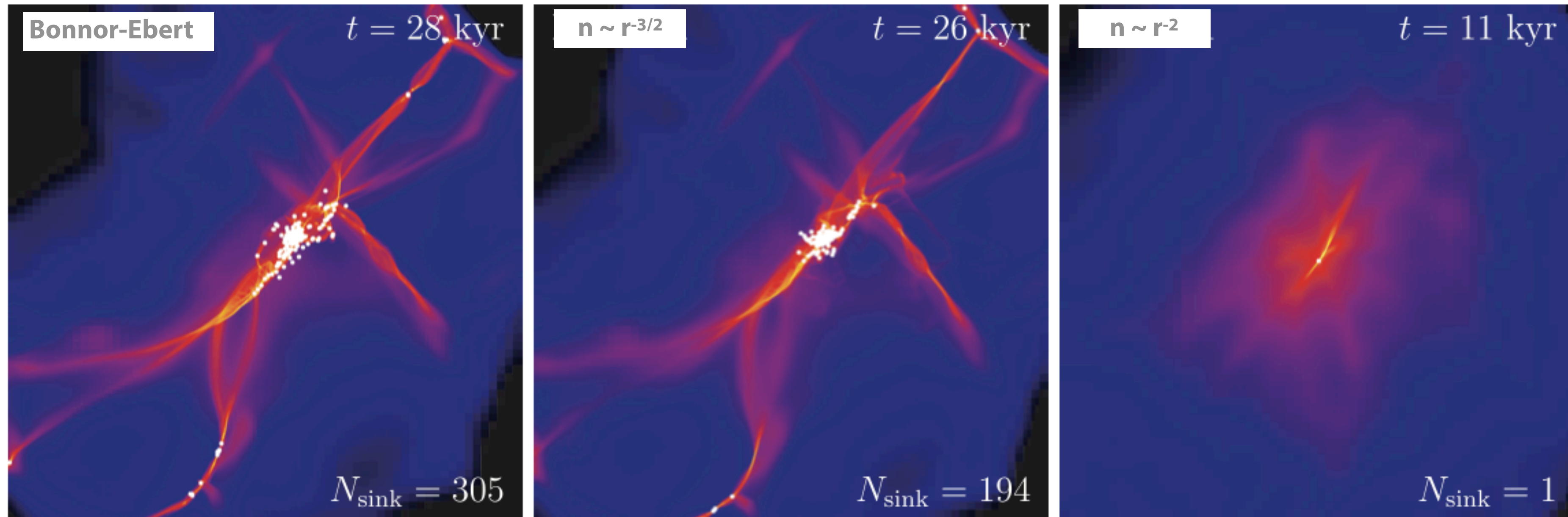
Initial angular momentum: critical β for which fragmentation occurs:

$$\beta_{\text{rot}} = \frac{E_{\text{rot}}}{U} > 0.01$$



Boss 1999; also: Boss & Bodenheimer 1979, Hennebelle et al. 2004, Machida et al. 2005, Forgan & Rice 2012, Chen et al. 2012...

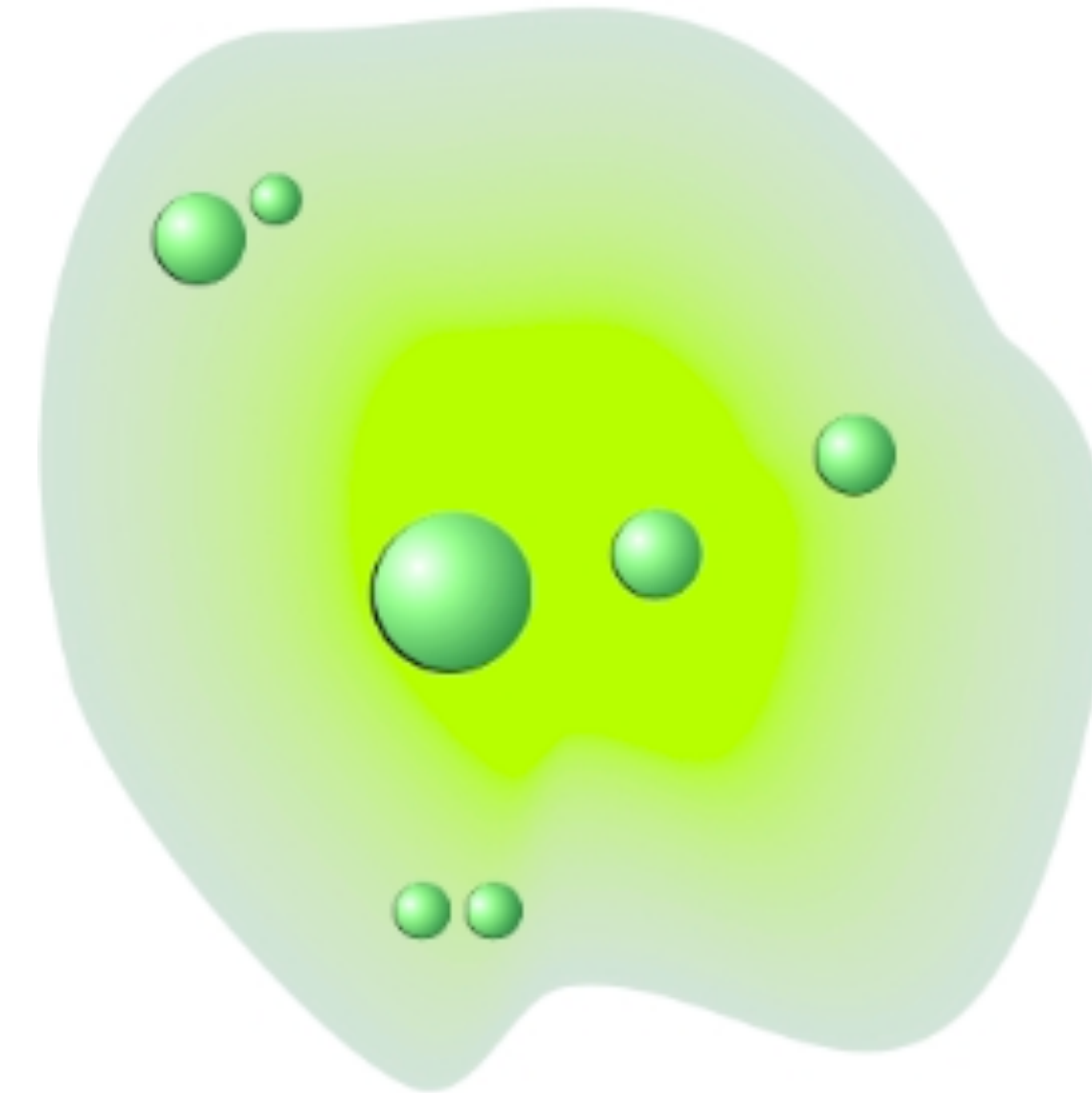
Density structure: higher fragmentation for flatter density profiles ($n \sim r^{-1}$)



Girichidis et al. 2011; also: Myhill & Kaula 1992, Burkert et al. 1997...

The fragmentation process might be determined by...

- Initial angular momentum
- Initial density profile/Mass
- Initial magnetic field
- Radiative feedback
- Turbulence
- ...



Is any of these ingredients dominating?

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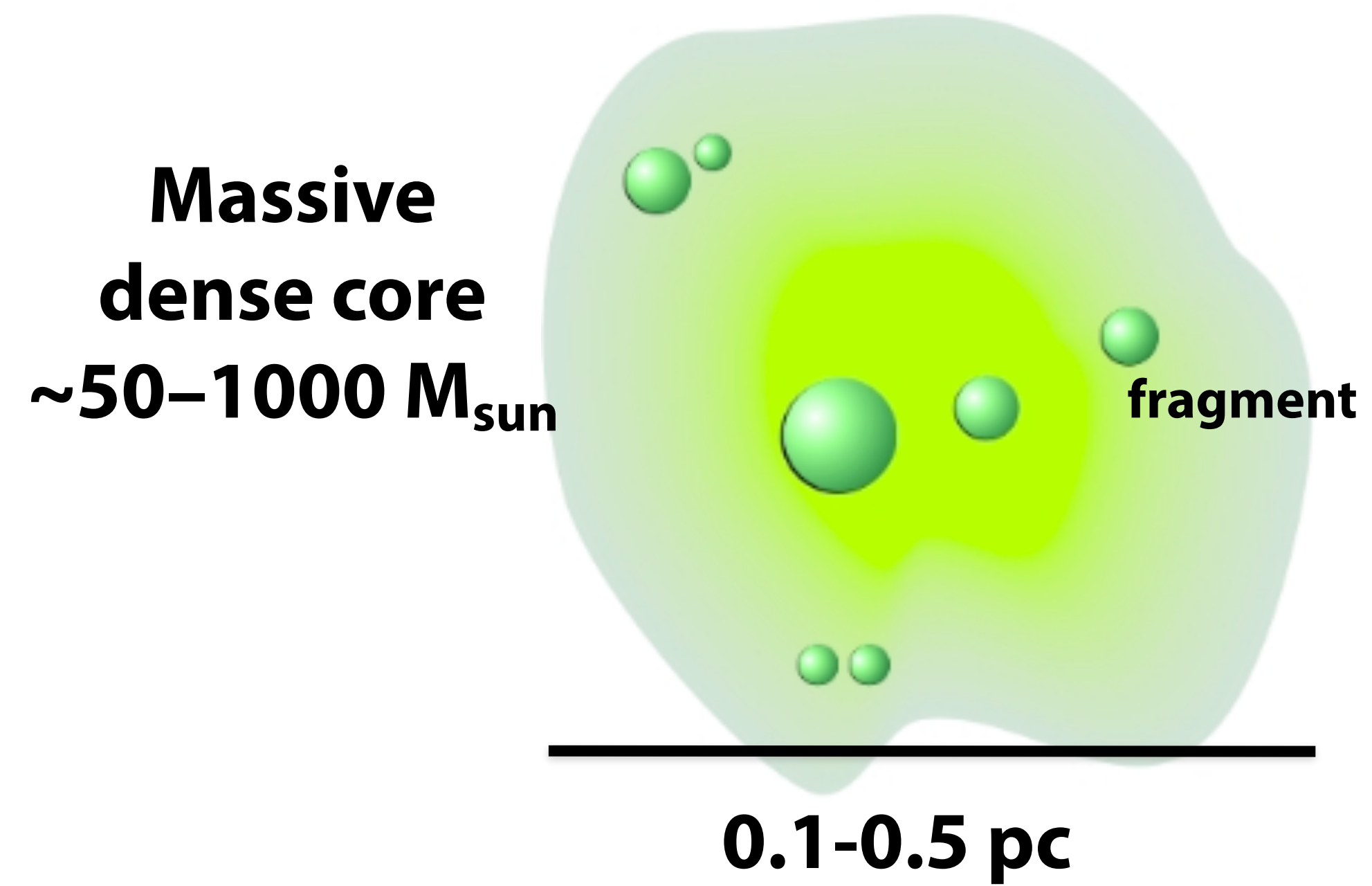
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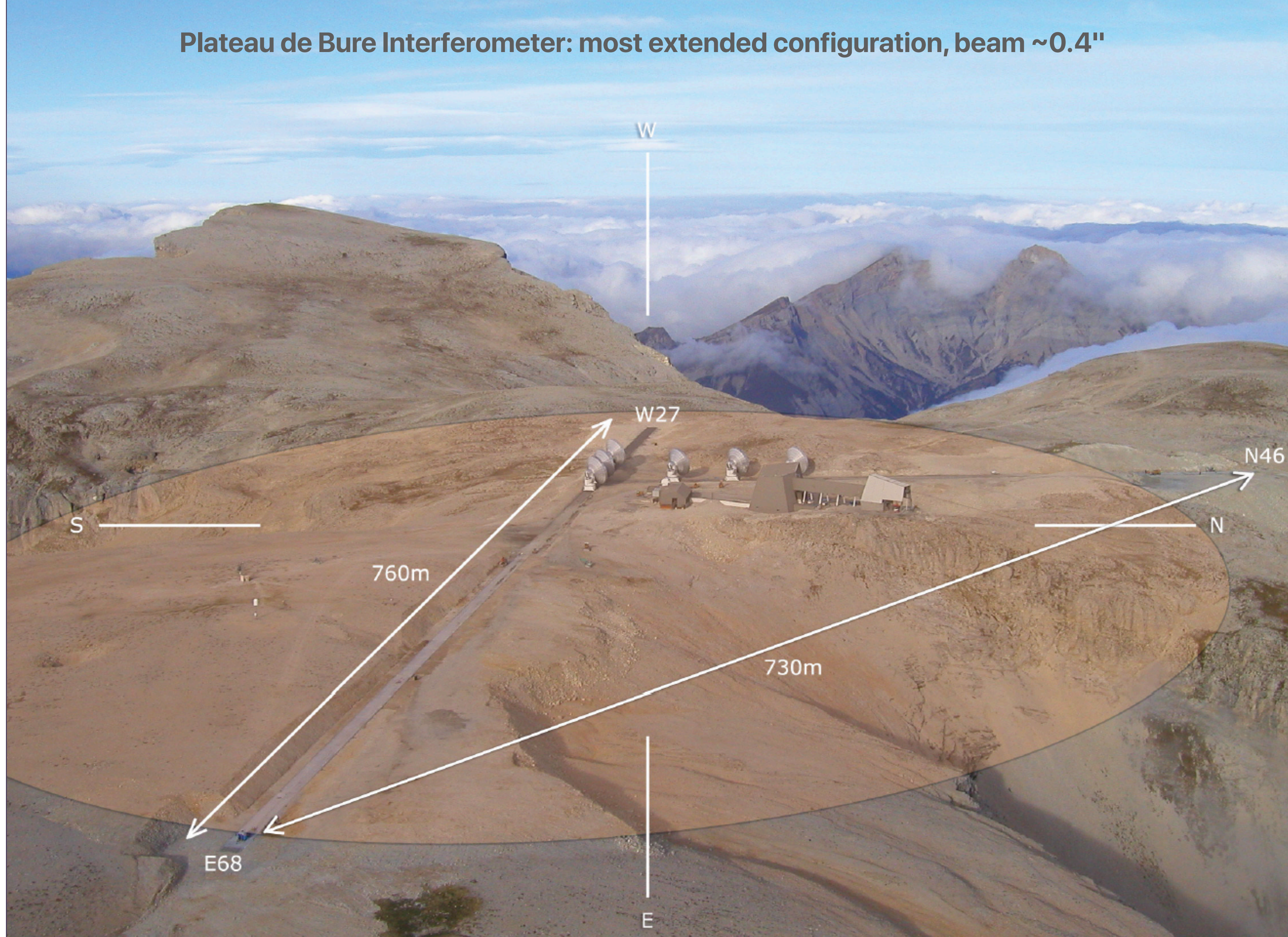
Wealth of theoretical and numerical work

But lack of observational constraints

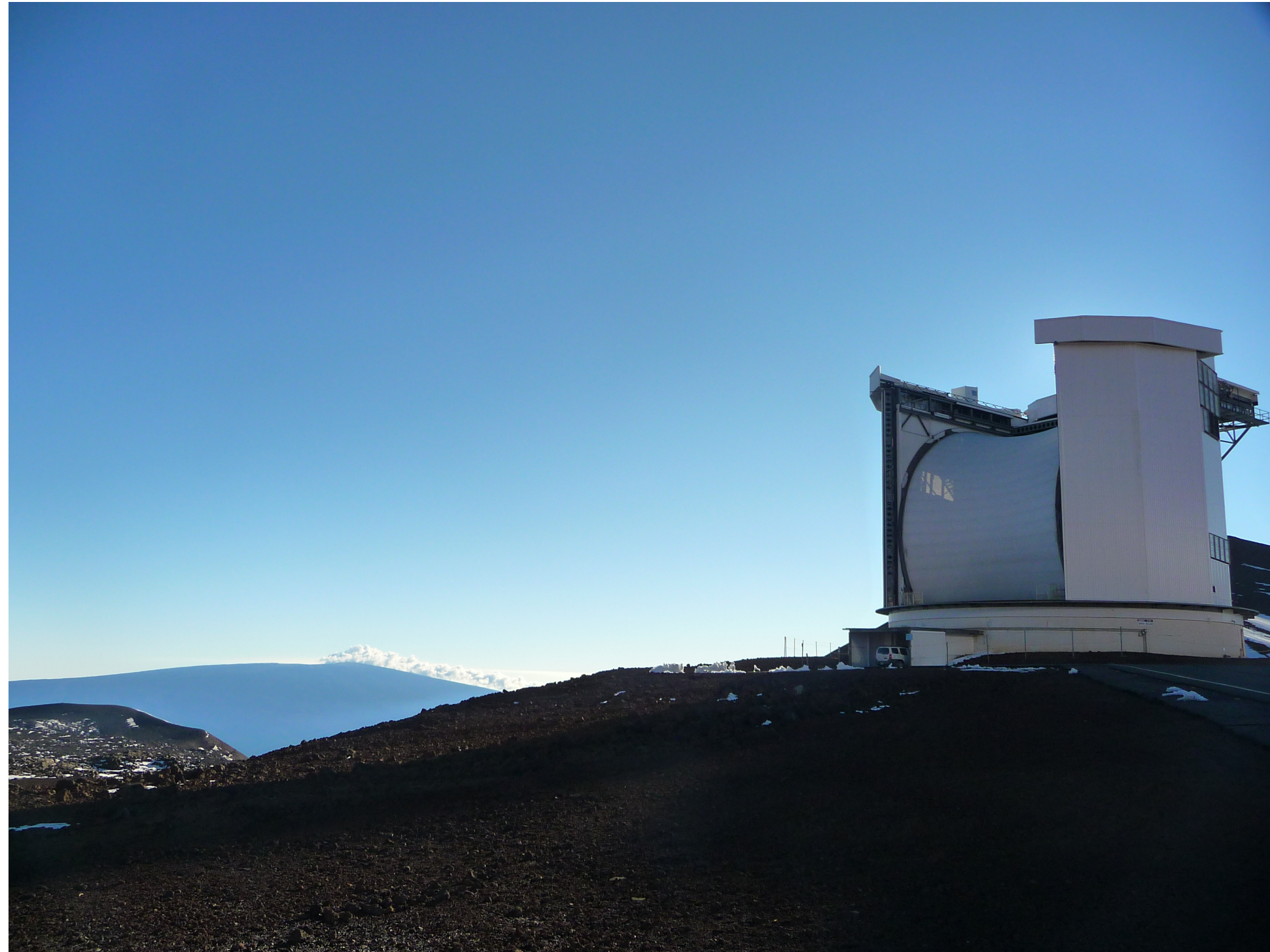
Observational approach: observe massive dense cores down to ~ 1000 AU and $\sim 0.5 M_{\text{sun}}$ at millimeter wavelengths



Plateau de Bure Interferometer: most extended configuration, beam $\sim 0.4''$



Single-dish submm/mm continuum archive observations of dense cores of all the sample:



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SCUBA bolometer, 450 & 850 μm
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19 massive dense cores taken from literature + own observations with the PdBI:

- < 3 kpc
- associated with strong mm emission, outflows (similar evolutionary stages)
- $M_{\text{min}} < 1 M_{\text{sun}}$
- Spatial resolution $< \sim 1000$ AU
- $L_{\text{bol}} > 300 L_{\text{sun}}$

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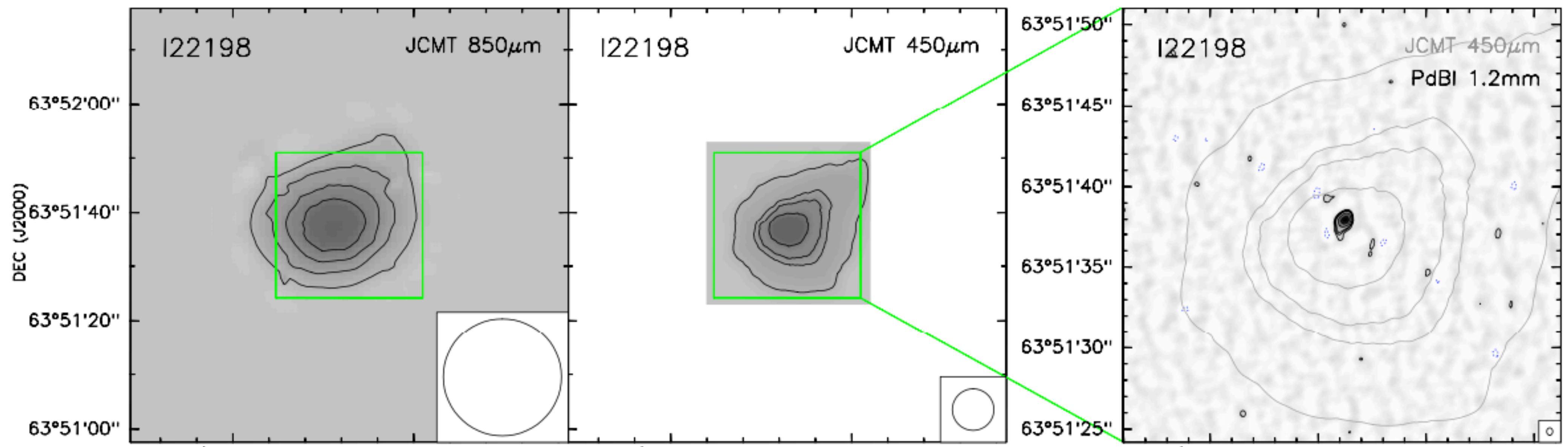
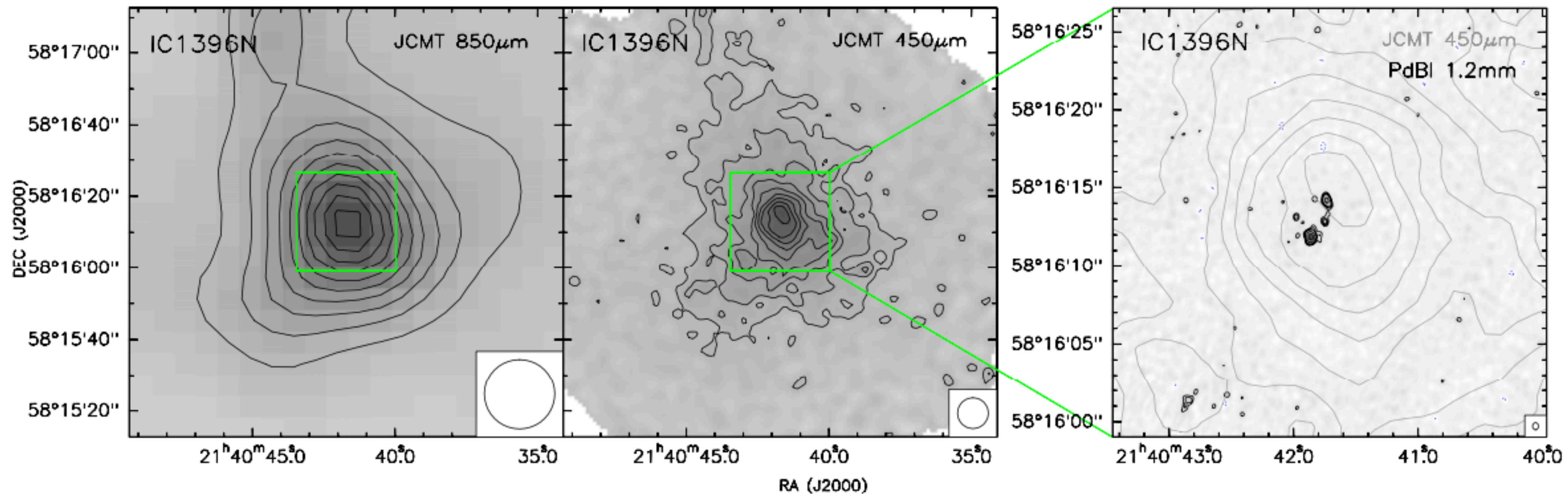
Table 3
Massive Dense Cores Studied with Interferometers at 1.3 mm with High Sensitivity and Down to a Spatial Resolution $\lesssim 1000$ AU

ID-Source ^a	D (kpc)	L_{bol} (L_{\odot})	T_{bol} ^b (K)	rms ^c (mJy)	M_{min} ^c (M_{\odot})	Spat. Res. ^d (AU)	LAS ^d (AU)	N_{mm} ^e	$N_{\text{mm+IR}}$ ^e	$N_{\text{IR}}/N_{\text{mm}}$	st. dens. ^f (10^4 pc^{-3})	Separation ^f (AU)
1-IC1396N	0.75	290	52	0.52	0.03	340	900	4	8	1.00	69	1800
2-I22198	0.76	340	59	2.0	0.13	300	700	1.5	2	0.33	3	...
3-NGC 2071-IRS1 ^g	0.42	440	98	0.50	0.20	200	5500	4	14	2.50	16	2900
4-NGC 7129-FIRS2	1.25	460	58	2.9	0.49	750	1500	1	2	1.00	3	...
5-CB3-mm	2.50	700	49	0.43	0.29	875	2500	2	$\gtrsim 2$	$\gtrsim 0.00$	$\gtrsim 3$...
6-I22172N-IRS1	2.40	830	195	0.55	0.34	1000	2100	3	6	1.00	6	4400
7-OMC-1S-136	0.45	2000	...	30	0.66	540	3300	9	21	1.33	9	3000
8-A5142	1.80	2200	55	2.8	0.99	700	1600	7	11	0.57	7	3700
9-I05358+3543NE	1.80	3100	67	1.5	0.53	900	2100	4	7	0.75	10	3500
10-I20126+4104	1.64	8900	61	2.6	0.76	1400	4000	1	3	2.00	23	2700
11-I22134-IRS1	2.60	11800	93	0.30	0.22	1300	2300	3.5	7	1.00	4	4600
12-HH80-81	1.70	21900	81	3.0	0.94	830	4000	3	6	1.00	6	4200
13-W3IRS5	1.95	140000	114	1.2	0.50	720	2300	3.5	$\gtrsim 5.5$	$\gtrsim 0.57$	$\gtrsim 46$	2300
14-AFGL 2591	3.00	190000	226	0.51	0.49	1000	1900	1.5	$\gtrsim 1.5$	$\gtrsim 0.00$	$\gtrsim 3$...
15-CygX-N53	1.40	300	33	1.9	0.41	1400	6900	4	7	0.75	11	3400
16-CygX-N12	1.40	320	58	1.9	0.41	1400	6900	2.5	5	1.00	23	2800
17-CygX-N63	1.40	470	39	4.2	0.90	1400	6900	2.5	4	0.60	72	2000
18-CygX-N48	1.40	4400	48	2.2	0.47	1400	6900	4	5	0.25	11	3600

