

Formation and Development of Molecular Clouds  
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# The earliest phases of OB star formation revealed by the Herschel key program HOBYS

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# HOBYS cheat sheet

- Main questions:
  - What mechanisms form OB stars, and on which timescales?
  - What are the direct precursors of high-mass stars?
  - What are the (initial) conditions (density, temperature, kinematics...) within clouds/filaments forming OB stars?
  - What is the effect of feedback on the star formation activity?
- Method: Unbiased survey of cloud complexes forming OB stars/well-behaved HII regions within 3kpc with Herschel
- Goals:
  - Statistically significant sample of high-mass YSOs: ca. 250 expected – enough to study mass range up to  $20 M_{\odot}$
  - Characterize their immediate and large-scale environment
- People: Motte, Zavagno, Bontemps et al./SPIRE consortium SAG3

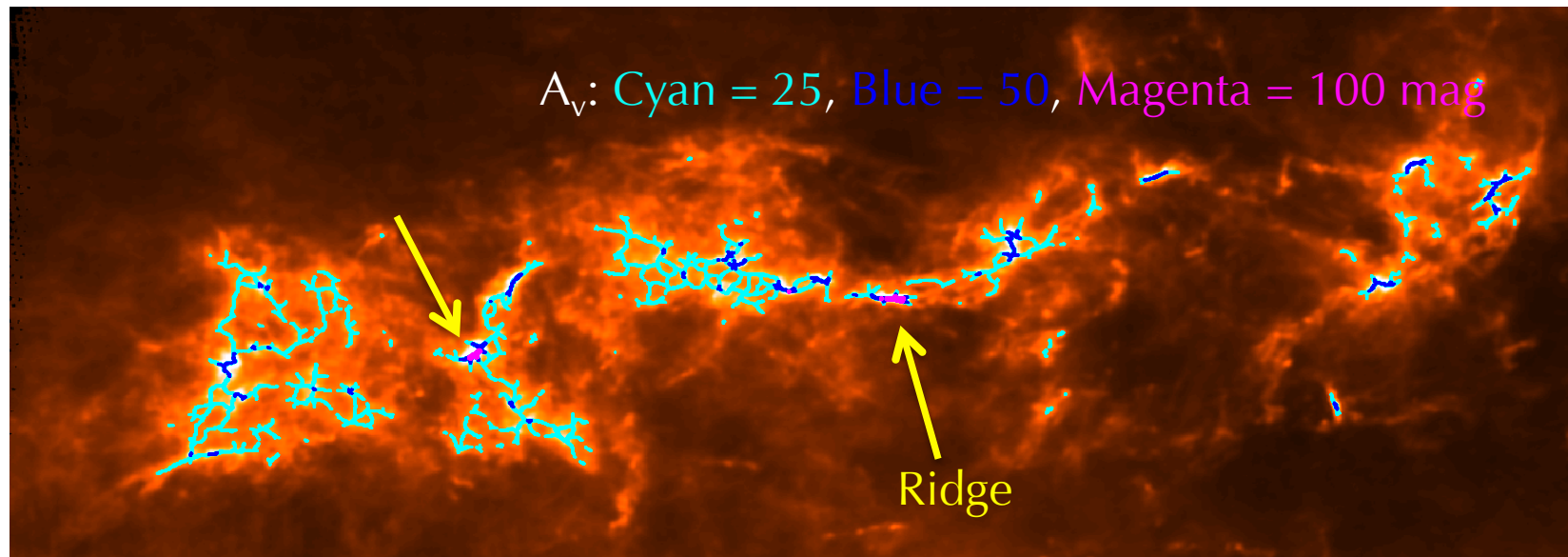
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Near-IR extinction map of the Galaxy  
by S. Bontemps

# (Some) HOBYS first results

- Properties of clumps, massive dense cores, and protostars in Rosette (Di Francesco+ 2010, Motte+ 2010, Hennemann+ 2010), W48 (Nguyen Luong+ 2011acc),...
- Large-scale structure and feedback in Vela C (Hill+ 2011), Rosette (Schneider+ 2010, 2011ip),...
- High-mass star-forming “ridges”: Example of Vela C

