

Title: Star-Formation in the local Universe and high-resolution imaging spectroscopy.

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Abstract: This seminar will be divided in two segments: 1) New Instrumentation for Astronomy and 2) the SIGNAL-Survey of Star-forming regions in Nearby Galaxy.

1) Evolution of technologies and optics manufacturing technics are providing new interesting options for the design of astronomical instruments to increase precision and add new capabilities. In this presentation, I will discuss my new laboratory plan at the University of Toronto to include Micro-kinetic inductance detector arrays and meta-surface optics to a Fourier Transform Imaging spectrograph design. The goal is to reach high-spectral resolution (R:15,000 to 80,000) over a large field-of-view, while keeping high sensitivity.

2) SIGNALS stands for the Star formation, Ionized Gas, and Nebular Abundances Legacy Survey. Using a Fourier Transform Imaging Spectrograph SITELLE, at the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope, we observed 40 nearby galaxies and covered over 50,000 star-forming regions in different environment at a spatial resolution from 0.5 to 40 pc. Covering several emission line spectral features including Halpha (at R: 5,000), the survey aims at characterizing the star-forming sites and their environments to produce the most complete and well resolved database on star formation.

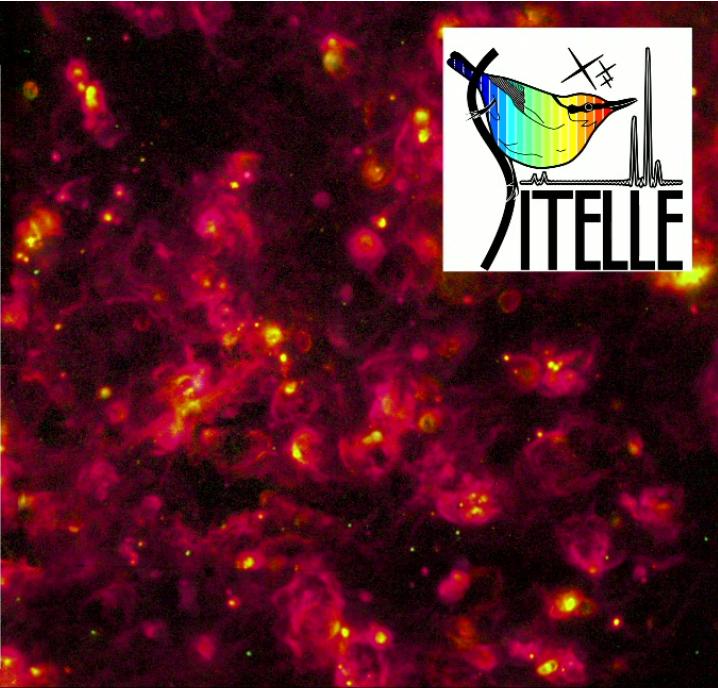
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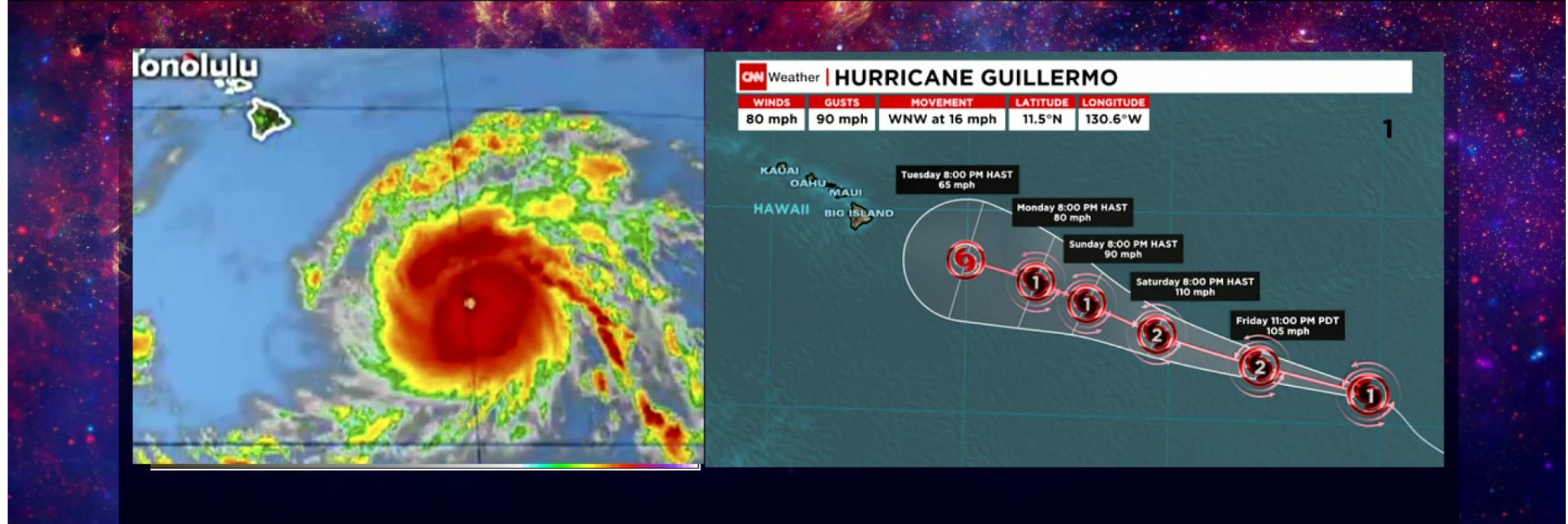
Laurie Rousseau-Nepton is a new faculty at the University of Toronto and the Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics. She comes with six years of experience working as a resident astronomer at the Canada-France-Hawaii Observatory supporting various instruments including wide-field cameras, high-resolution spectrographs, Fourier Transform Spectro-imager. She received her diploma from Université Laval by studying regions of star formation in spiral galaxies and helping with the development of two Fourier Transform Spectro-imagers, SpIOMM and SITELLE. She is now leading an international project called SIGNALS, the Star formation, Ionized Gas, and Nebular Abundances Legacy Survey, which sampled with the SITELLE instrument more than 50,000 of star-forming regions in 40 nearby galaxies to understand how the local environment affect the young star clusters characteristics.

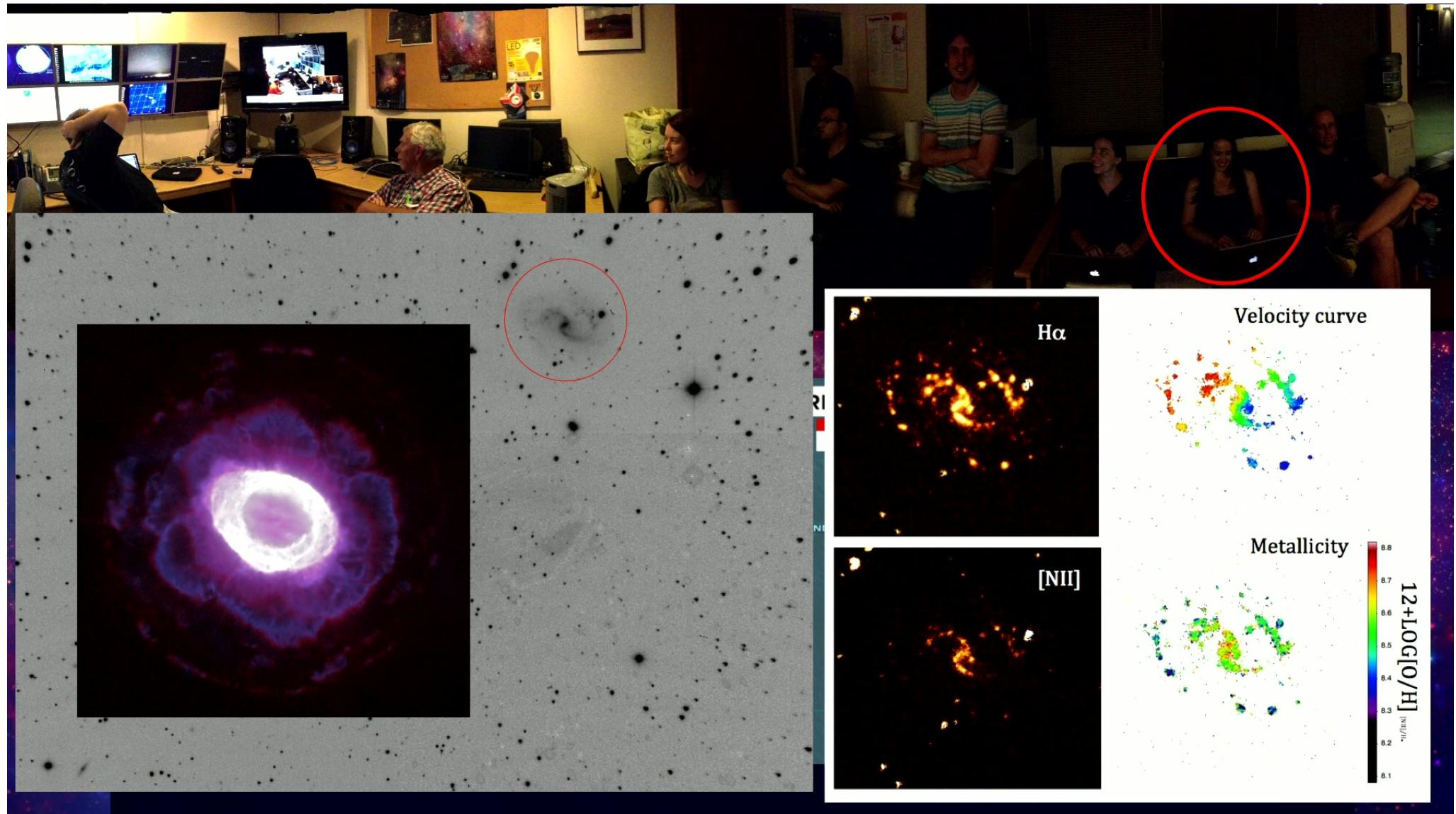


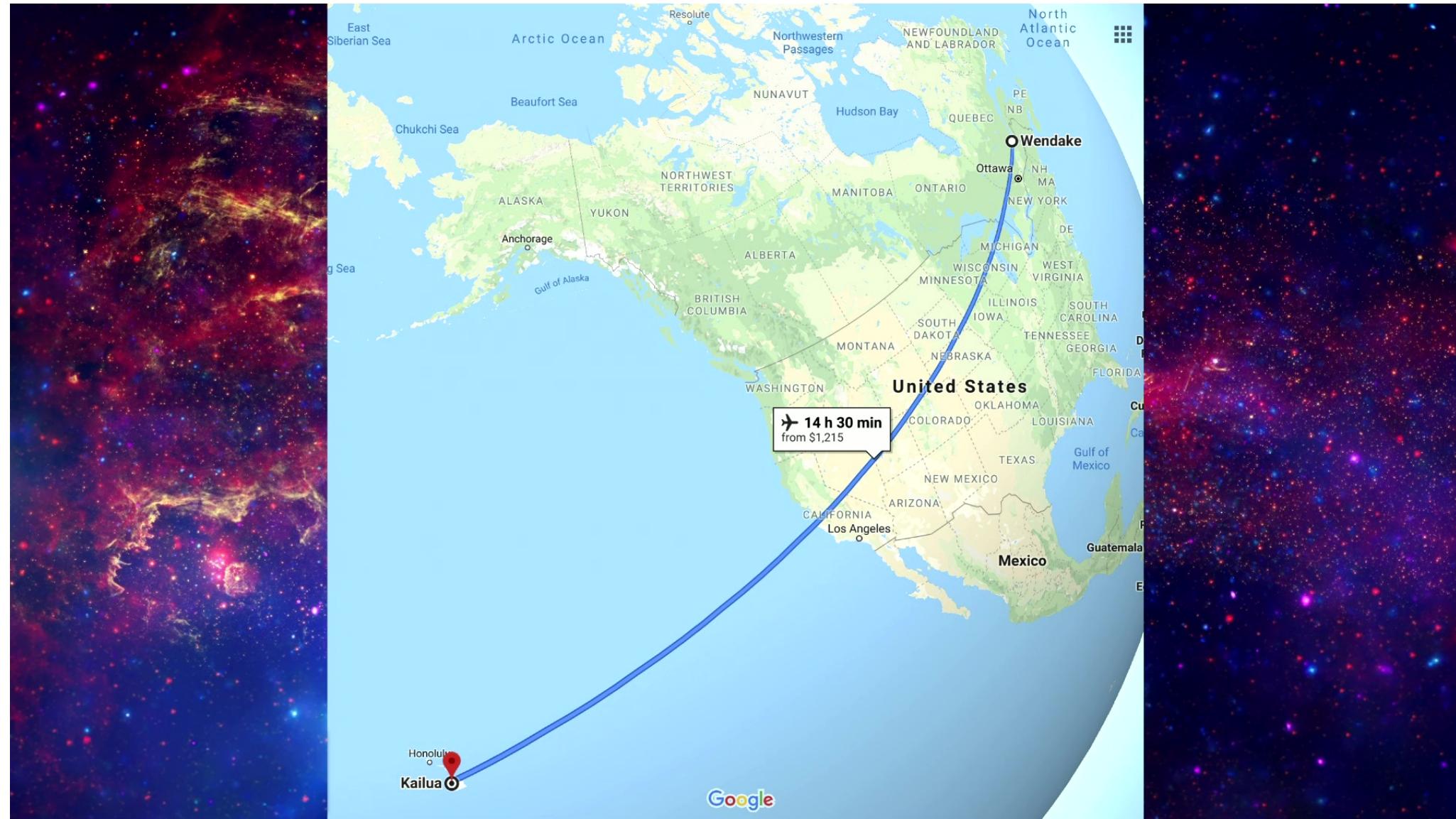
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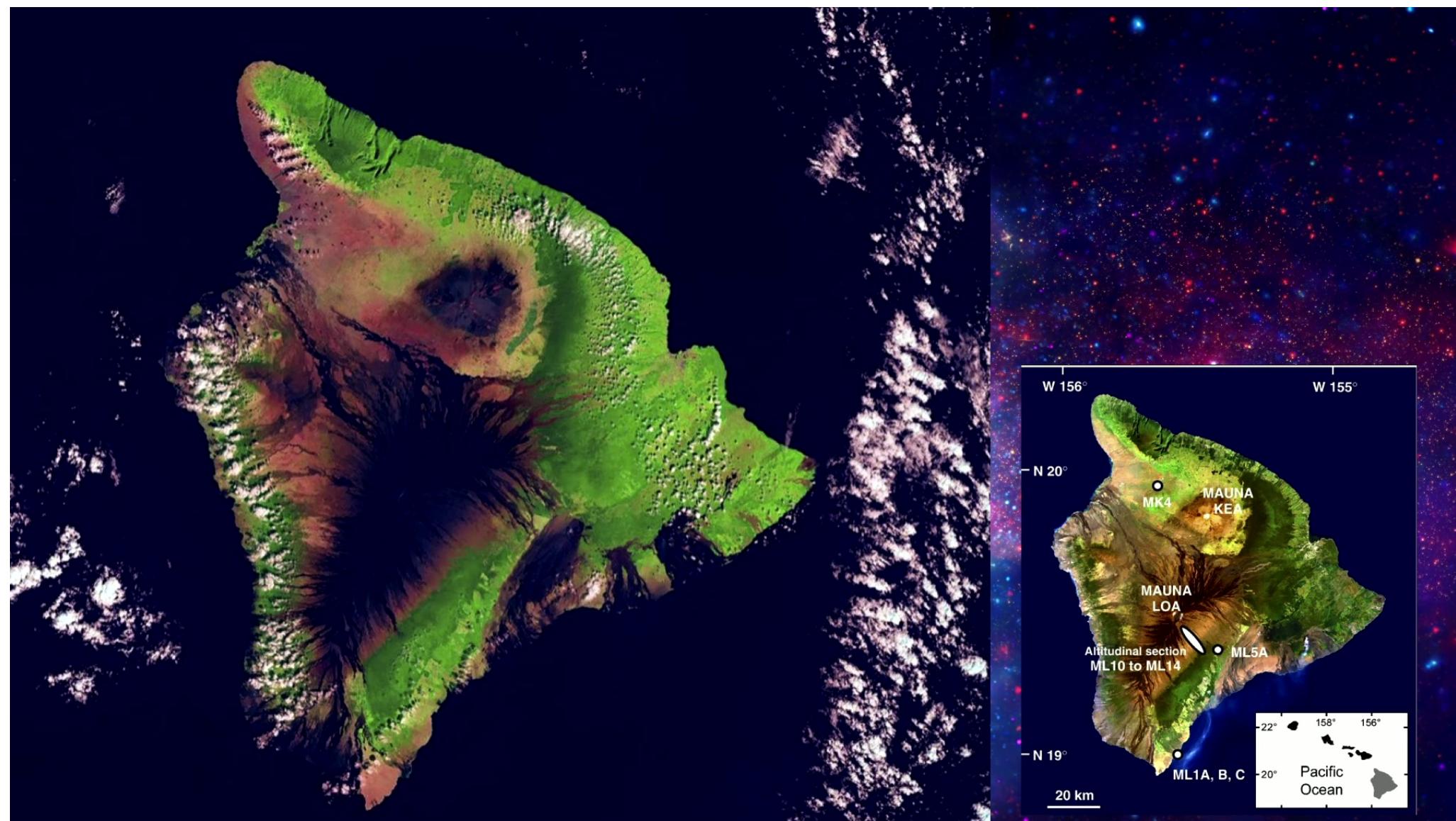
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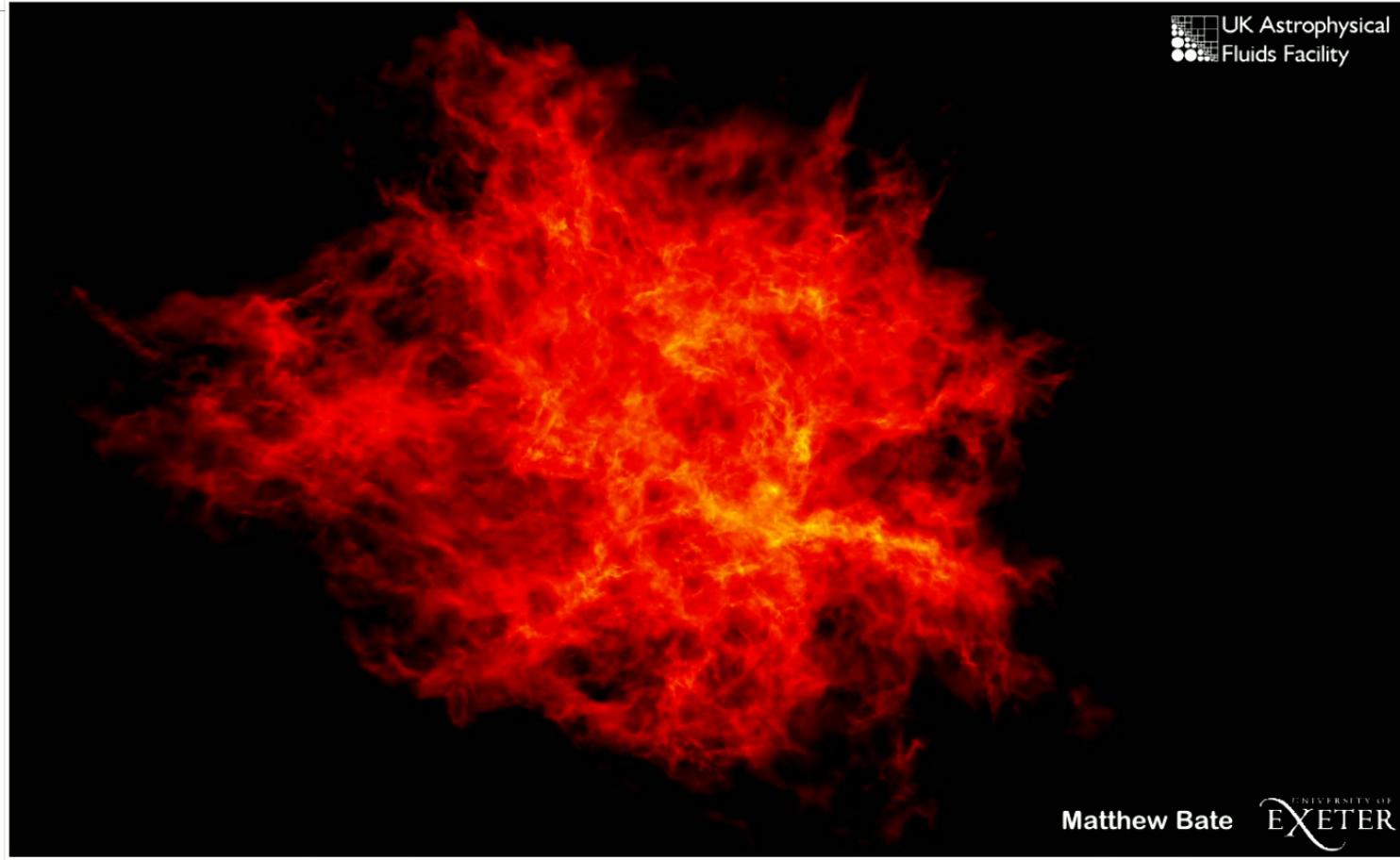