Single-dish@850 μ m

Single-dish@450 μ m

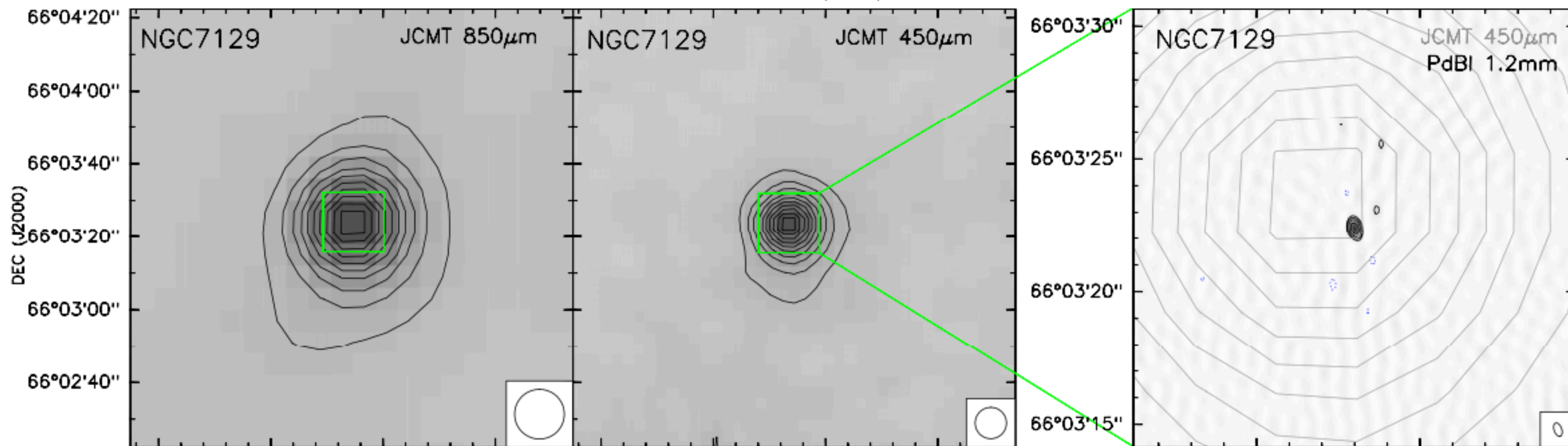
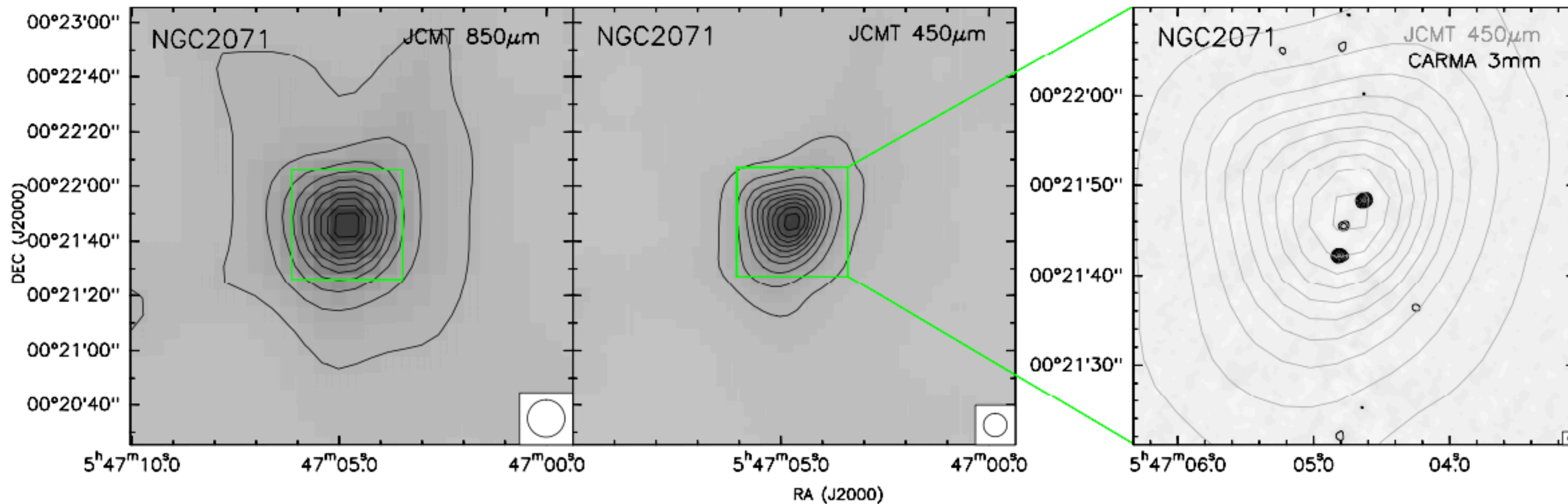
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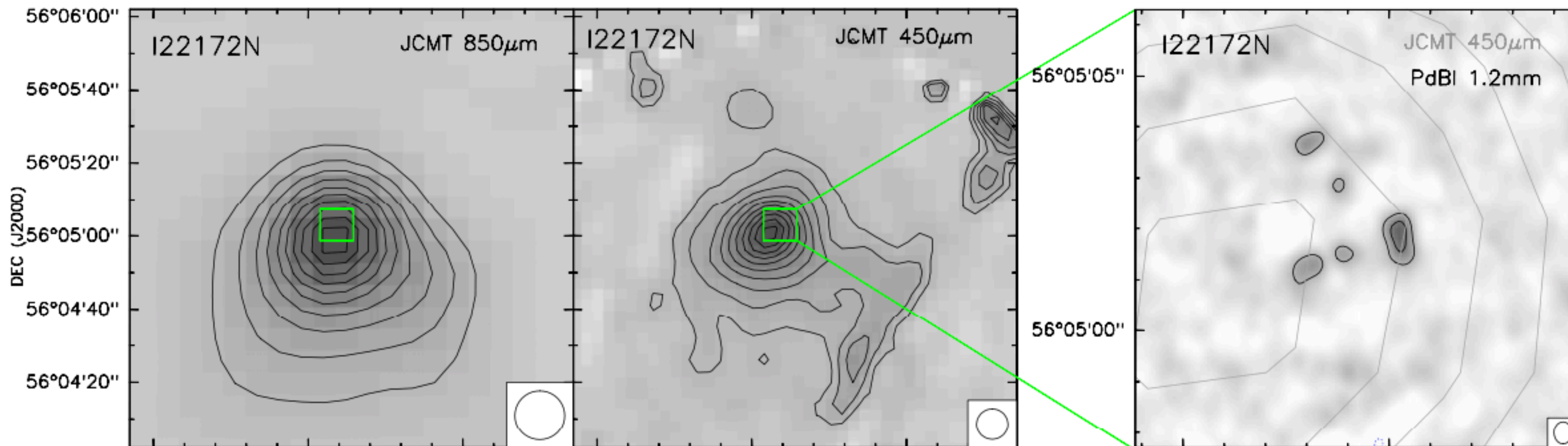
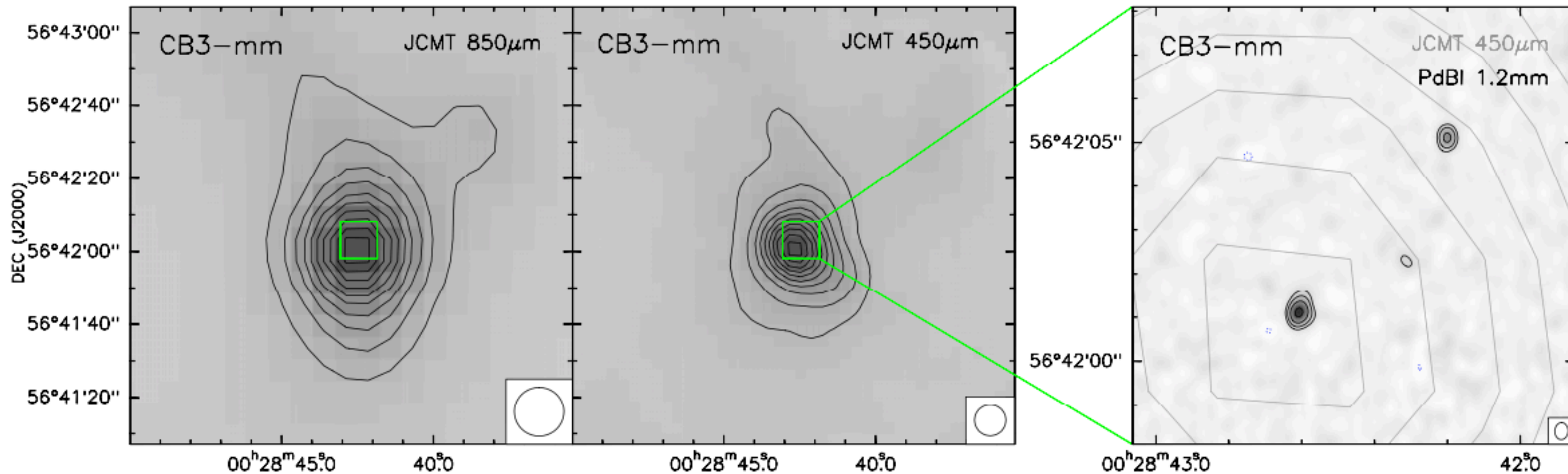
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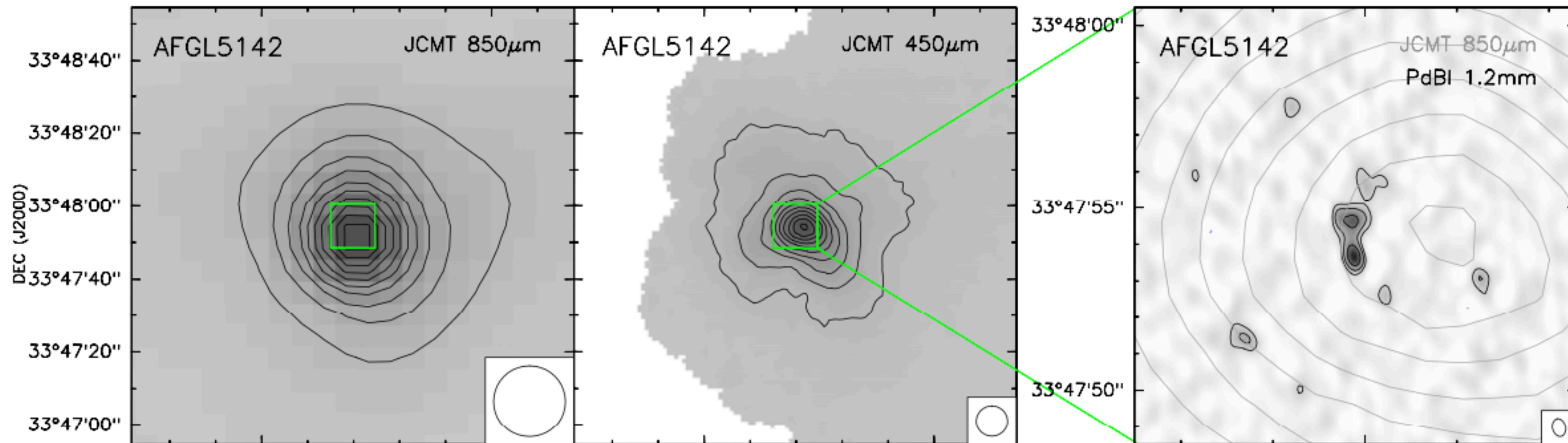
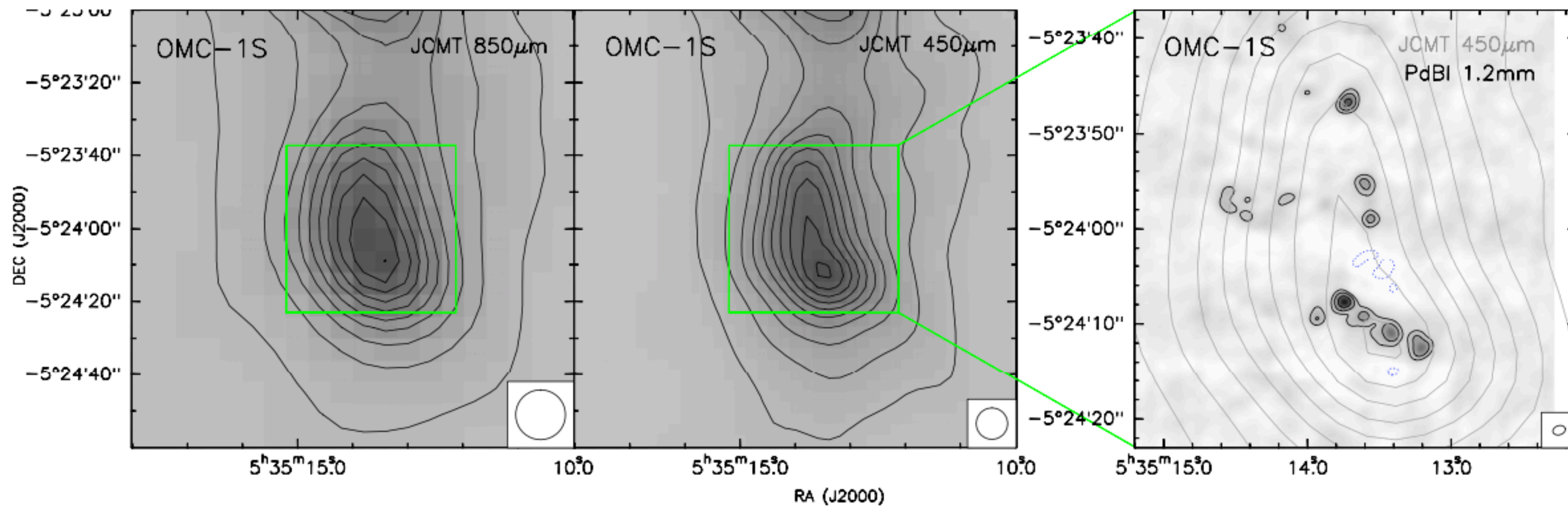
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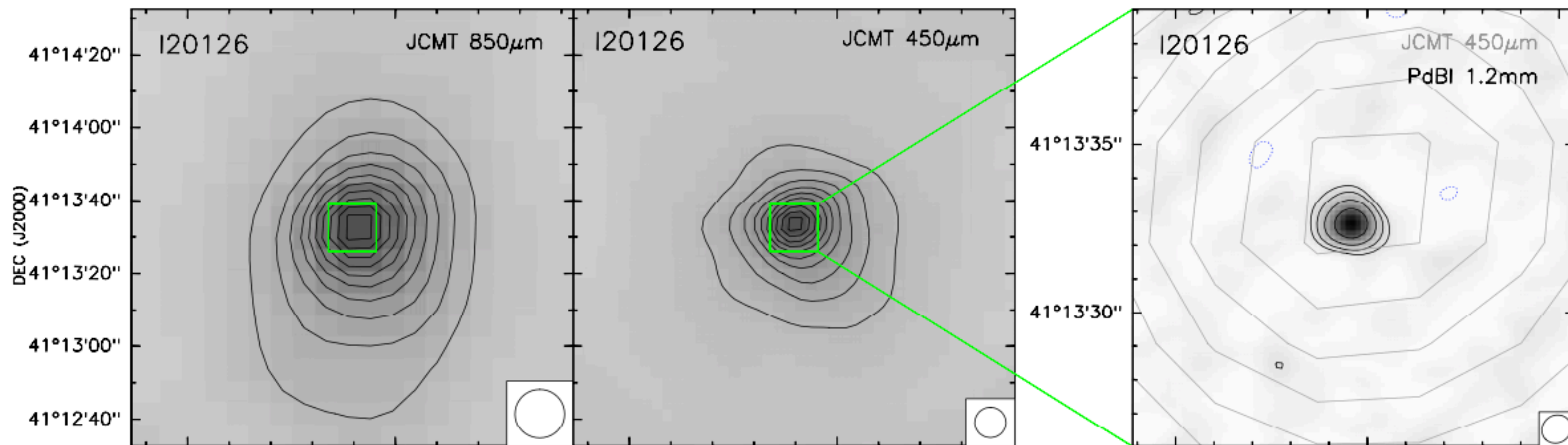
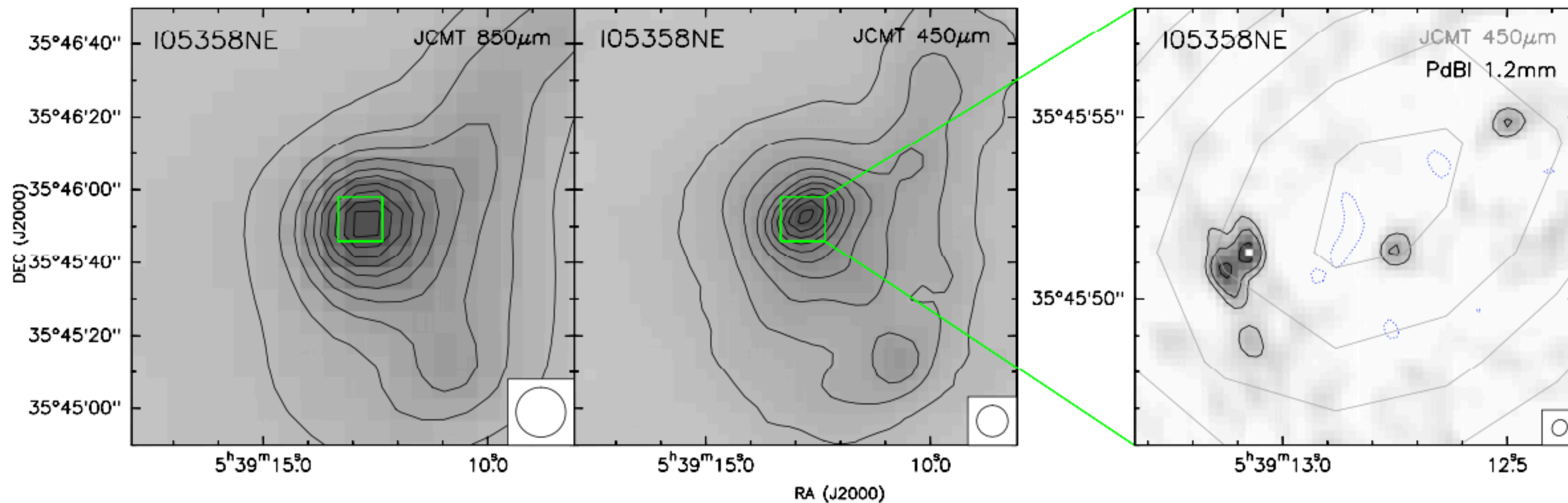
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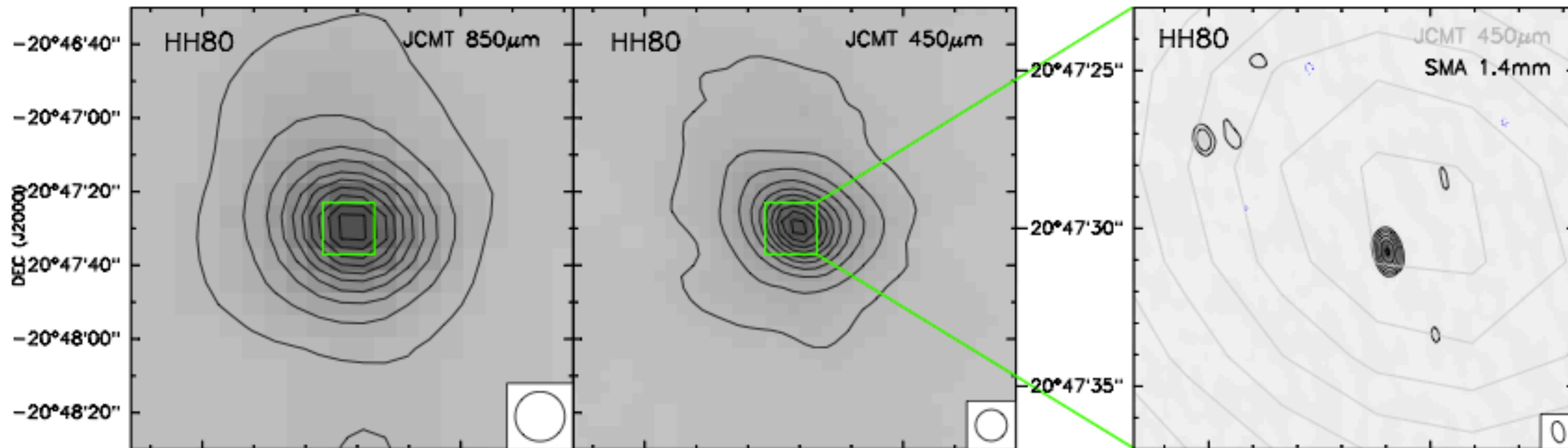
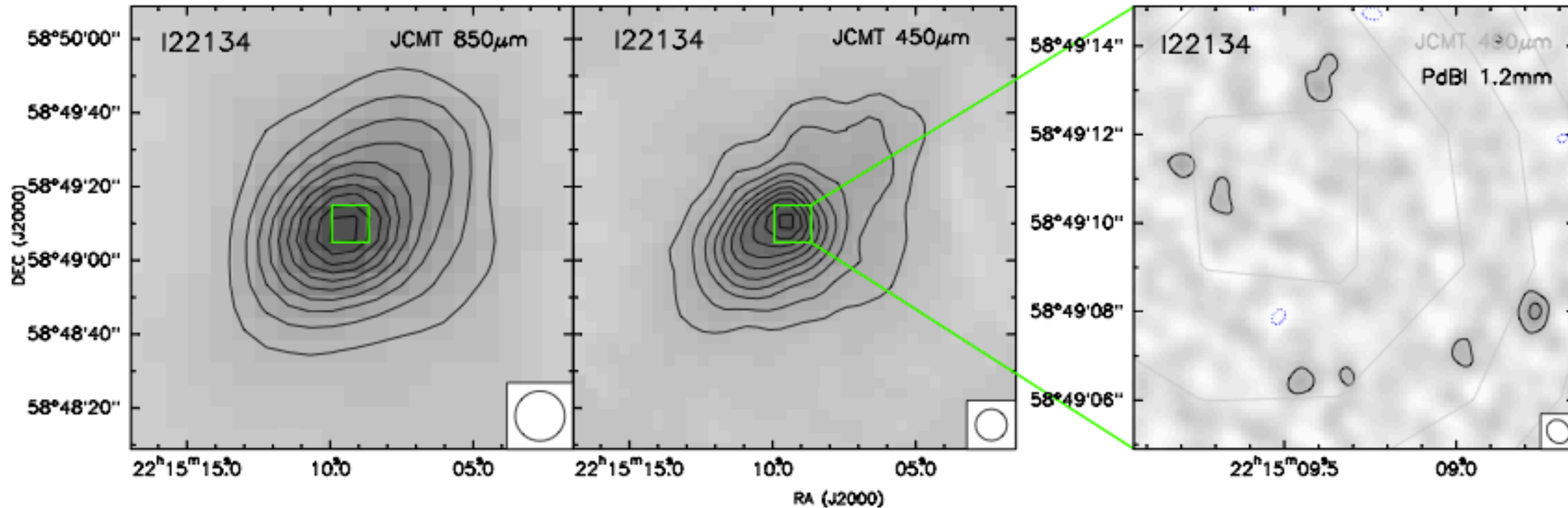
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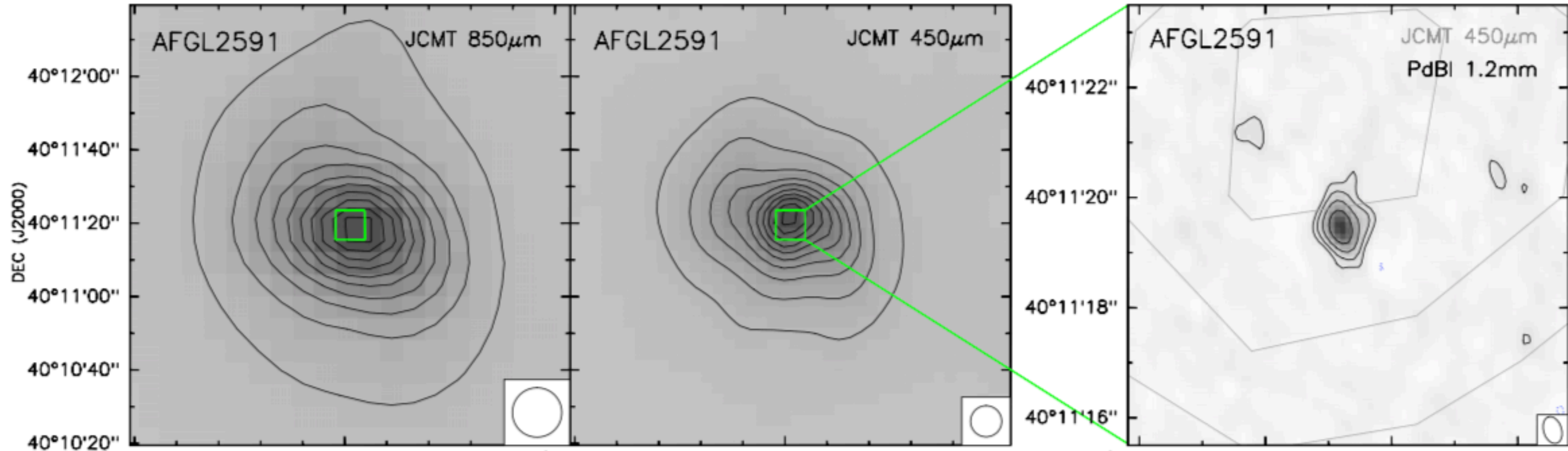
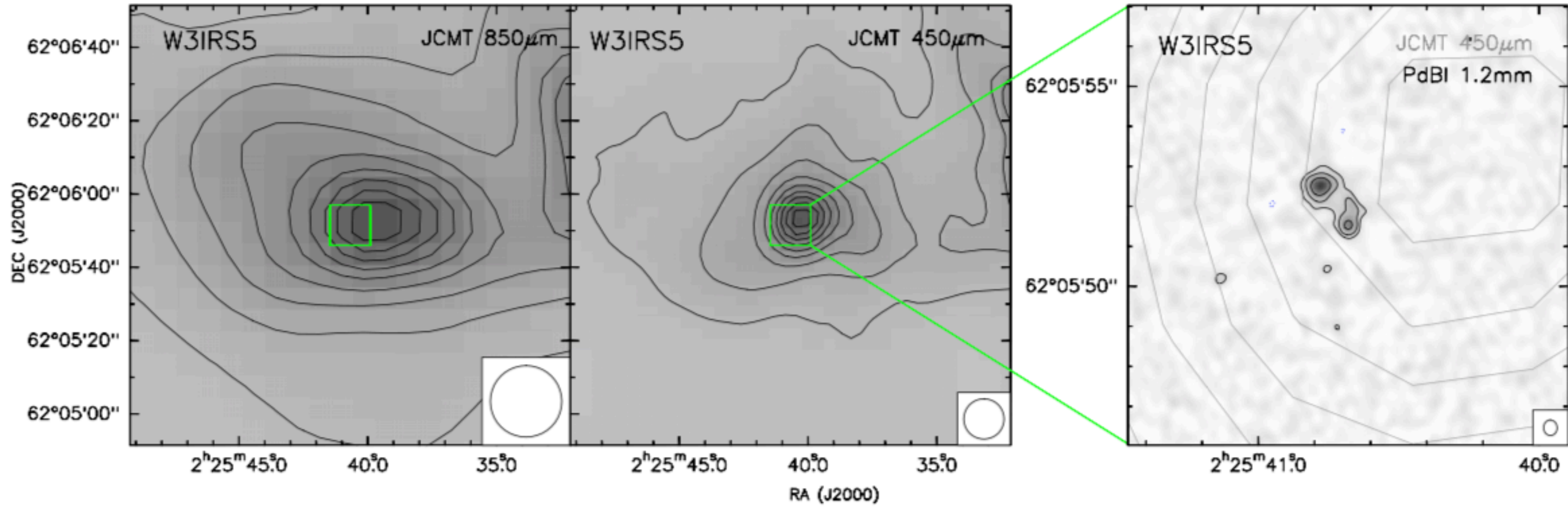
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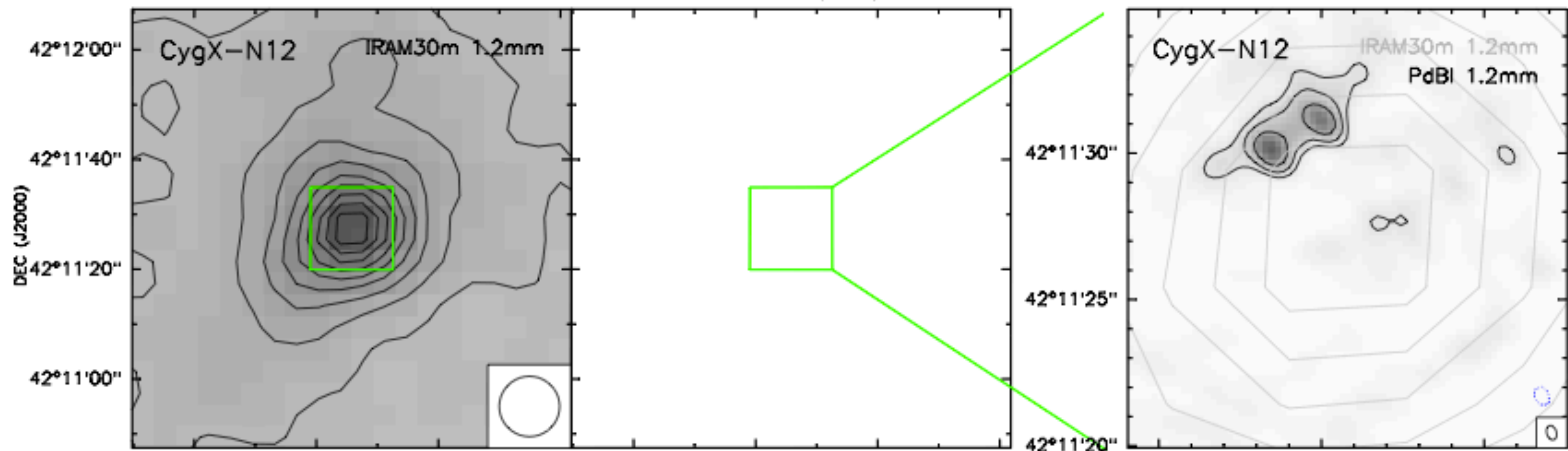
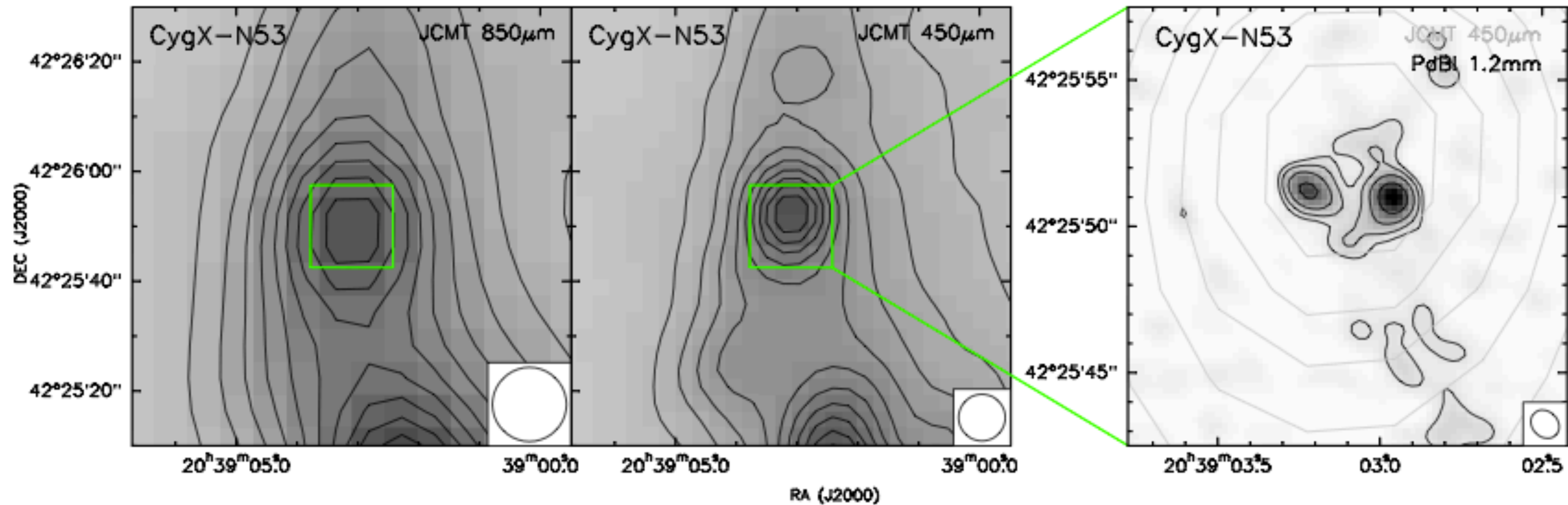
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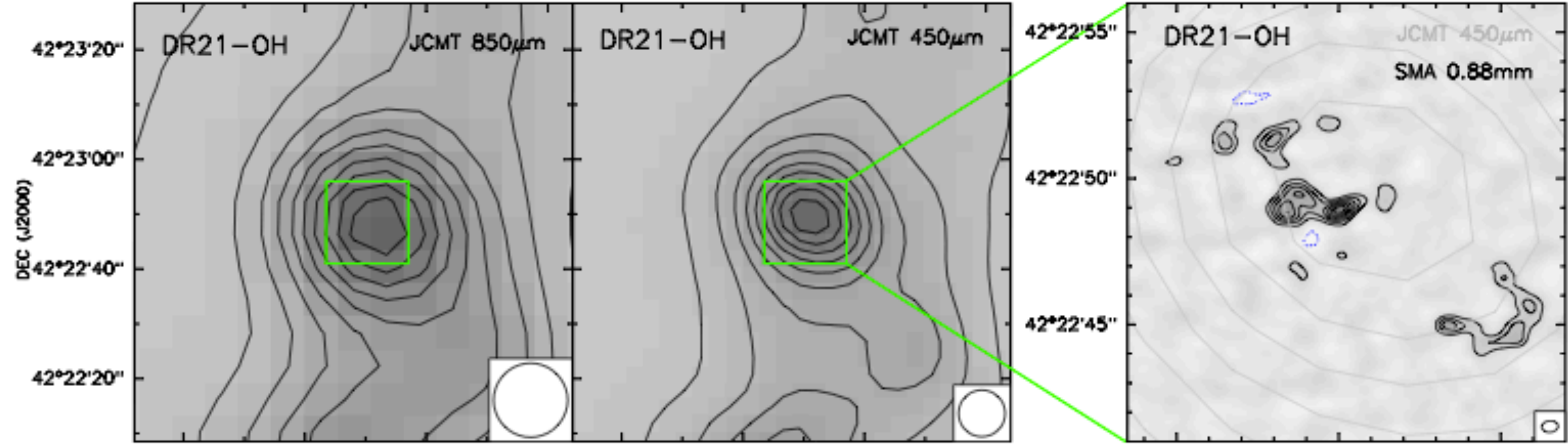
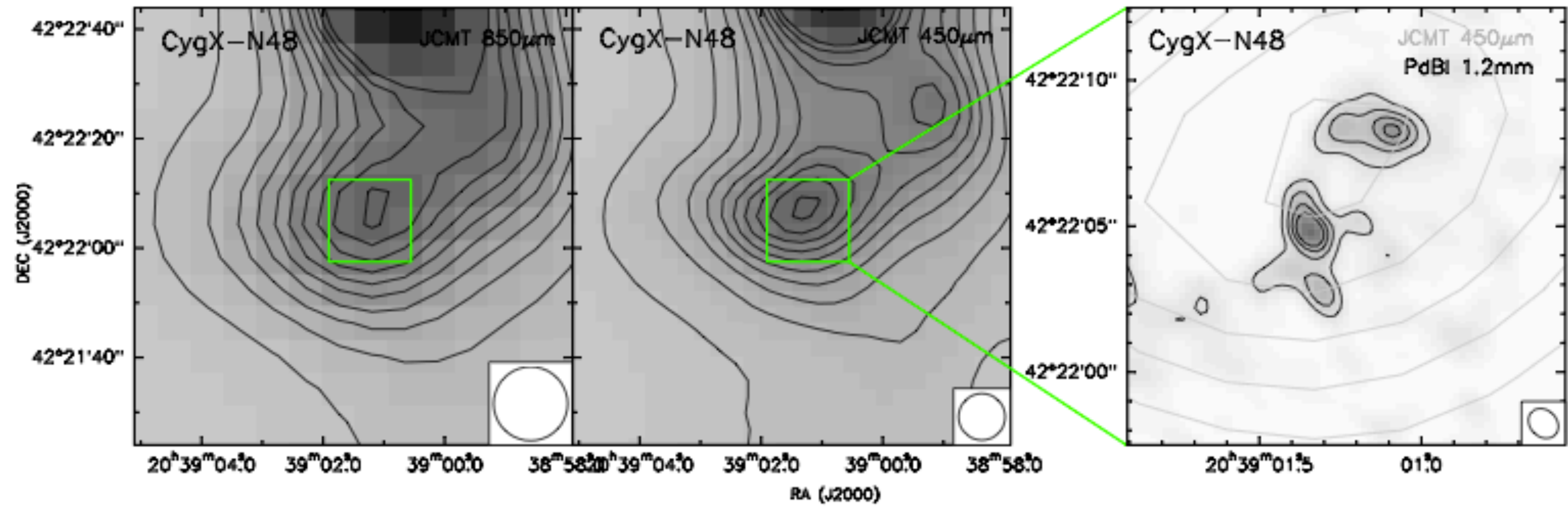
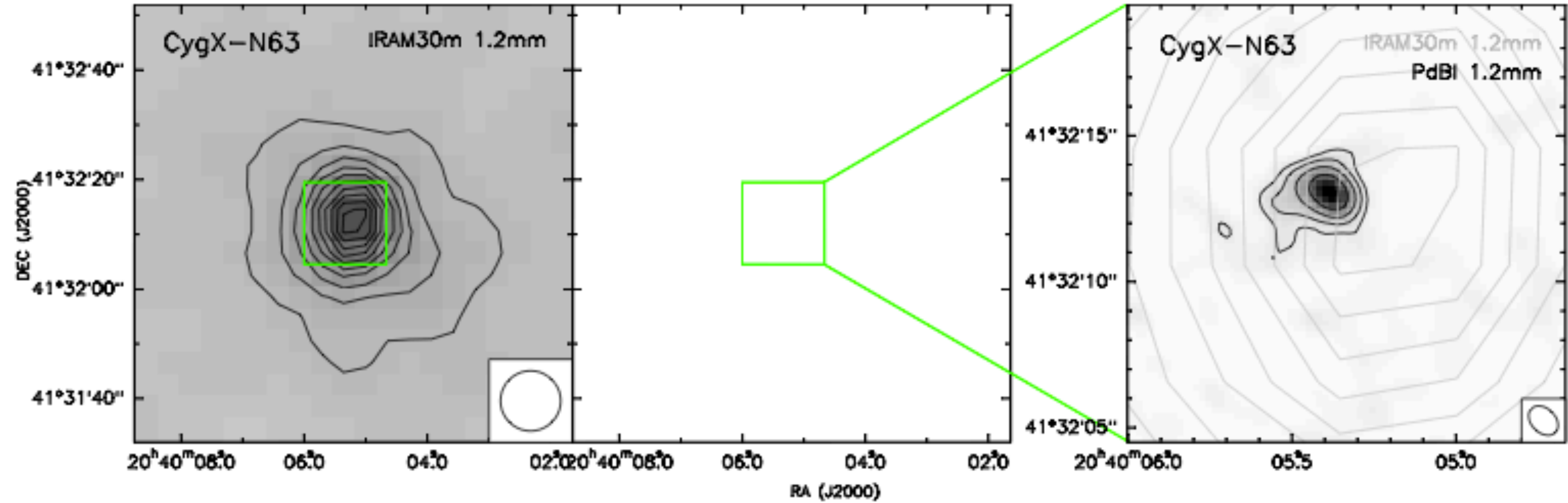