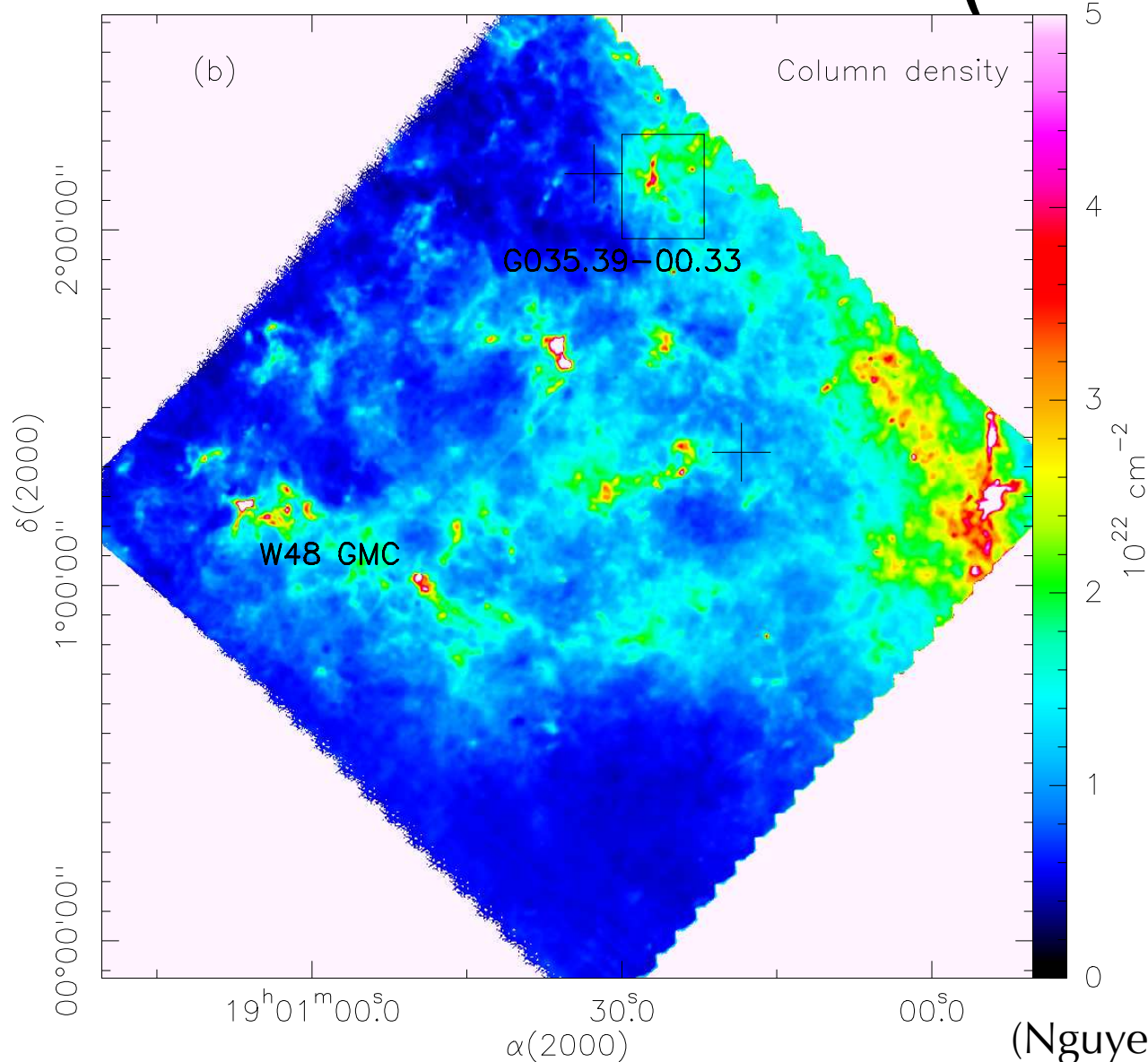


- Where will CCAT help?
  - Constrain submm emission on 0.1pc scale
  - Provide velocity information on 0.1pc scale

# Compact objects in HOBYS fields

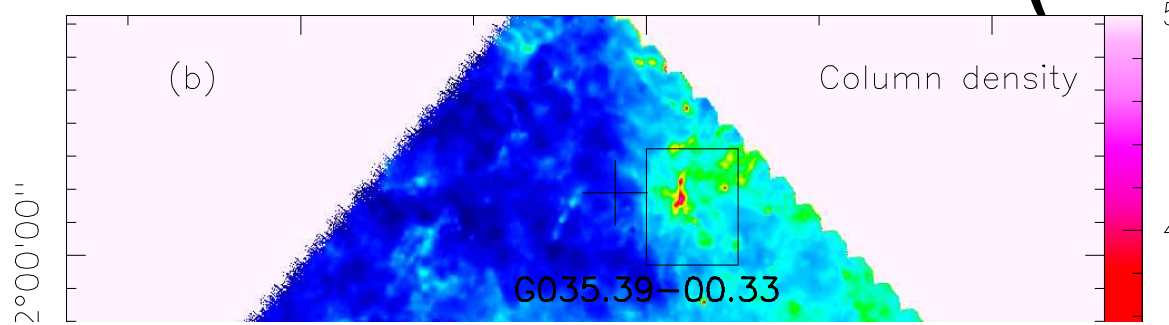
- OB star precursor candidates: “Massive Dense Cores” (ca. 0.1 pc size, density  $> 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )
- Statistical samples from large mm-mapping (Motte+ 2007, Russeil+ 2010)
- Characteristic properties: Envelope mass & bolometric luminosity ( $\rightarrow$  Stellar mass)
- Herschel covers SED peak  $\rightarrow$  luminosity and dust temperature
- Herschel allows to cover large fields
- Herschel is sensitive to lower masses

# Massive dense cores in IRDC G035.39-00.33 (W48, 3kpc)



(Nguyen Luong+ 2011; Rygl+ in prep.)

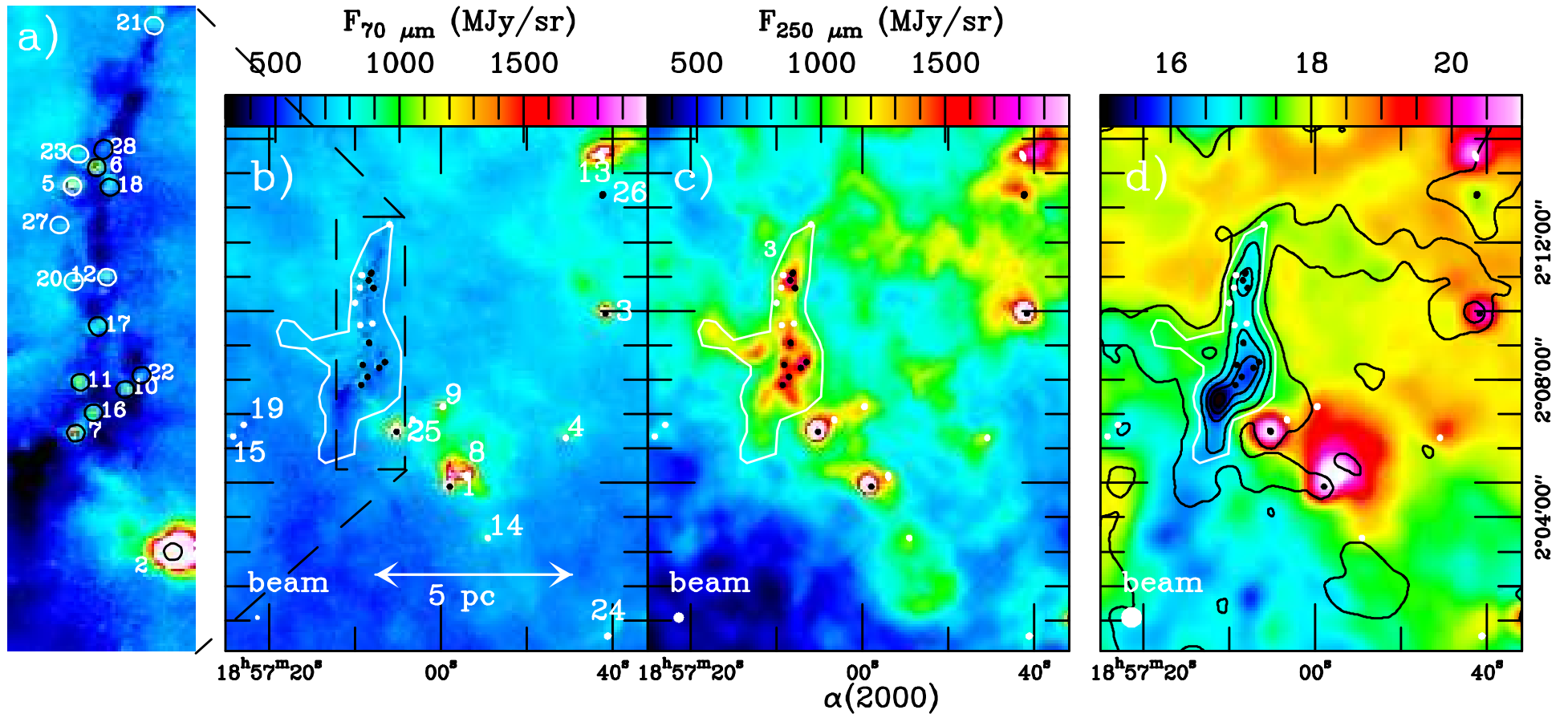
# Massive dense cores in IRDC G035.39-00.33 (W48, 3kpc)