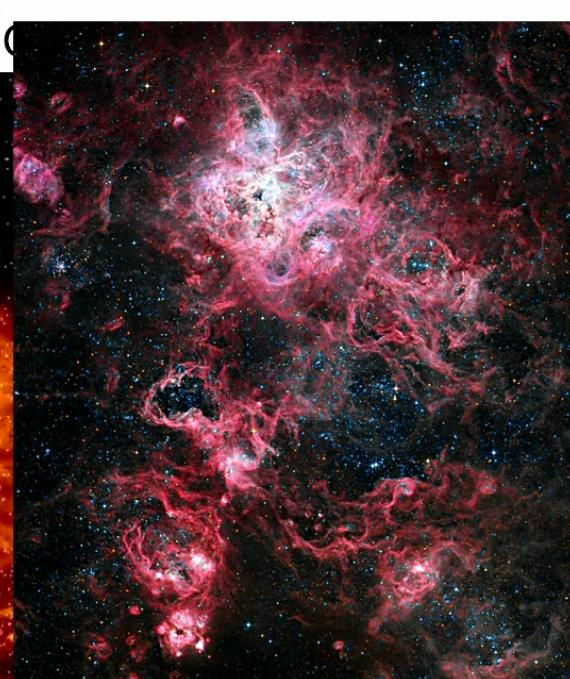
# Star Formation - Simulation



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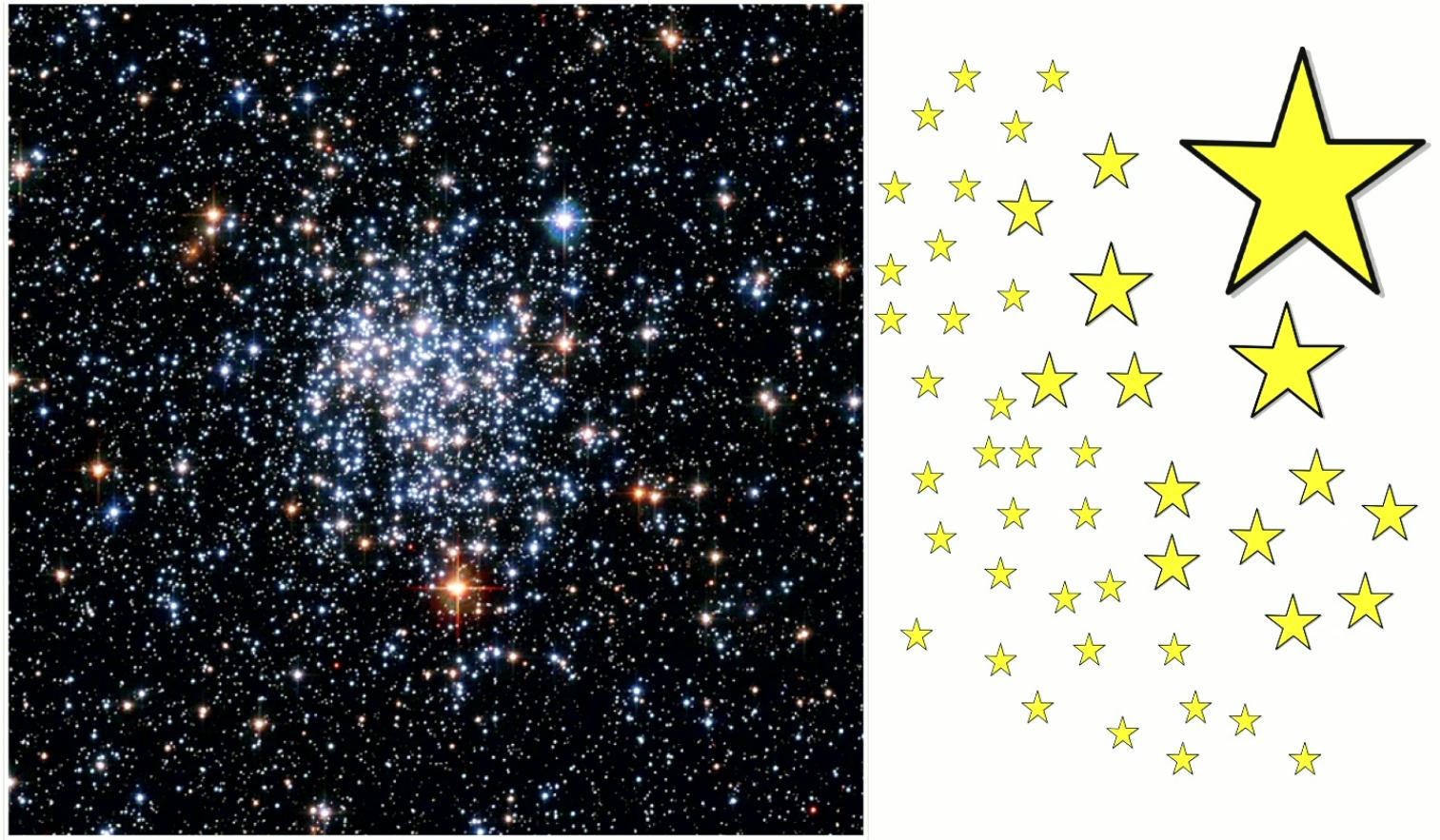
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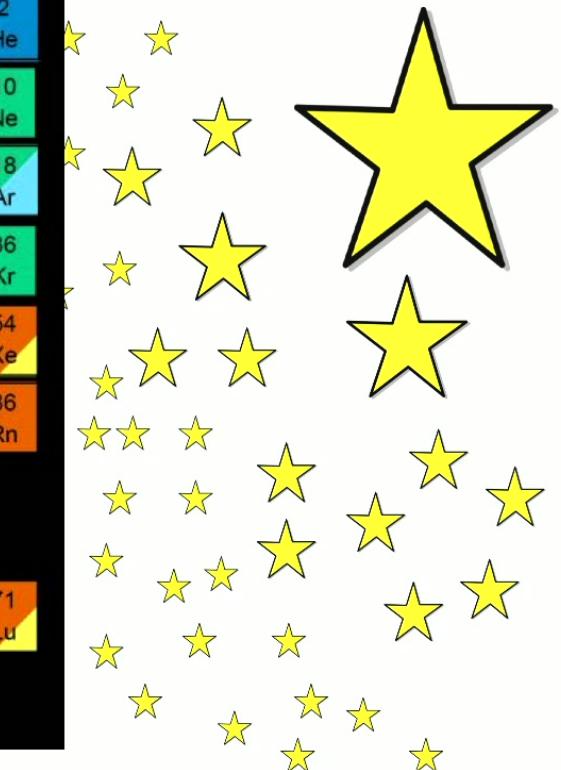
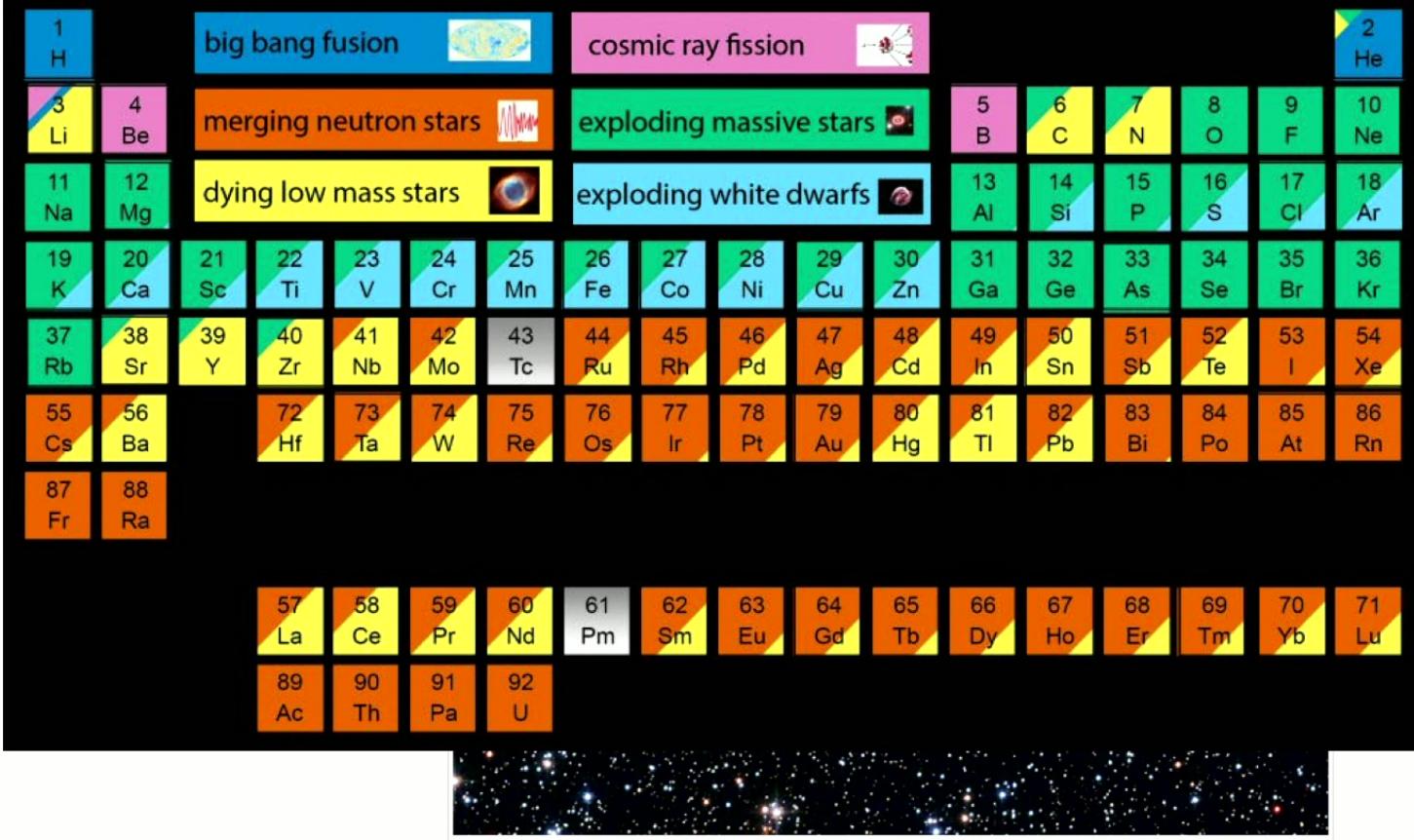


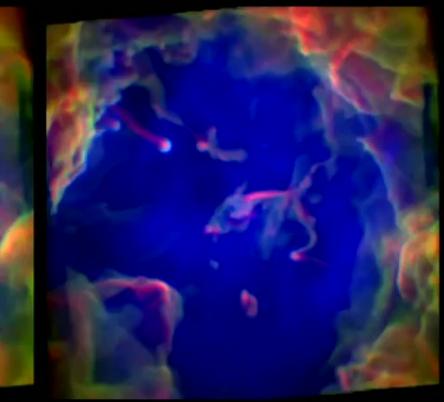
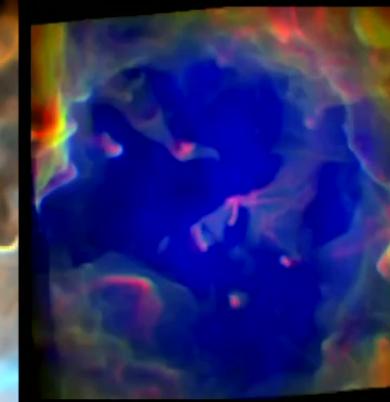
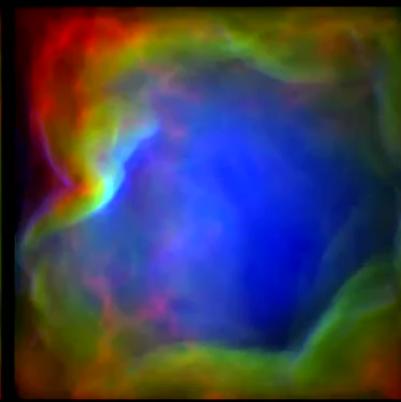
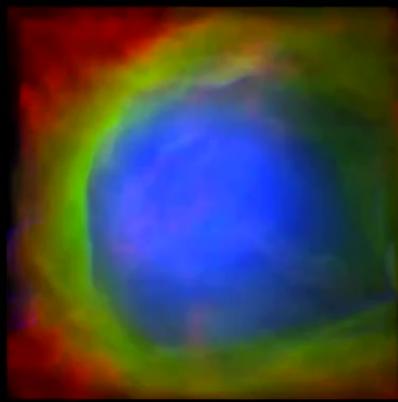
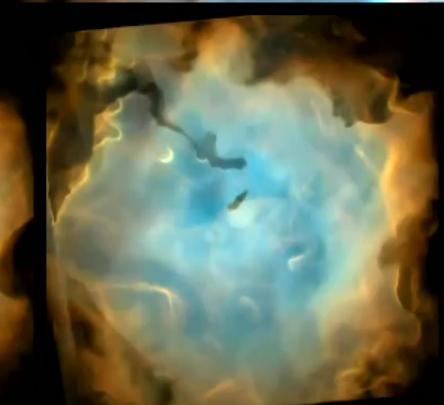
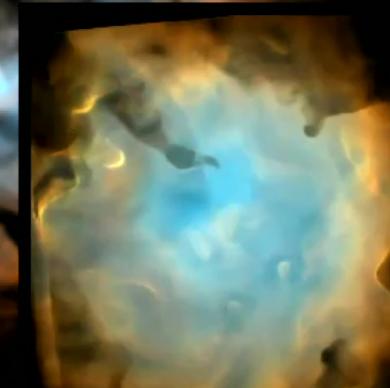
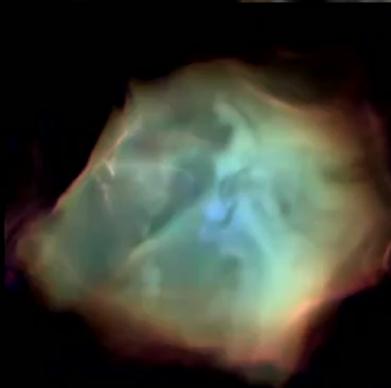
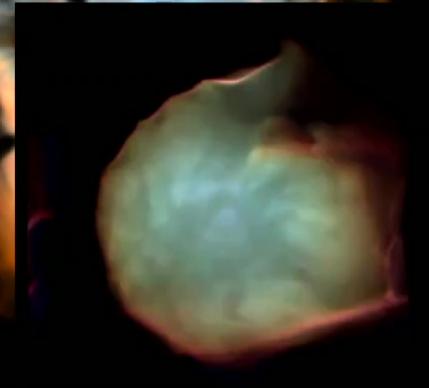
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## Star Formation - Initial Mass Function