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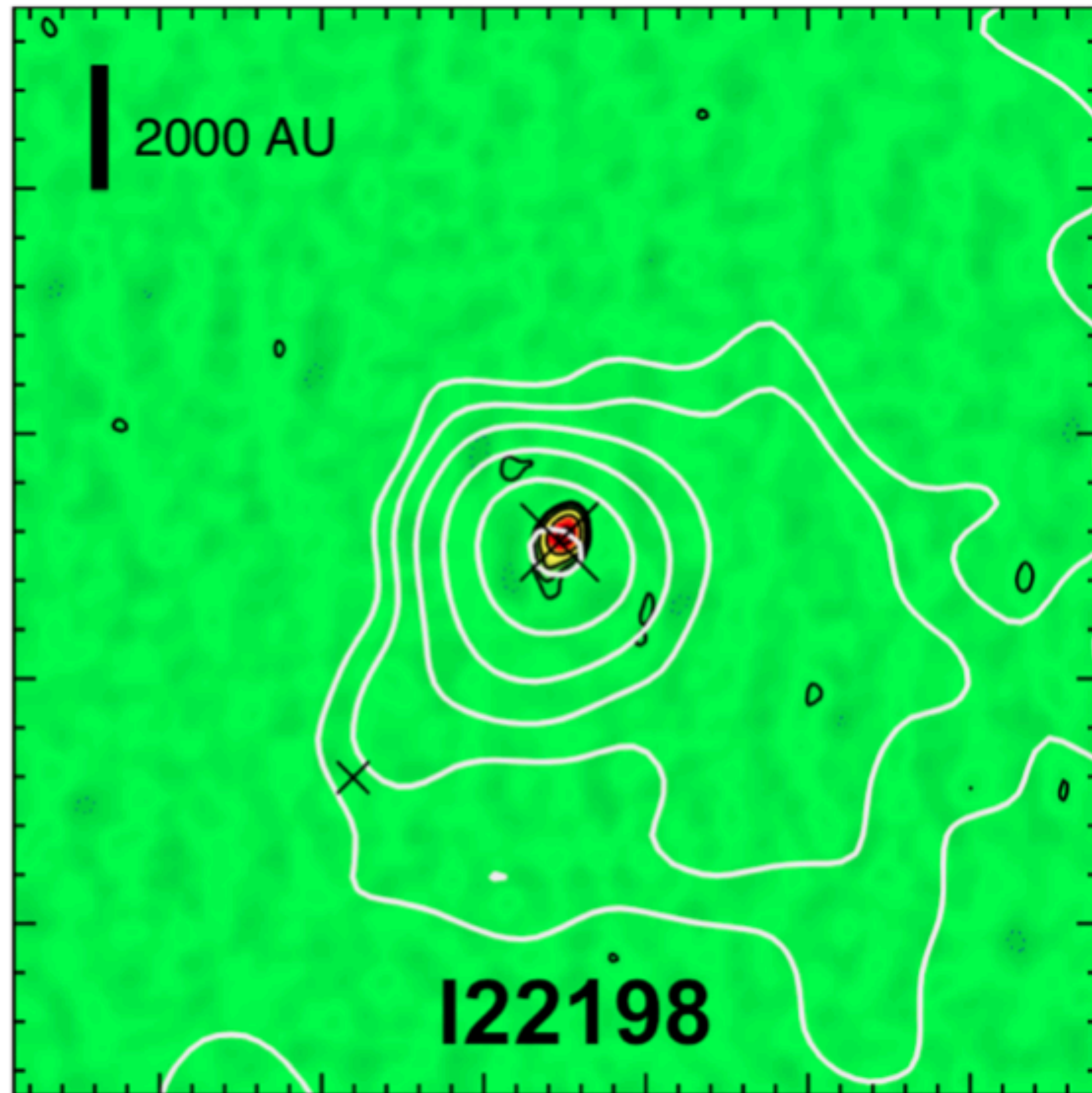
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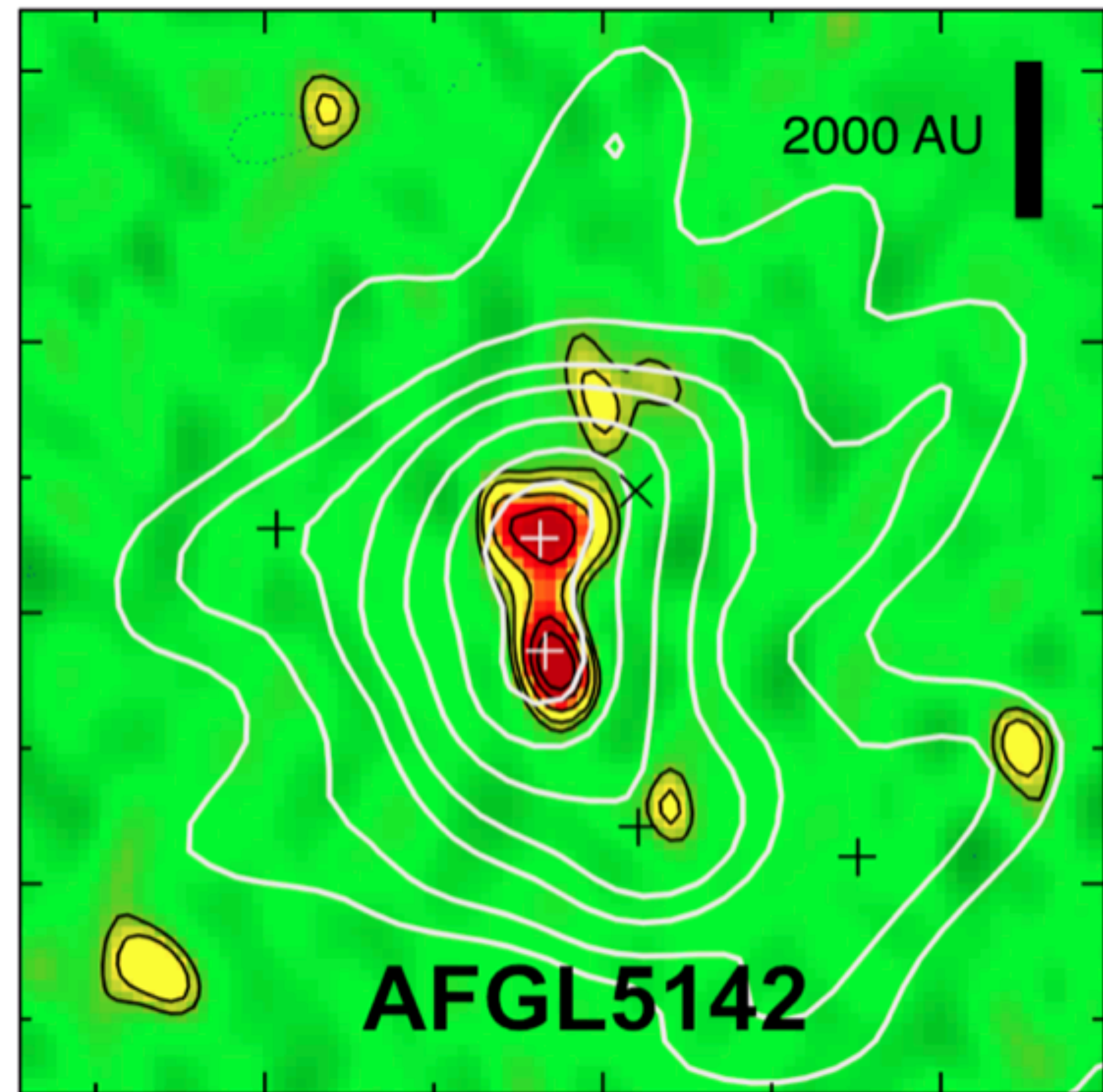


Fragmentation level N_{mm} : number of millimeter sources above 6σ within 0.1 pc with extended only configs (~ 1000 AU) and mass sensit. $< 1 M_{\text{sun}}$

Palau+13 main result: 30% low fragmentation; 50% high fragmentation

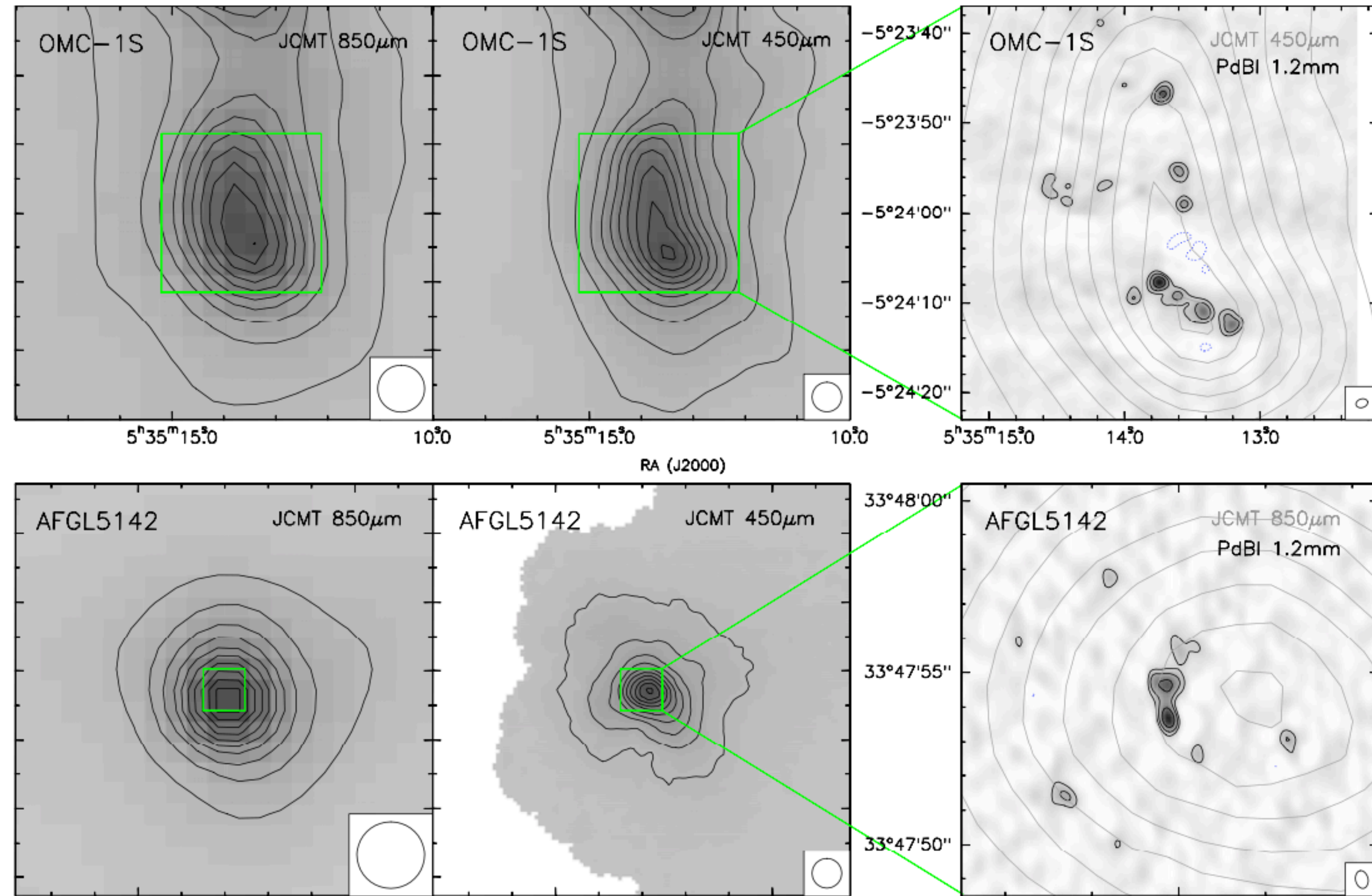


spatial resolution: 300 AU
mass sensitivity: $0.1 M_{\text{sun}}$



spatial resolution: 700 AU
mass sensitivity: $0.9 M_{\text{sun}}$

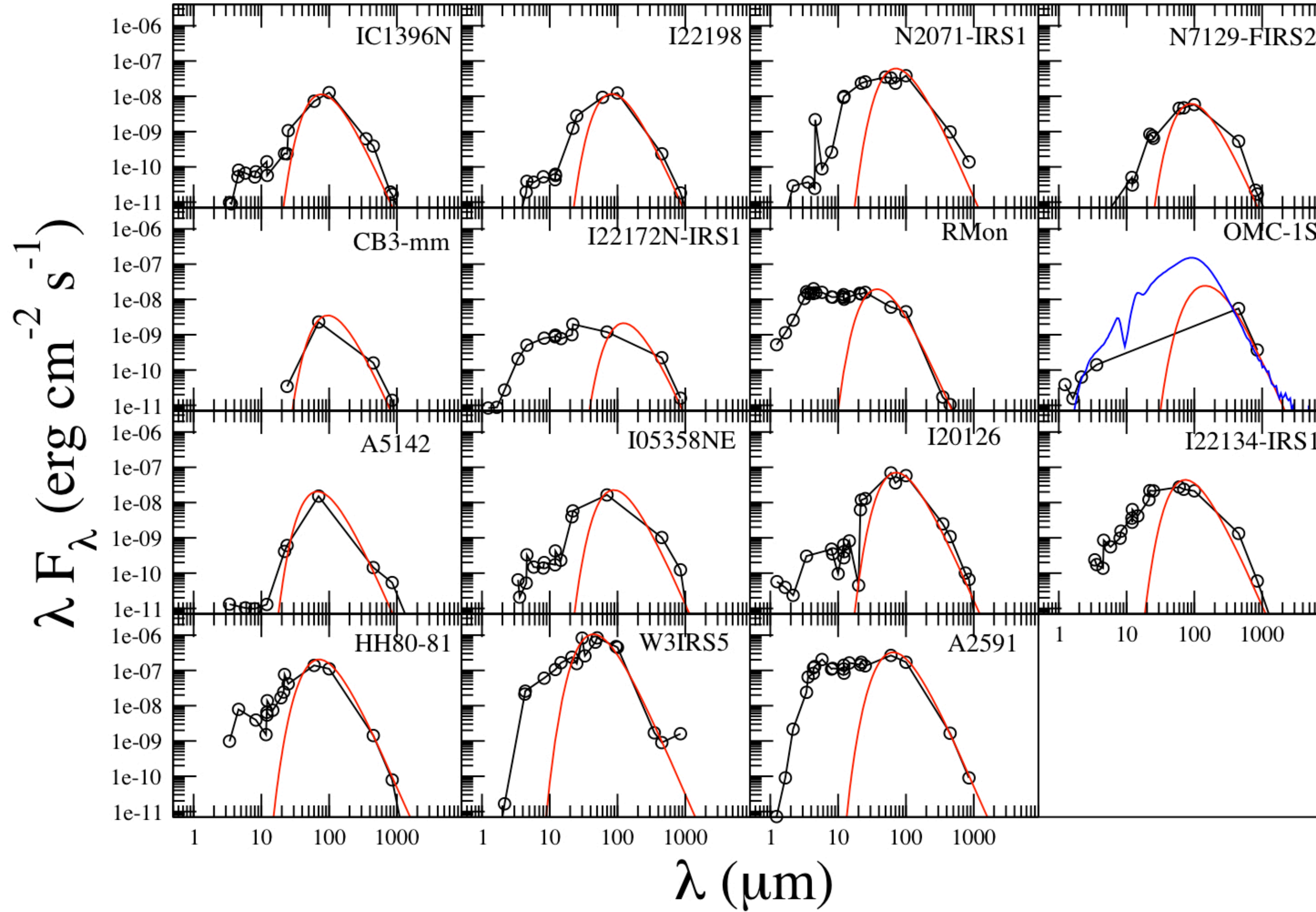
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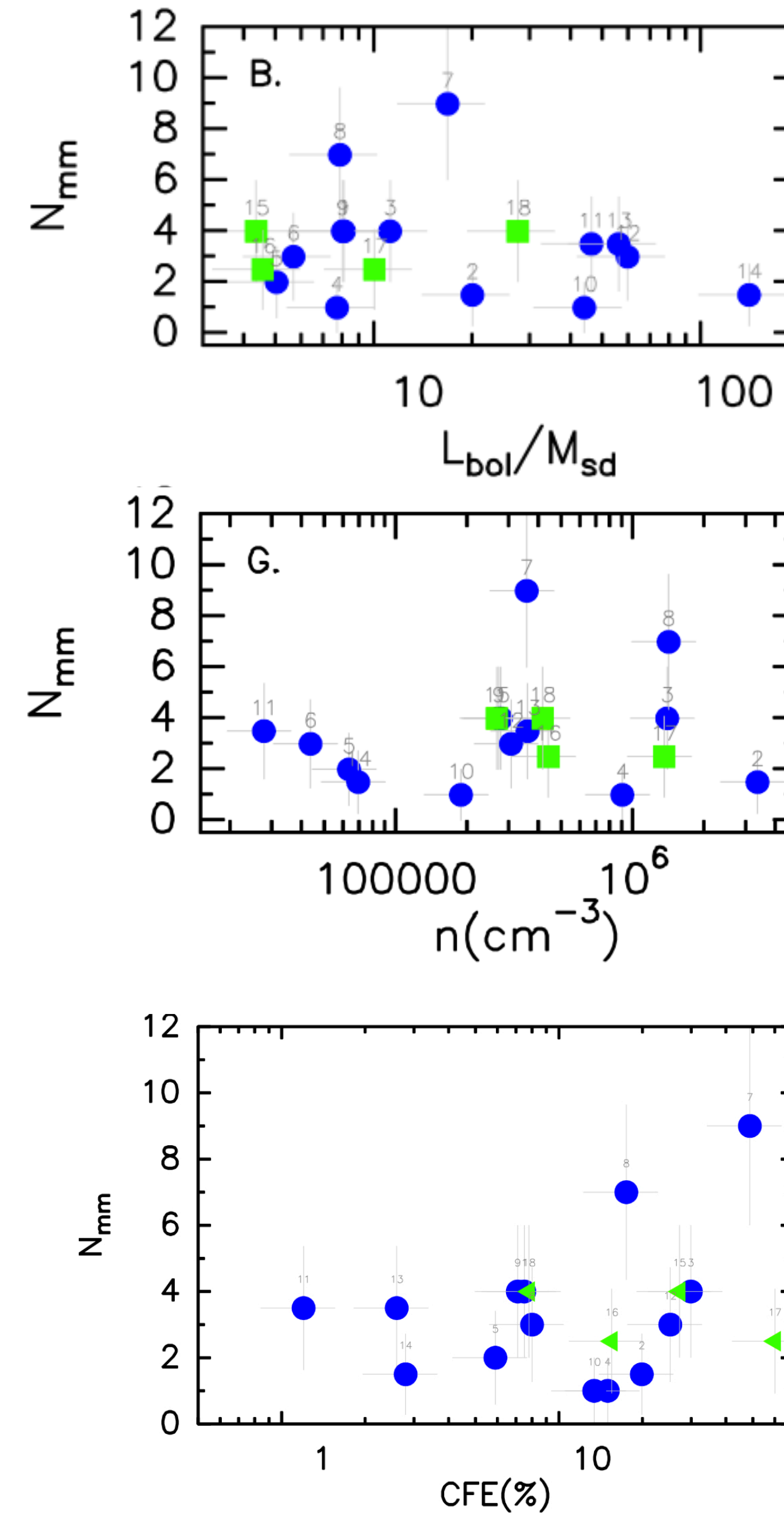
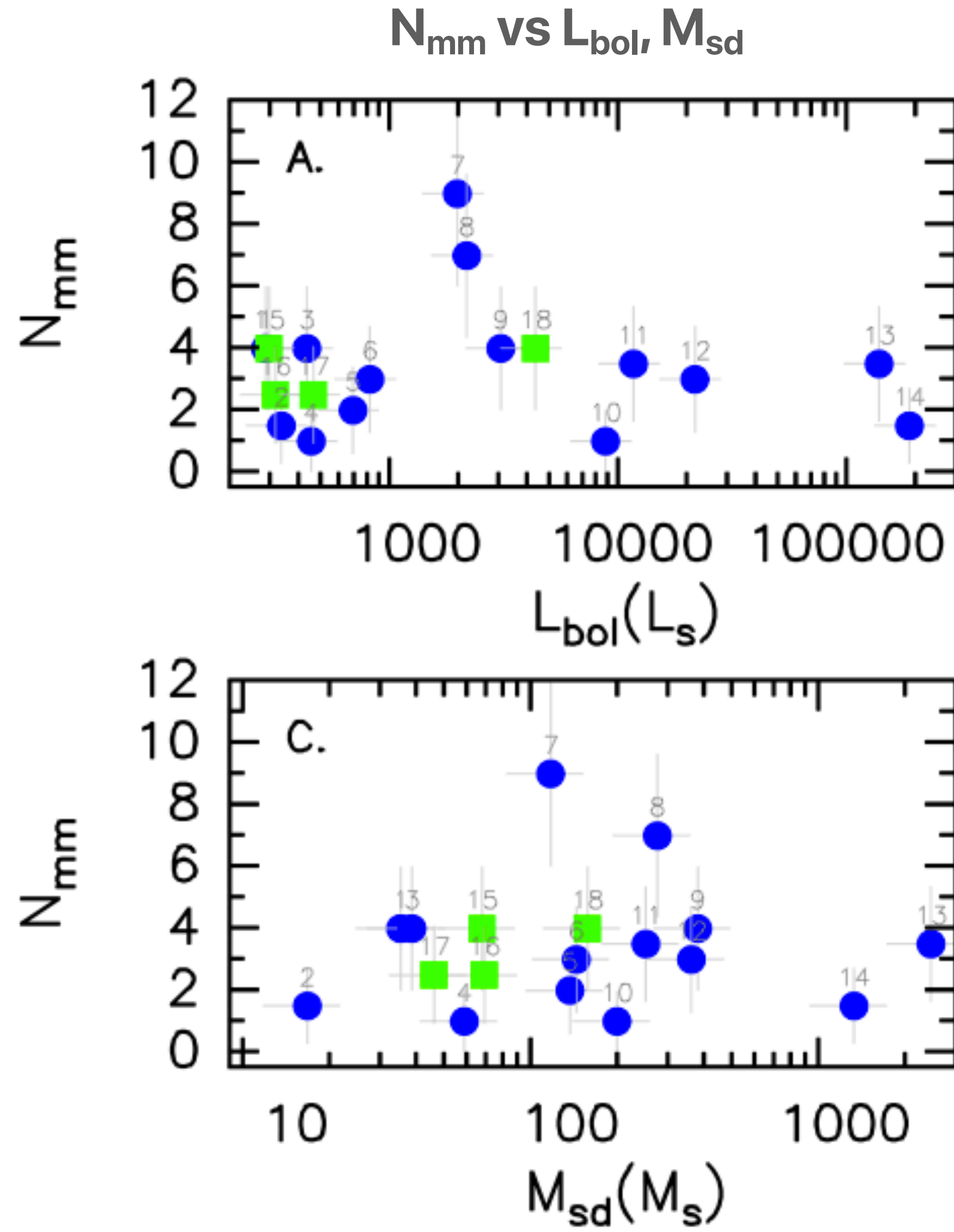
- single-dish: Mass (T_d , opacity), avg surface density ($M/\pi R^2$), avg density entire core ($3M/4\pi R^3$)
- interferometer: Mass of each fragment, $\text{CFE} = \sum m_{i\text{-interf}} / M_{\text{sd}}$

Build SED using: IRAC, MIPS, MSX, IRAS, AKARI, SCUBA...