$N_H \sim 3-8 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ,  $T \sim 14-17 \text{ K}$

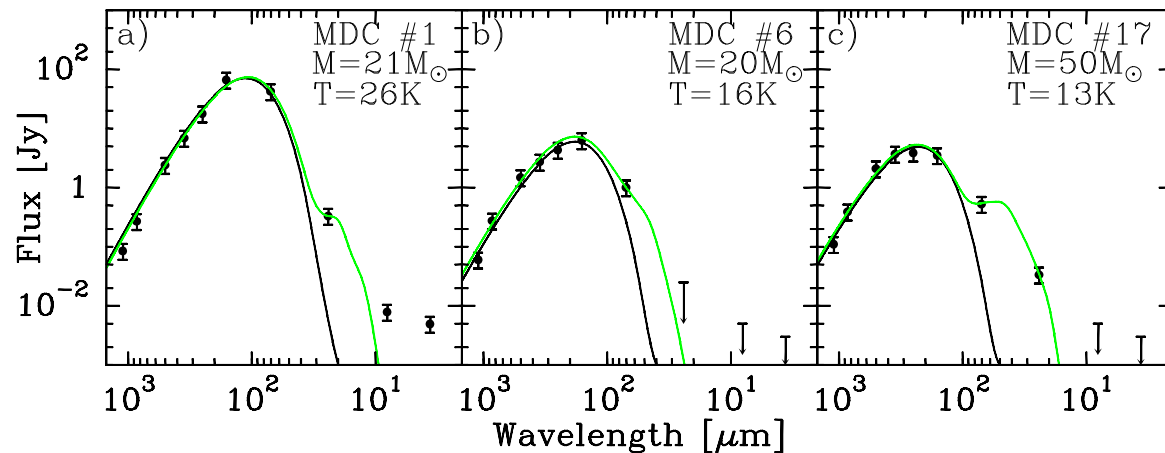
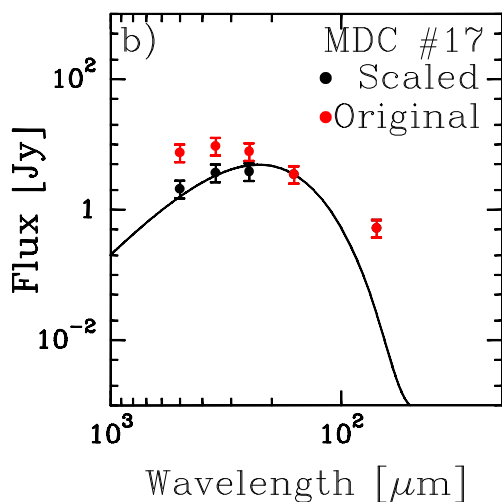
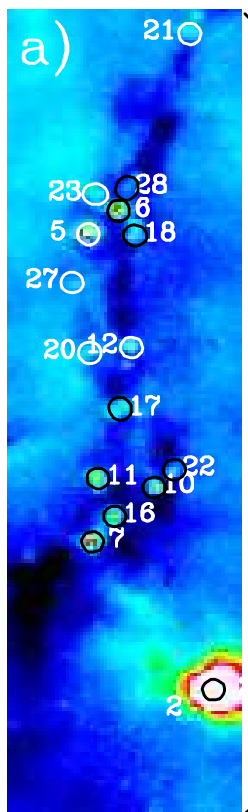
ca.  $4000 M_\odot$  ( $A_V > 30$ )