# The Origin of the Solar System Elements

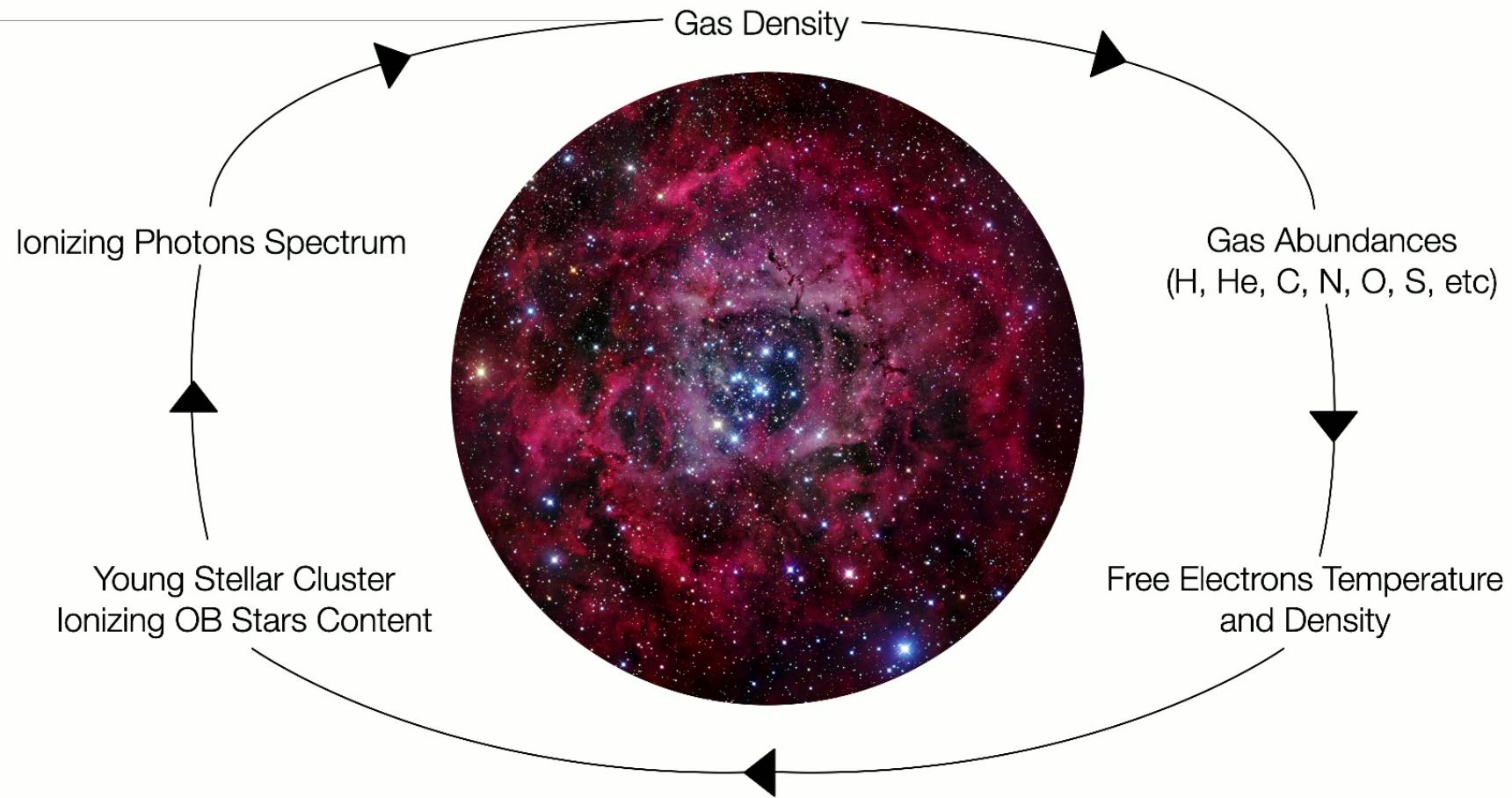




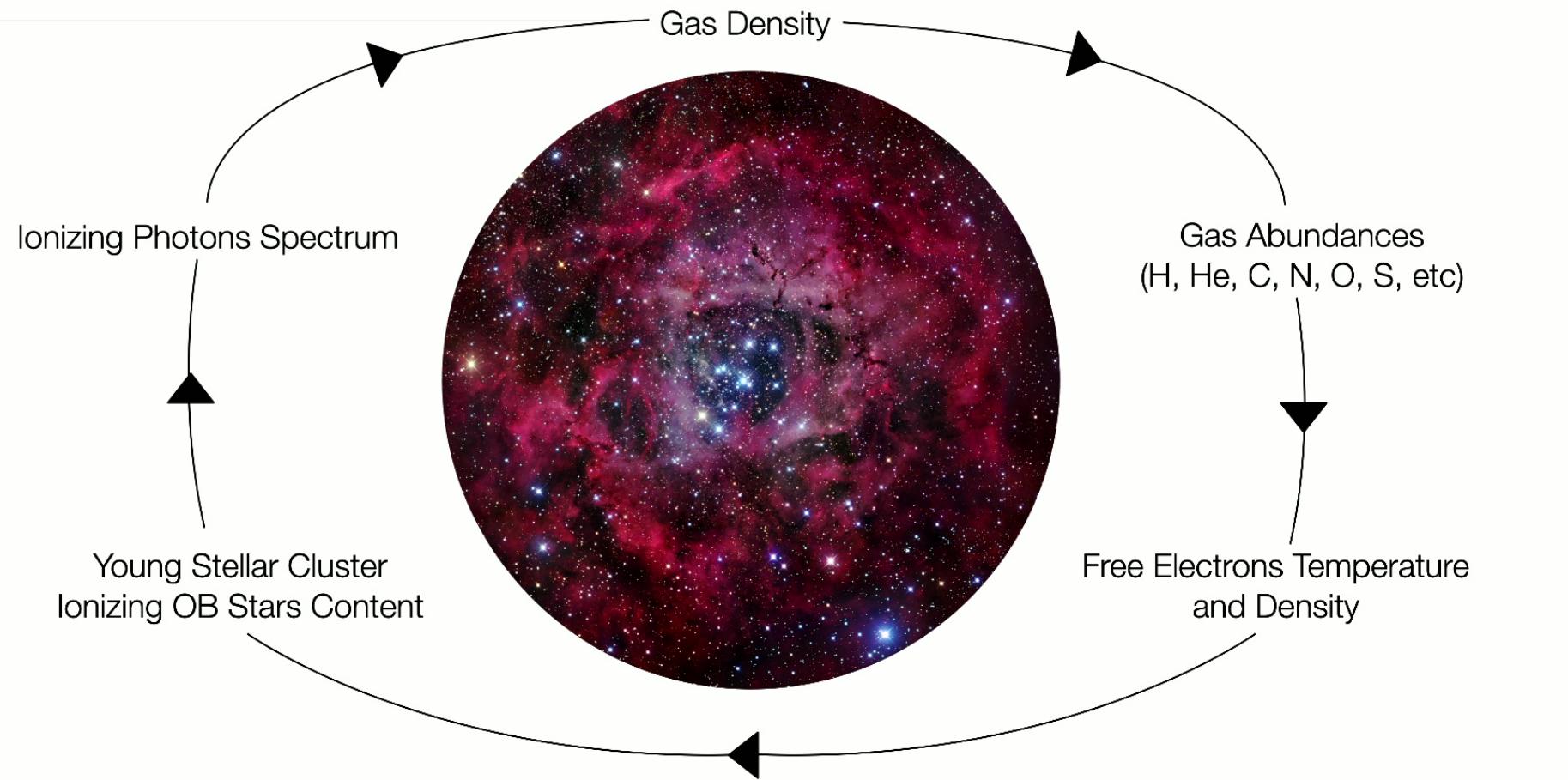
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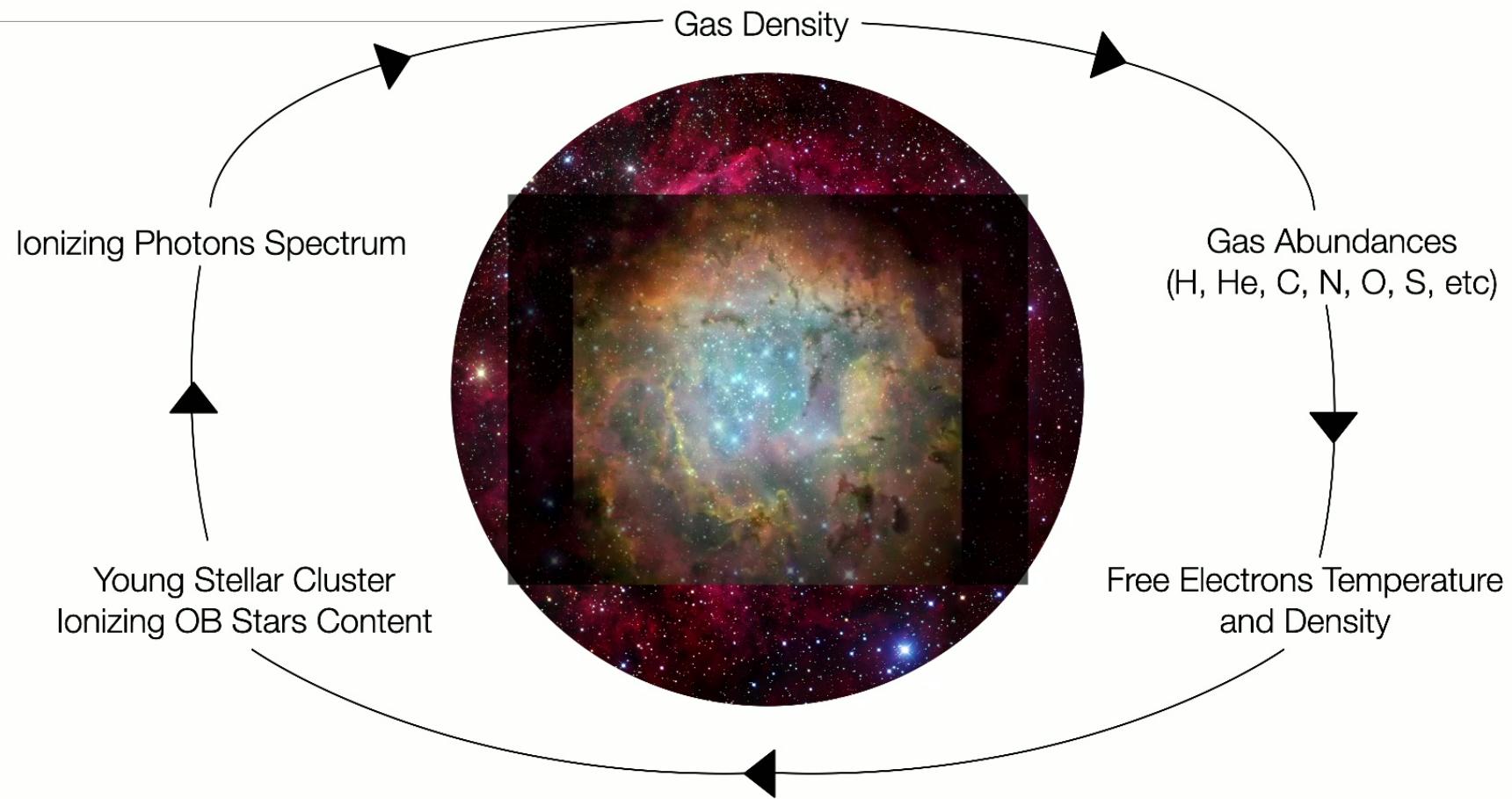


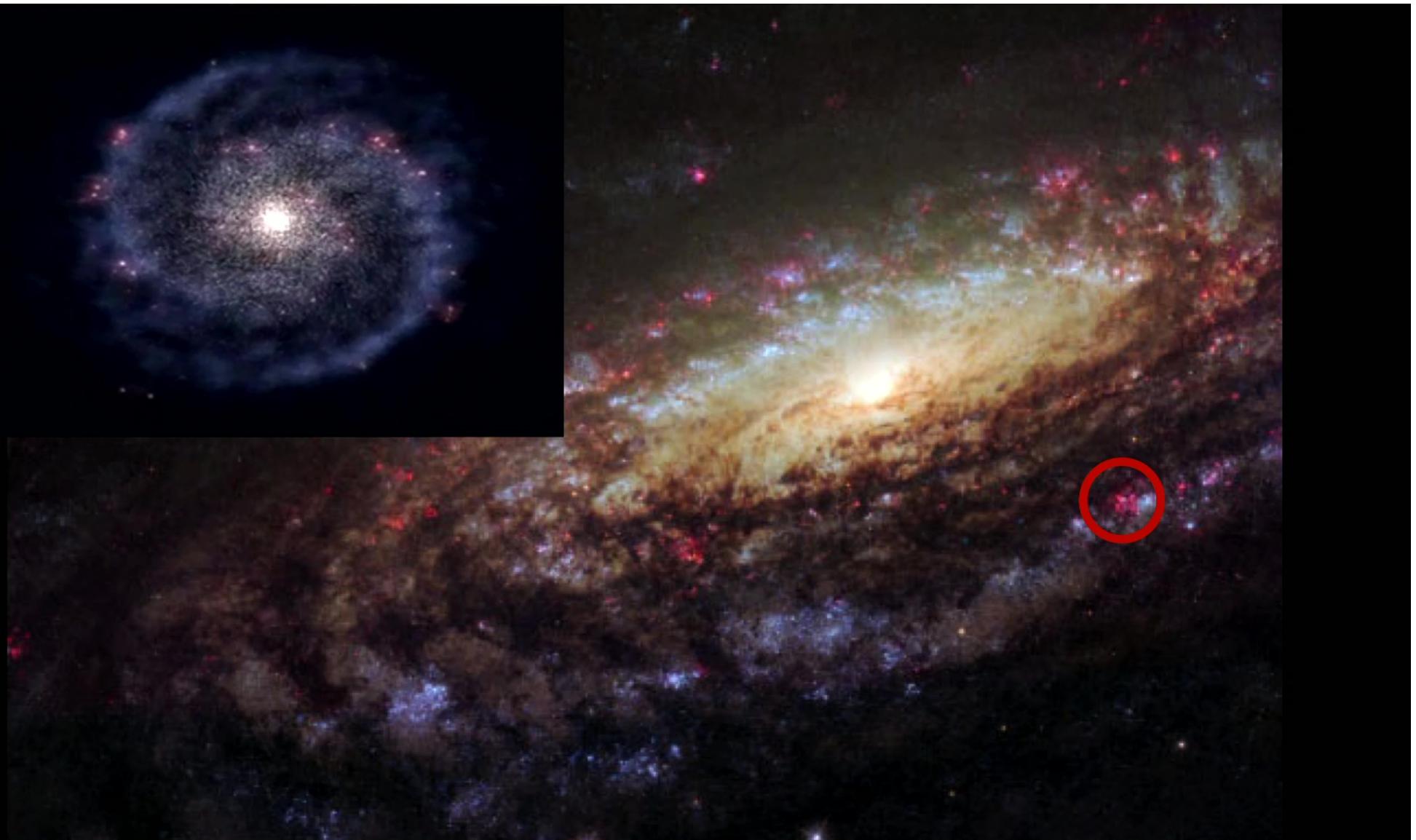
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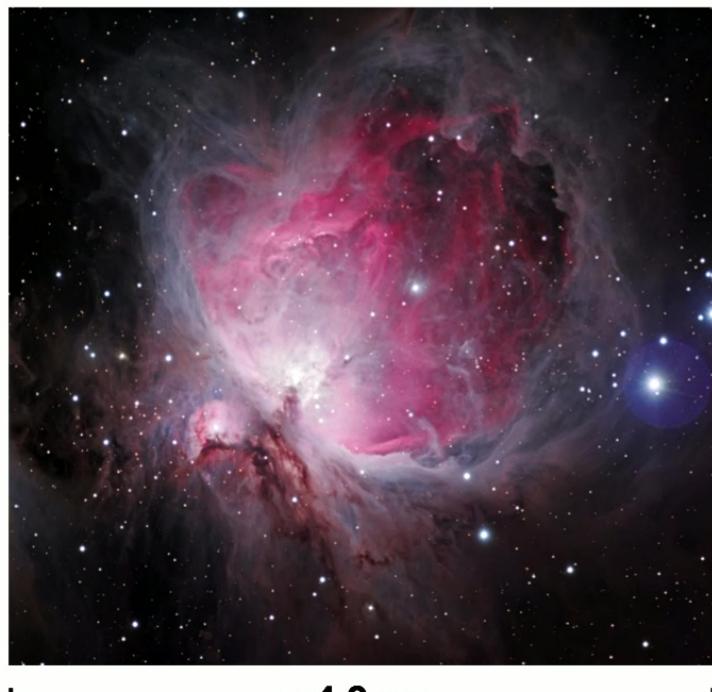
Collision Lines (i.e. [NII], [OII], [OIII], [SII], etc)  
Recombination Lines (i.e. H $\alpha$ , H $\beta$ , Metals, etc)





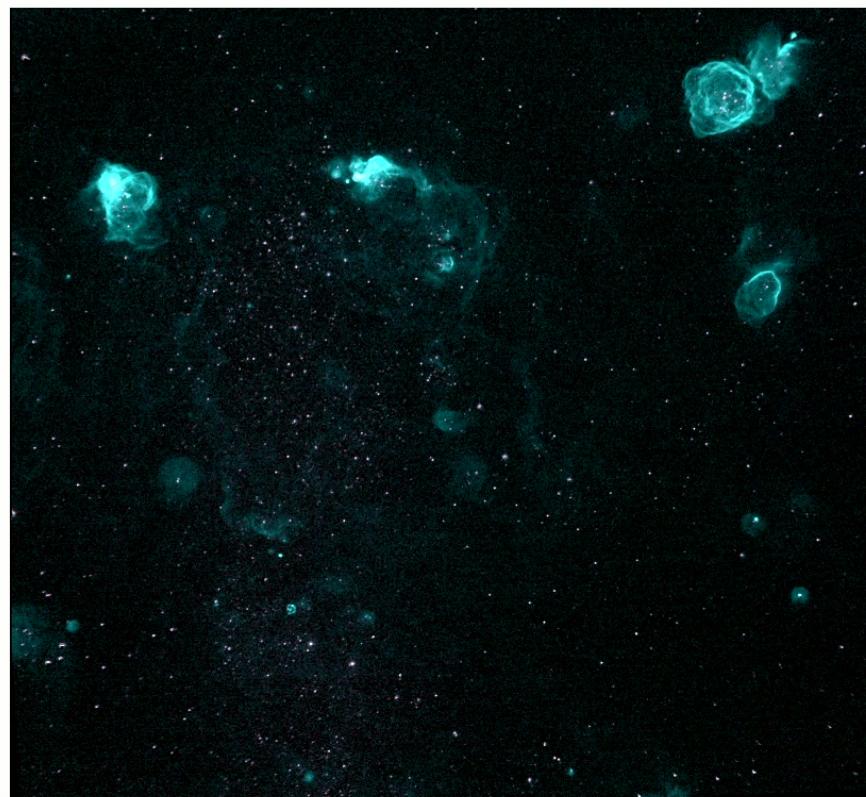
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Distance = 412 pc