Calculate: L_{bol} and $L_{\text{bol}}/M_{\text{sd}}$

N_{mm} vs evolutionary stage,
density of entire core, CFE



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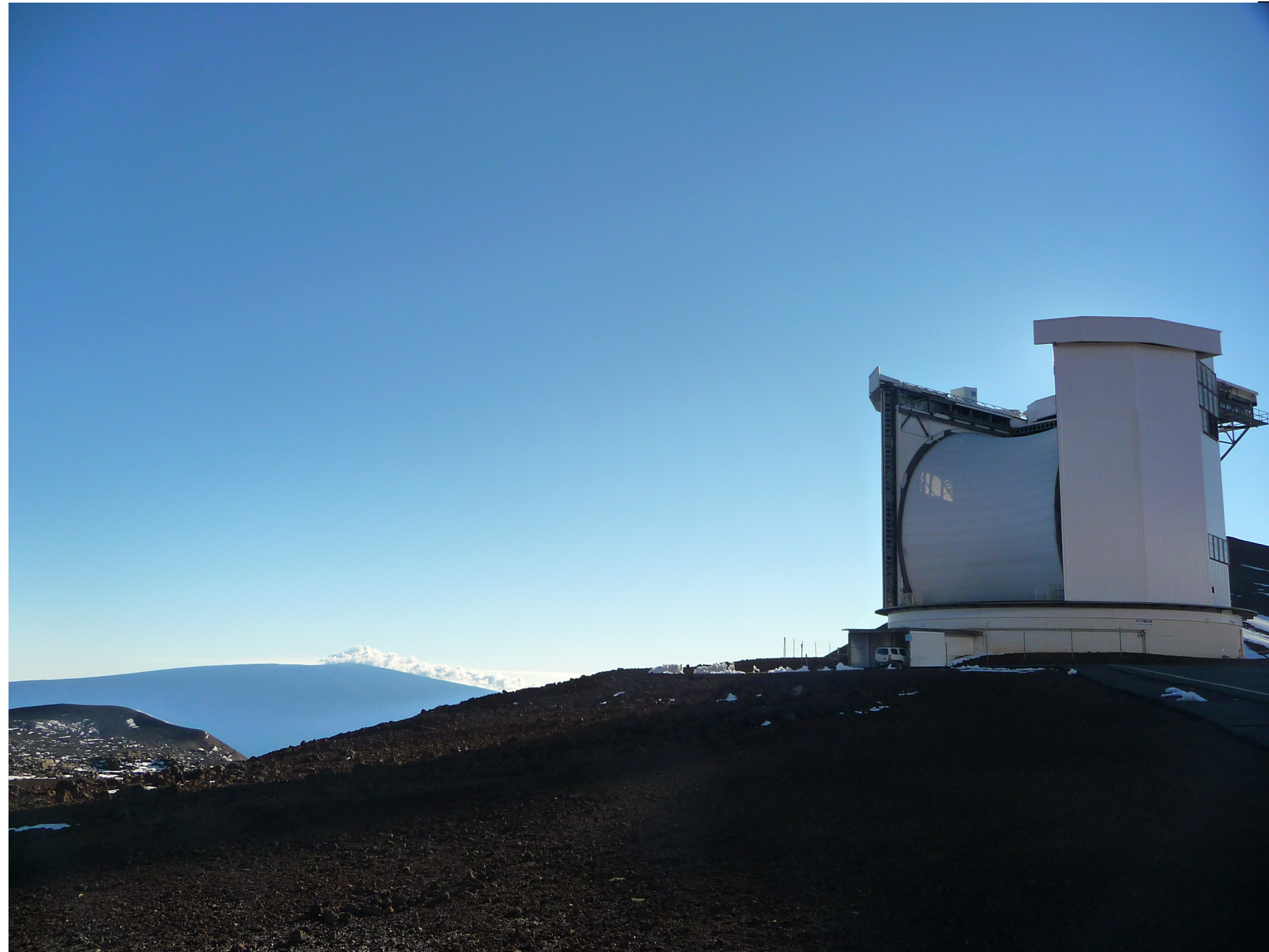
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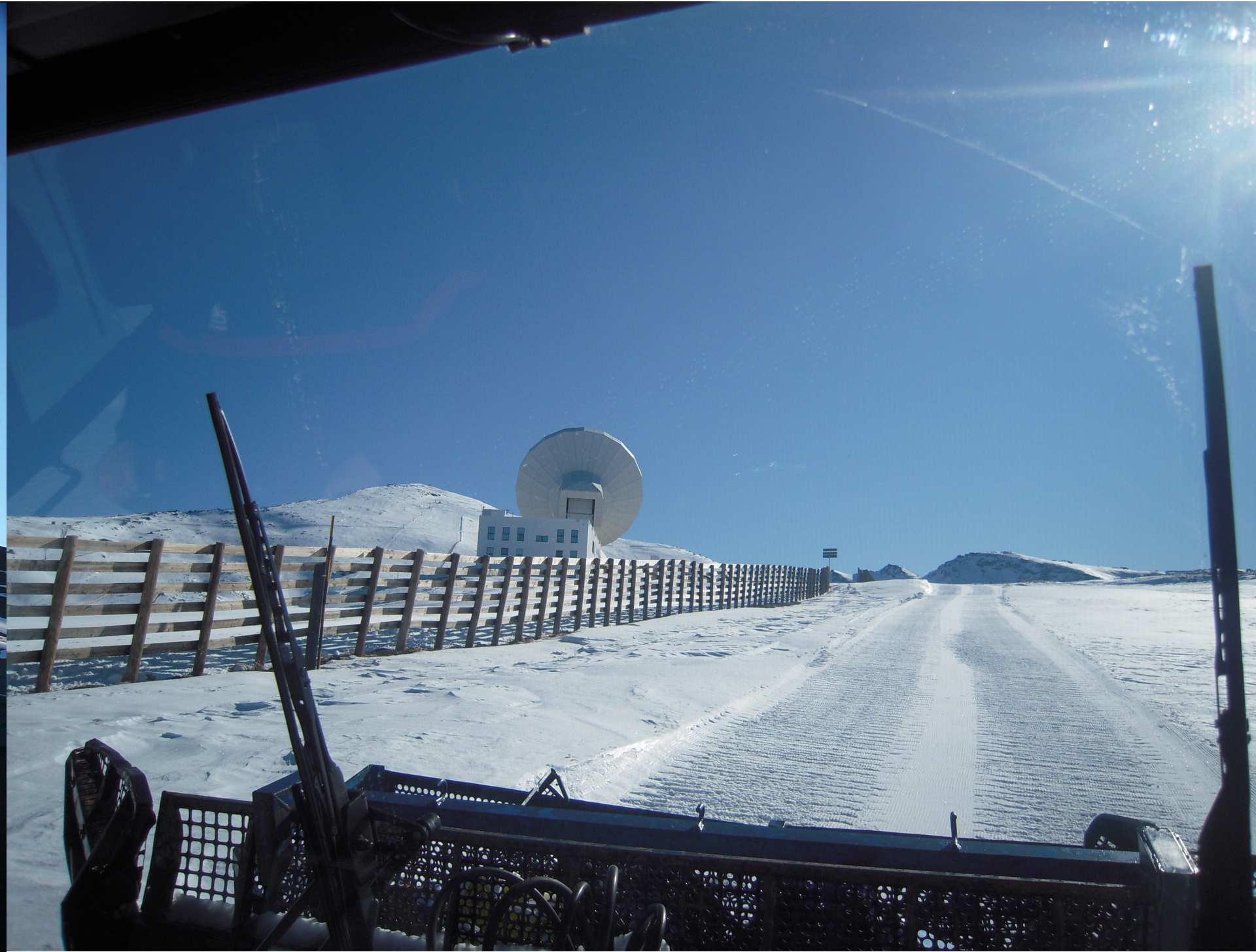
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Next step: study **density structure** of the massive dense cores



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Assumptions:

- spherically symmetric envelope
- dust opacity $\kappa_{\nu} \propto \nu^{\beta}$
- **density profile** $\rho = \rho_0 (r/r_0)^{-p}$
- **temperature profile** $T = T_0 (r/r_0)^{-q}$, with $q = 2/(4+\beta)$
- external heating: $T = 10$ K in the outer envelope
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- **SED from cm to 60 μm wavelengths** (sensitive to T)

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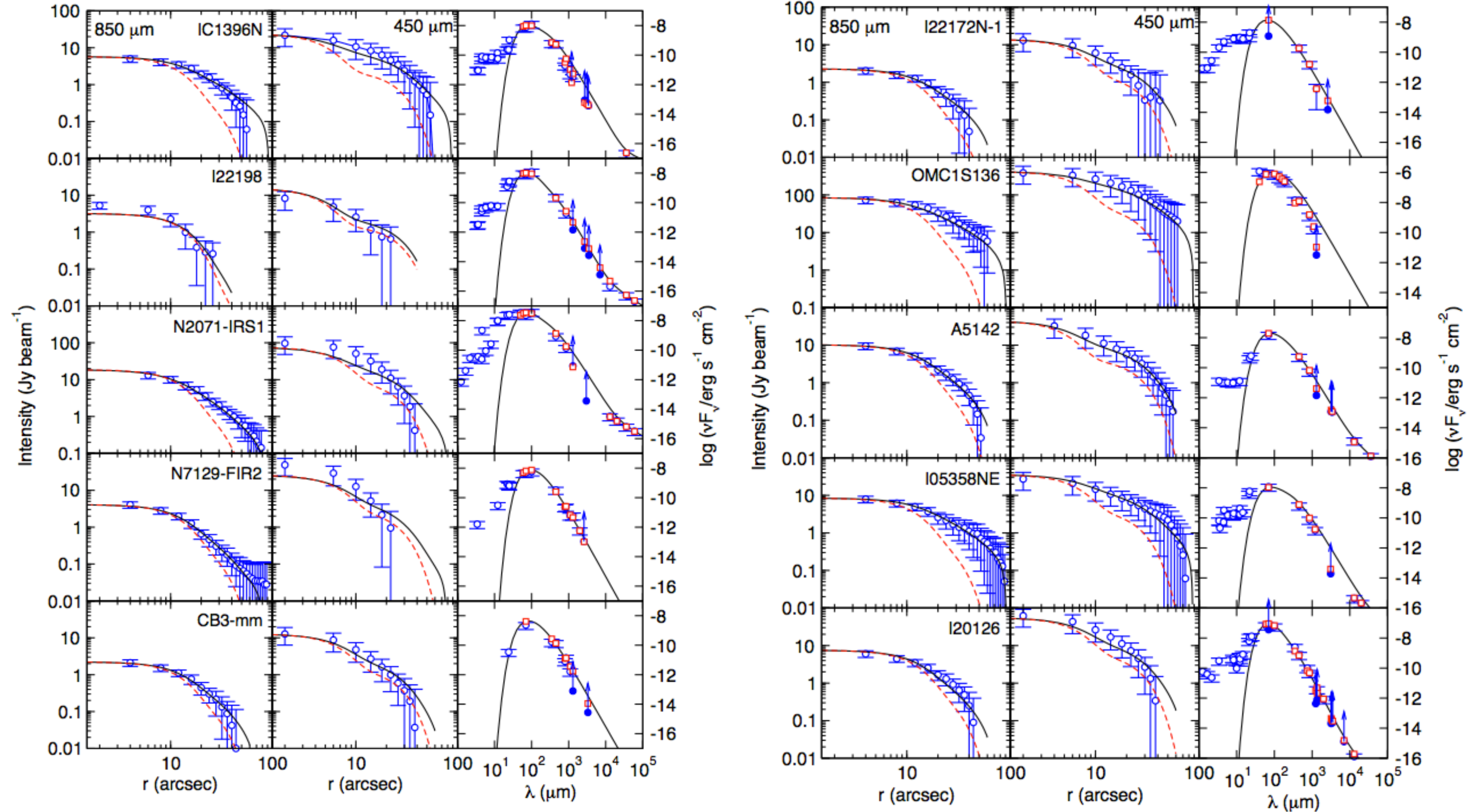
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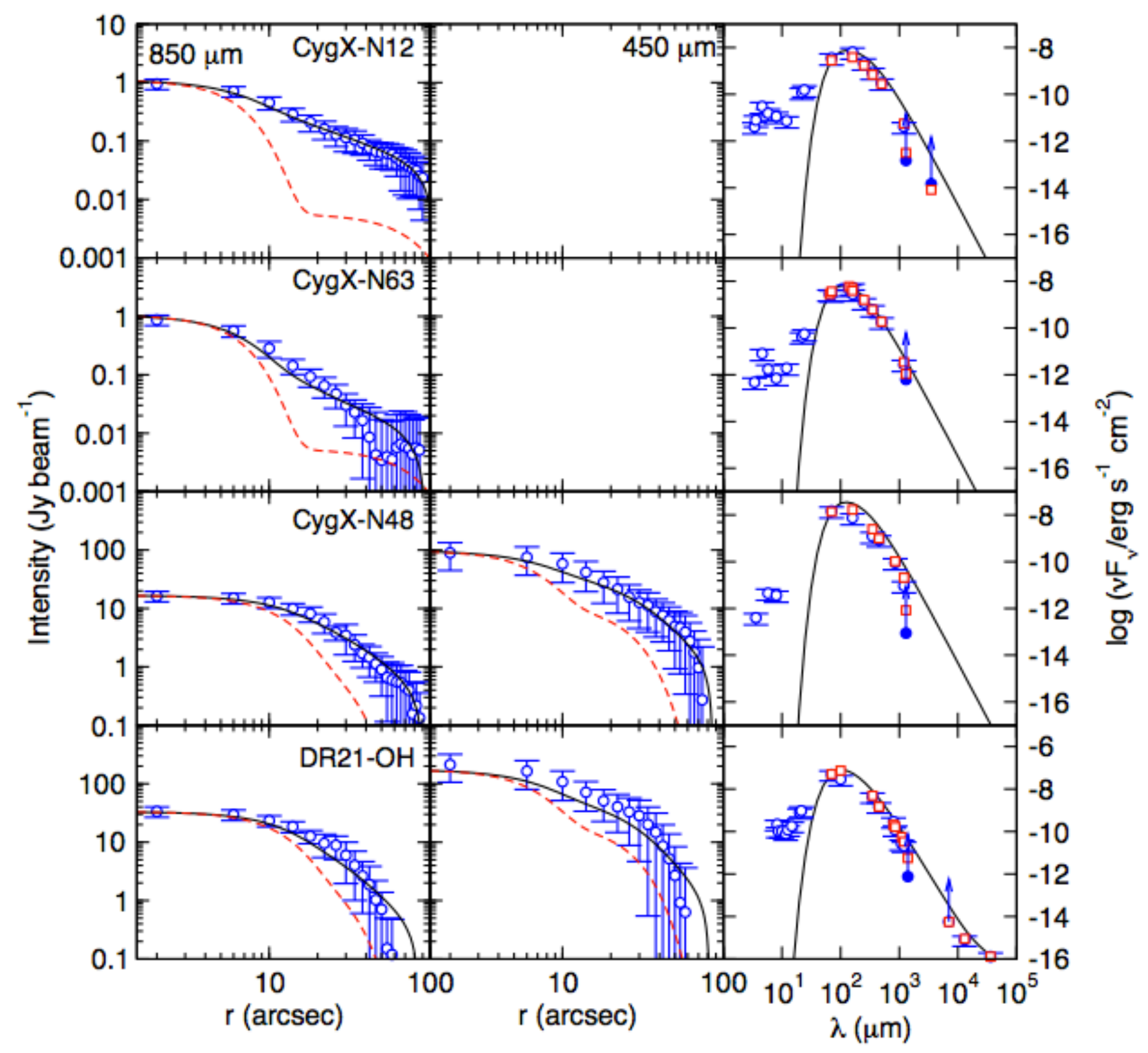
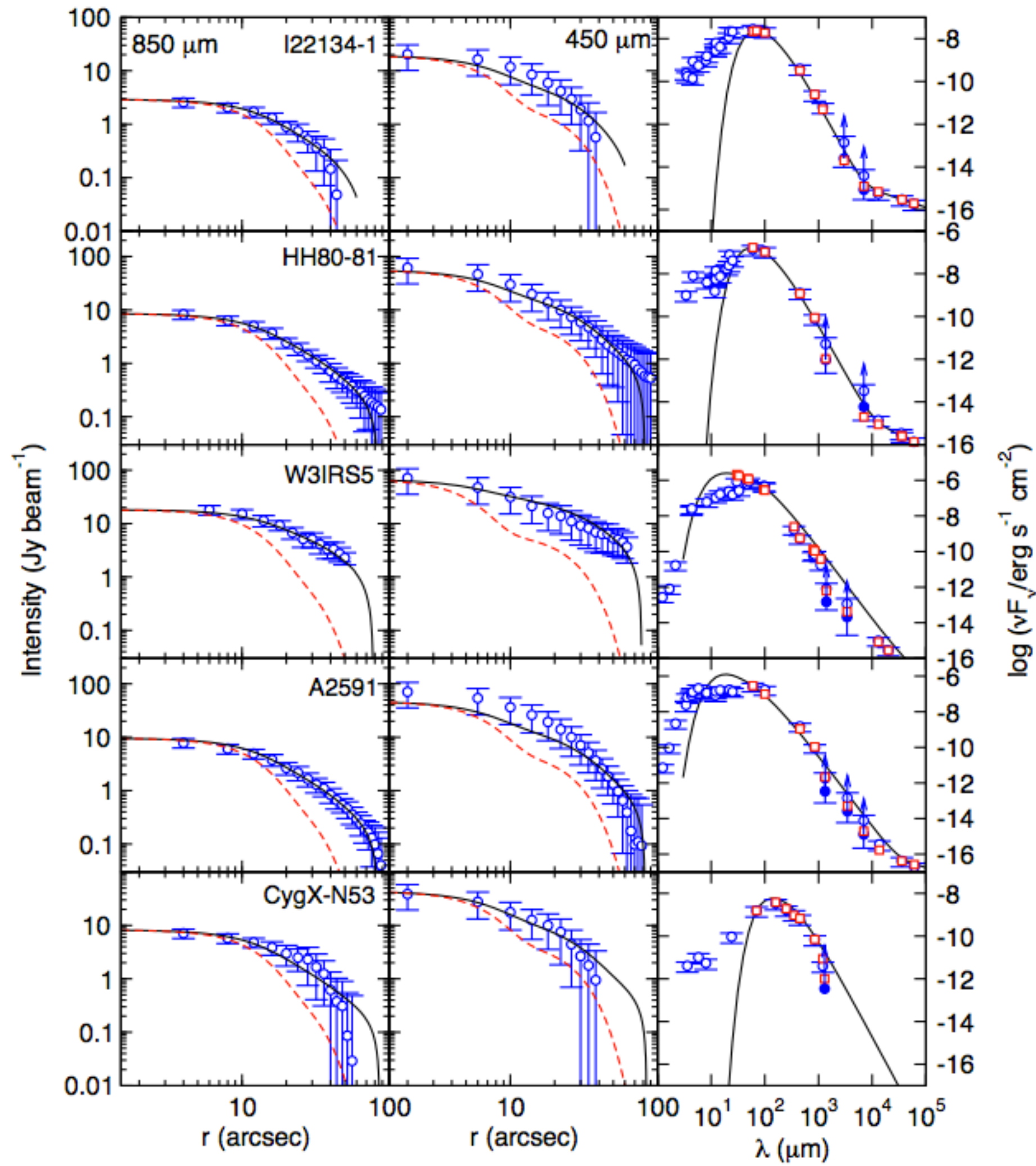
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Modeling of radial intensity profiles and Spectral Energy Distributions (Palau+14a)





Modeling of radial intensity profiles and Spectral Energy Distributions (Palau+14a): obtain density and temperature structure

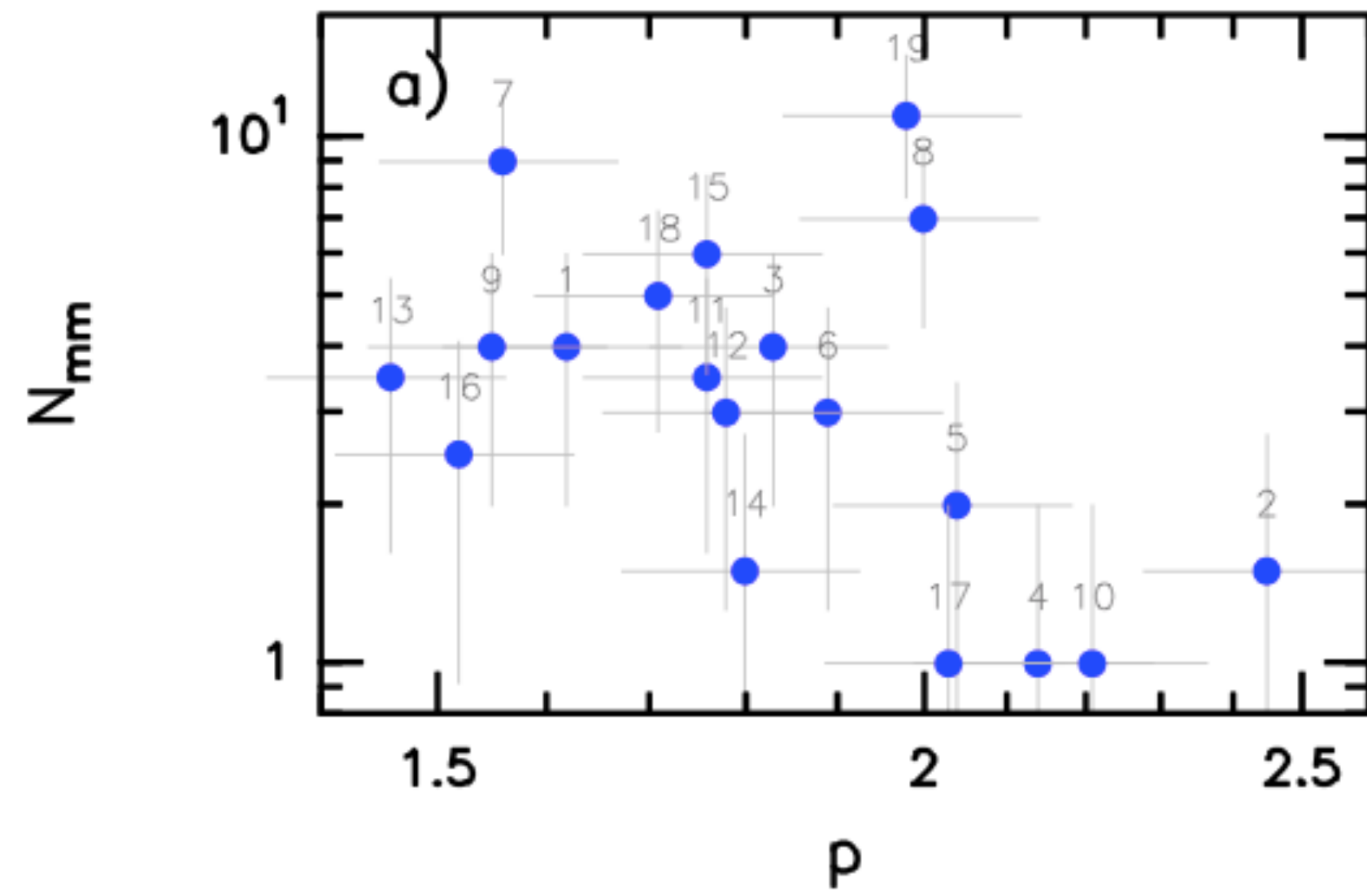
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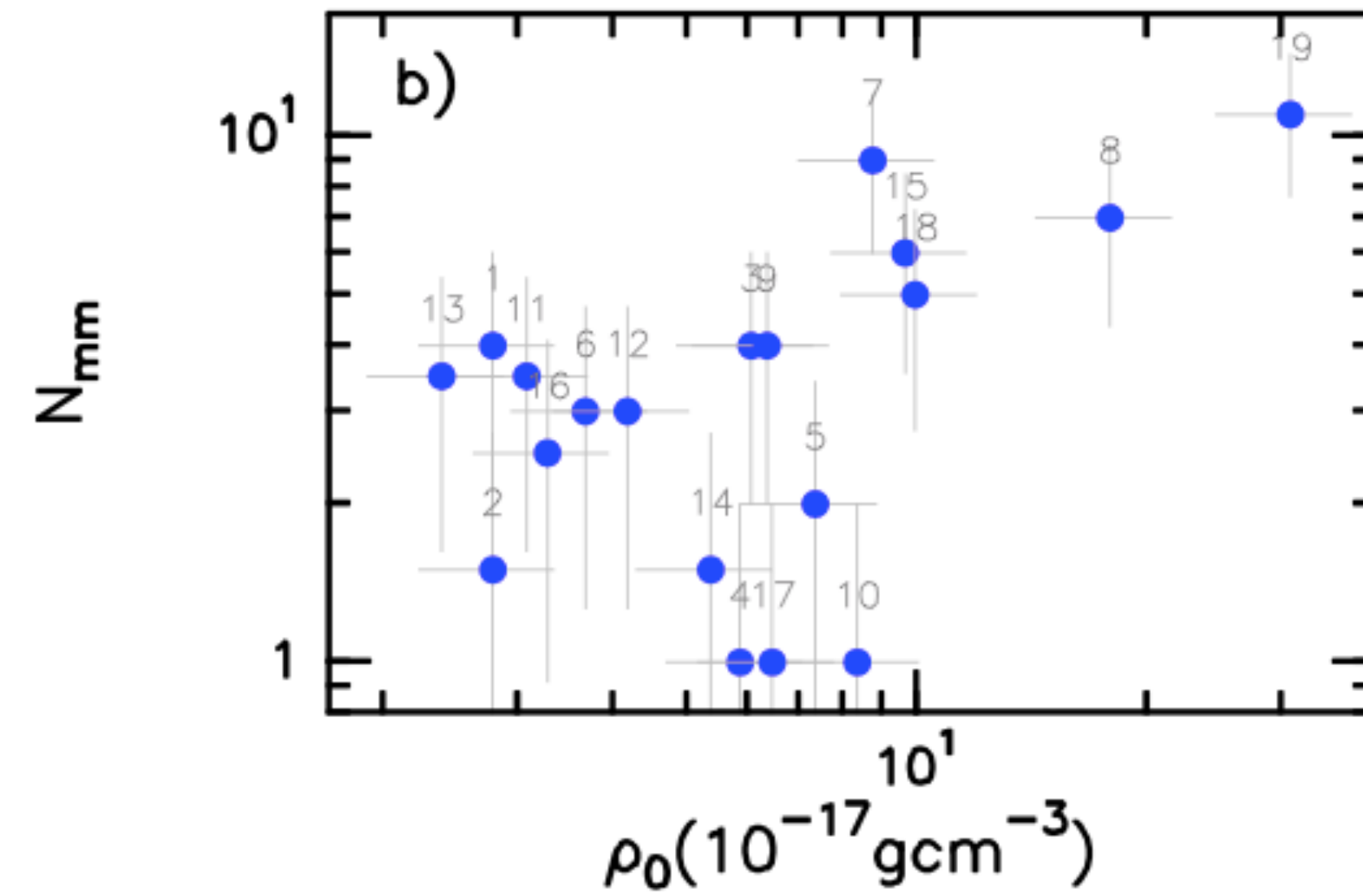
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Best-fit Parameters to the Radial Profiles and SED of the Massive Dense Cores

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1-IC1396N	0.75	290	4	1.41 ± 0.19	43 ± 4	$(2.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-17}$	1.62 ± 0.08	0.580	1.2	1
2-I22198 ^d	0.76	340	1.5	1.46 ± 0.31	43 ± 5	$(2.8 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-17}$	2.45 ± 0.16	0.885
3-NGC 2071-IRS1	0.42	440	4	1.09 ± 0.21	40 ± 3	$(6.1 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-17}$	1.83 ± 0.09	0.534
4-NGC 7129-FIRS2	1.25	460	1	1.55 ± 0.28	47 ± 4	$(5.9 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-17}$	2.14 ± 0.11	0.454	1.4	1
5-CB3-mm	2.50	700	2	1.42 ± 0.24	58 ± 7	$(7.4 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-17}$	2.04 ± 0.10	0.552	2.2	1
6-I22172N-IRS1	2.40	830	3	1.49 ± 0.23	75 ± 10	$(3.7 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-17}$	1.89 ± 0.08	0.283
7-OMC-1S	0.45	2000	9	1.42 ± 0.20	86 ± 9	$(8.8 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-17}$	1.56 ± 0.10	0.319	??	2
8-AFGL 5142	1.80	2200	7	1.25 ± 0.20	70 ± 7	$(1.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-16}$	2.00 ± 0.05	0.361
9-I05358+3543NE	1.80	3100	4	1.28 ± 0.18	62 ± 6	$(6.4 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-17}$	1.55 ± 0.05	0.229	>0.8, 1.5	3, 7
10-I20126+4104	1.64	8900	1	1.82 ± 0.24	86 ± 9	$(8.4 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-17}$	2.21 ± 0.11	0.607	1.6, 1.8, 2.2	3, 4, 5
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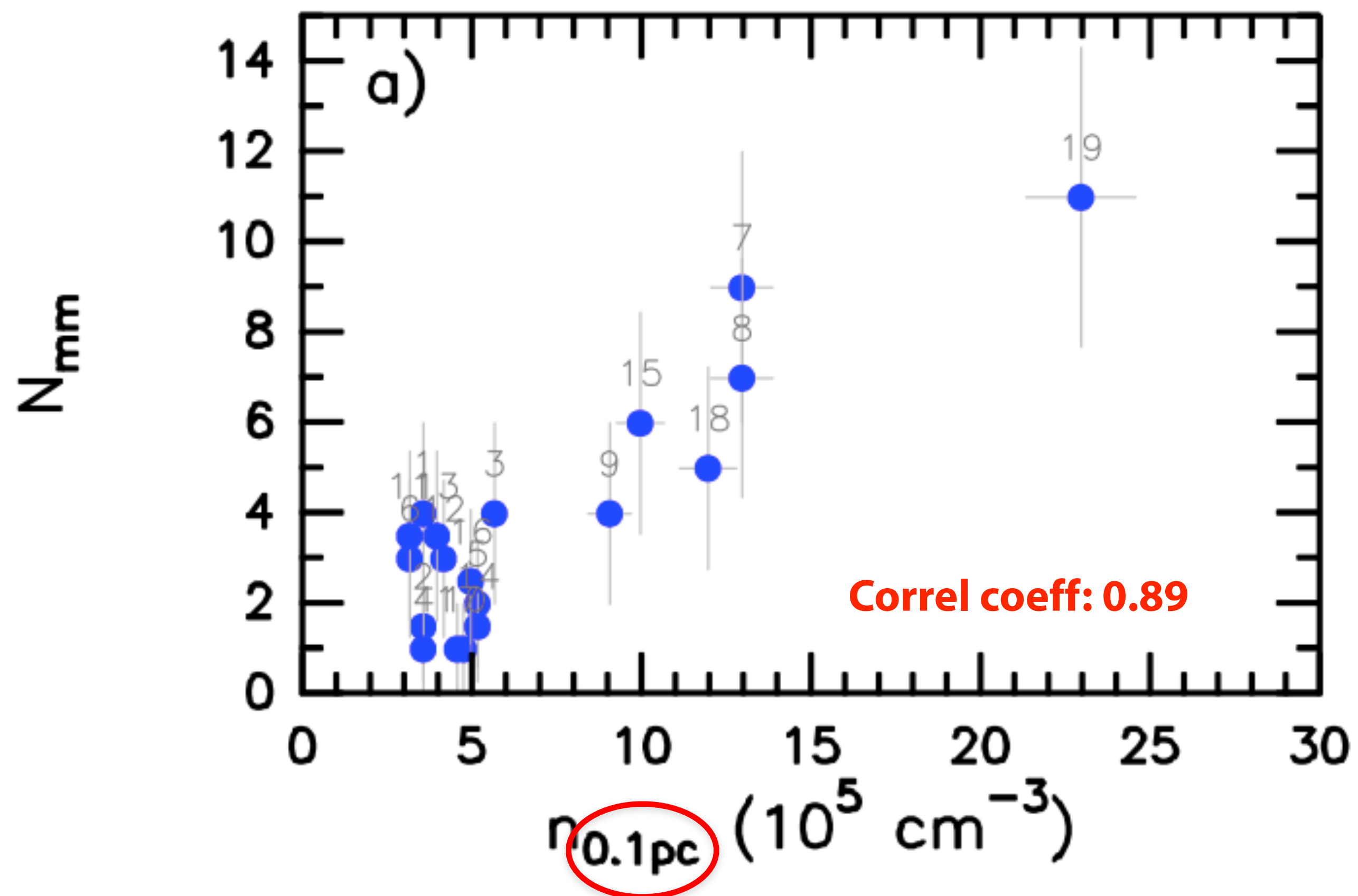