*getsources*: 13 objects  $> 20 M_\odot$

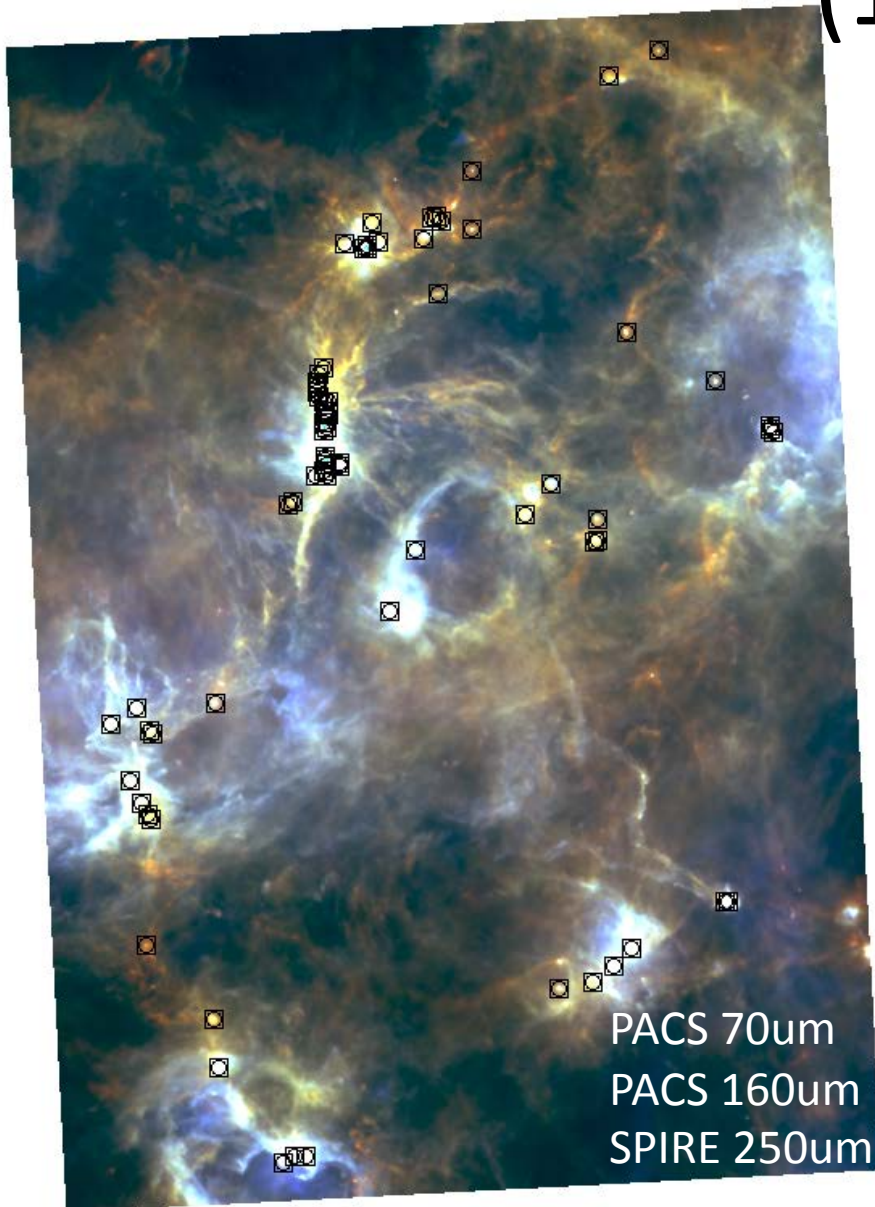


# SED flux scaling for large beams

- Difficulties in building Herschel-only SEDs:
  - 0.1pc dense core scale not resolved in submm
  - Structure of the cold environment traced in submm shows no firm boundaries?
- Rescaling of fluxes from large beams with size ratio:  $F^{\text{SED}} = F \times \text{FWHM}_{160\mu\text{m}} / \text{FWHM}$ 
  - Assumes density  $\sim r^{-2}$ , weak temperature gradient, optically thin emission



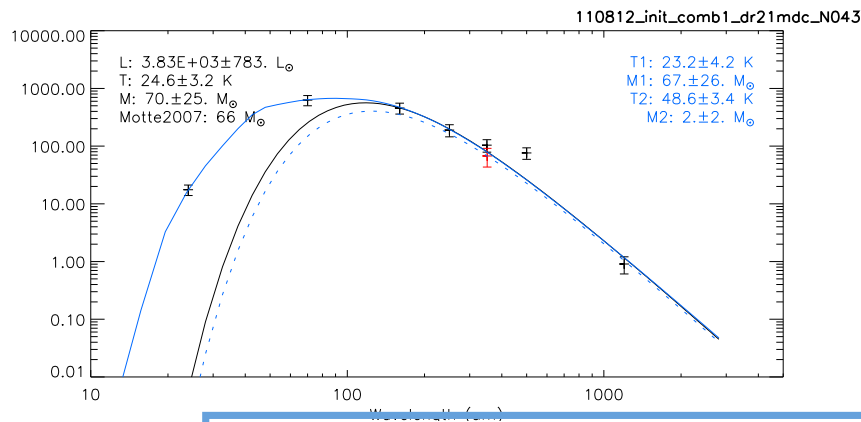
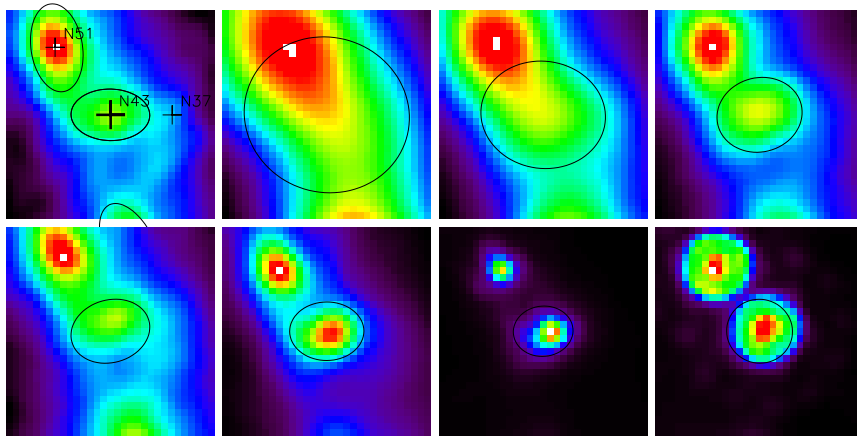
# Massive dense cores in Cygnus X North (1.7kpc)