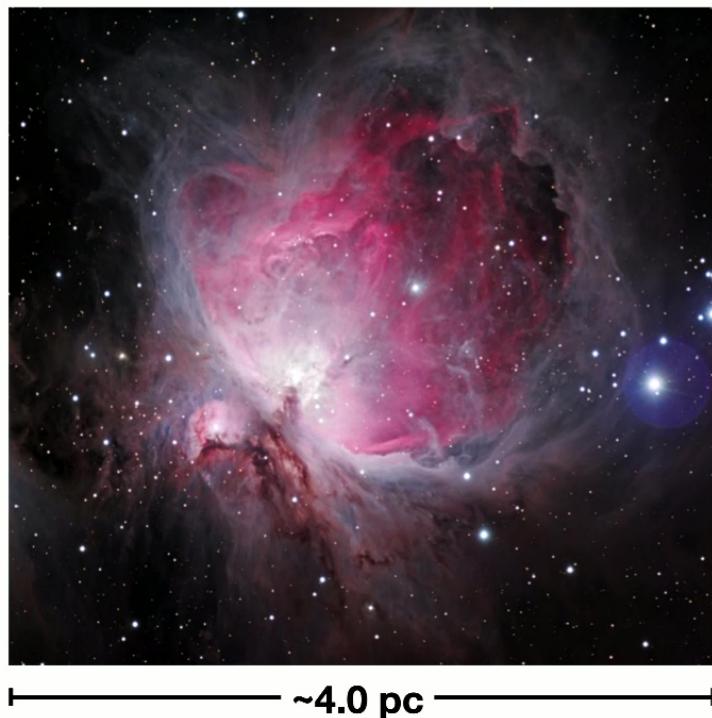
— ~4.0 pc —

**NGC6822 (SITELLE)**  
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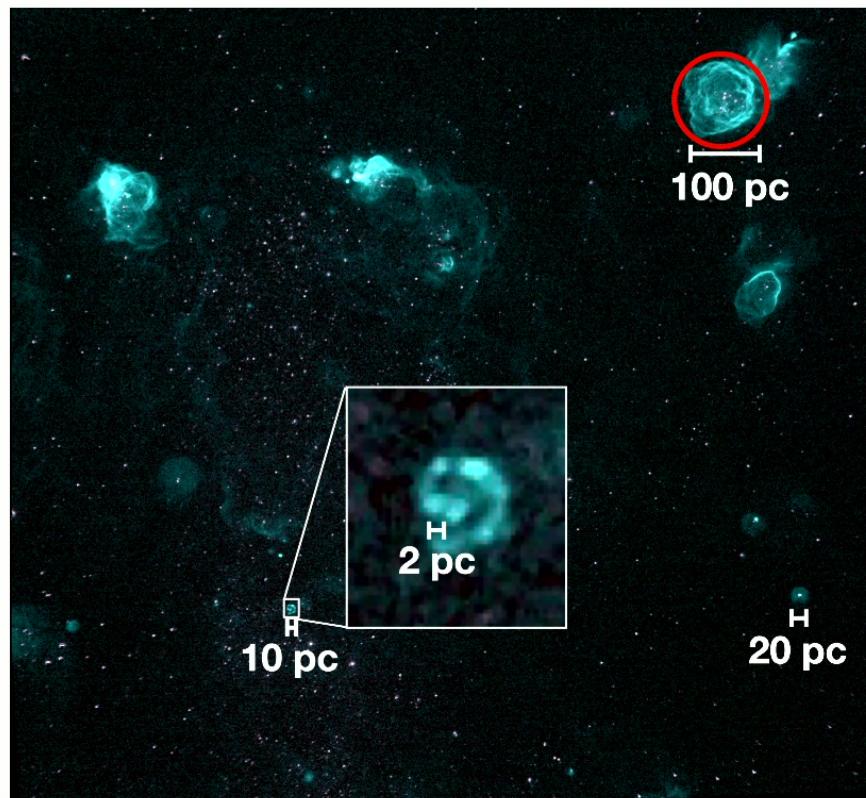


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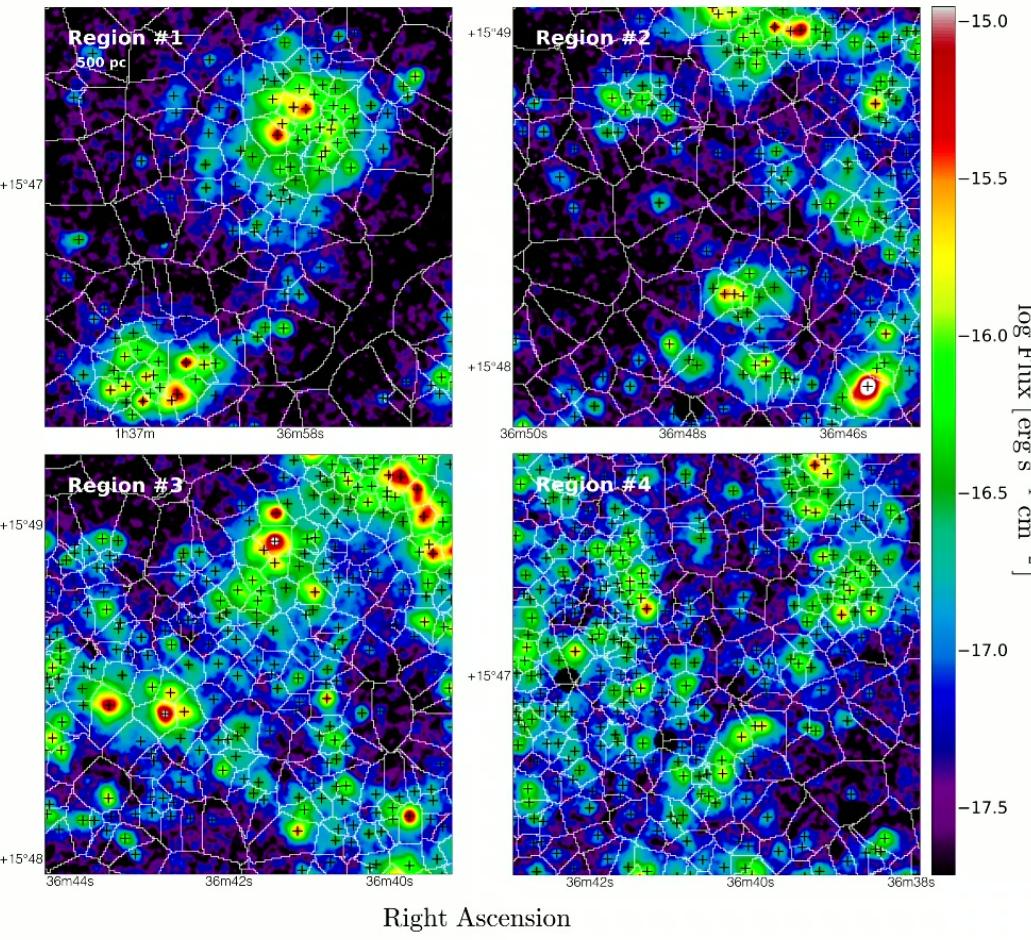
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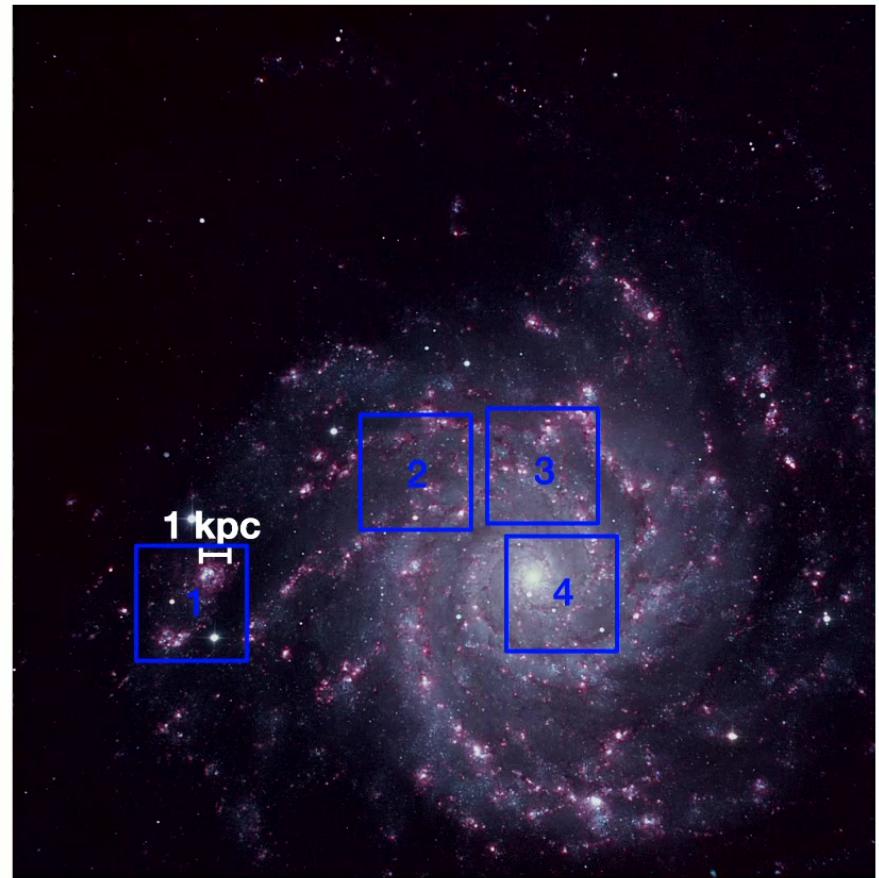


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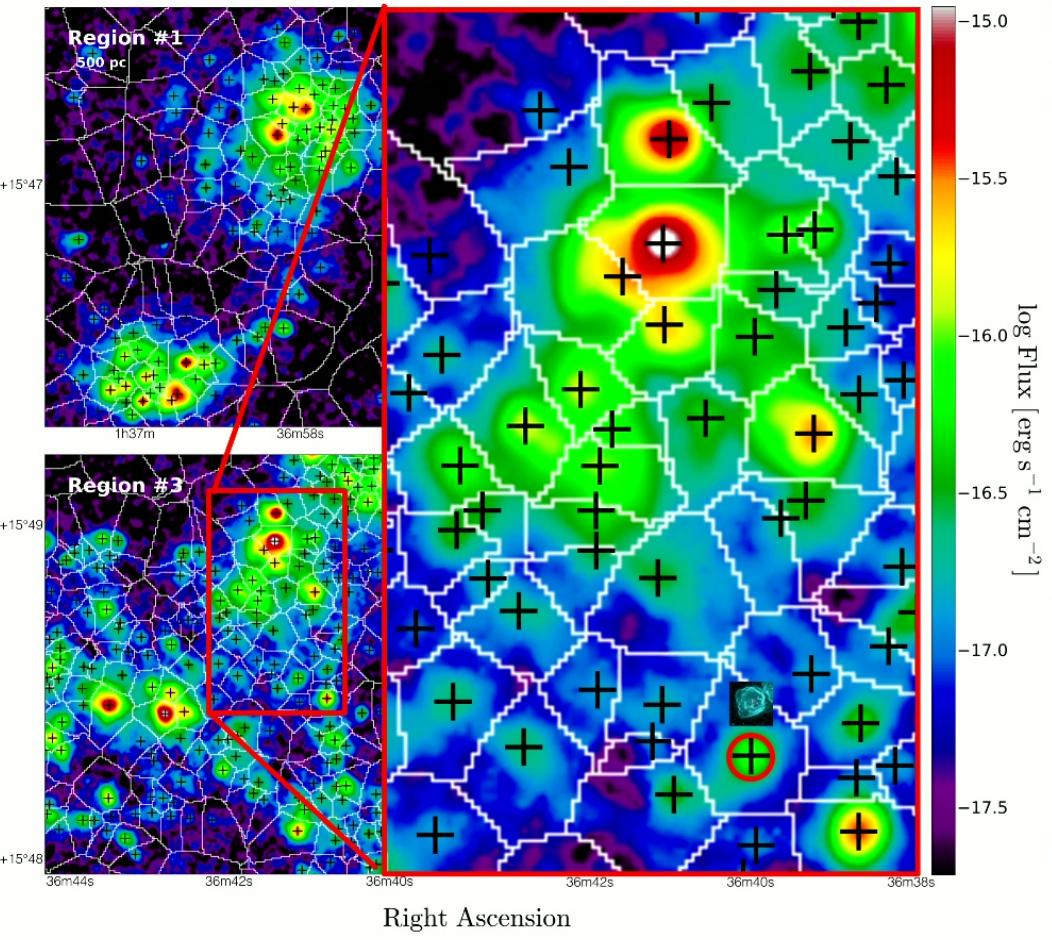


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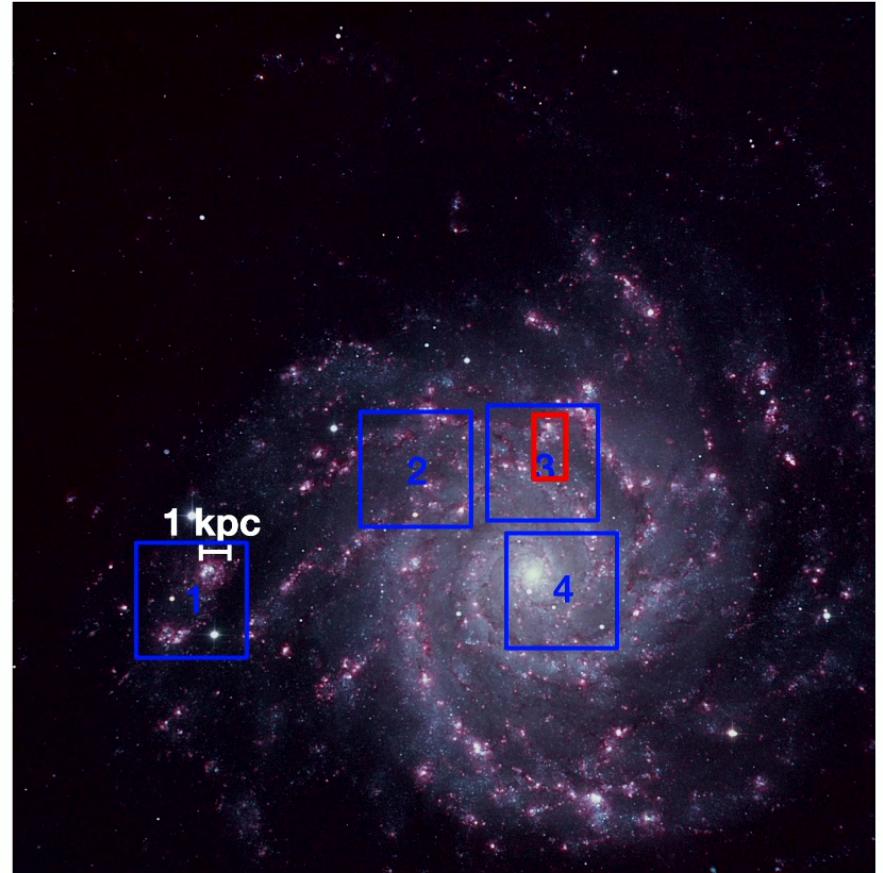
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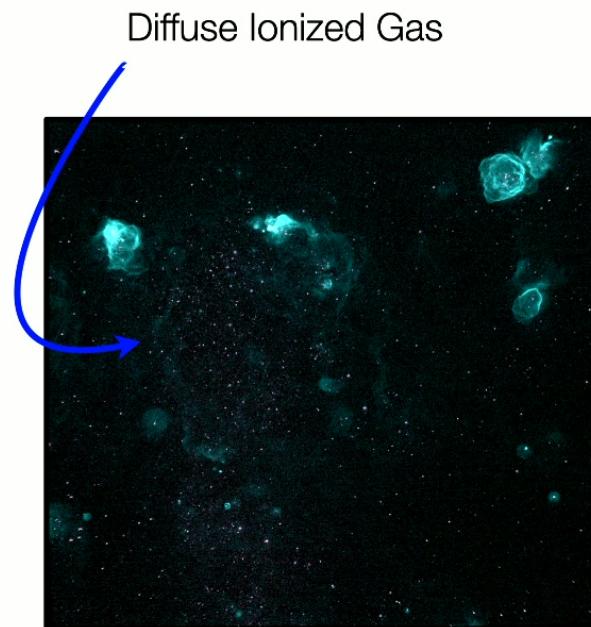
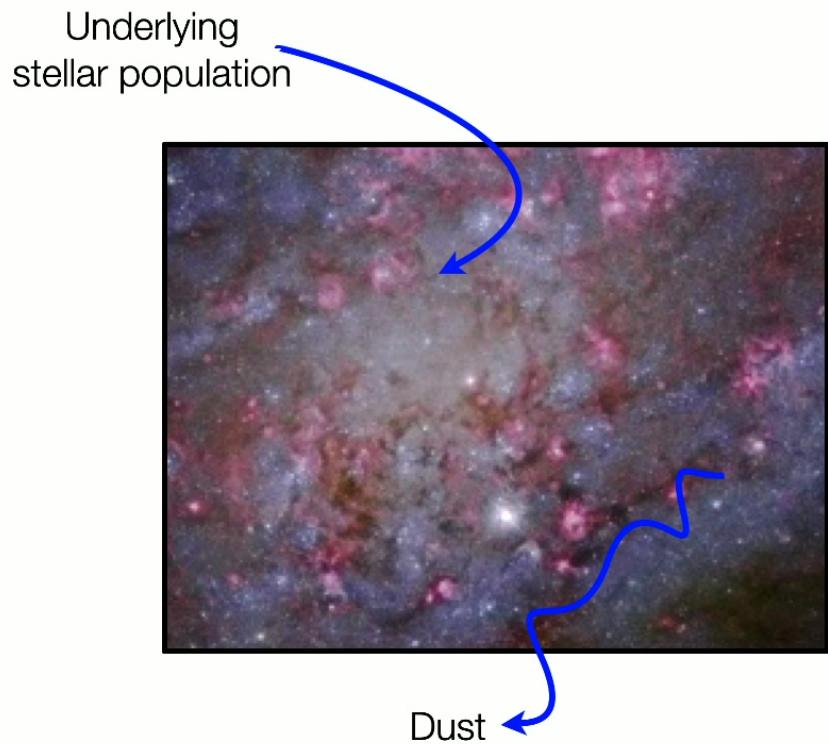
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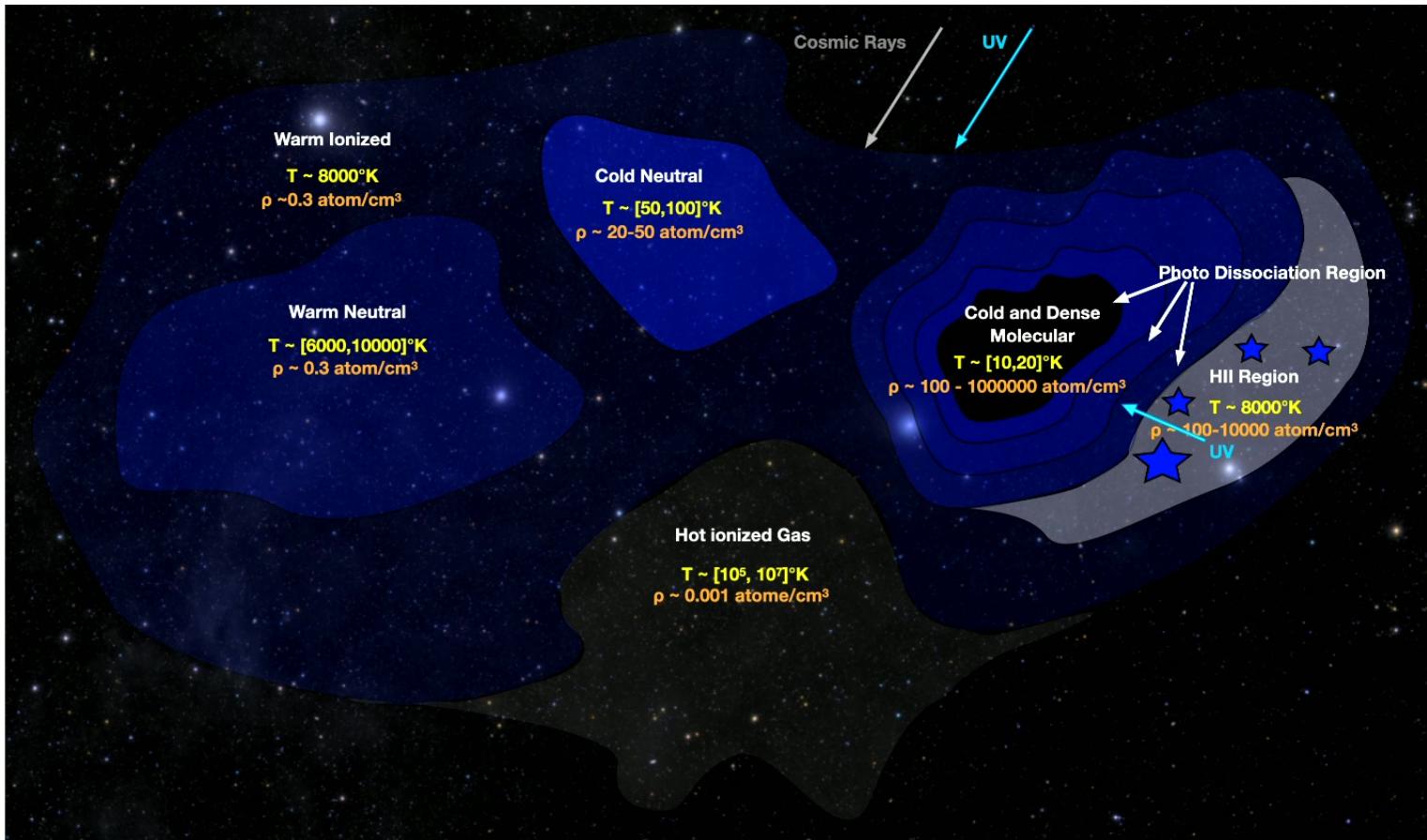