N_{mm} vs central density



N_{mm} vs density within 0.1 pc

0.1 pc is the region where fragmentation (N_{mm}) was assessed



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VLA, USA

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SánchezMonge, Palau+13 + archive + literature



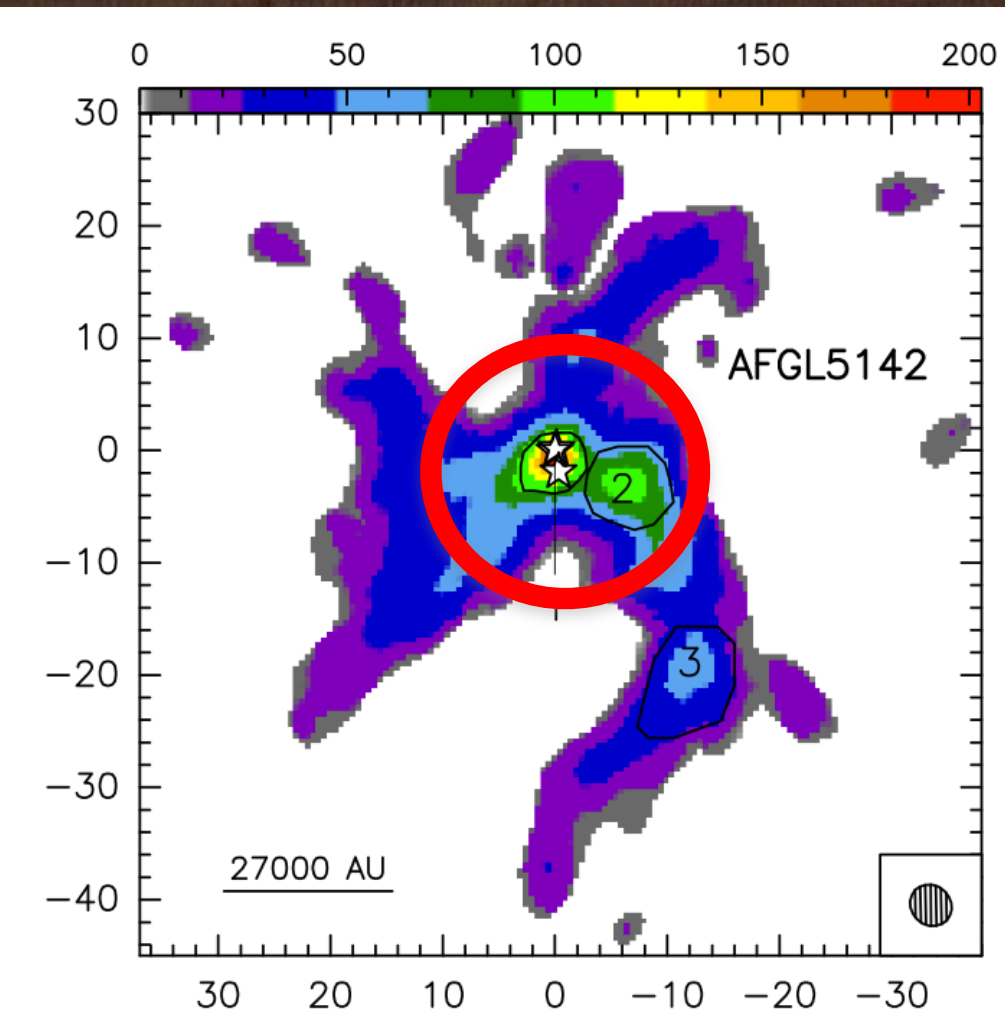
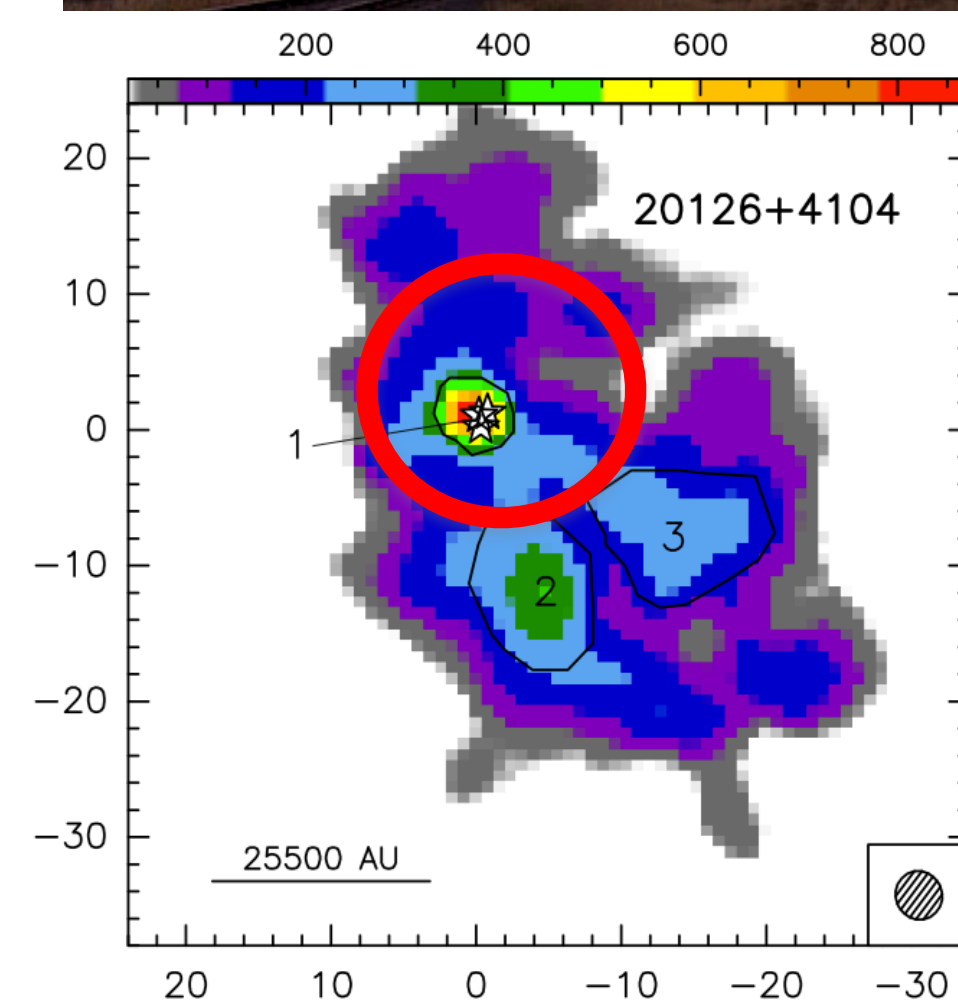
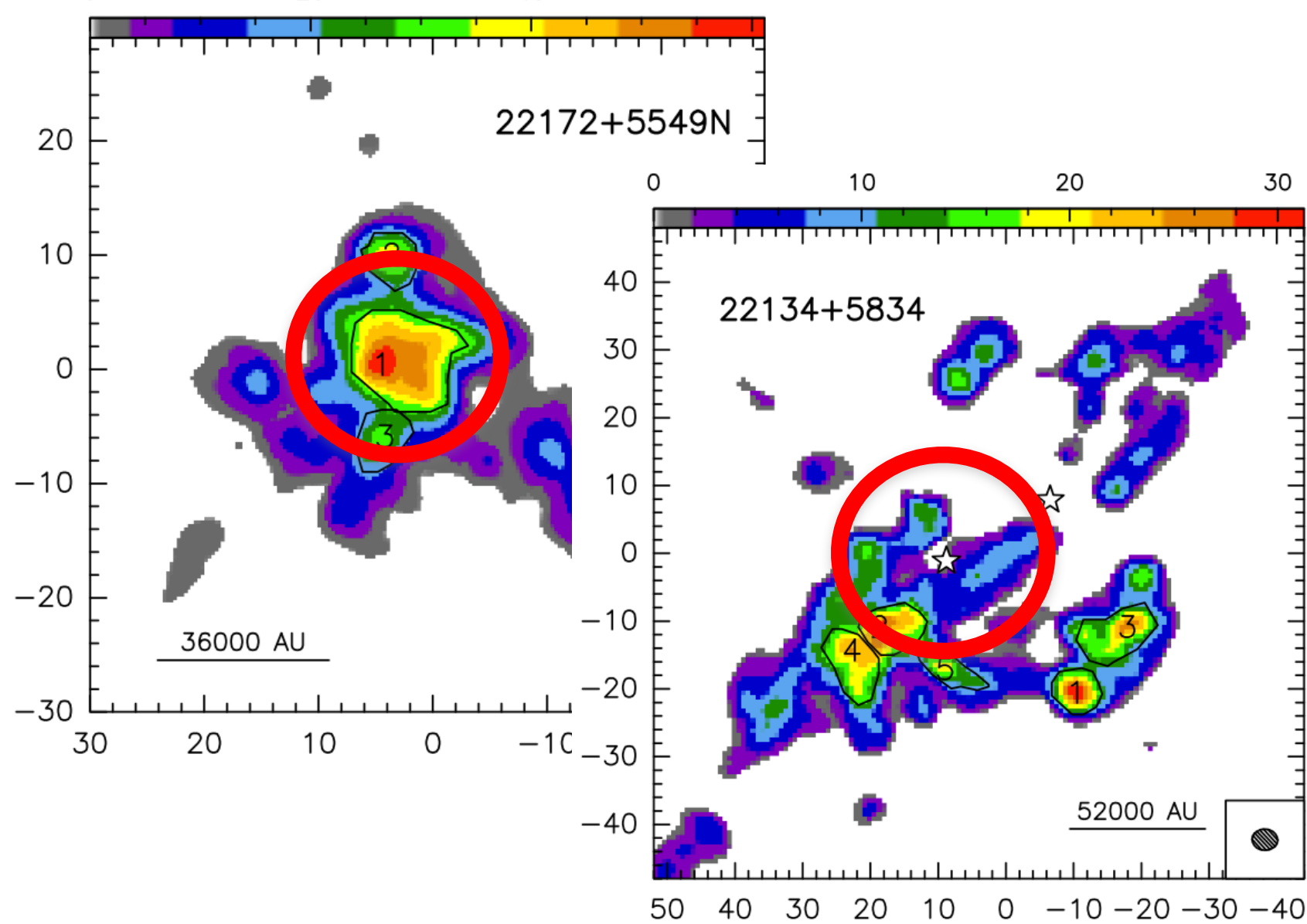
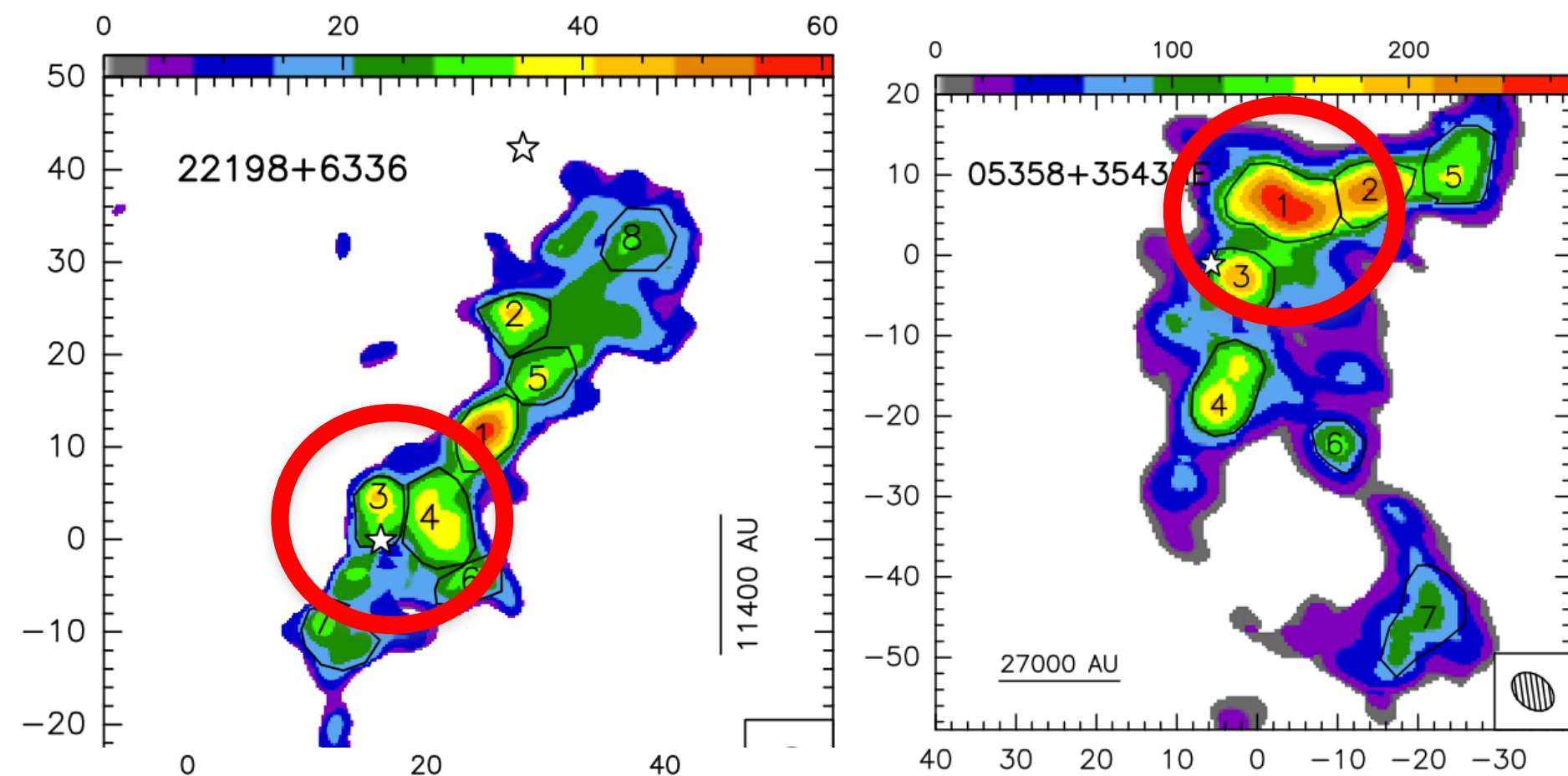
IRAM30m, Spain

$\text{N}_2\text{H}^+(1-0)$: single pointings, beam $\sim 26''$

Fontani+11 + literature

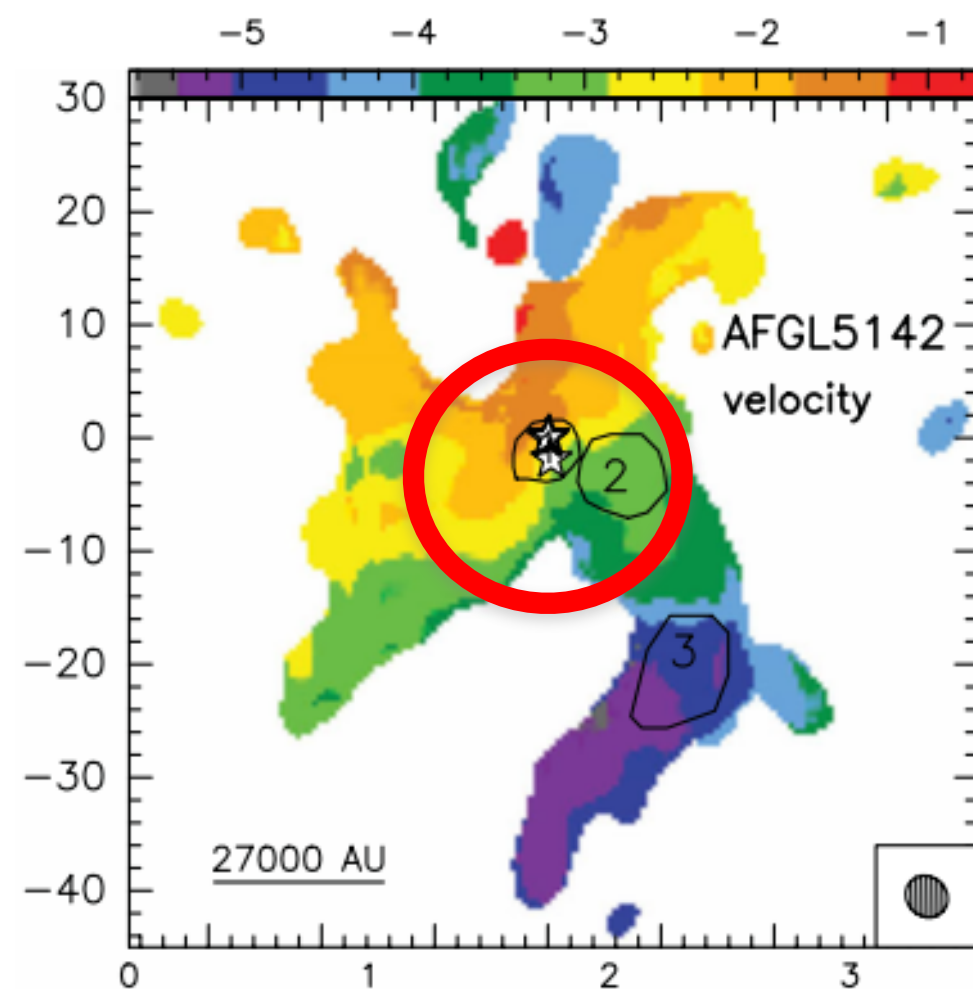
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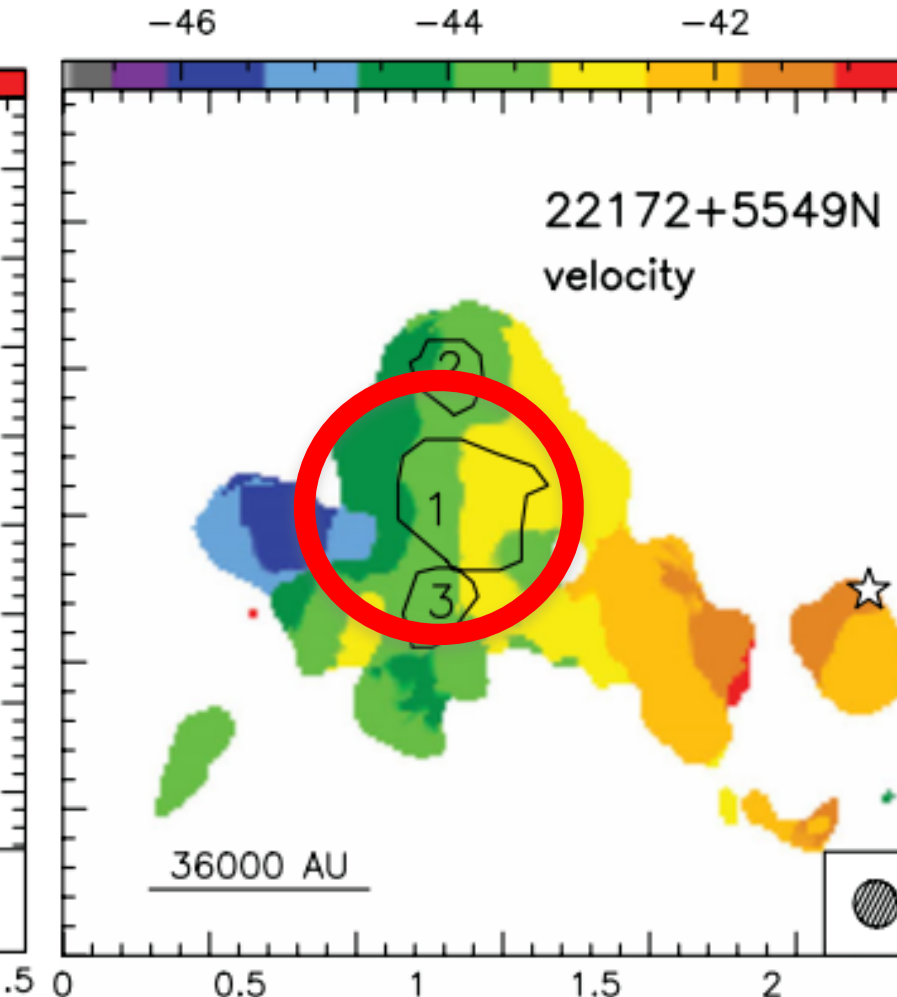
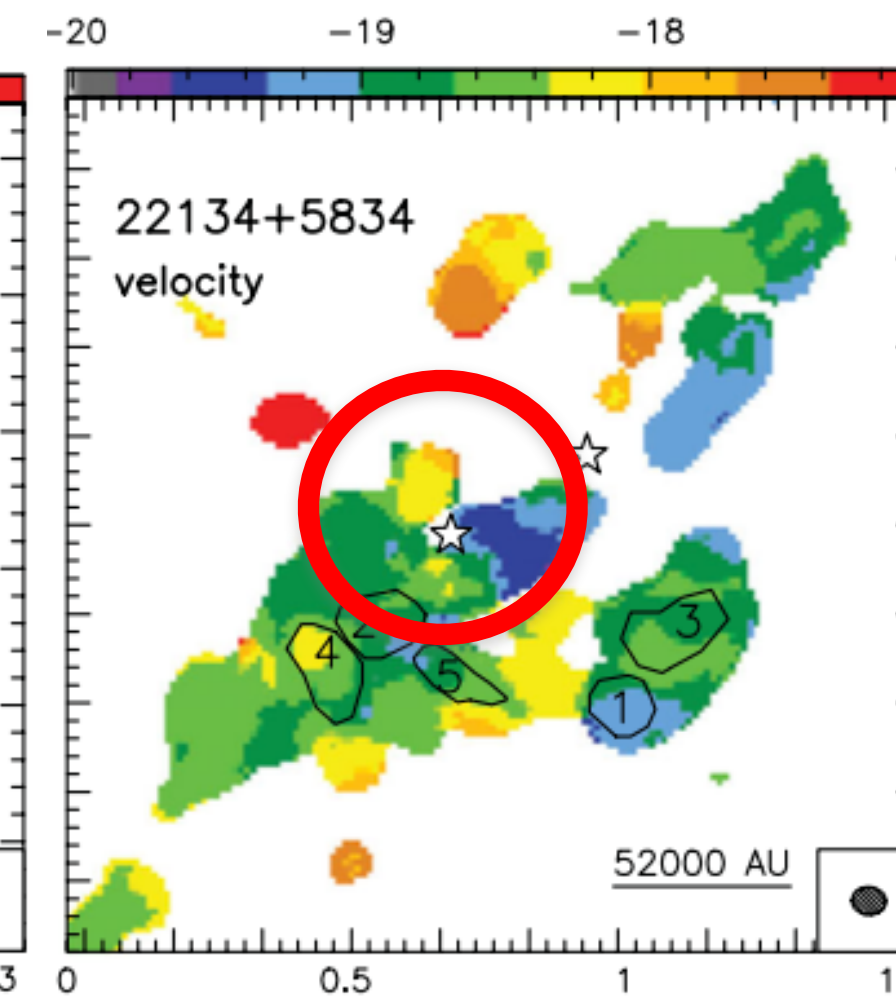
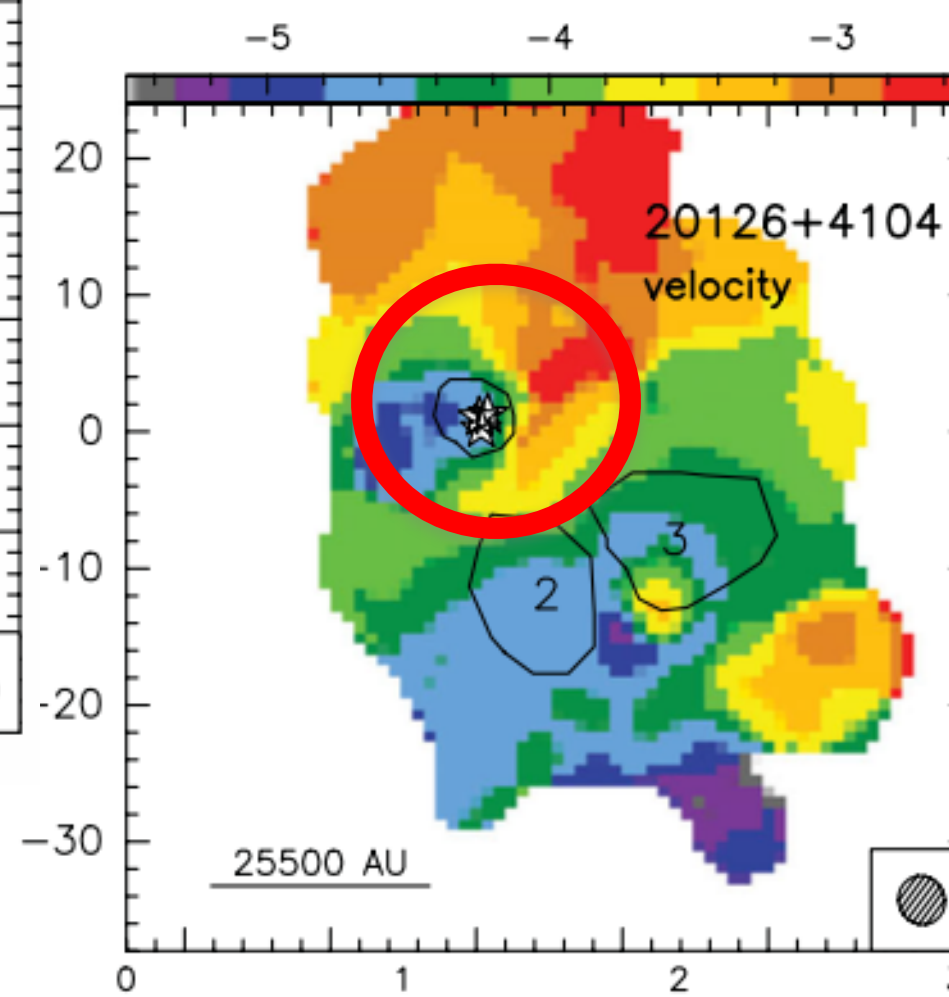
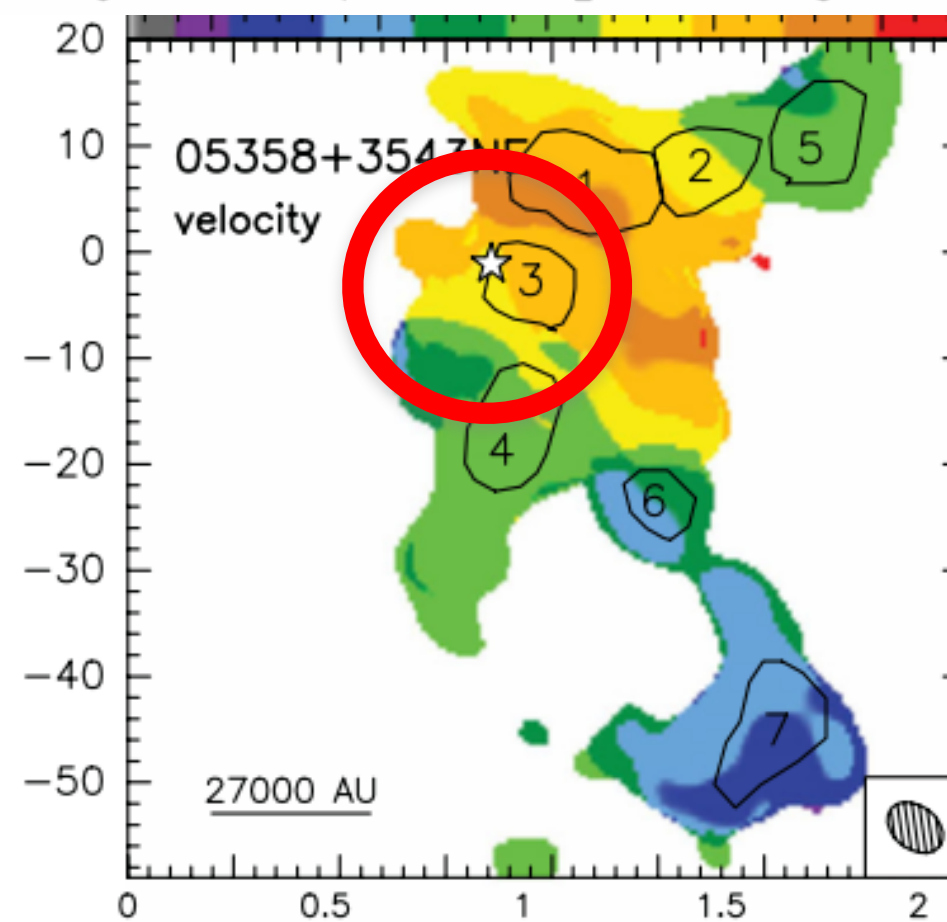
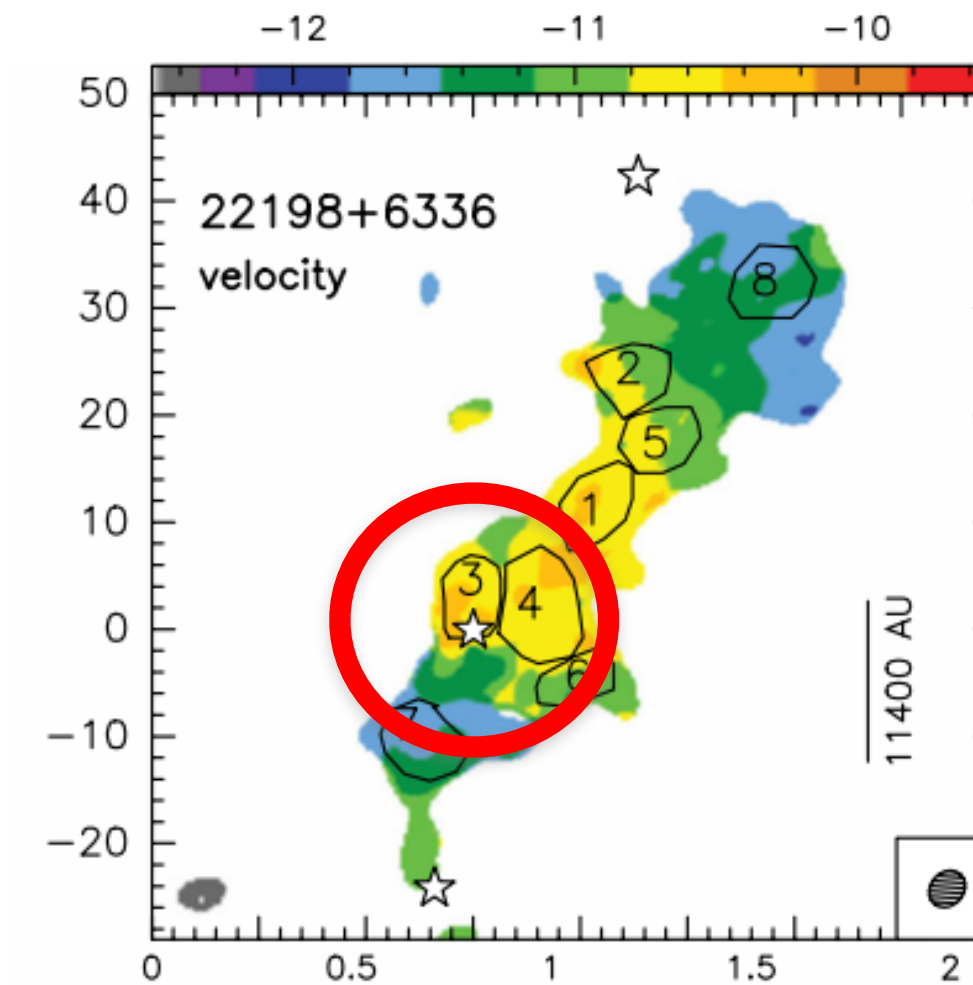