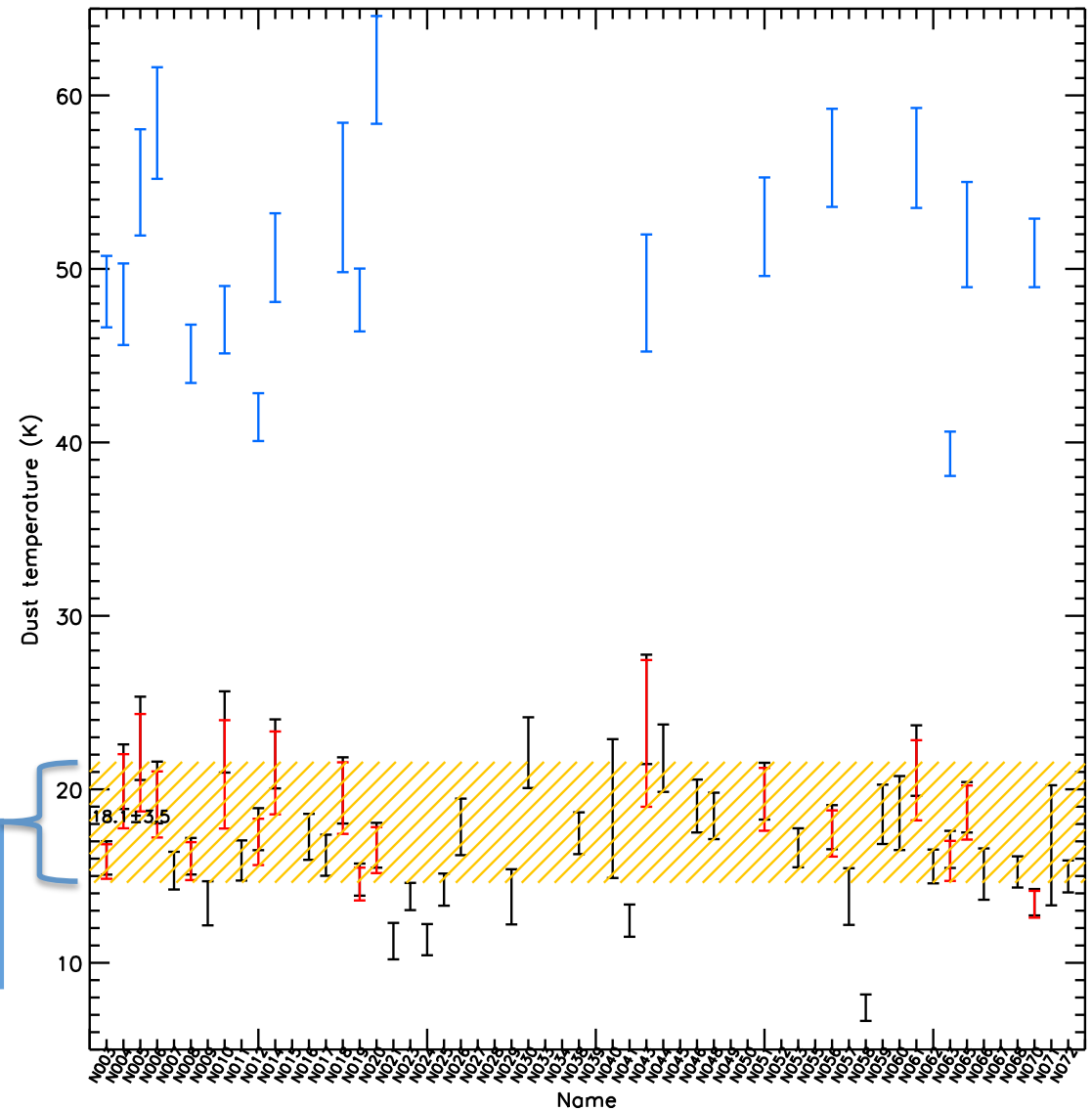
- Motte+ 2007: 3 deg<sup>2</sup> 1.2mm survey found 72 dense cores in Cygnus X North
- 21 MDCs ( $> 40 M_{\odot}$ ) assuming 20K
- all show protostars / outflow activity
- Very short lifetime of prestellar phase