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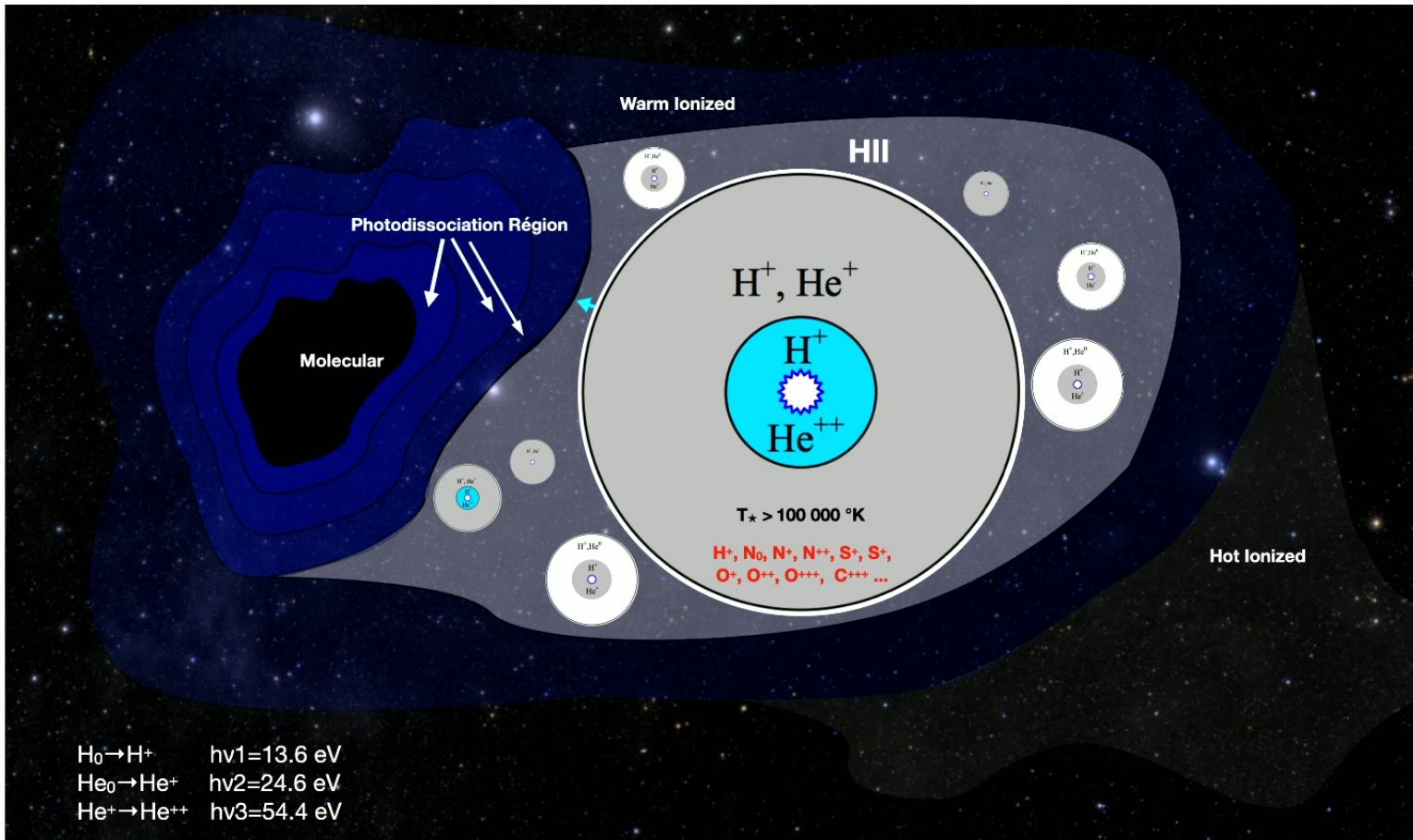


# Star Forming Regions Environment (Swimming in...)





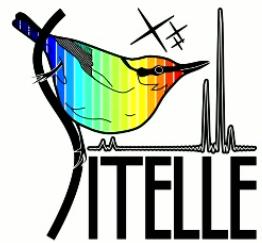
## The interstellar Medium



## The Massive Stars



# SITELLE IFTS

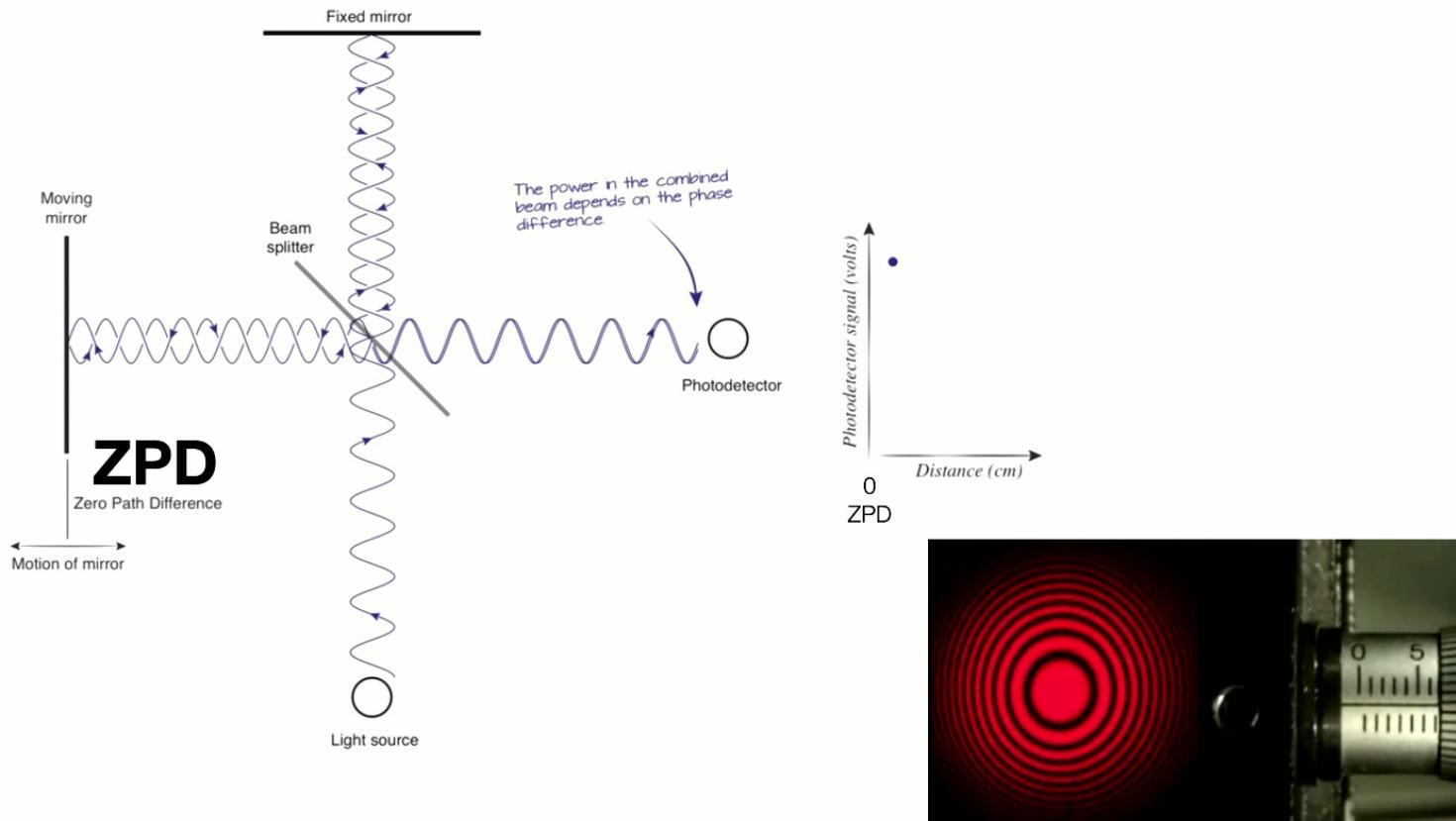


Attribute	SITELLE
FOV	11' x 11'
Pixels FOV	0.32"
Bandwidth Covered	350-930 nm
Spectral Resolution	1 - 20 000 (Selectable)
Multiplex Capacity	2048 x 2064 4.2 Million Spectra



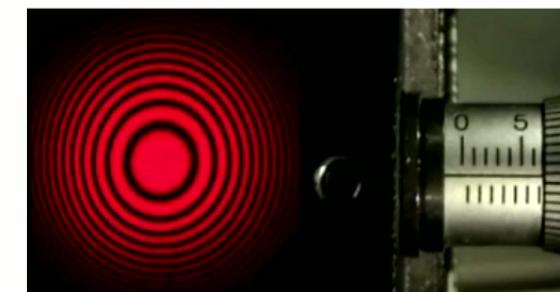
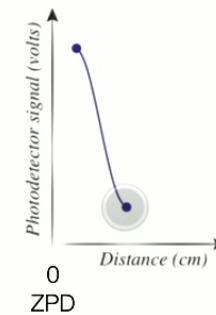
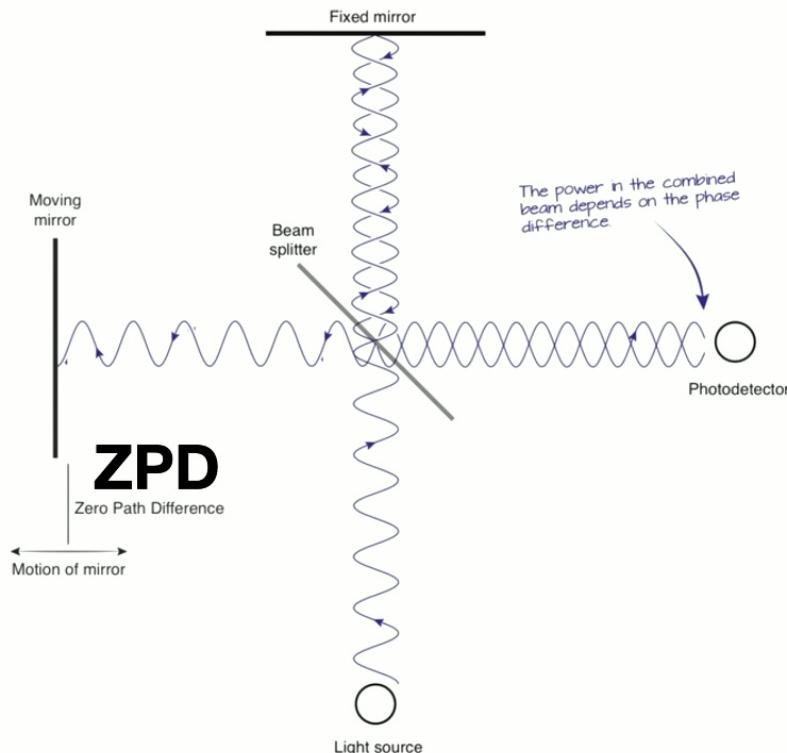
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- The Michelson Interferometer



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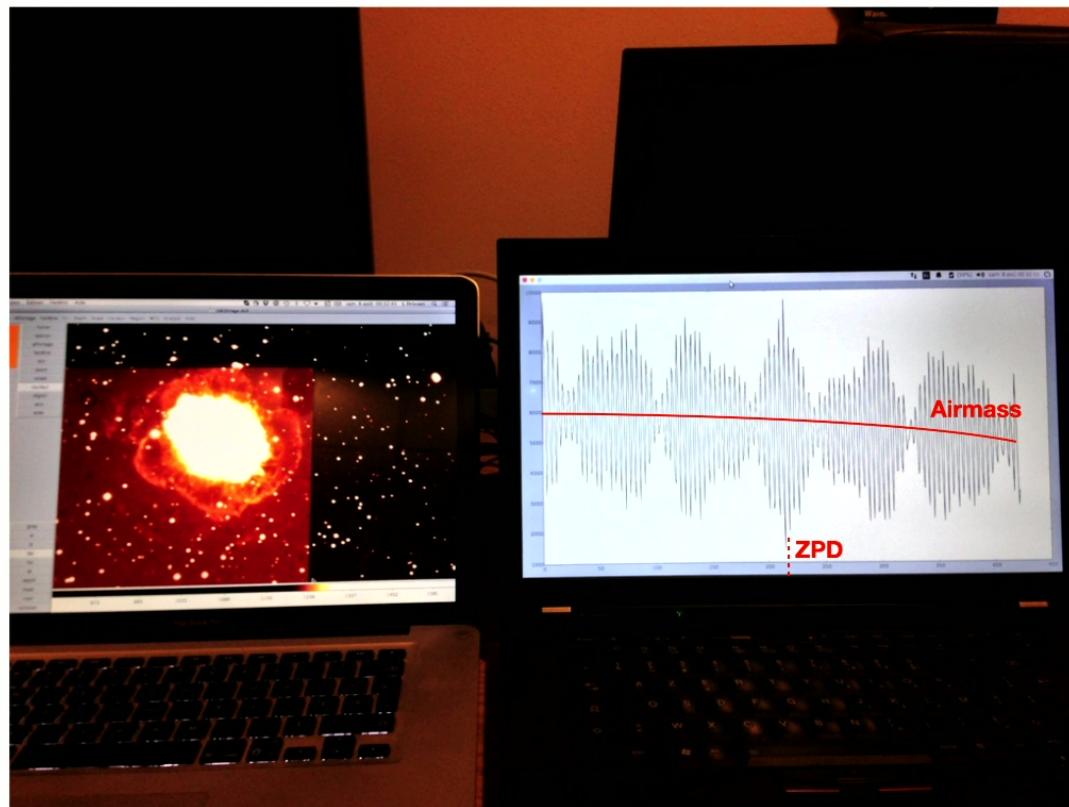
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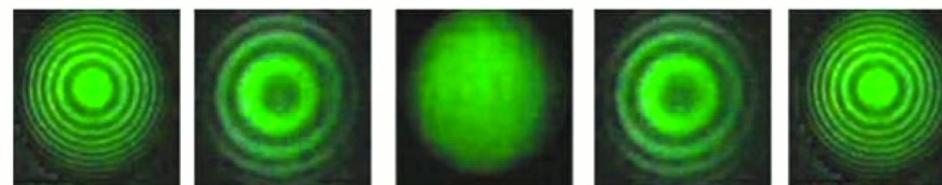
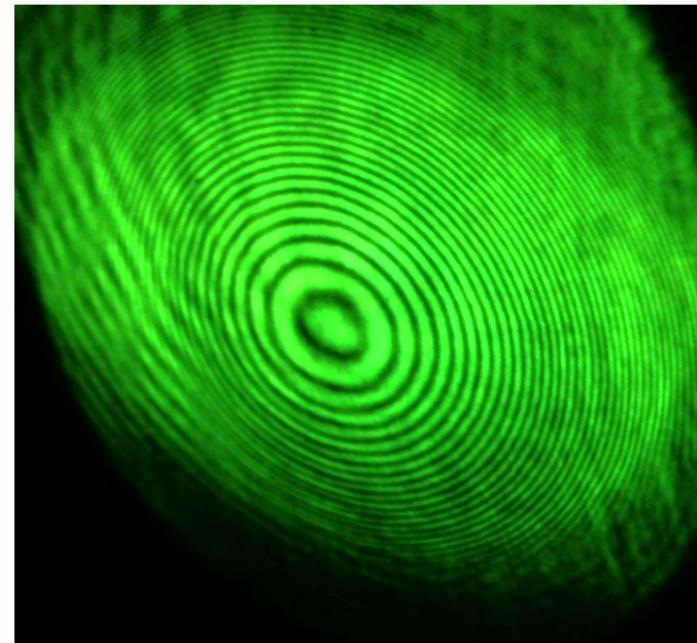
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- Interferogram of emission lines source