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moment 1 maps: velocity gradients

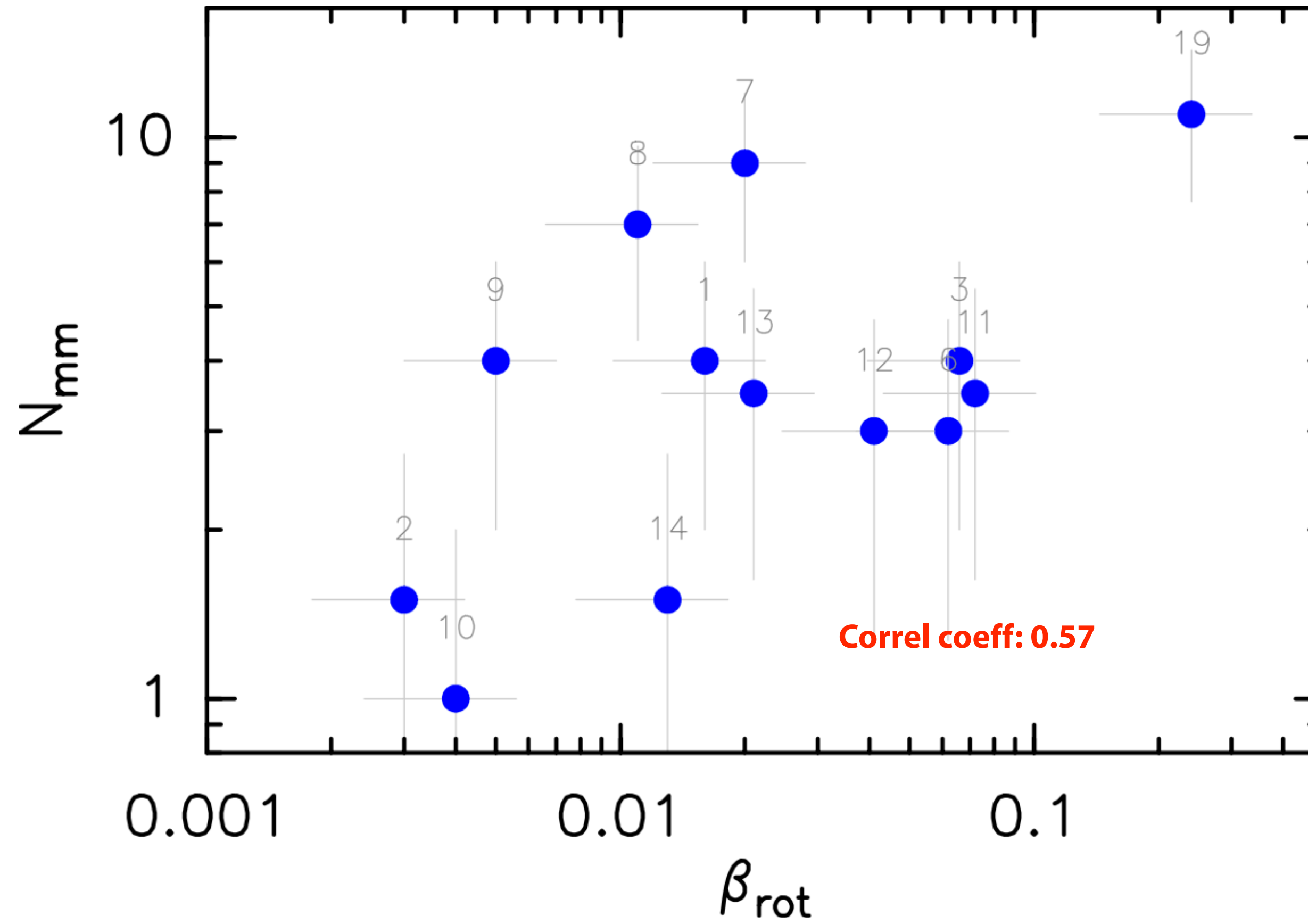


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No correlation between fragmentation level and rotation:

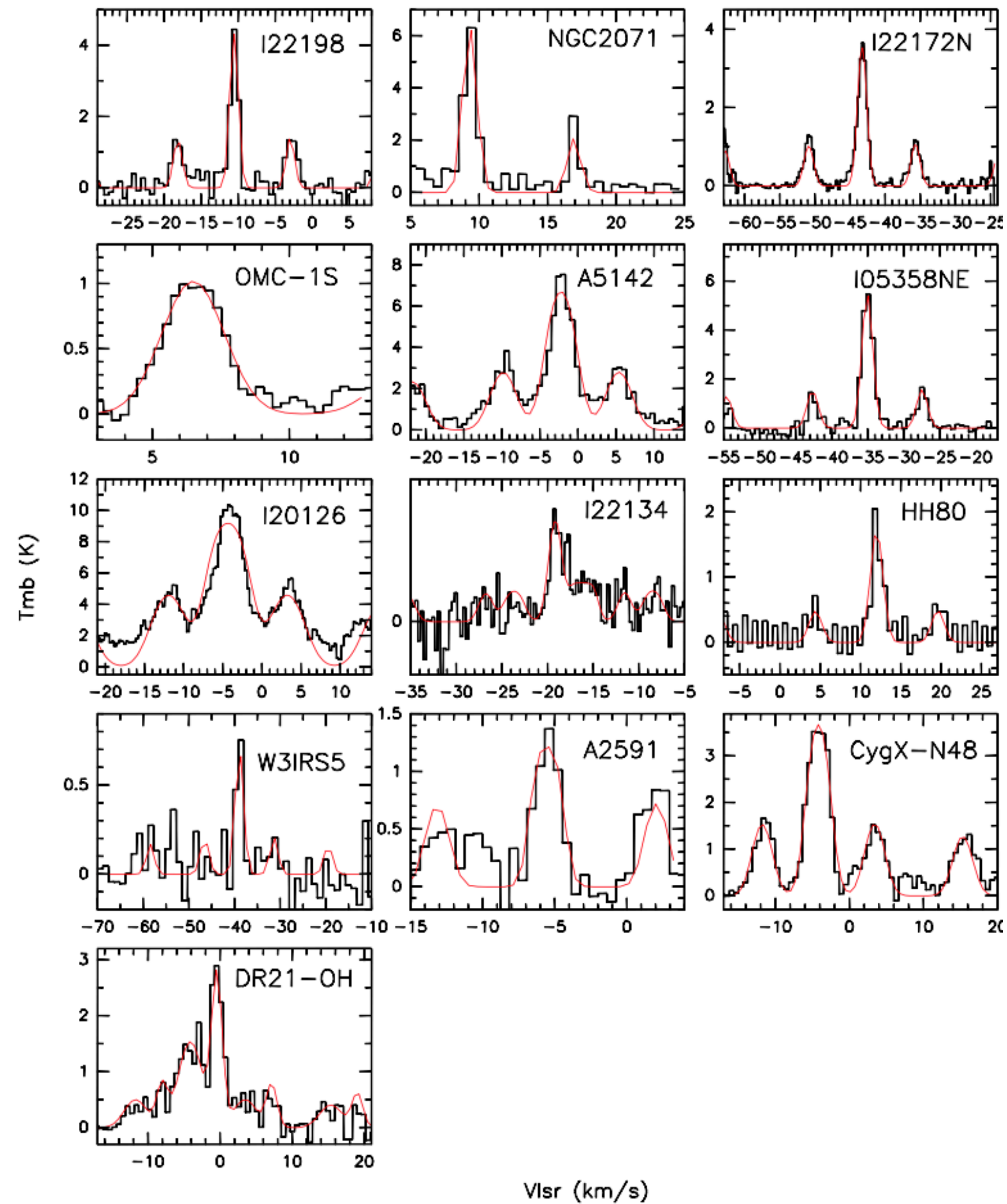
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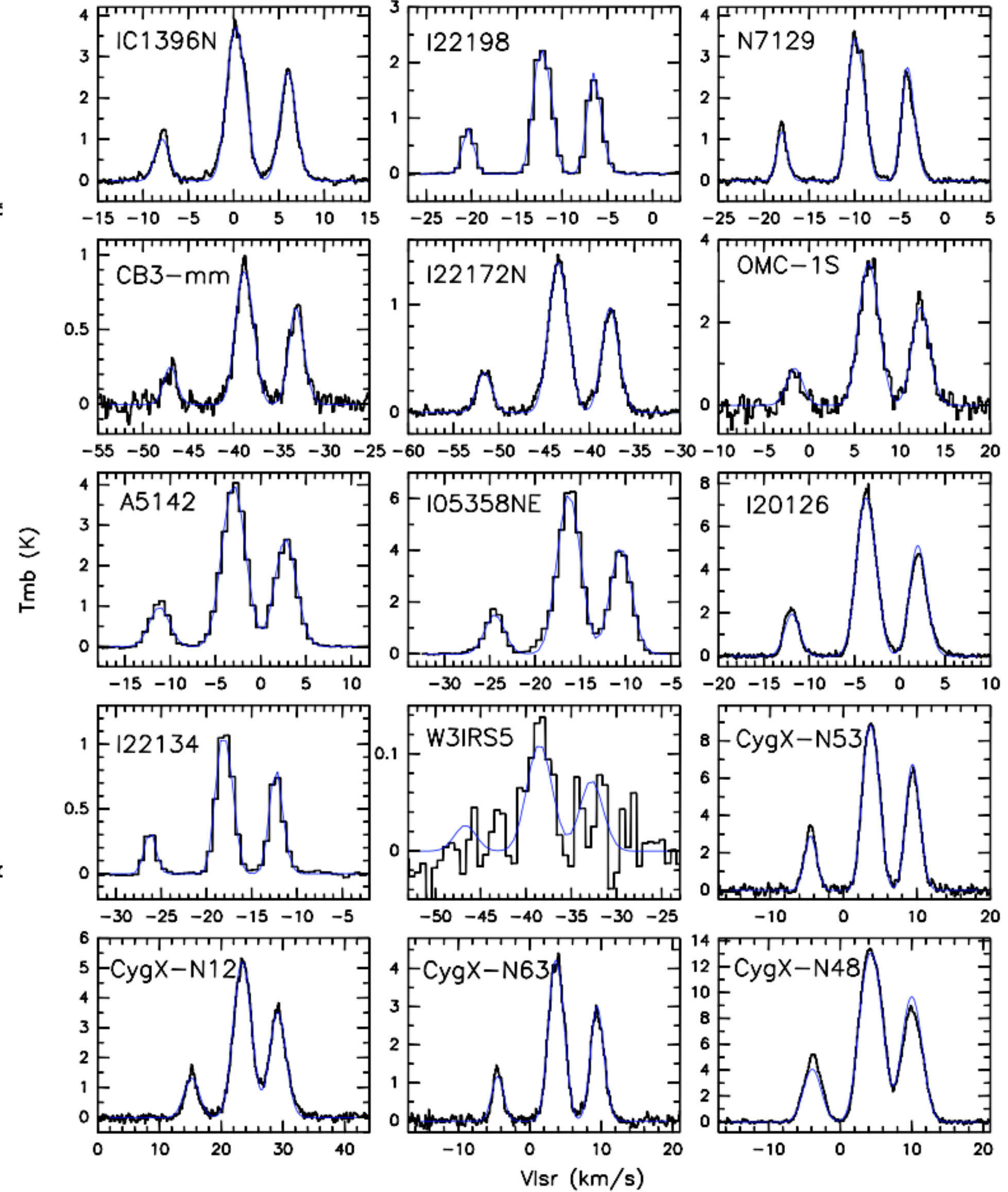
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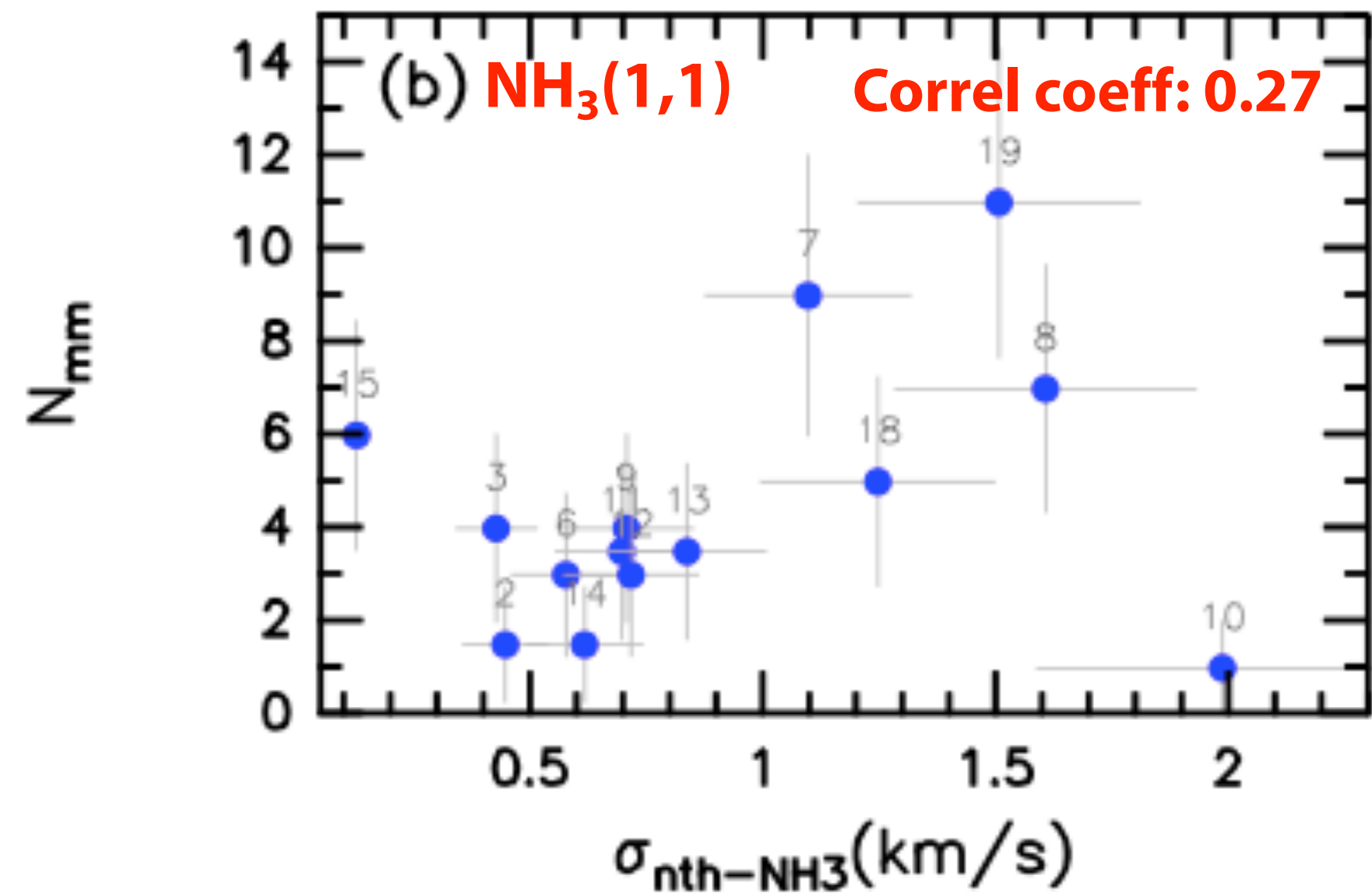
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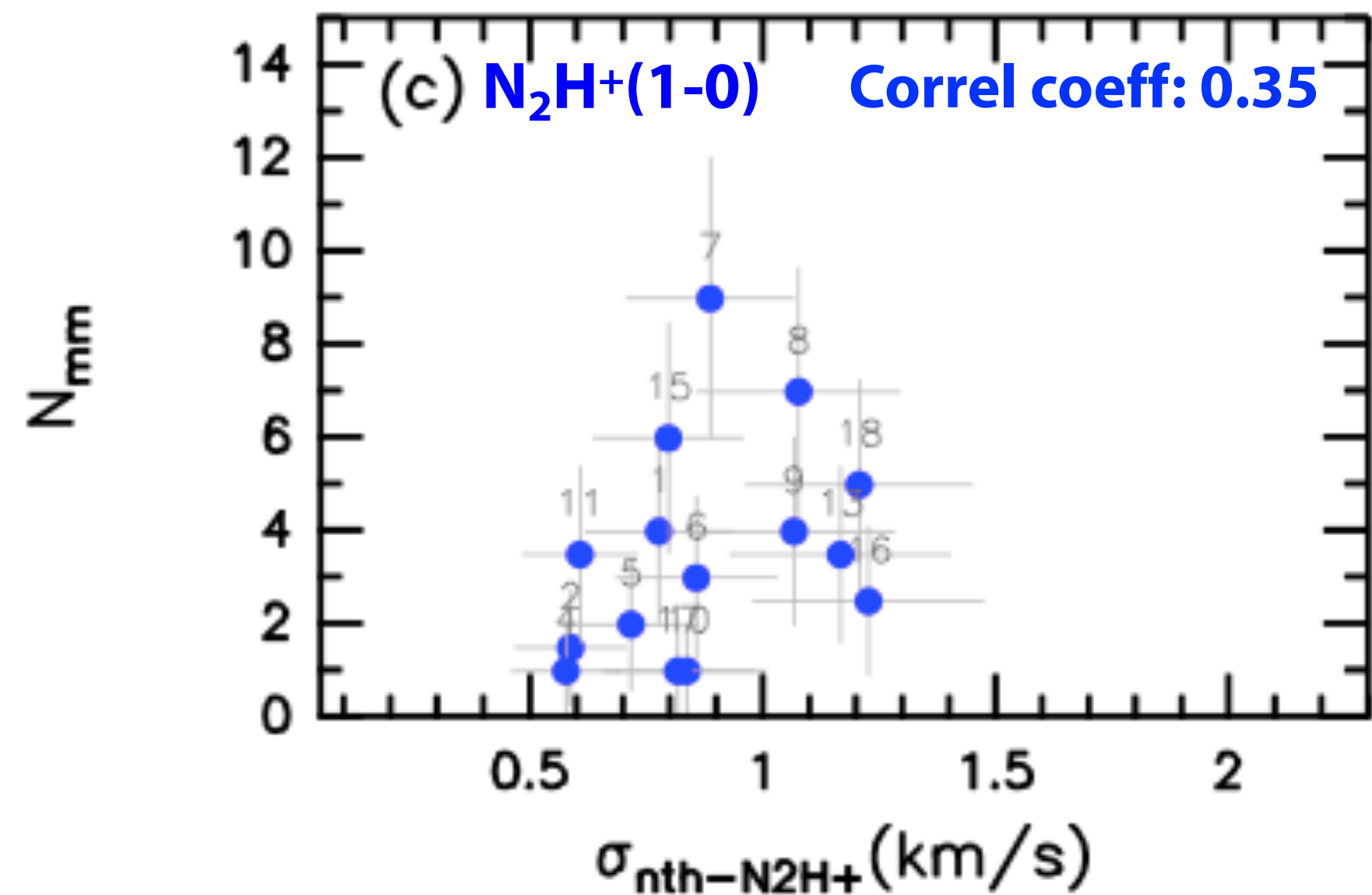


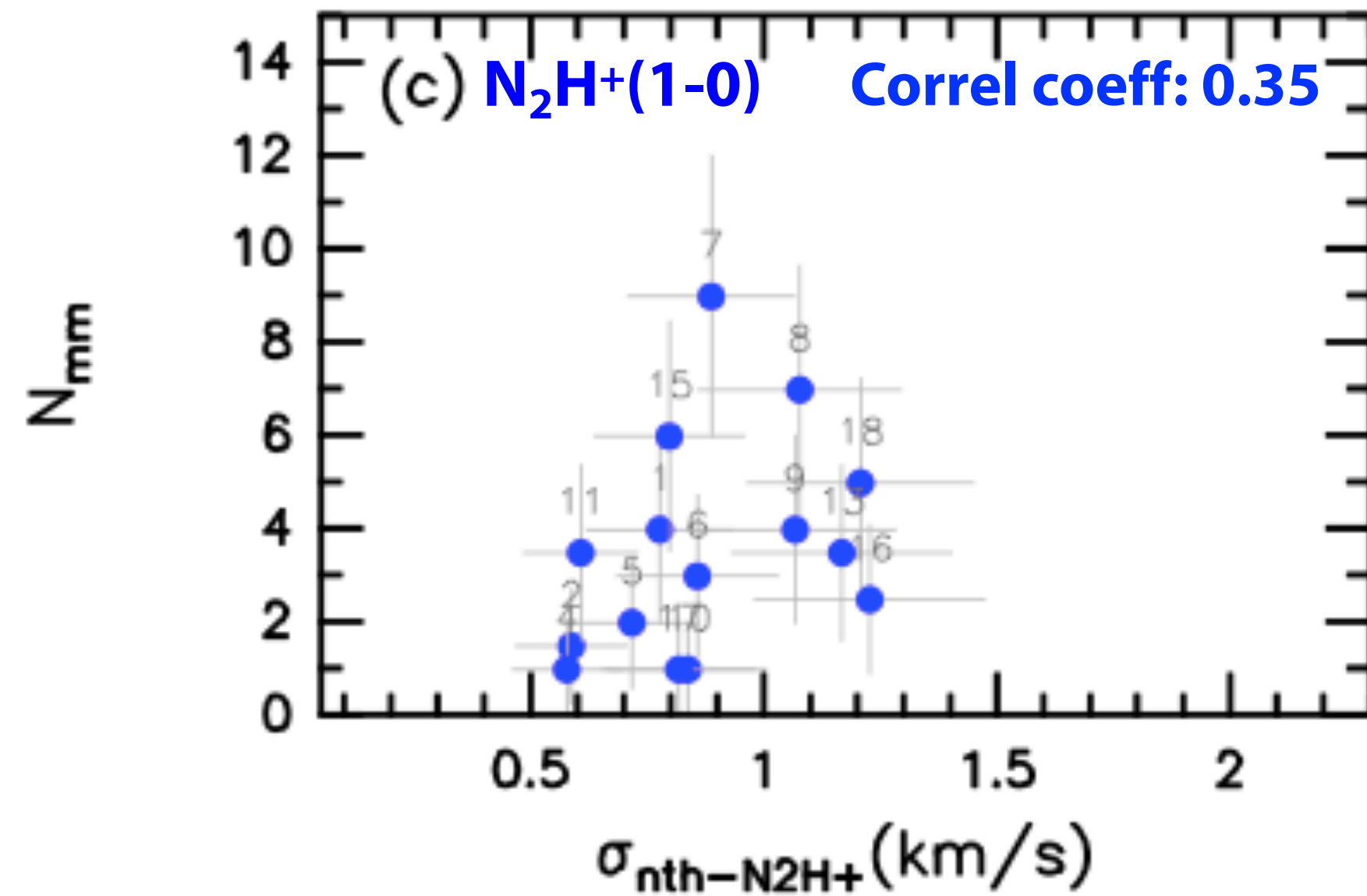
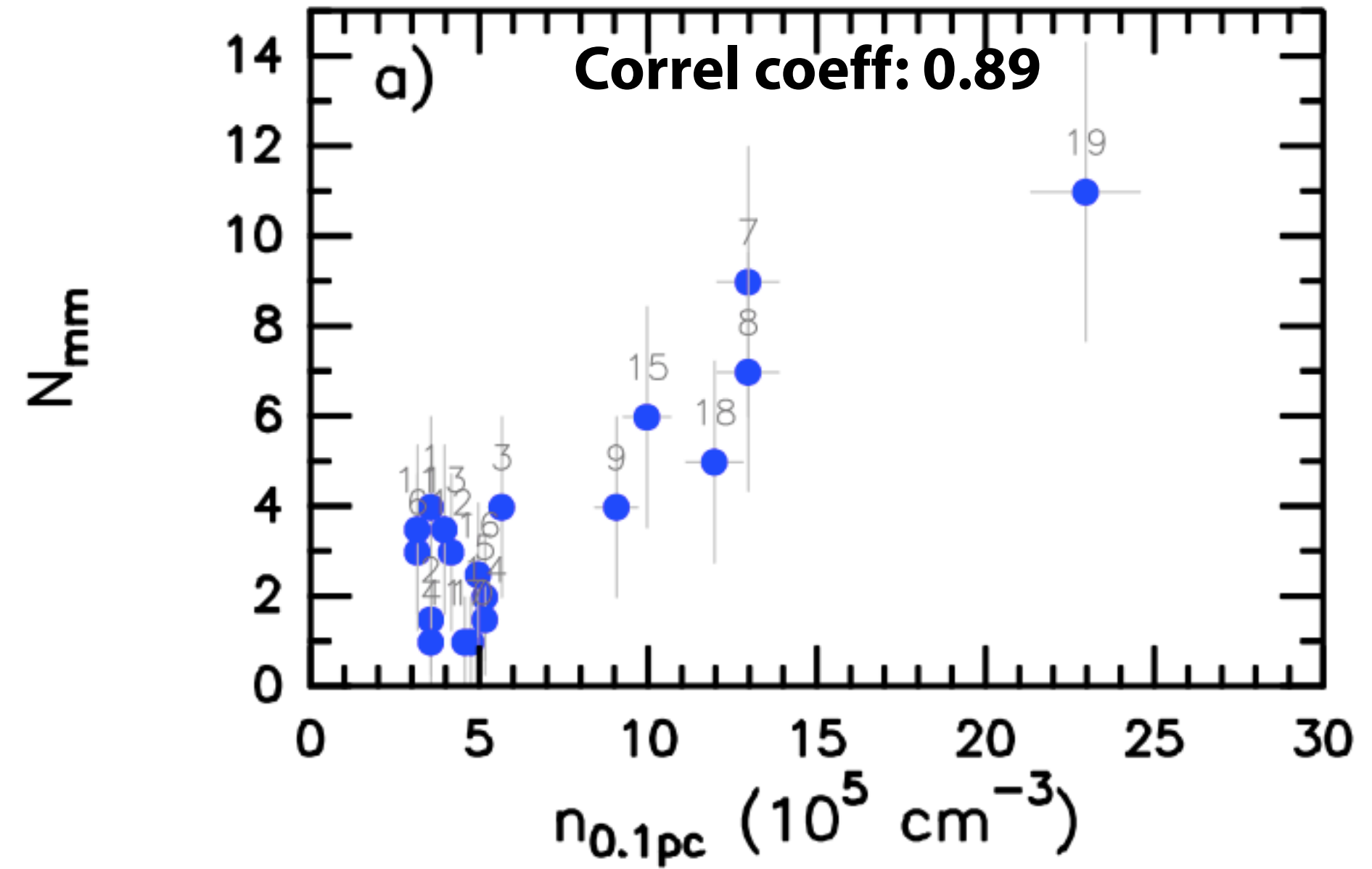
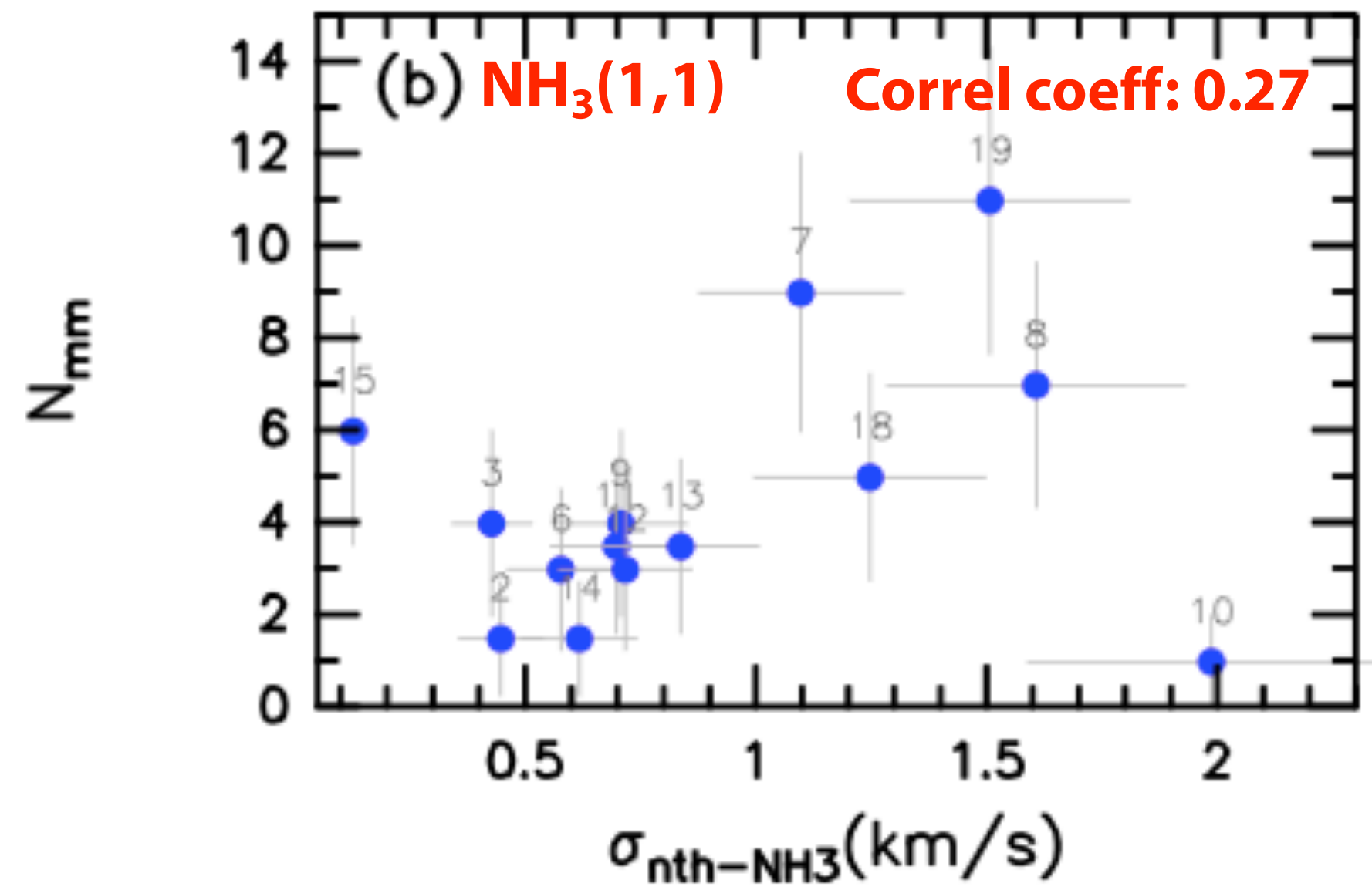
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also found by Fontani+18