# MDCs in Cygnus X North – Dust temperature

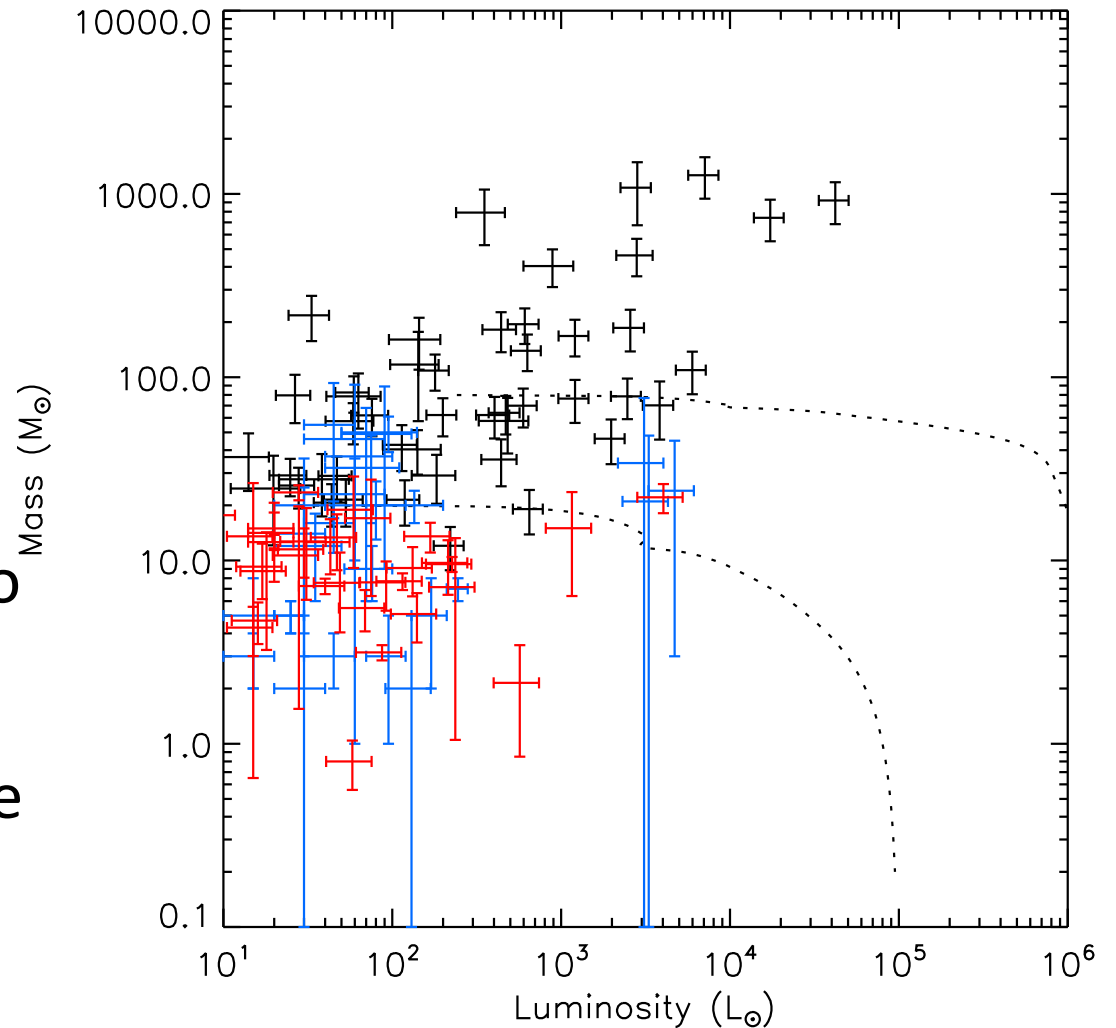


Dust temperature for  
>160 $\mu\text{m}$ :  $T = 18.1 \pm 3.5 \text{ K}$



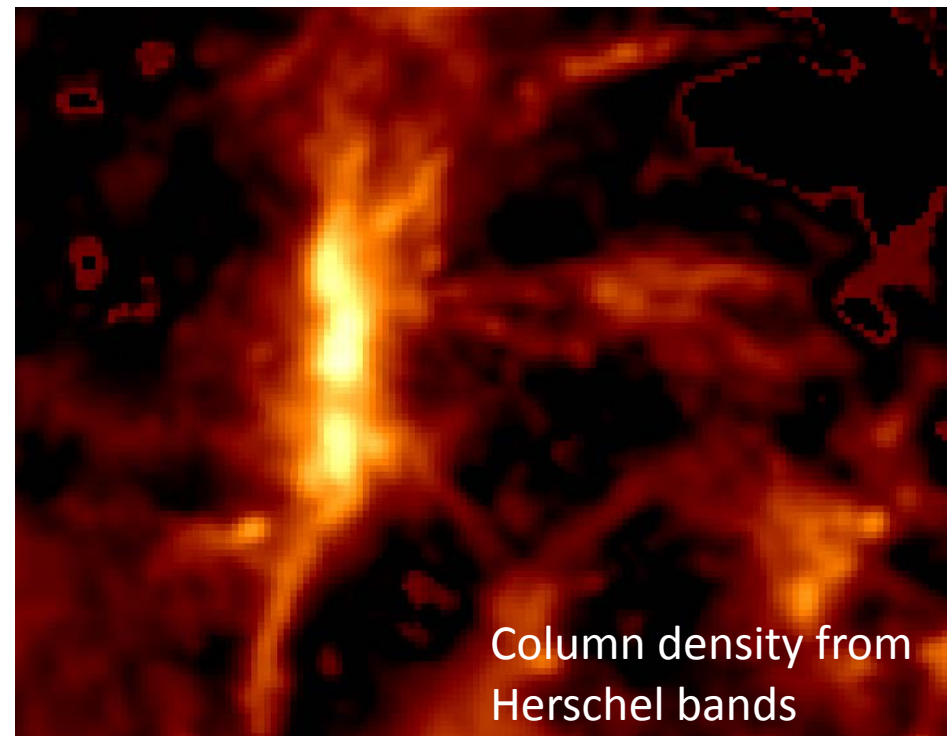
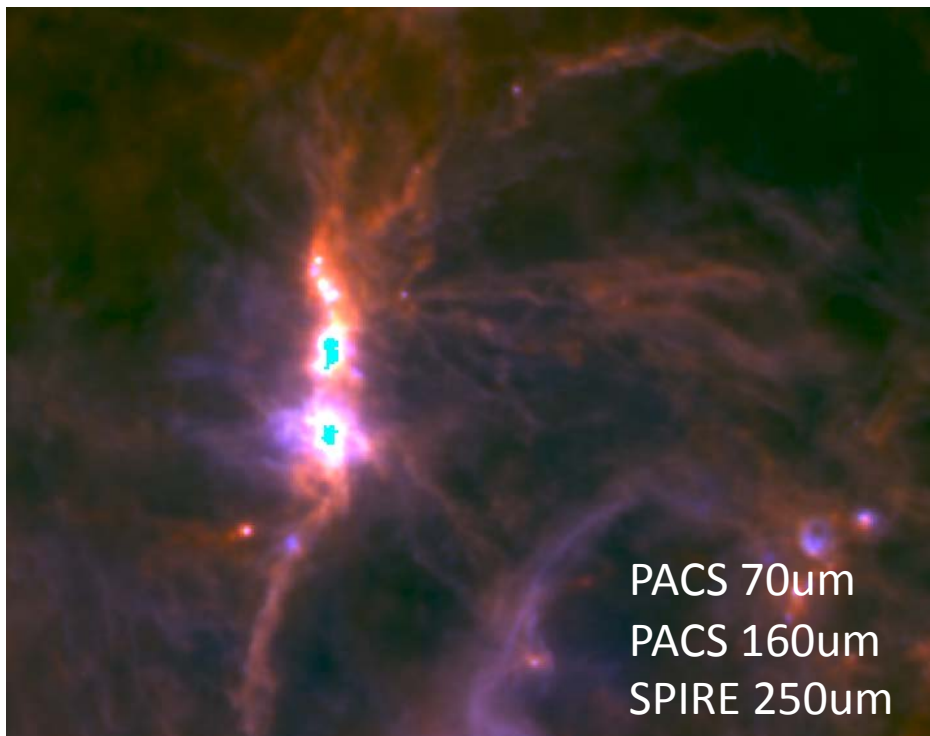
# Evolution of Massive Dense Cores

- Preliminary evolutionary diagram for MDCs in
  - Cygnus X North (biased)
  - IRDC G035.39-00.33 (biased)
  - Rosette GMC (biased)
- Cygnus X North: missing very evolved cores due to selection at 1.2mm
- Model tracks for MDCs/protocluster clumps to be improved:
  - size of mass reservoir?