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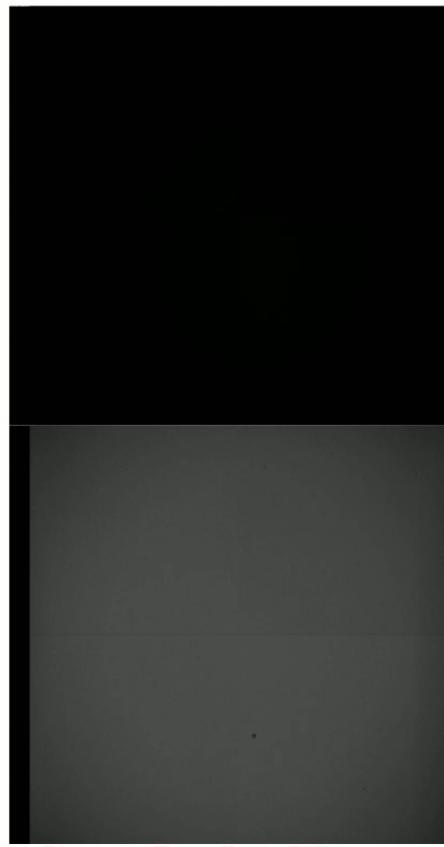
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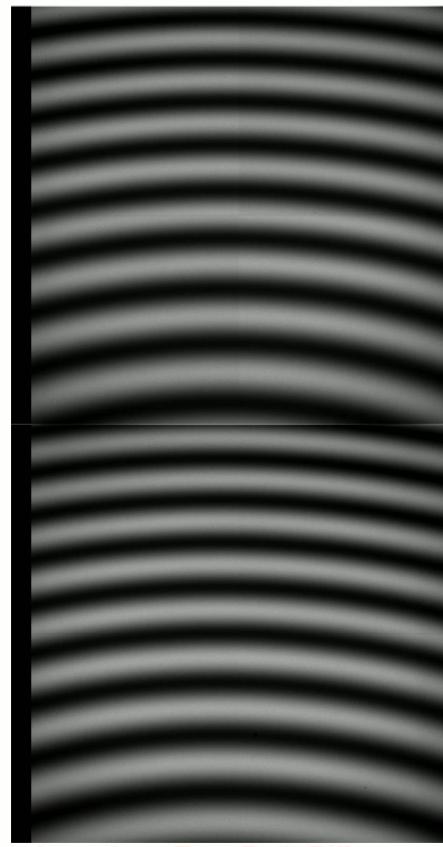
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# IFTs

## Laser interferogram



Close to Zero Path Difference

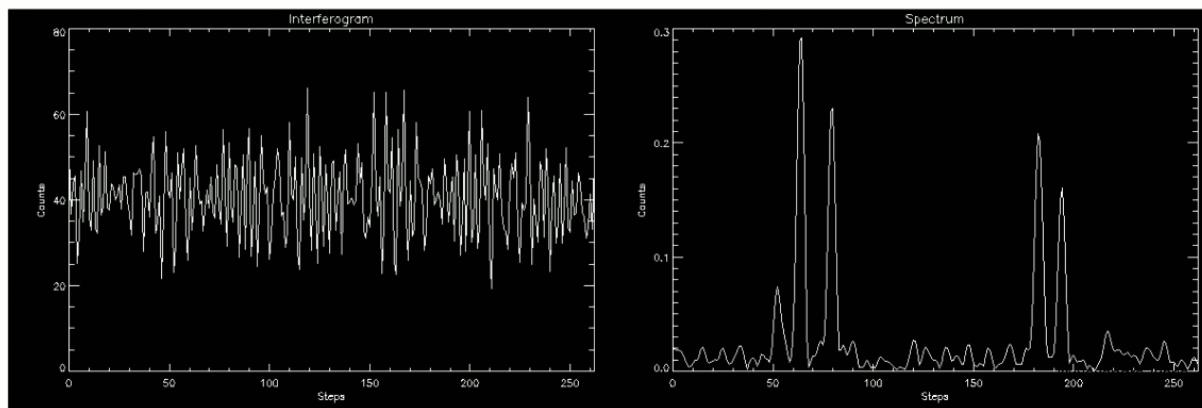


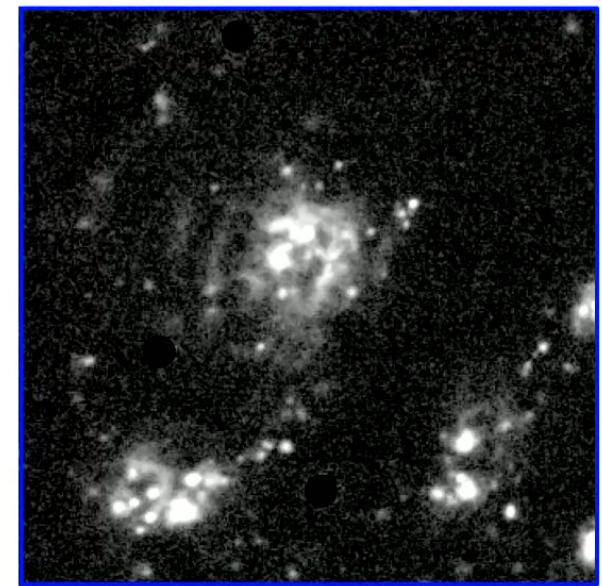
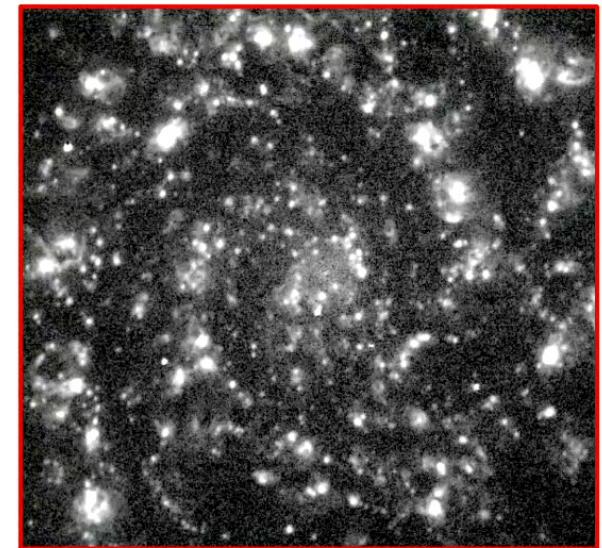
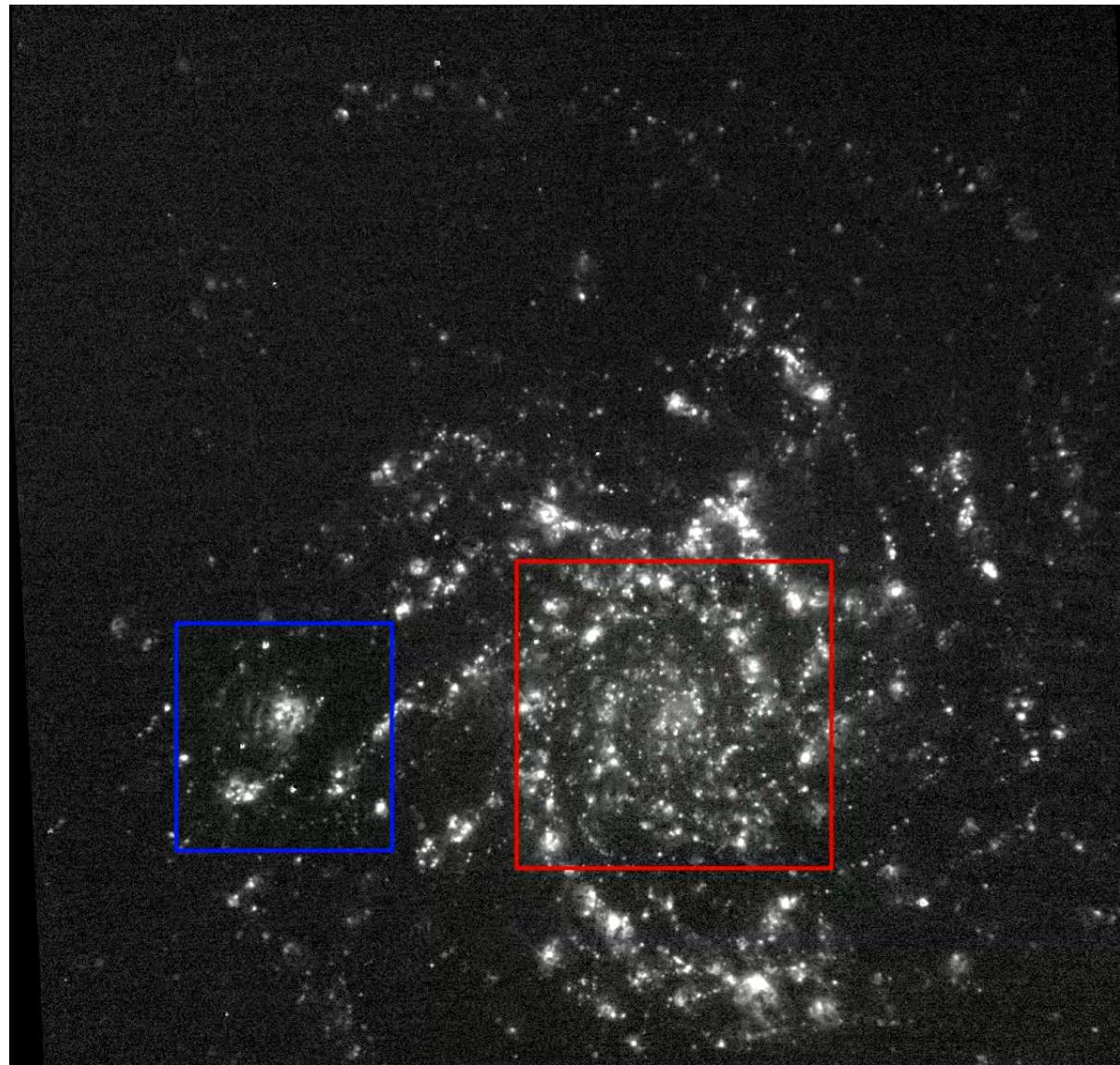
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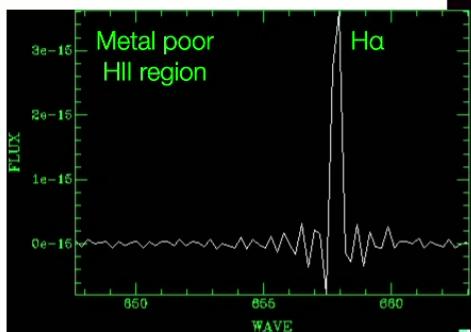
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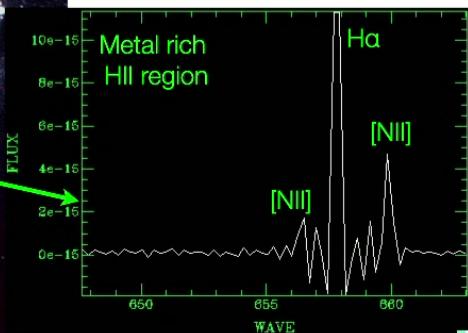
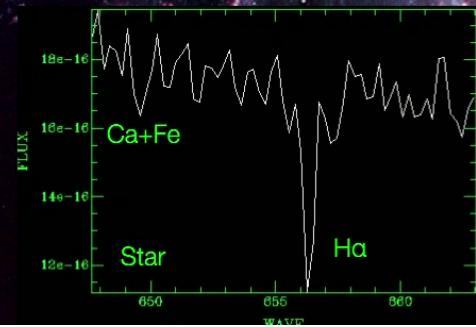
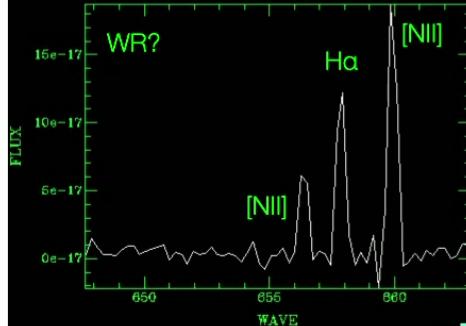
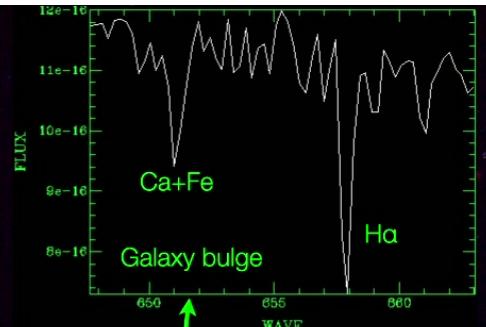
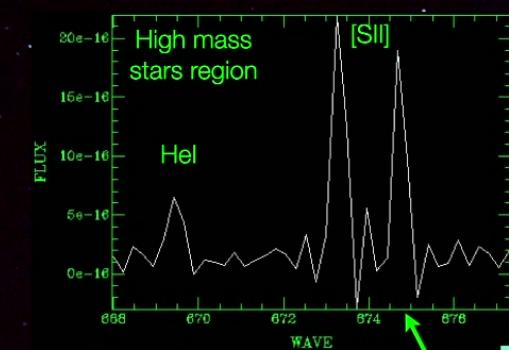
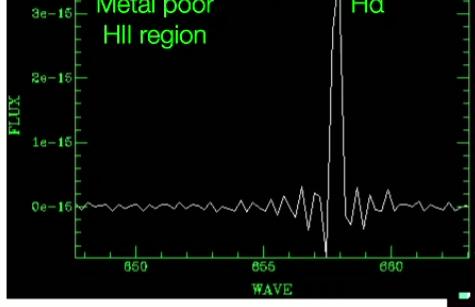


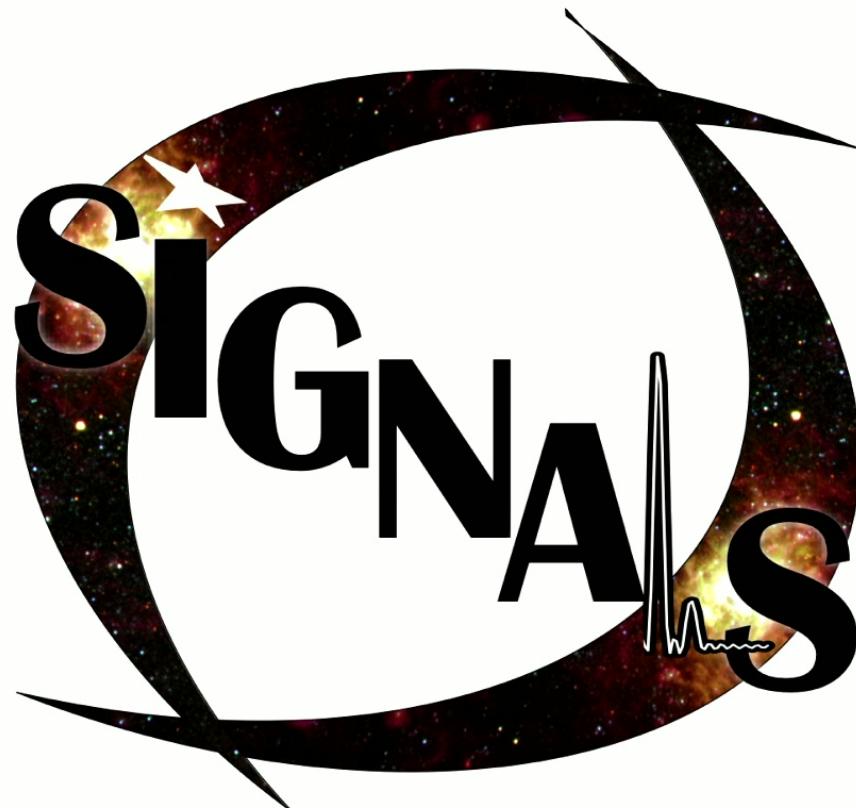
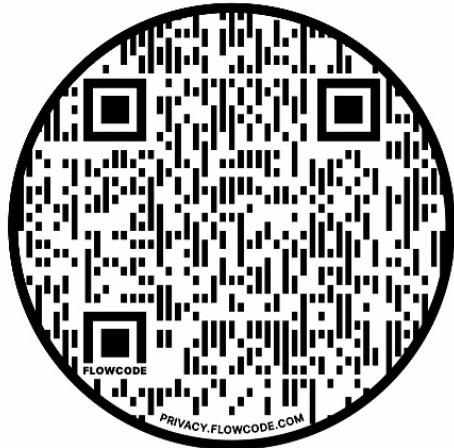


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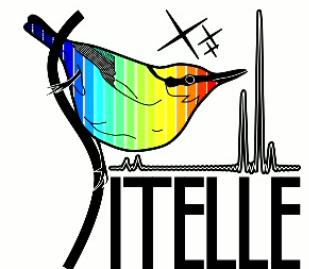