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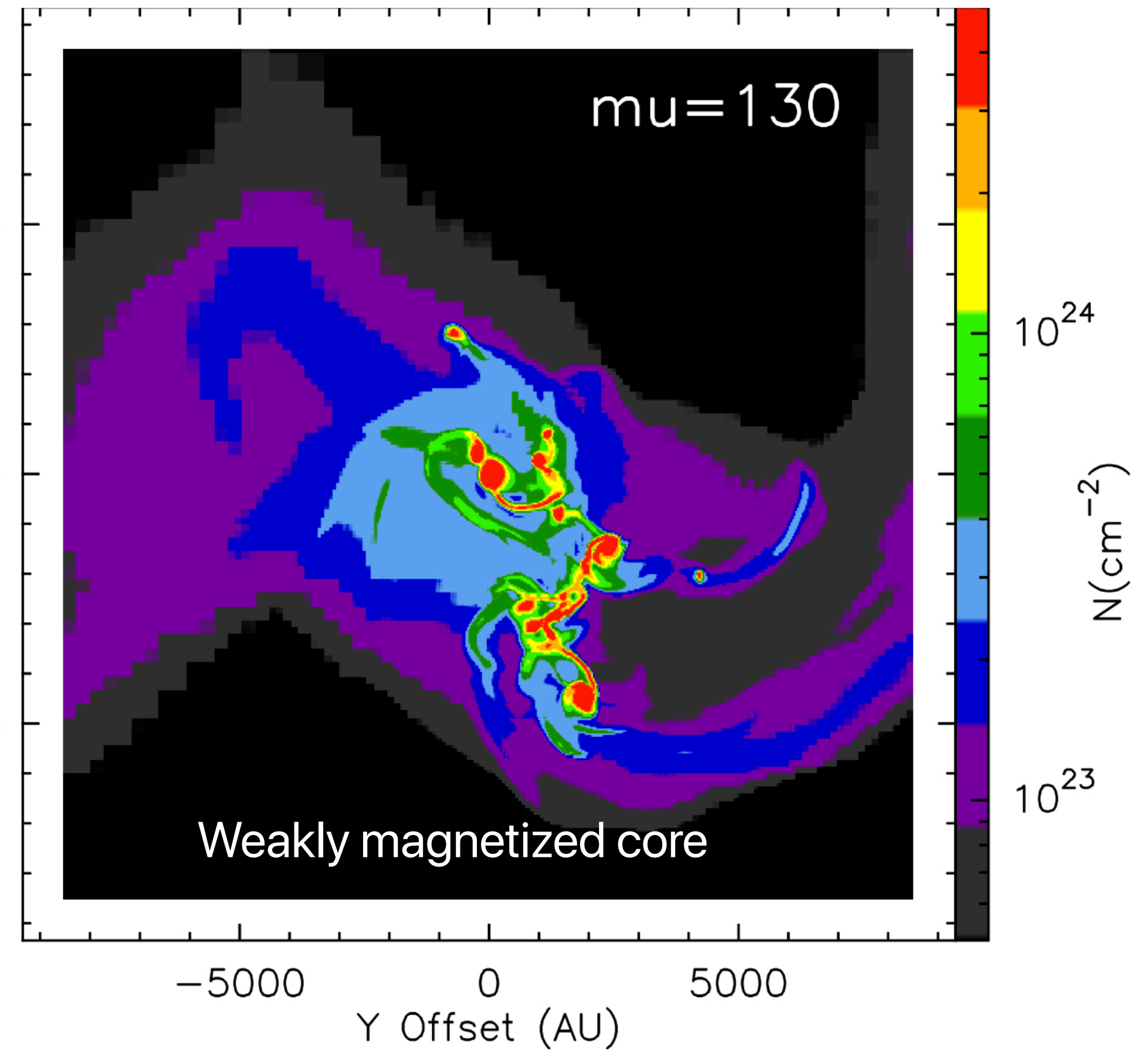
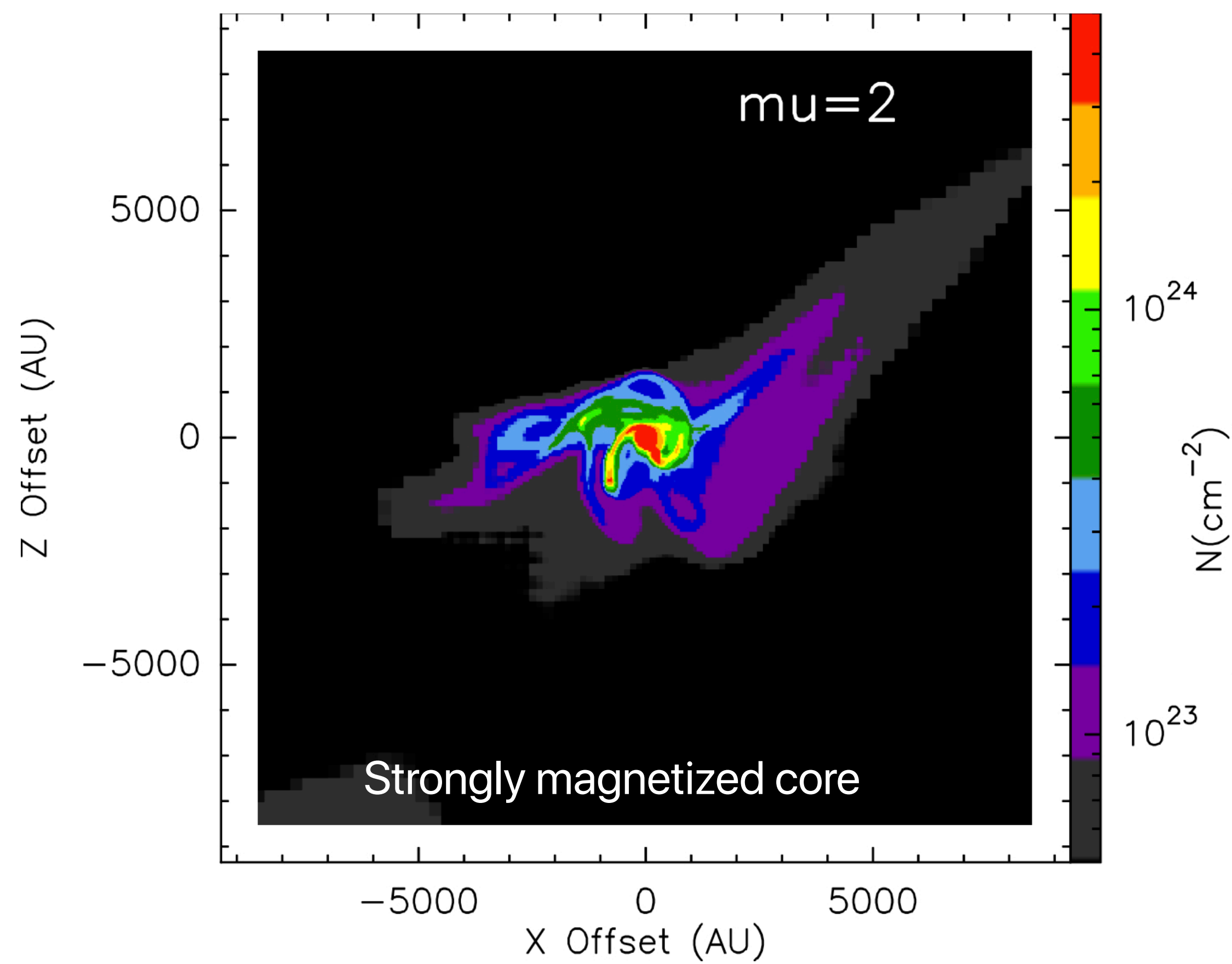


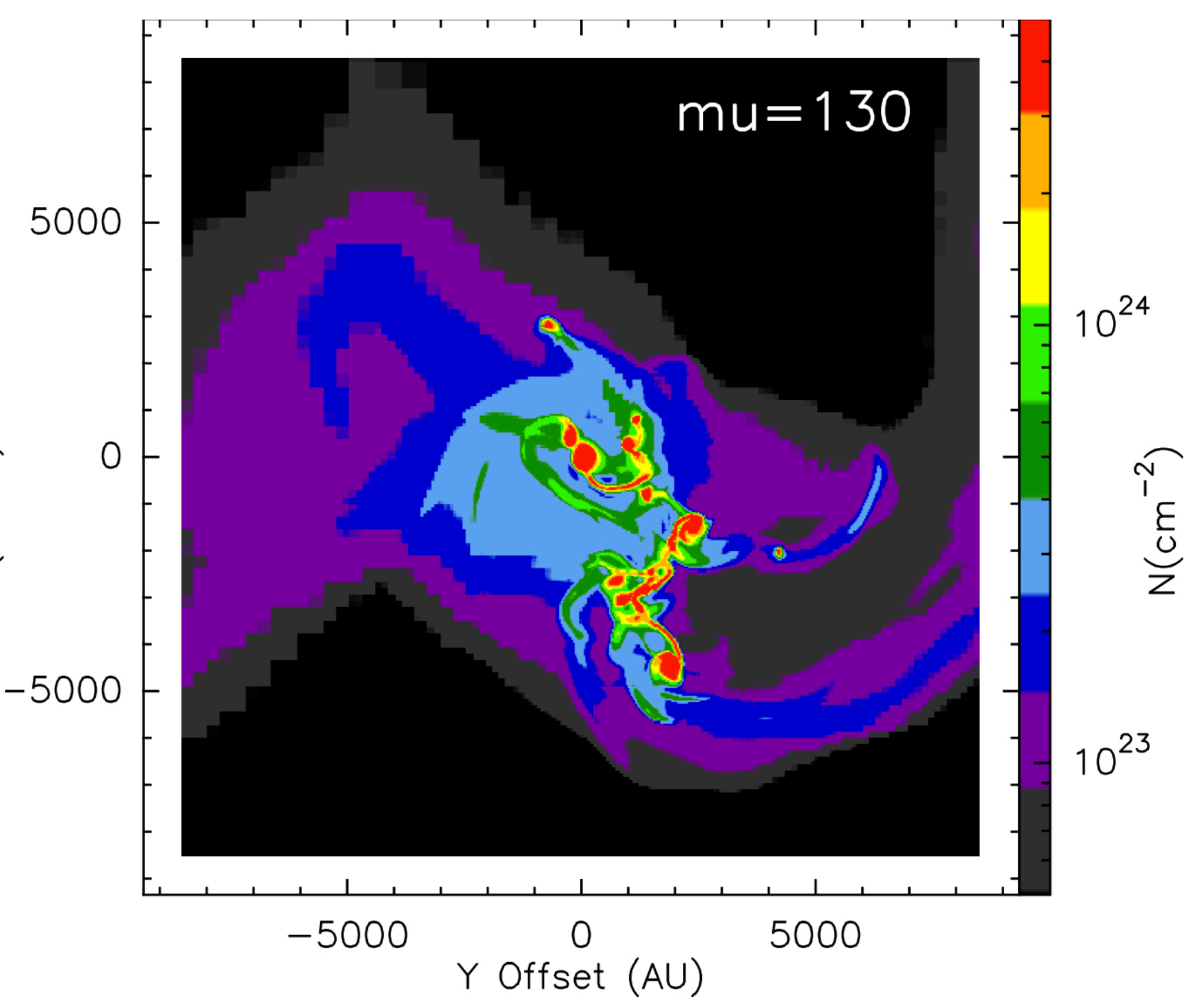
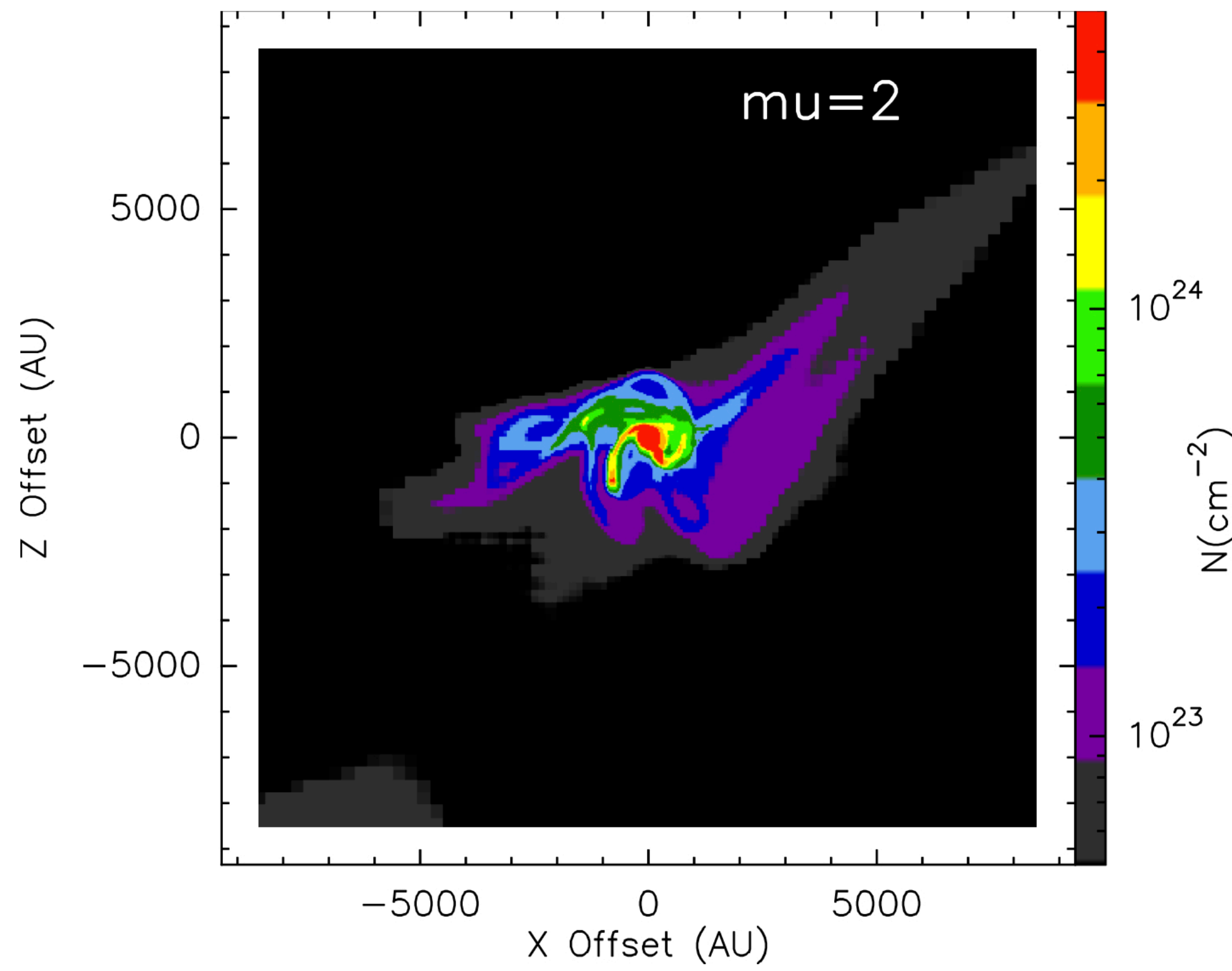
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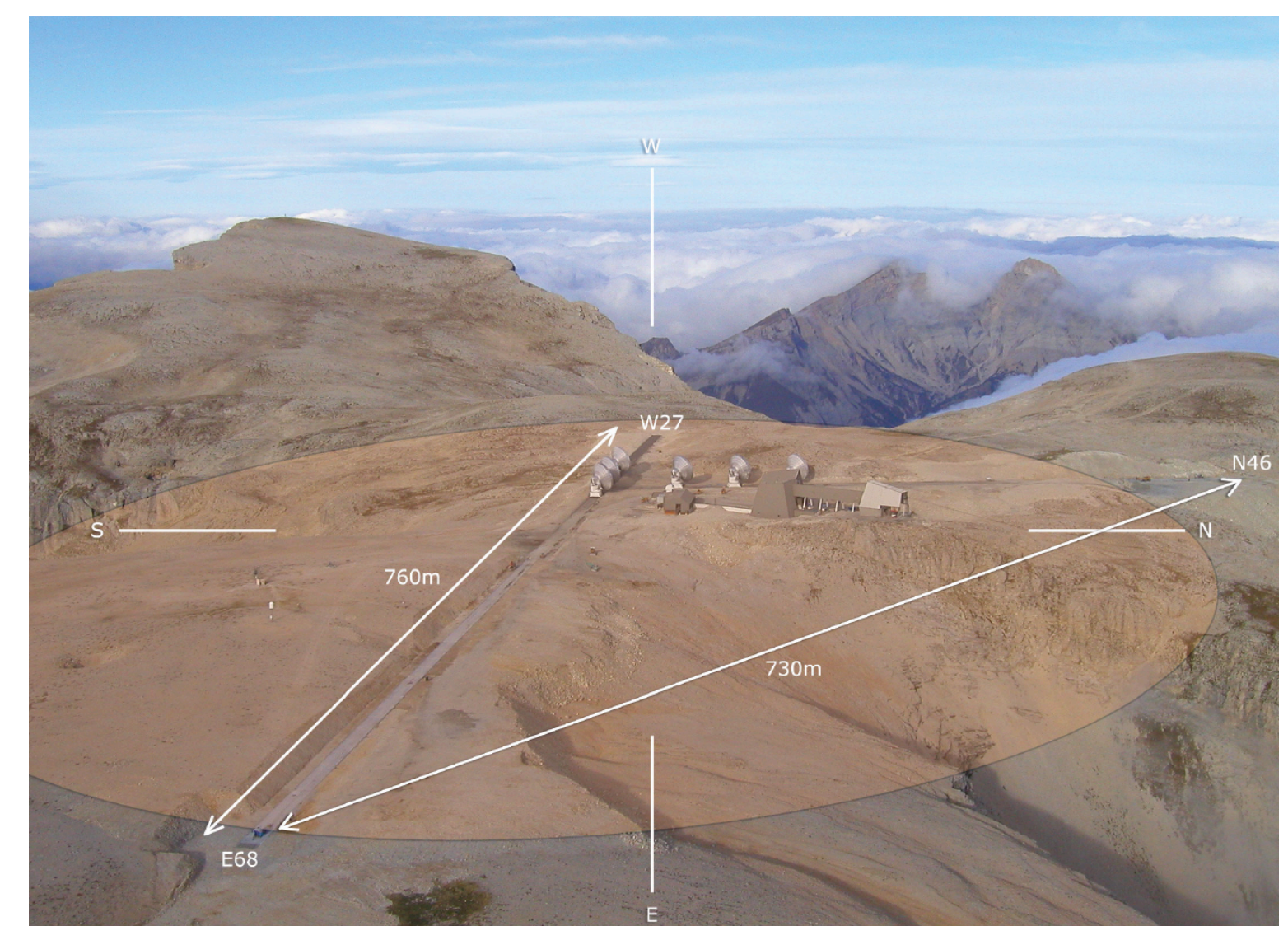
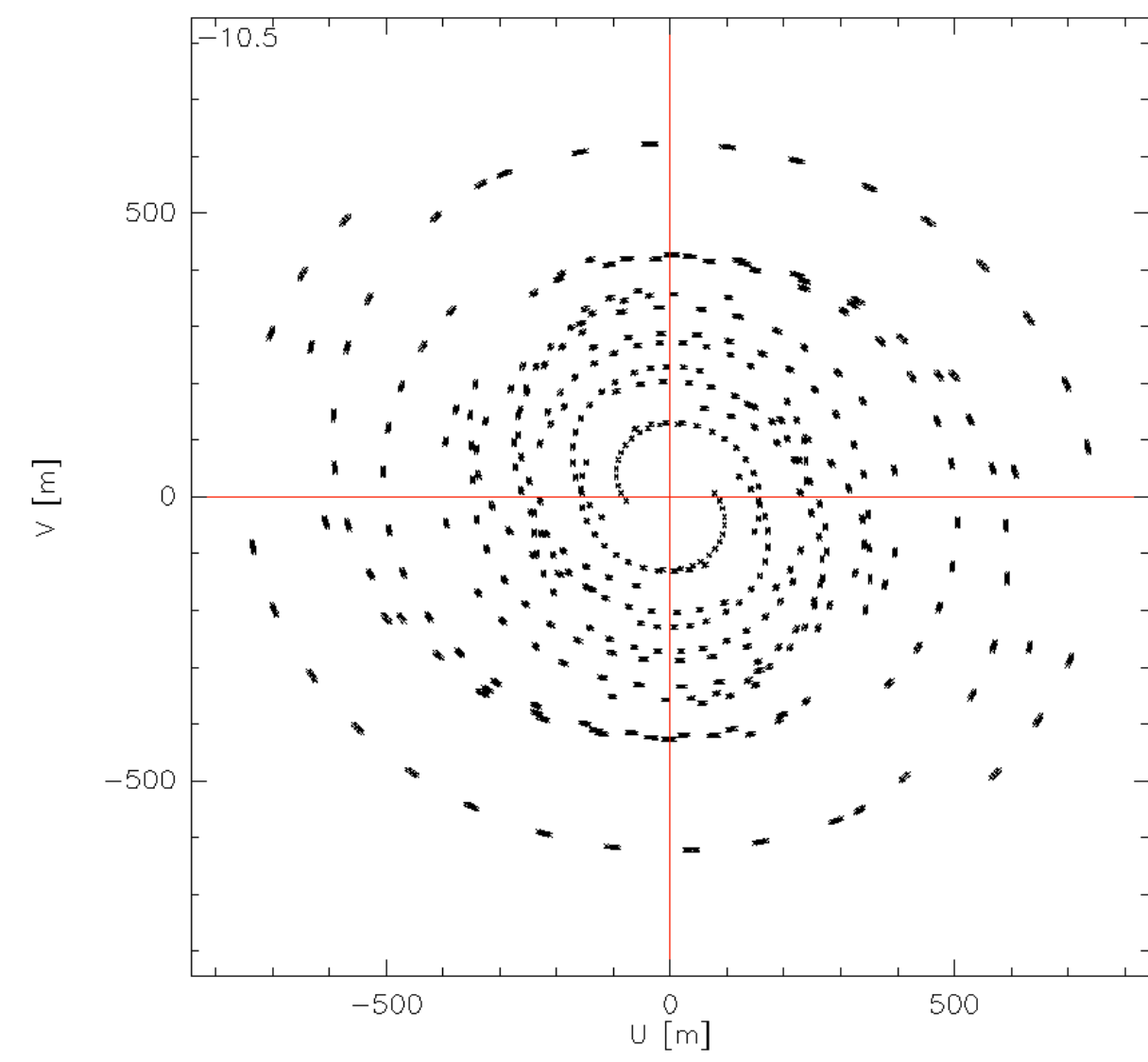
Magnetic field: MHD simulations including radiation transport

Commerçon et al. 2011, after Hennebelle et al. 2011

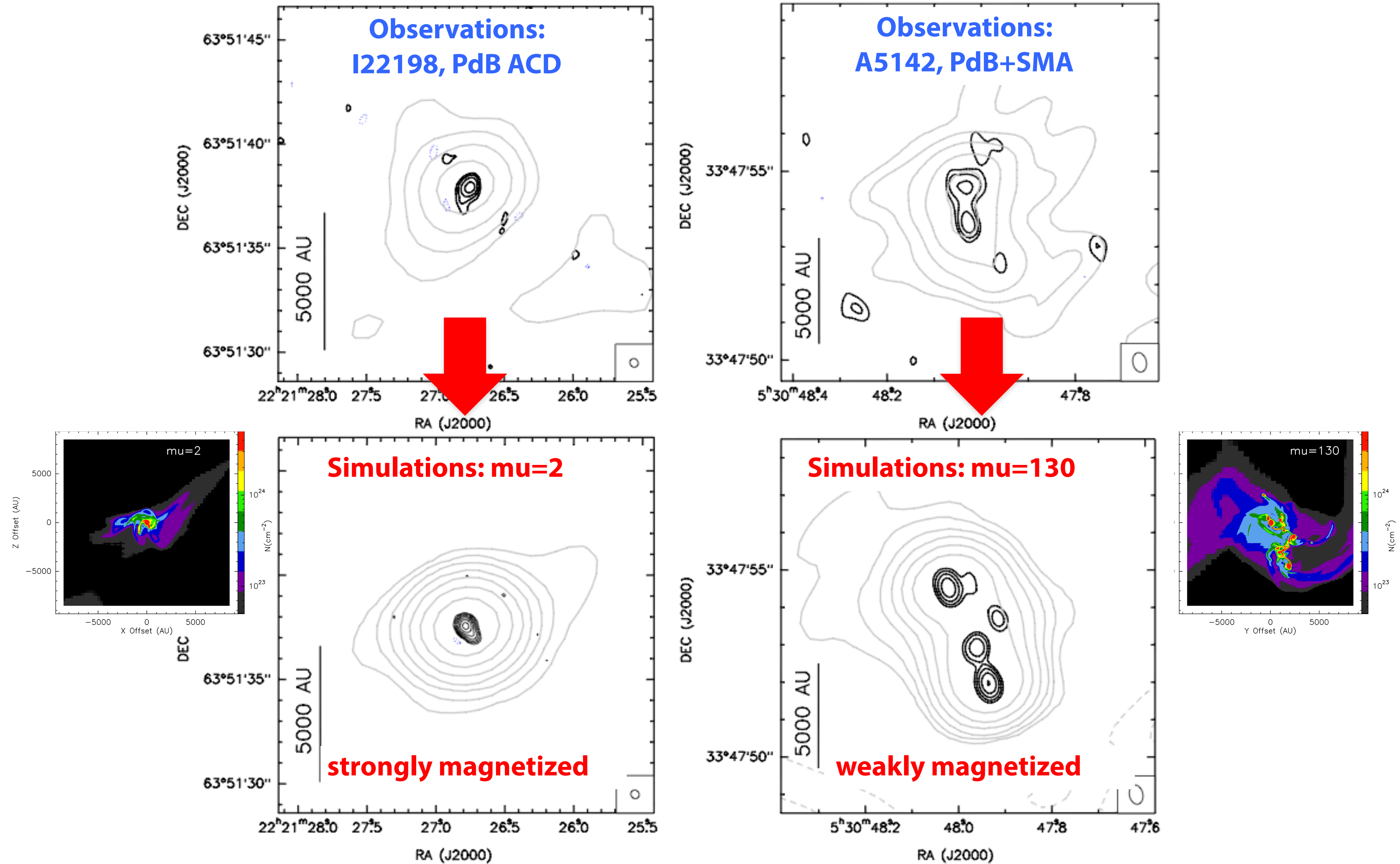




**Convolution with
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Compare fragmentation level (Palau et al. 2013)



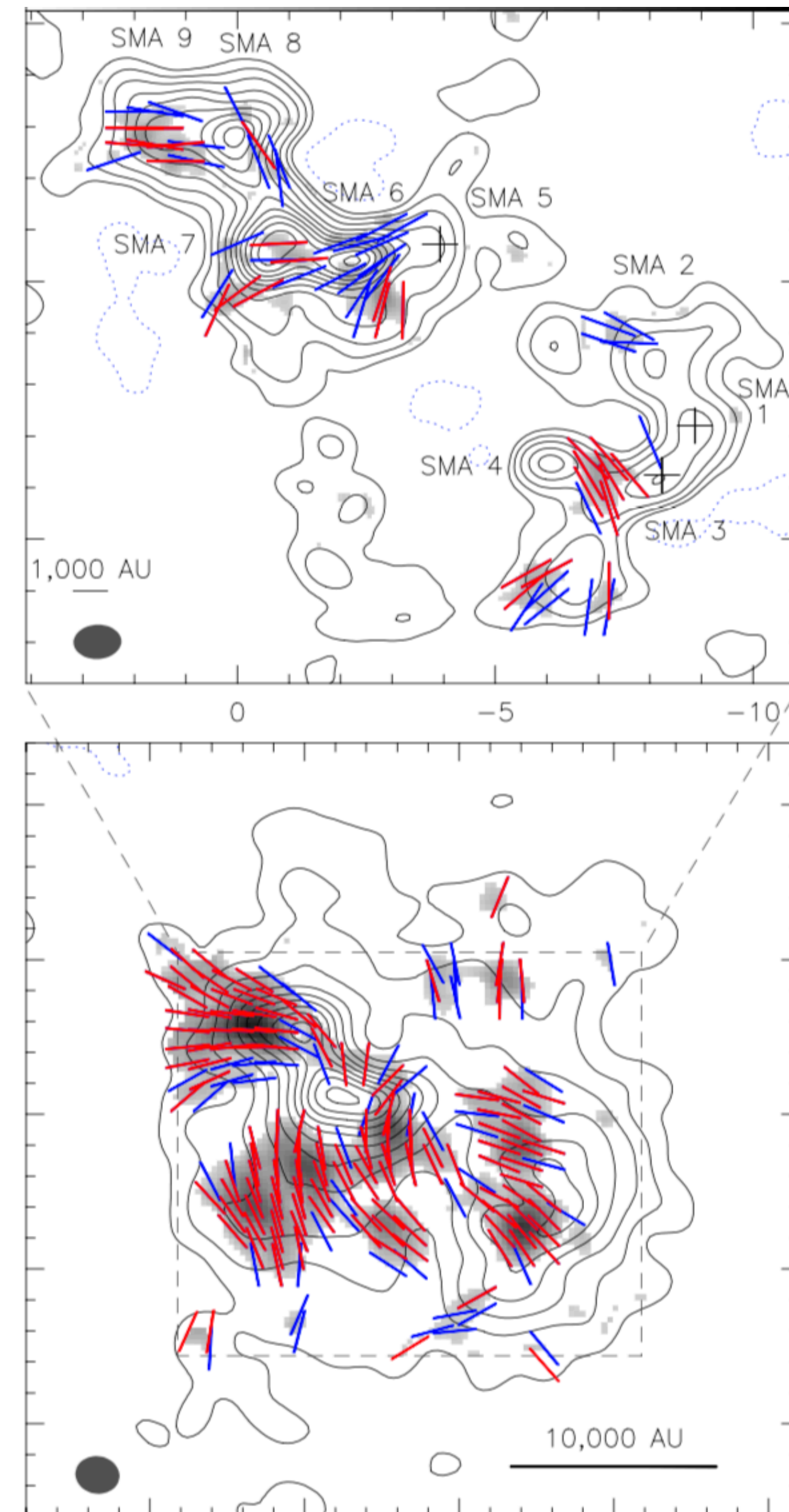
Consistent with Fontani et al. 2016, ALMA data

Magnetic field: what do observations tell us?