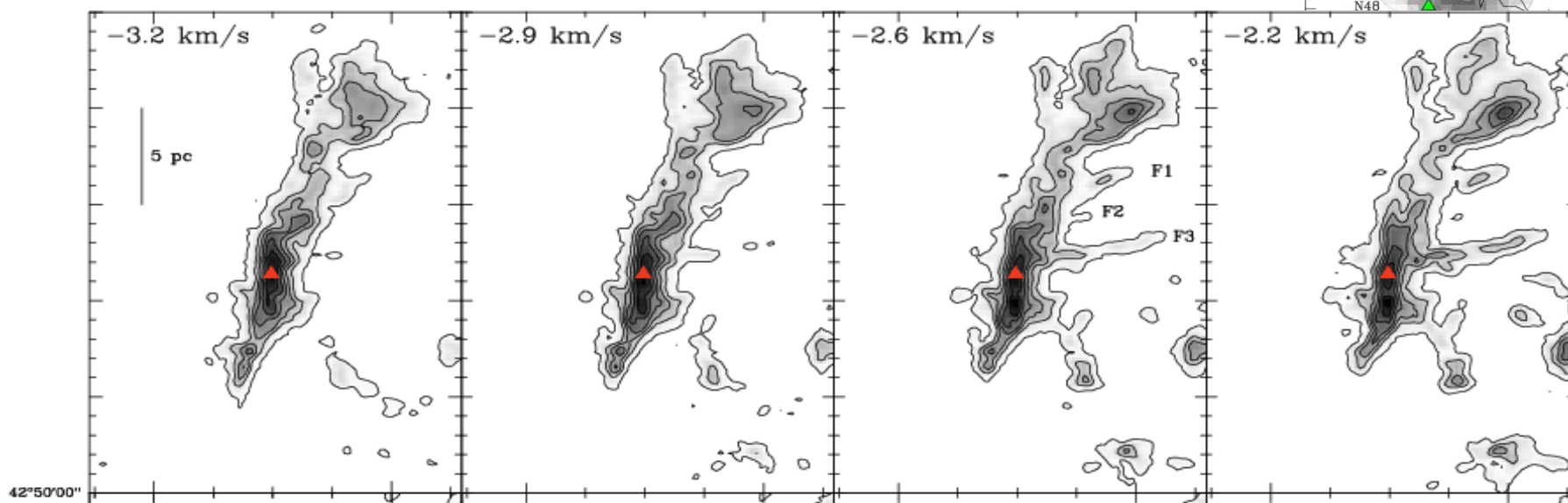
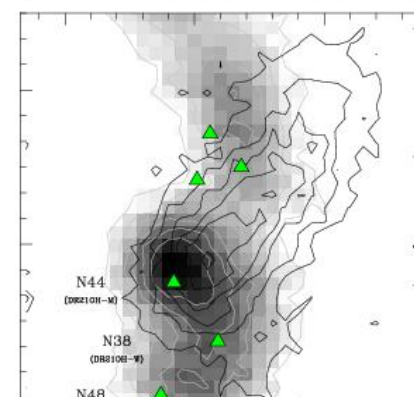
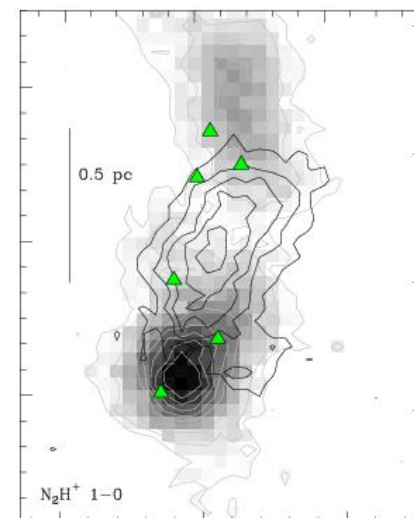
# The massive DR21 filament – An accreting “ridge”?

- Filament containing DR21 & DR21(OH) is most active part in Cygnus X:  $\langle n \rangle \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $M \sim 34000 M_{\odot}$
- Column density map traces fainter, perpendicular, possibly connected “subfilaments”
- Outflow interpretation unlikely



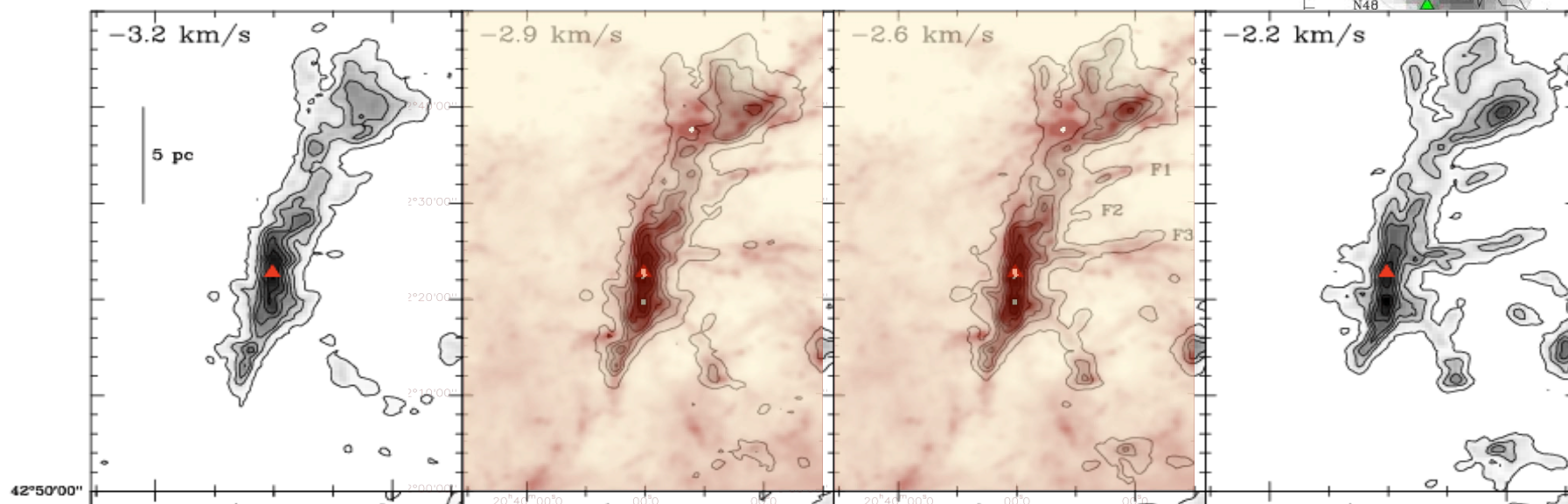
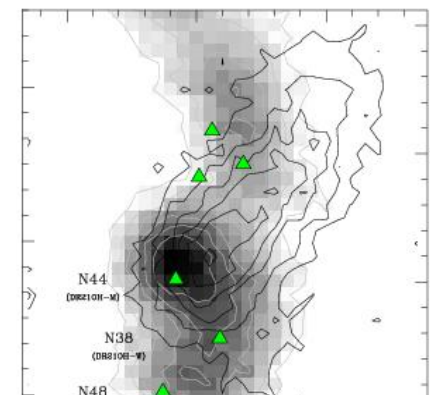
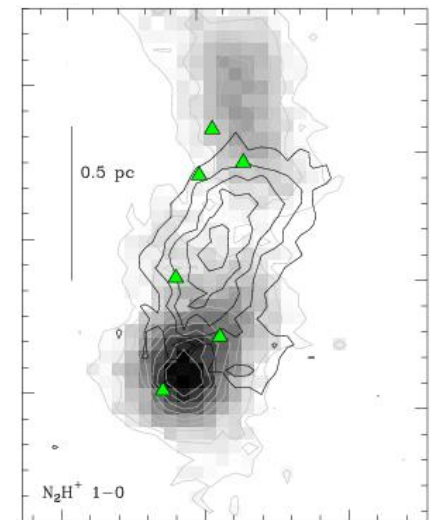
# Subfilaments traced in molecular line emission