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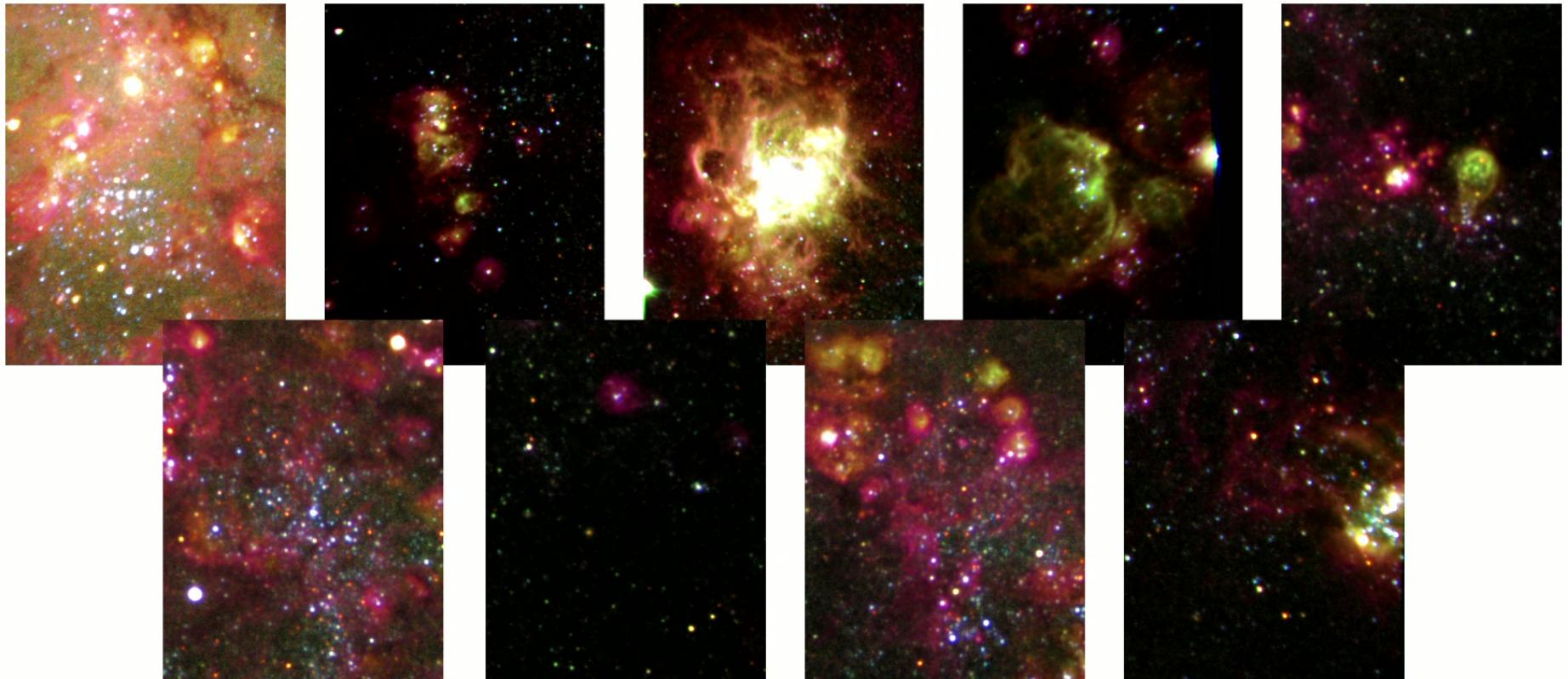


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The **Star formation, Ionized Gas, and Nebular Abundances Legacy Survey**

## 1 - Star Formation Process at the Scale of an HII Region

- Star Formation Rate and Resolved Star Formation Law
- HII Region Characteristics:
  - Gas Conditions, Photoionization, and Ionized Gas Models
  - Massive Stars Content and IMF Variations
- Star Formation Efficiency - Ionized vs Neutral Gas Component
- Ionizing Photons: HII Regions vs DIG

## 2 - Feedback Processes

- Mass and Energy Returned into the ISM by Stars

## 3 - Small Scale Dynamics

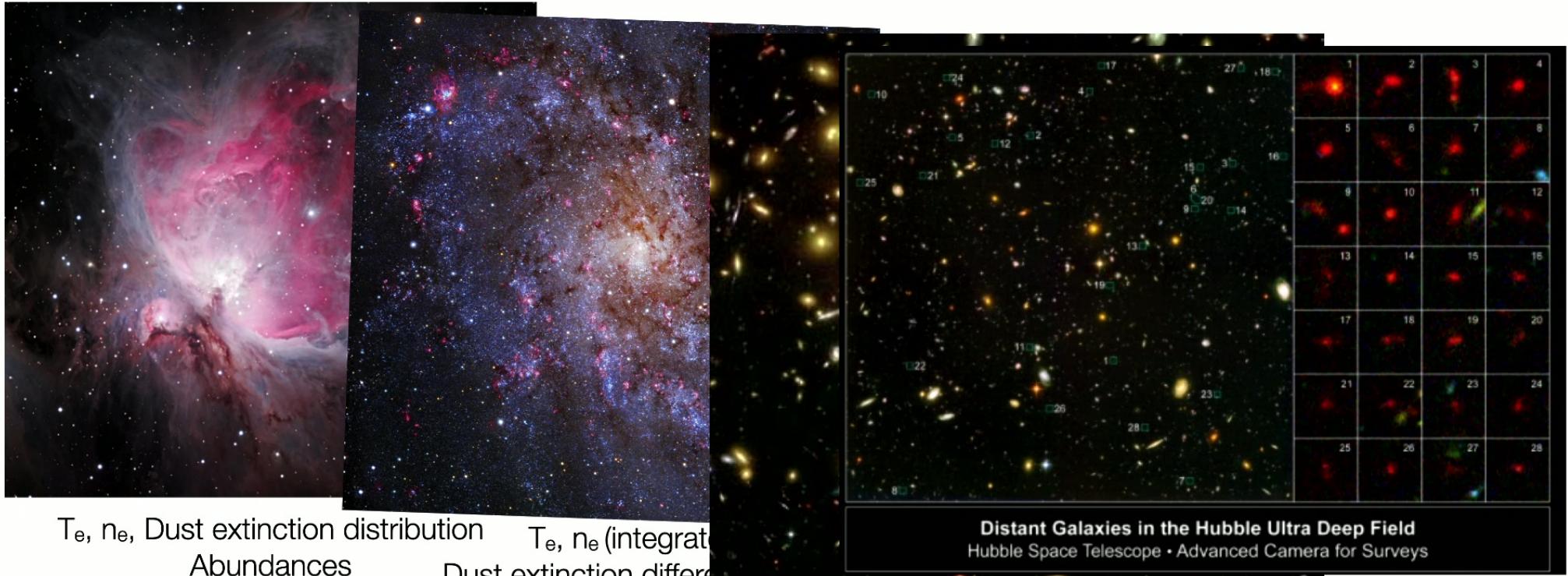
## 4 - Local Environment Influence



$T_e$ ,  $n_e$ , Dust extinction distribution  
Abundances  
Stars mass, SED, etc.

$T_e$ ,  $n_e$  (integrated)  
Dust extinction differential effect  
Global Abundances  
Clusters mass,  
~SED (IMF assumption), etc.

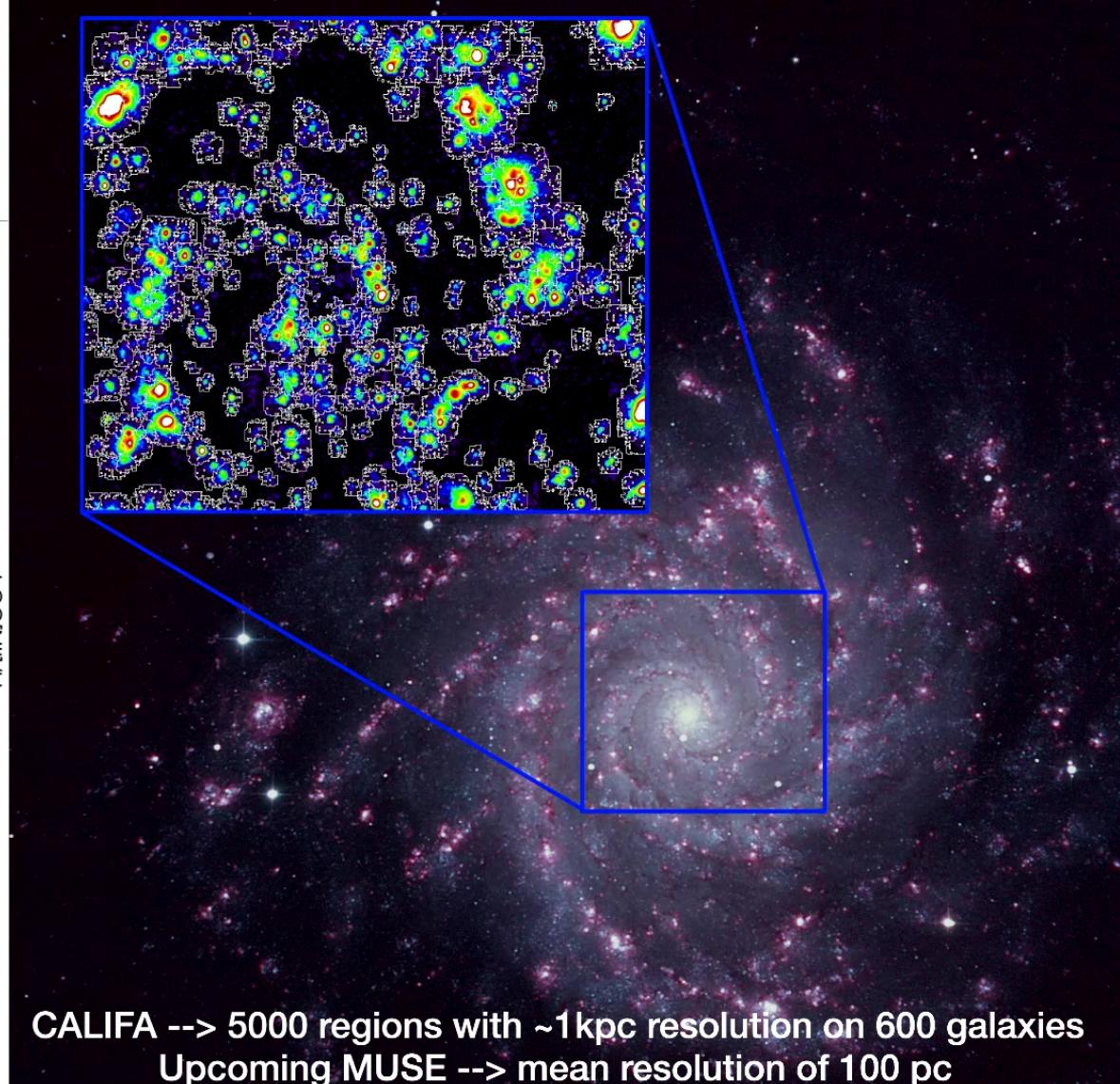
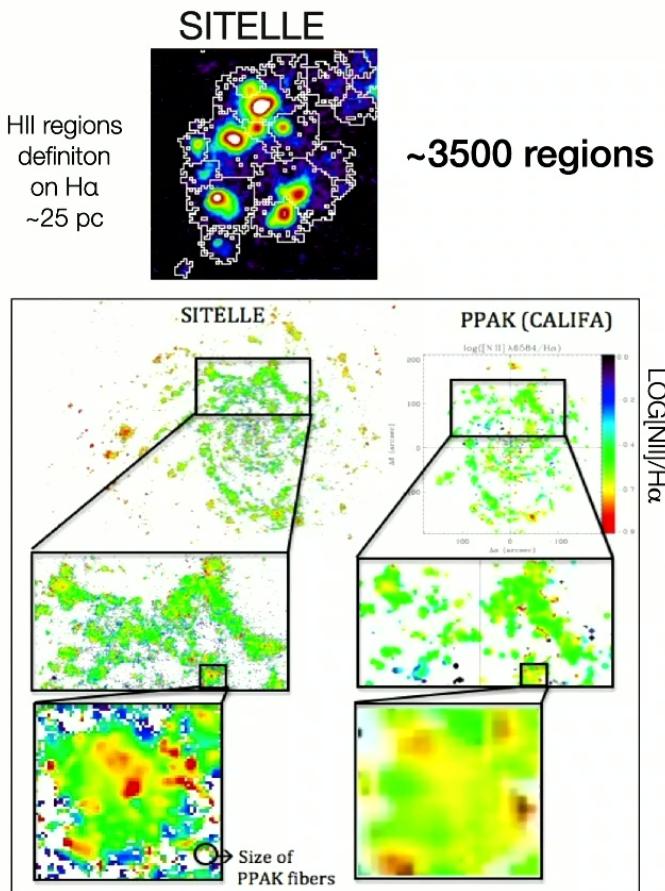
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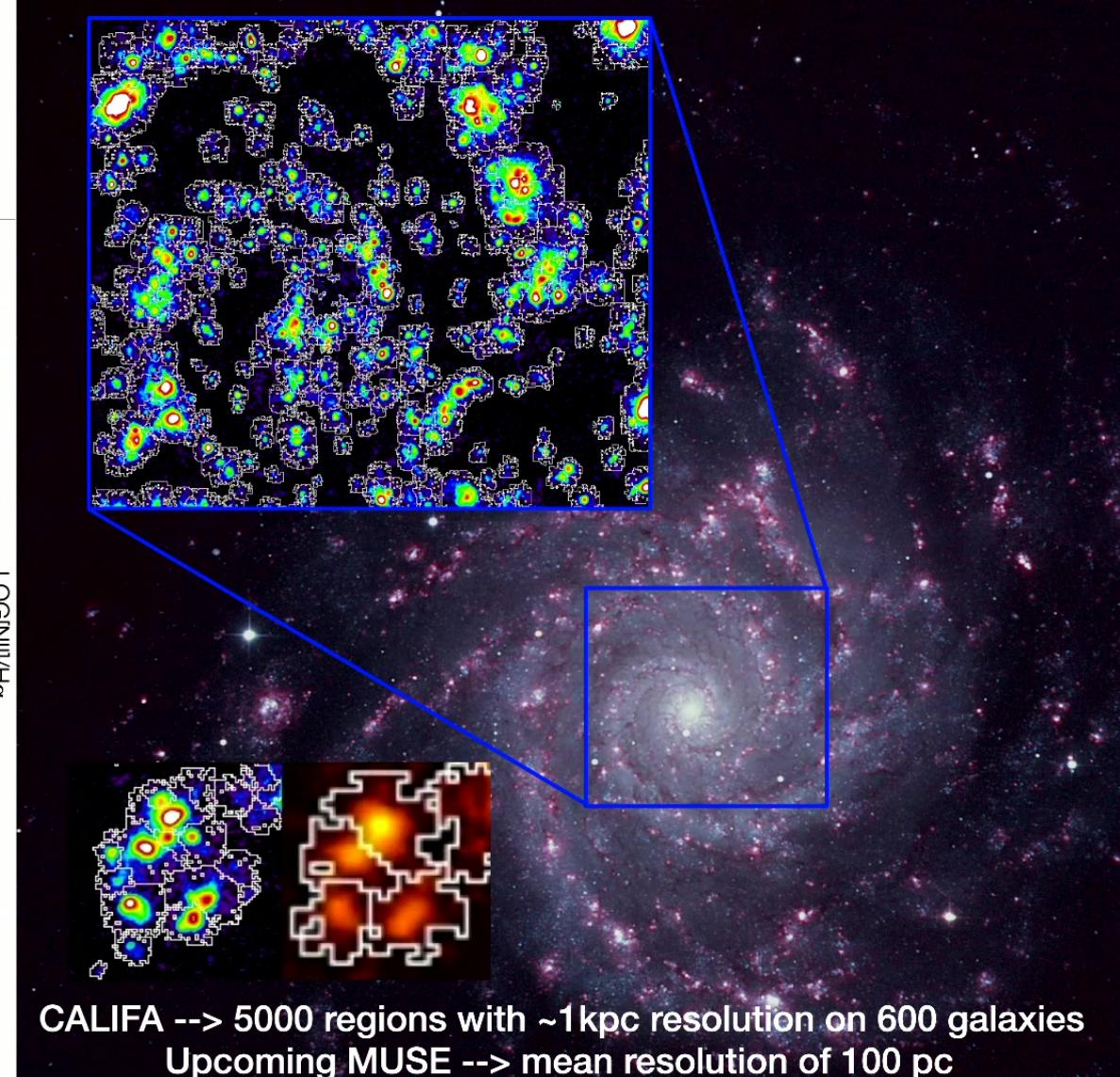
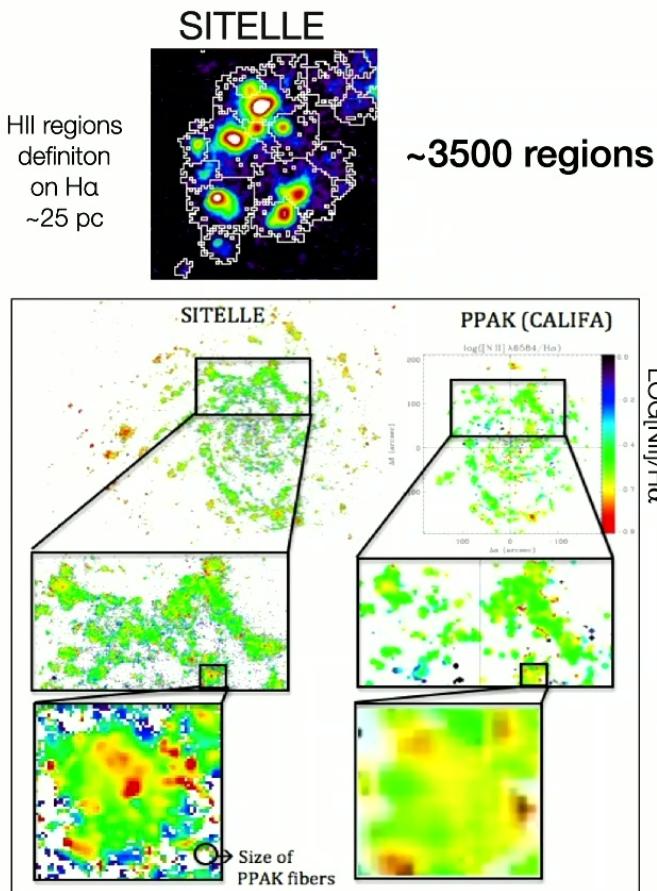
# SITELLE