SMA Legacy (PI: Qizhou Zhang, Harvard-Smithsonian CfA)

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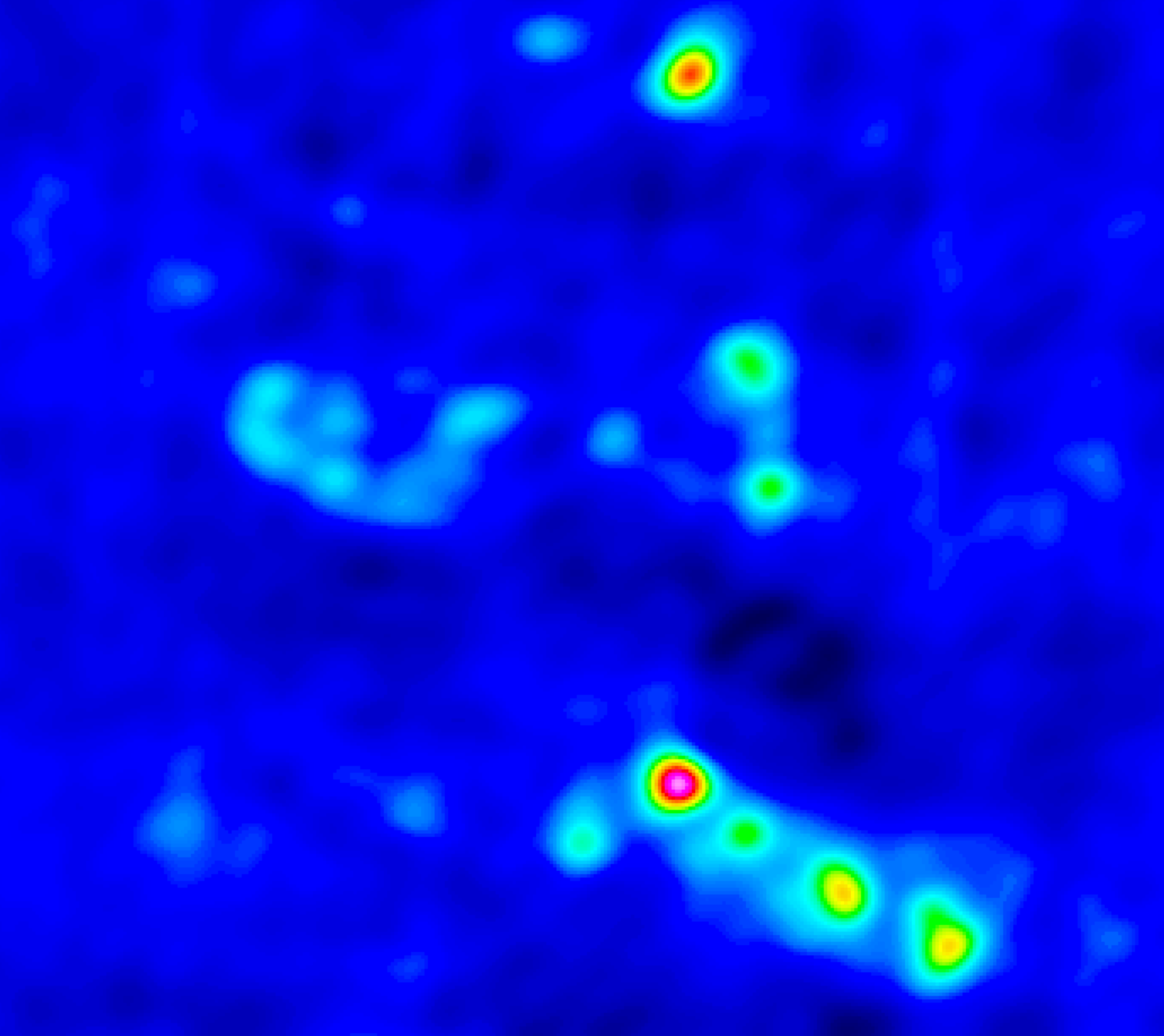
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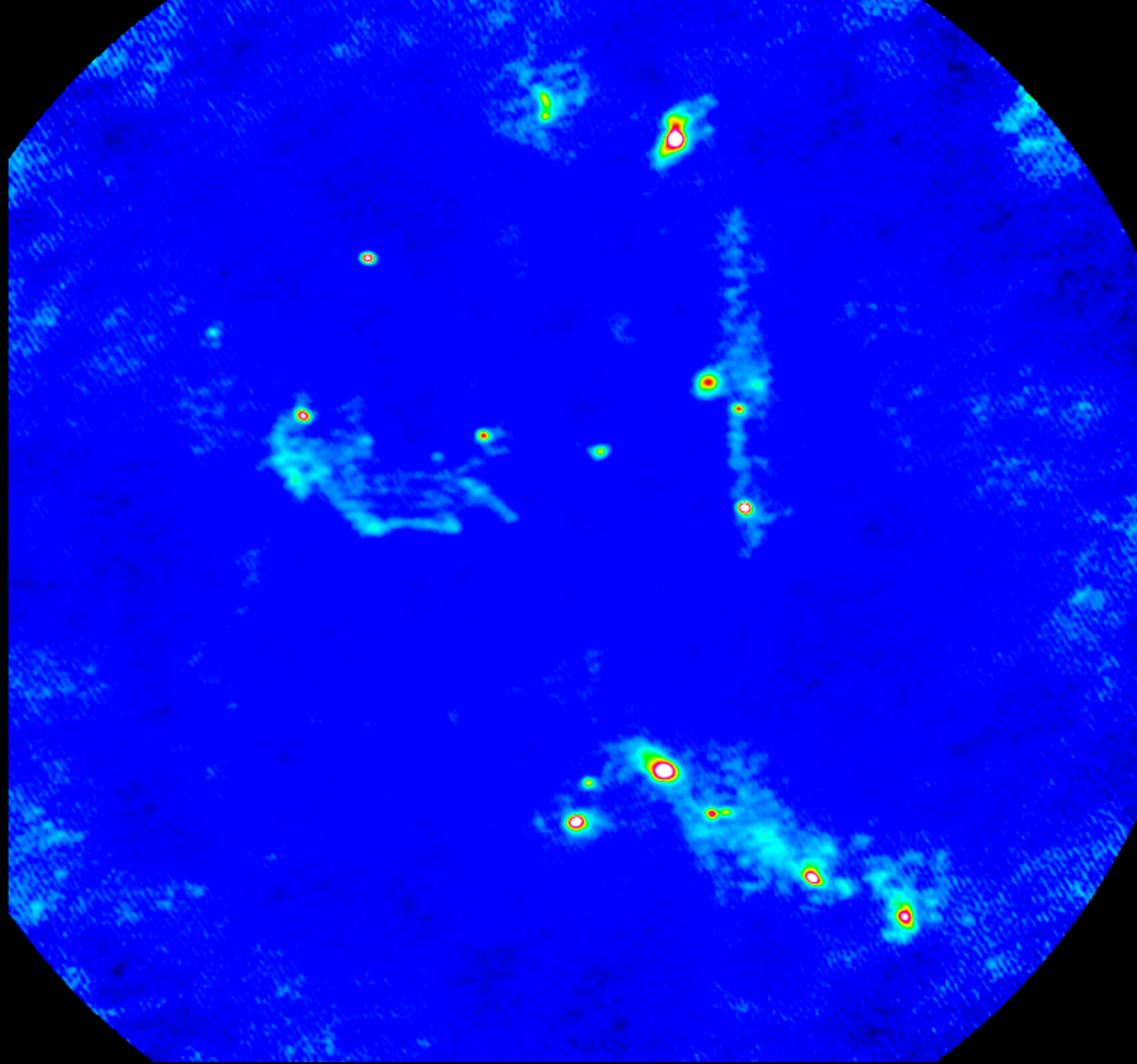
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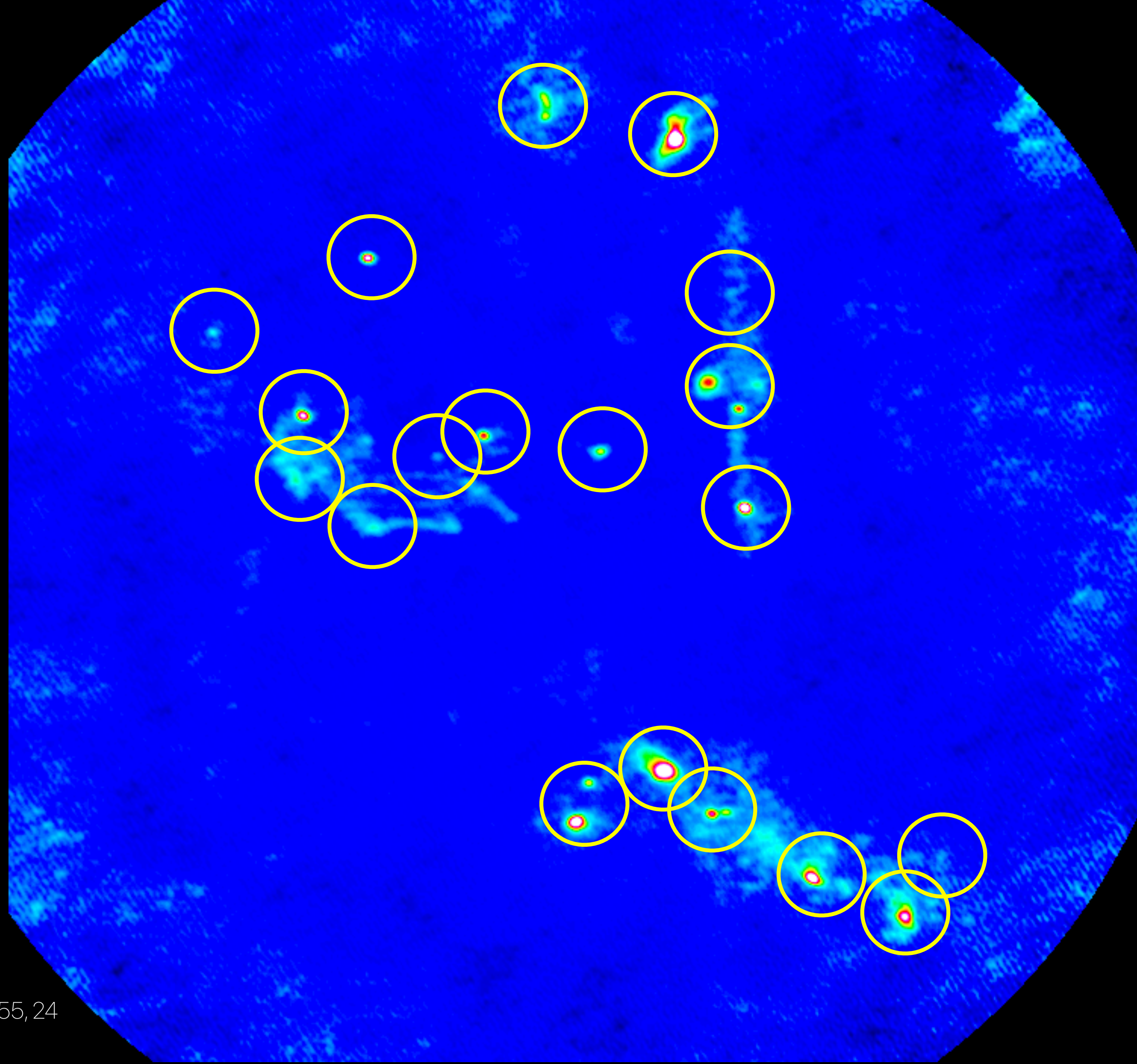
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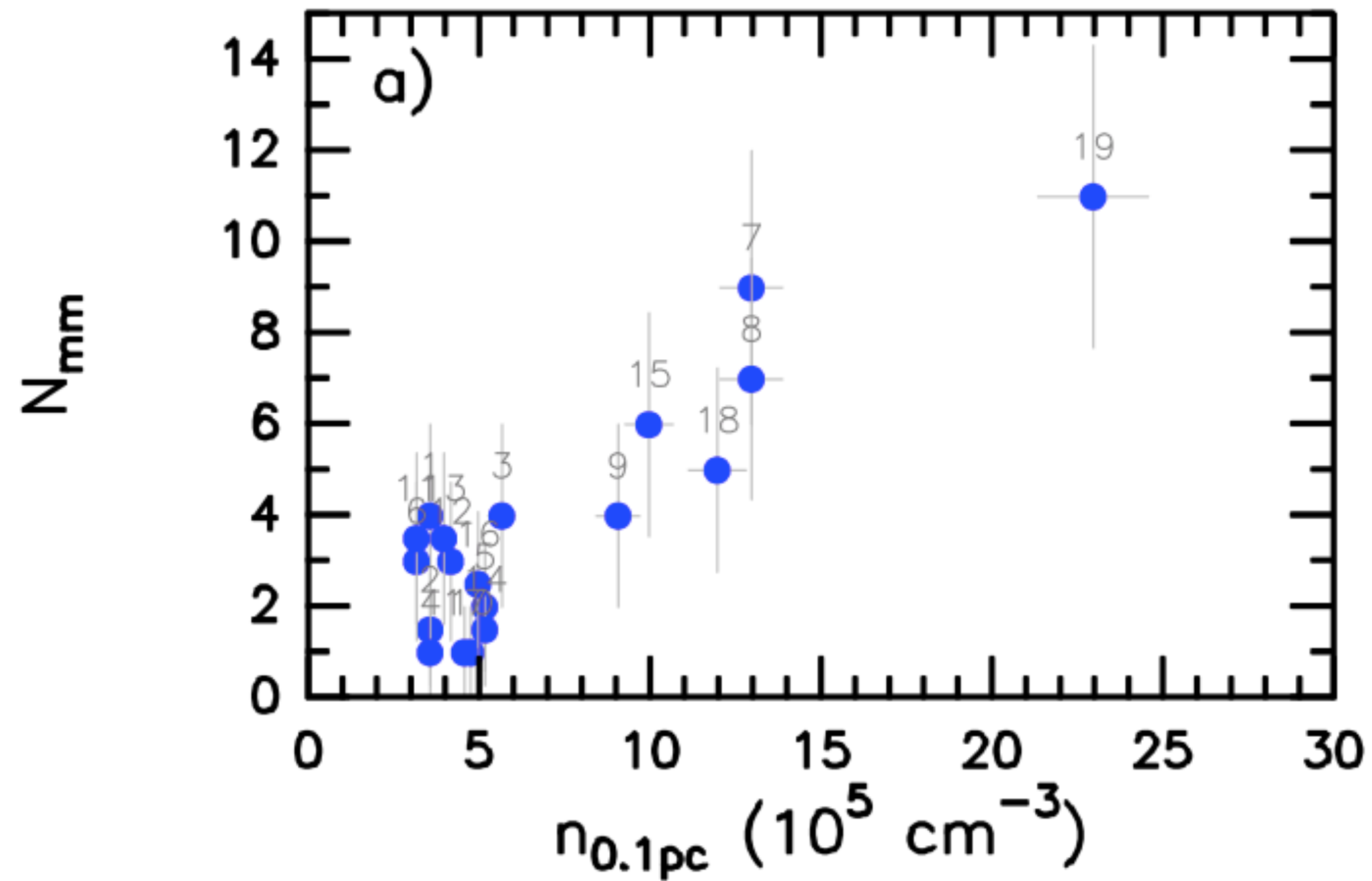
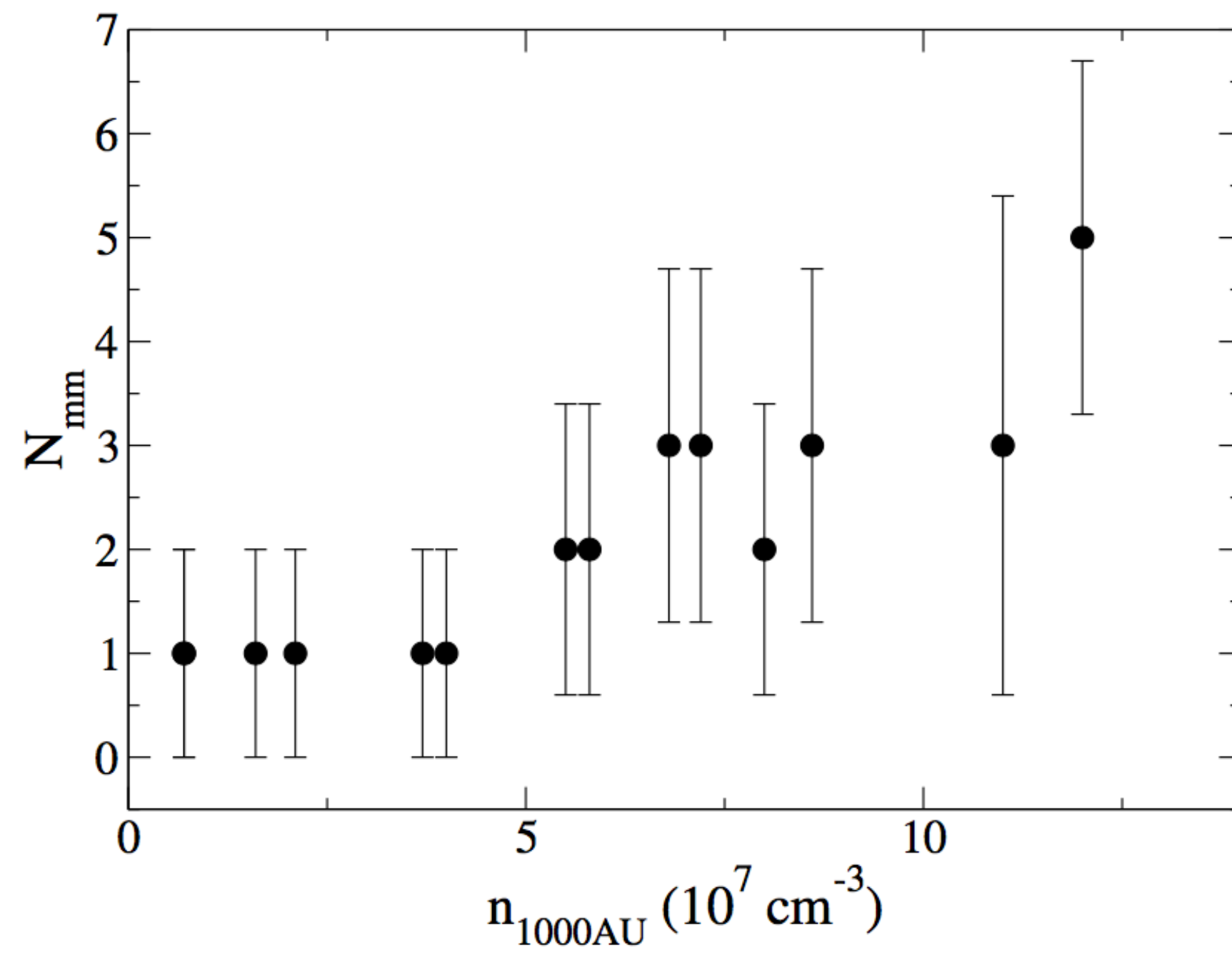






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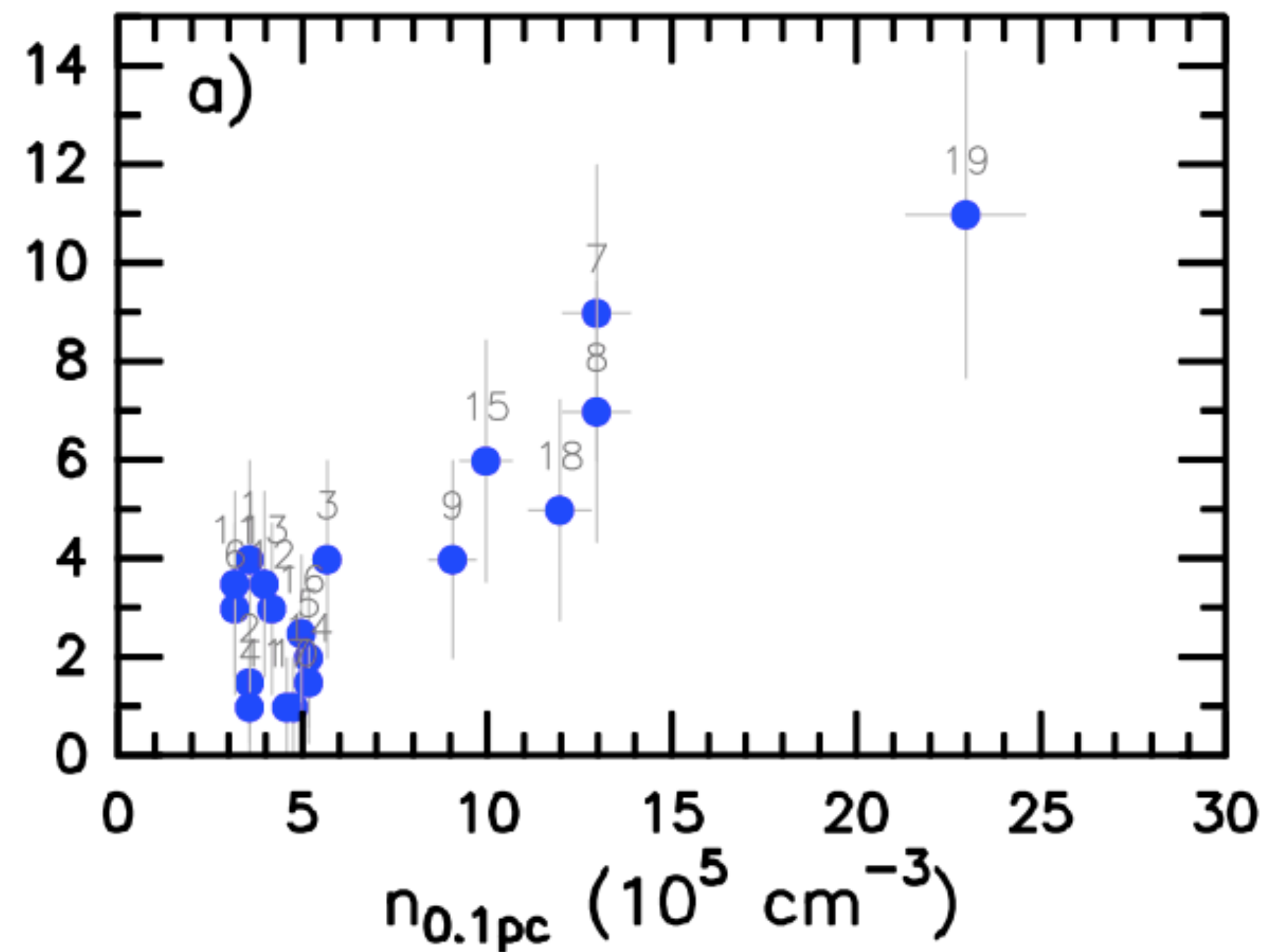
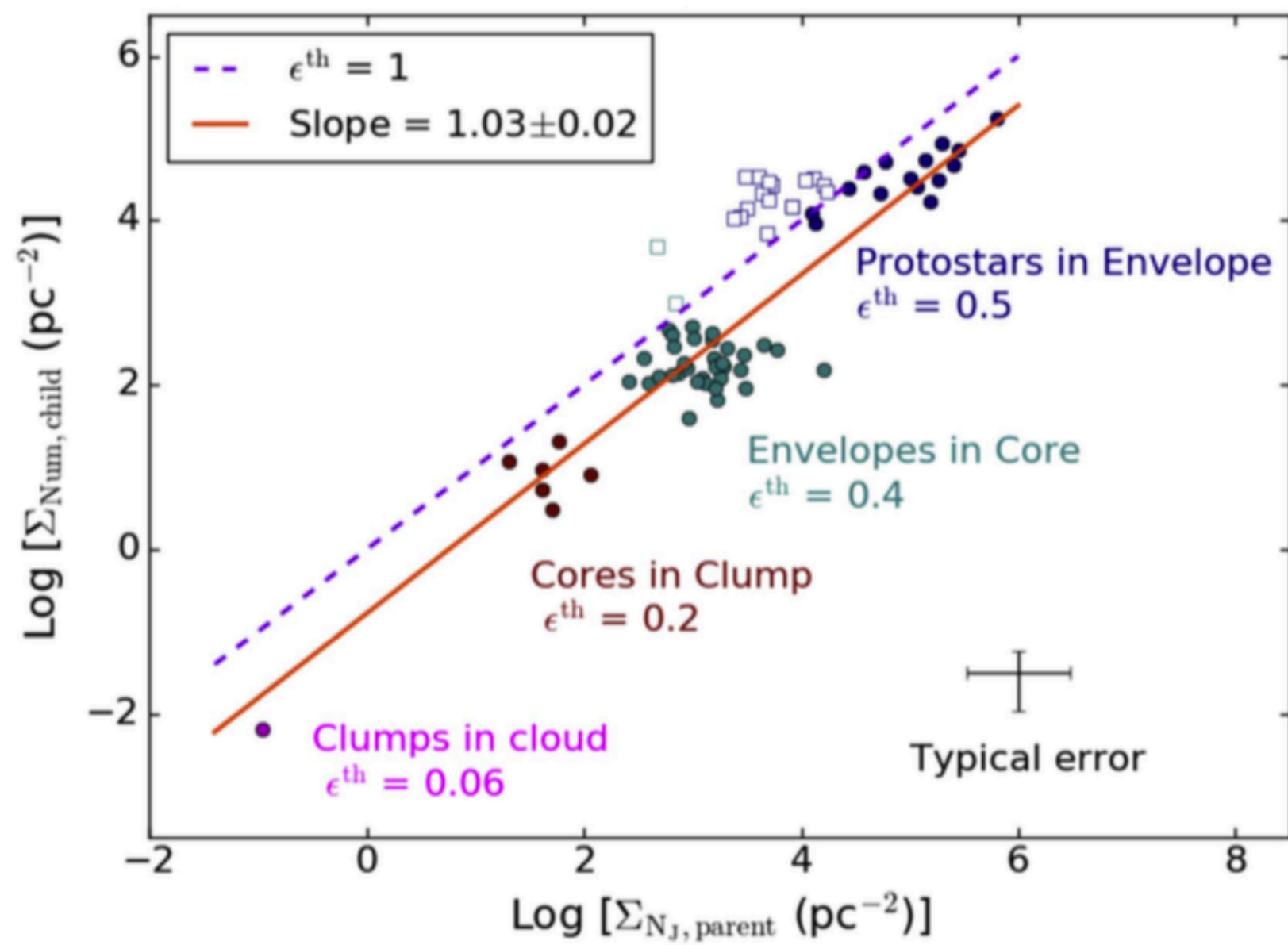
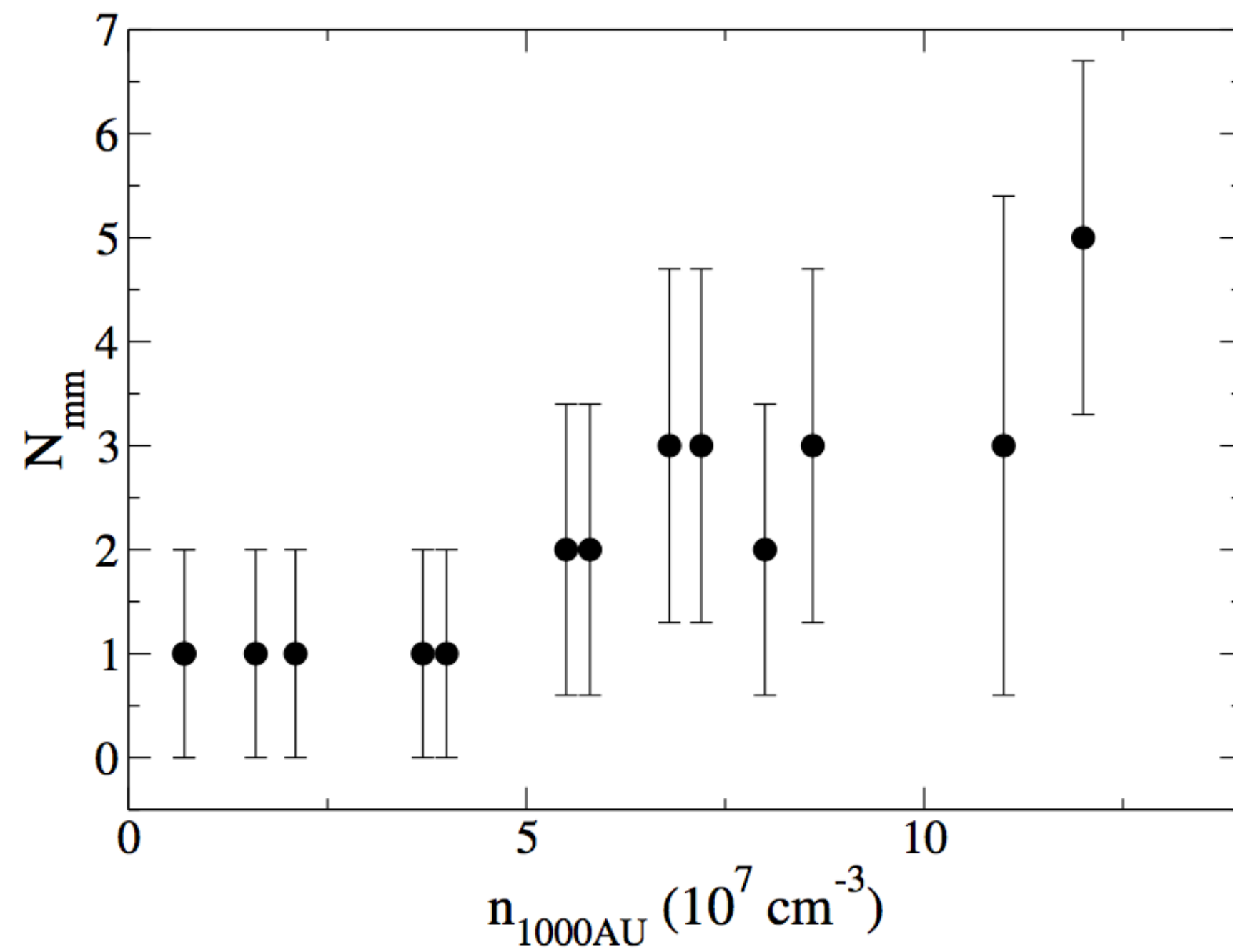
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ALMA data: same conclusions at 0.001 pc as for 0.01 pc

Thanks

Masses of fragments: 75 fragments in 19 massive dense cores