- Schneider+ 2010: EW oriented subfilaments
- Most prominent F3:
  - $\sim 3$  km/s velocity range,  $\sim 7$  pc projected length
  - $M \sim 2600 M_{\odot}$ ,  $\langle n \rangle \sim 7 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Probably connected with denser NE-SW segment traced in  $\text{H}^{13}\text{CO}^+$  /  $\text{N}_2\text{H}^+$  to DR21(OH)-M and maybe with flows within the clump (Csengeri et al. 2010)
- Estimated input mass rate:  $2 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$



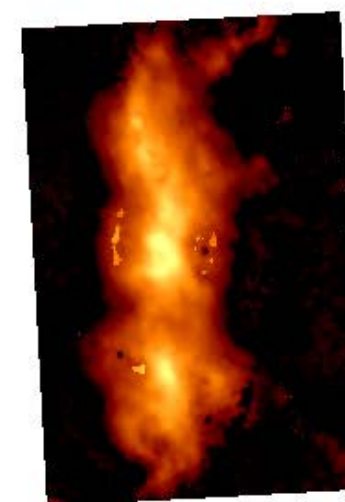
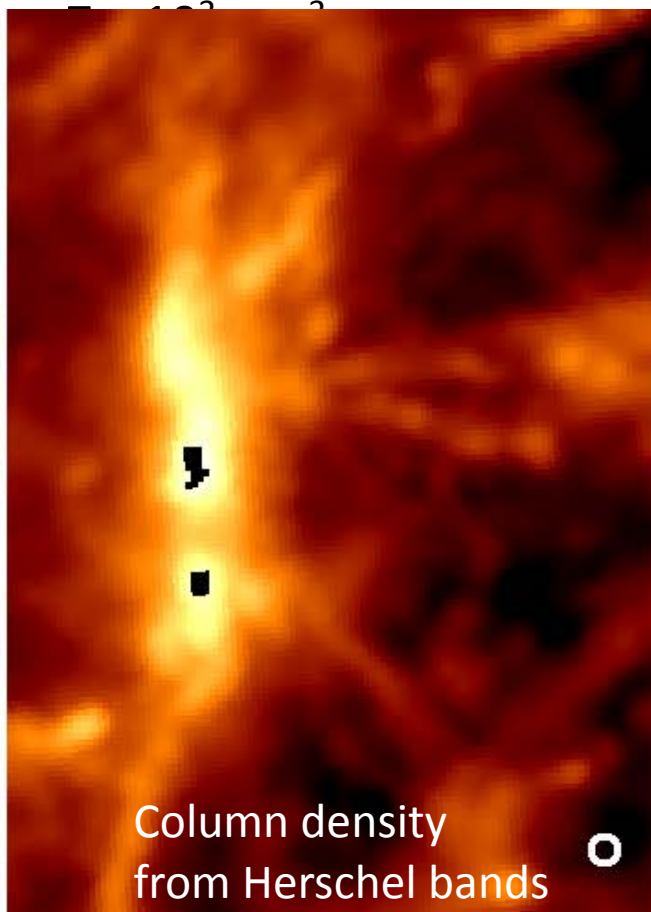
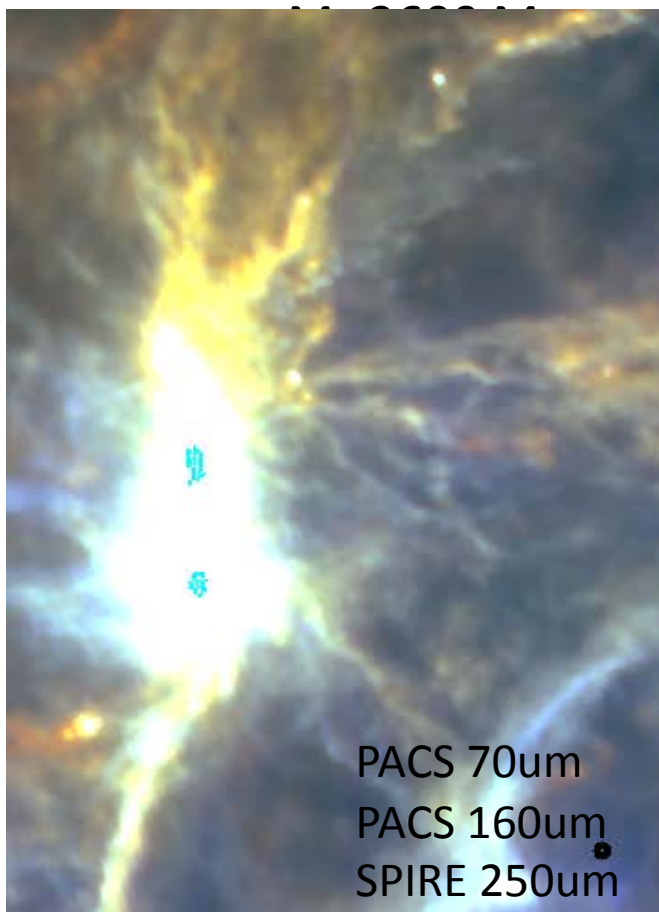
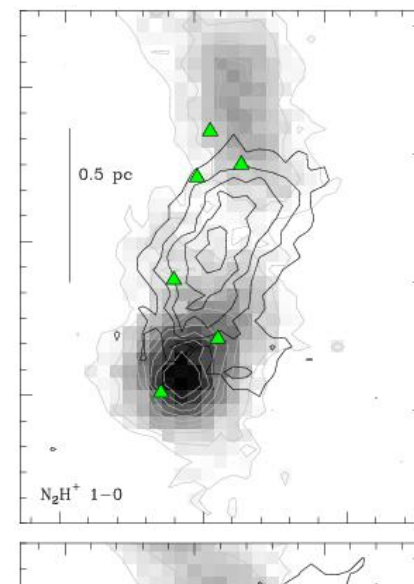
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Column density from Herschel  
+ SHARCII + MAMBO

# Prospects for CCAT

- Column density information on 0.1pc scale out to 3kpc required to constrain:
  - massive dense core envelope structure
  - properties of subfilaments: possible remains of accretion flows into massive filaments/“ridges”
- Velocity information for subfilaments