## High spatial resolution

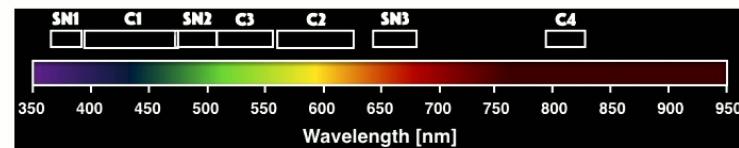
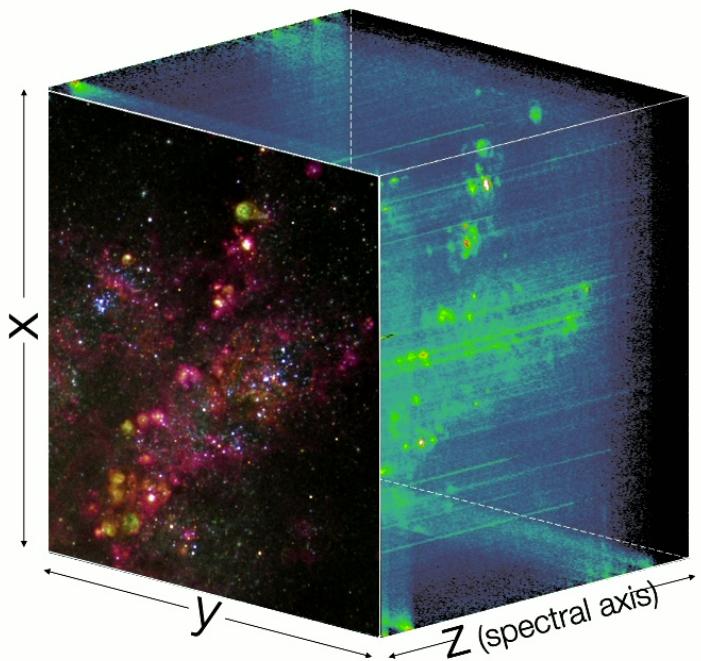


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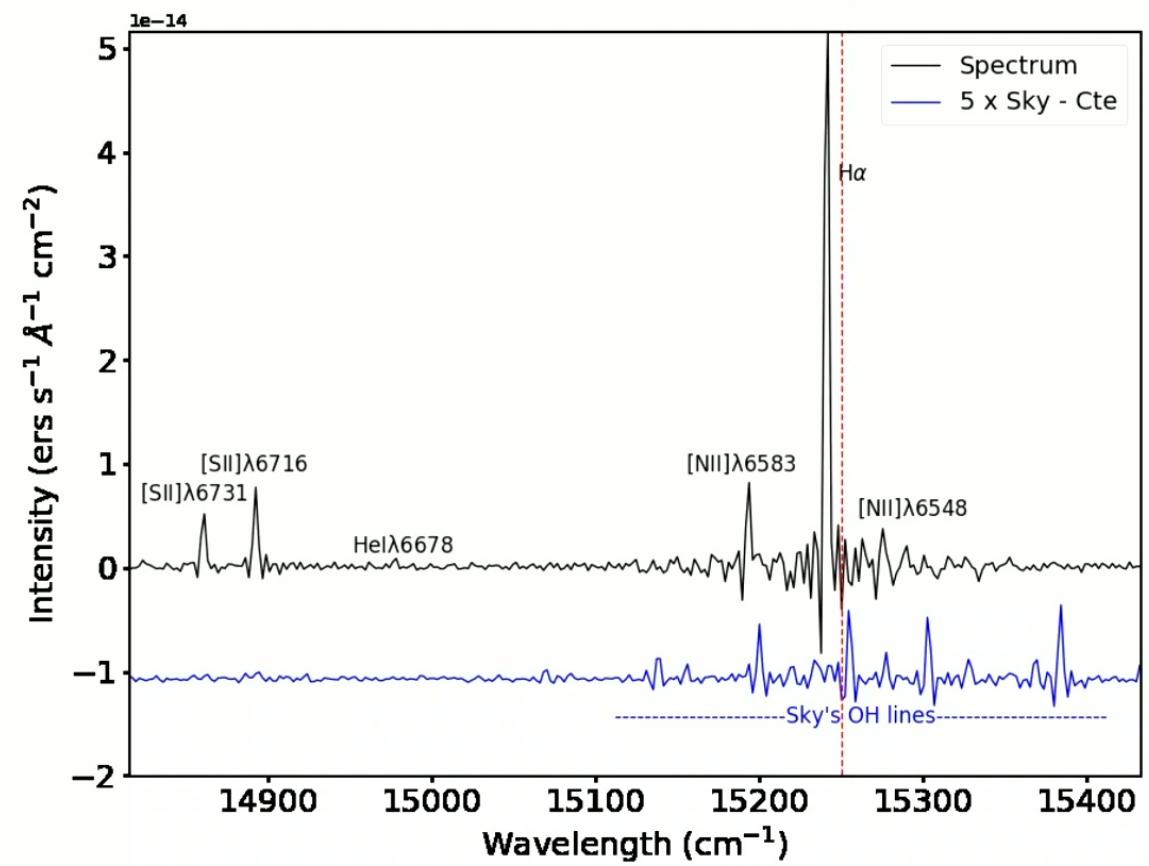
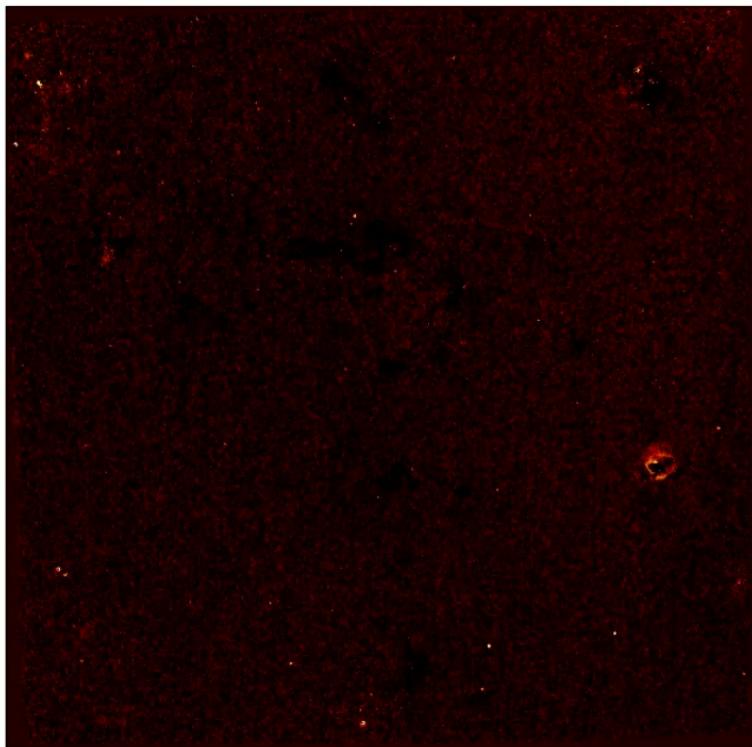
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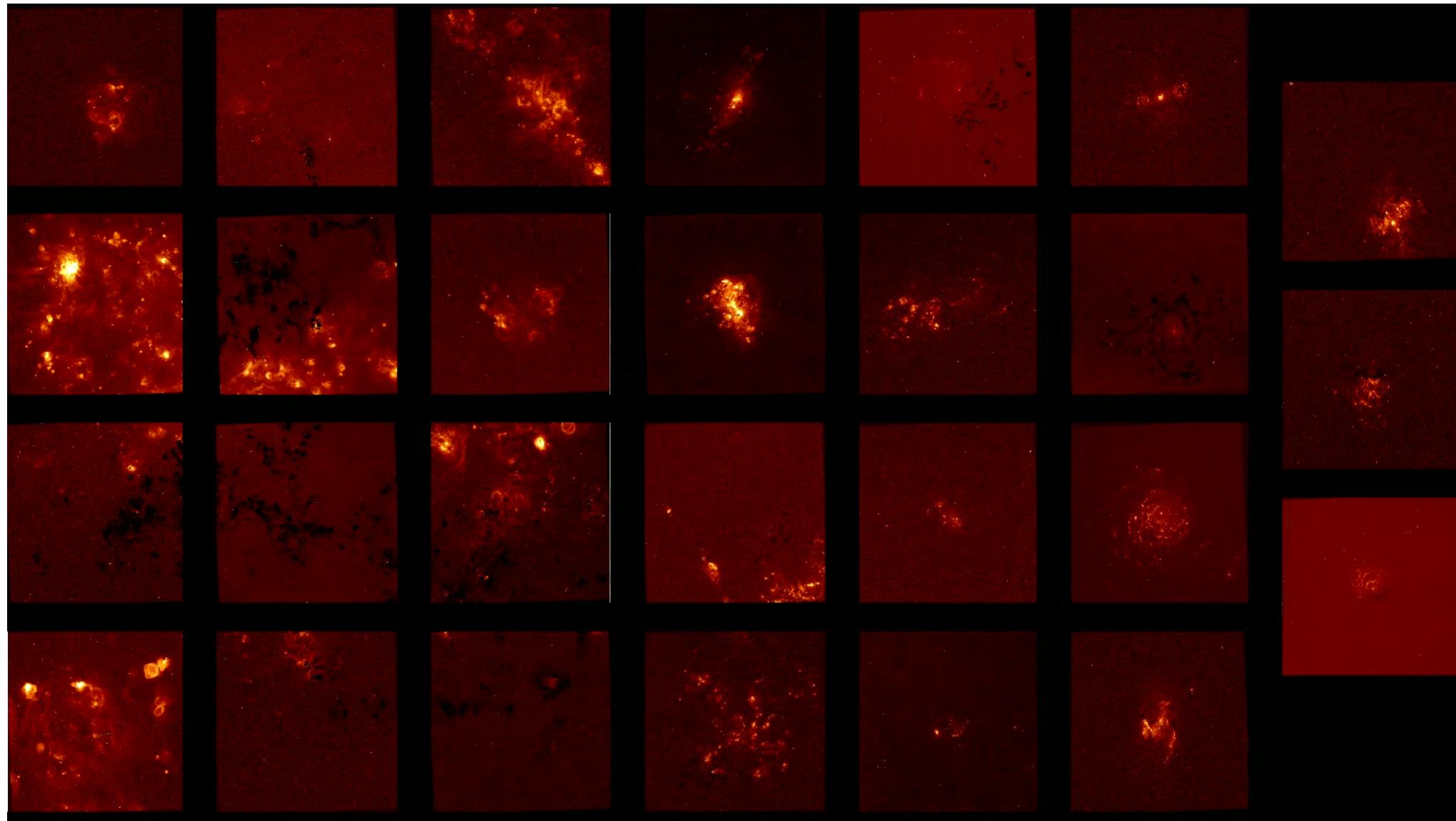


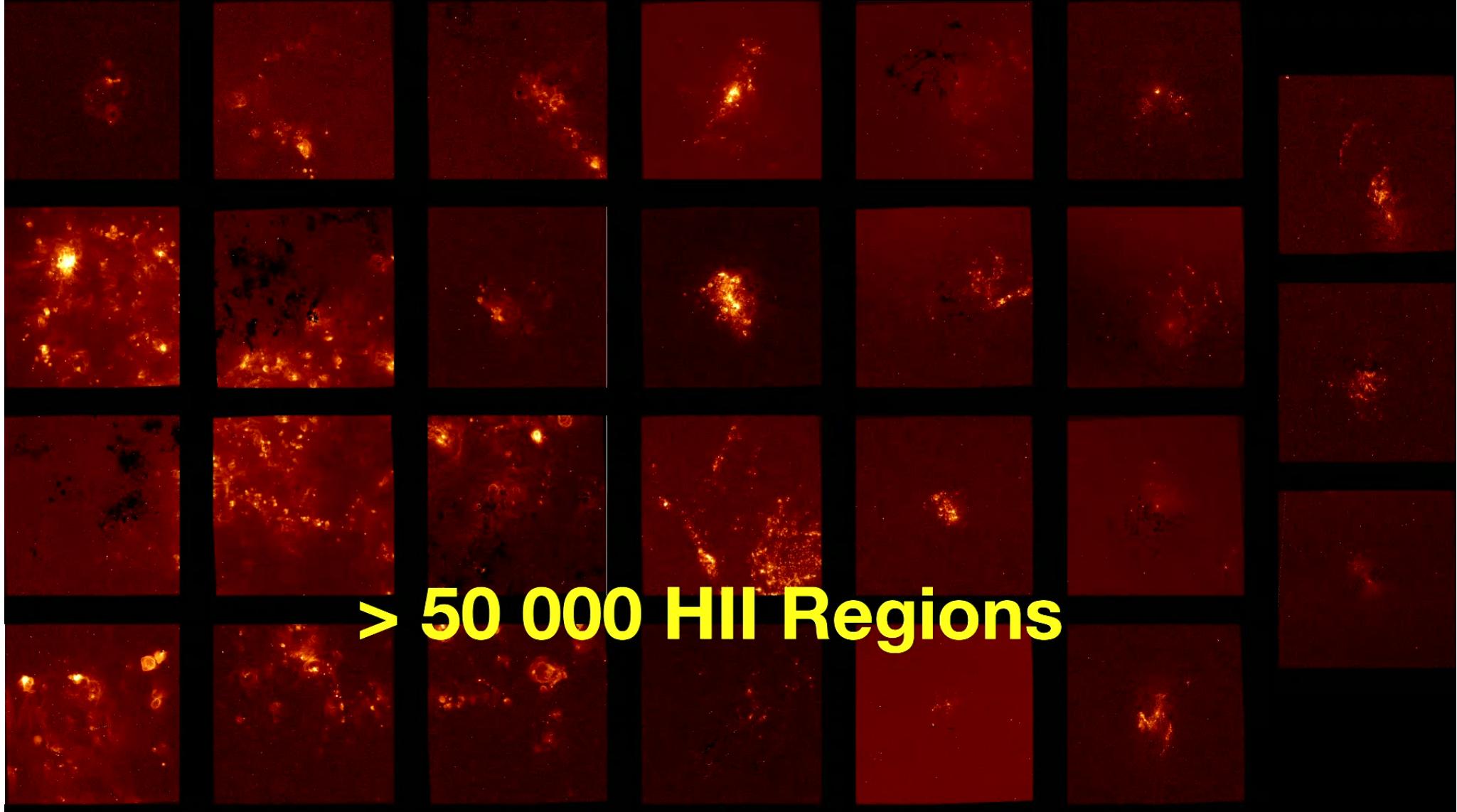
# Instrument configuration for SIGNALS



## M33 Field #7 SN3 Full Datacube

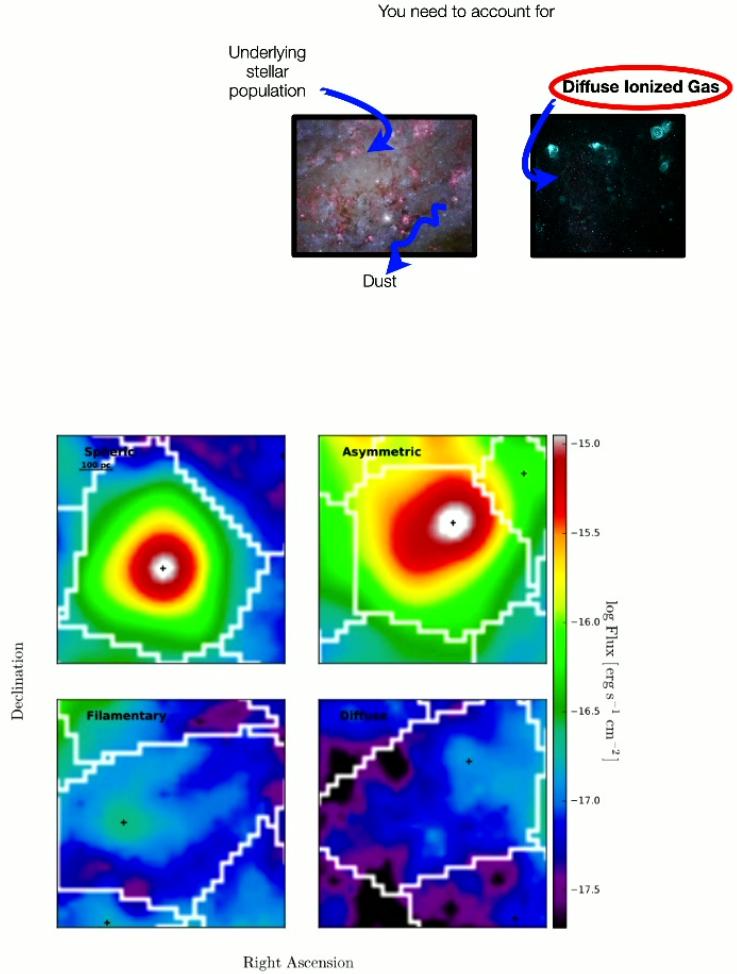
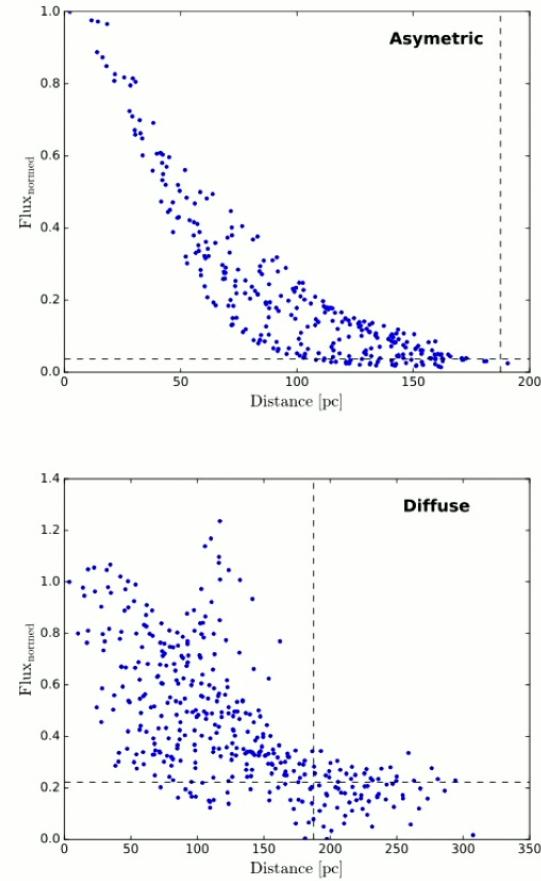
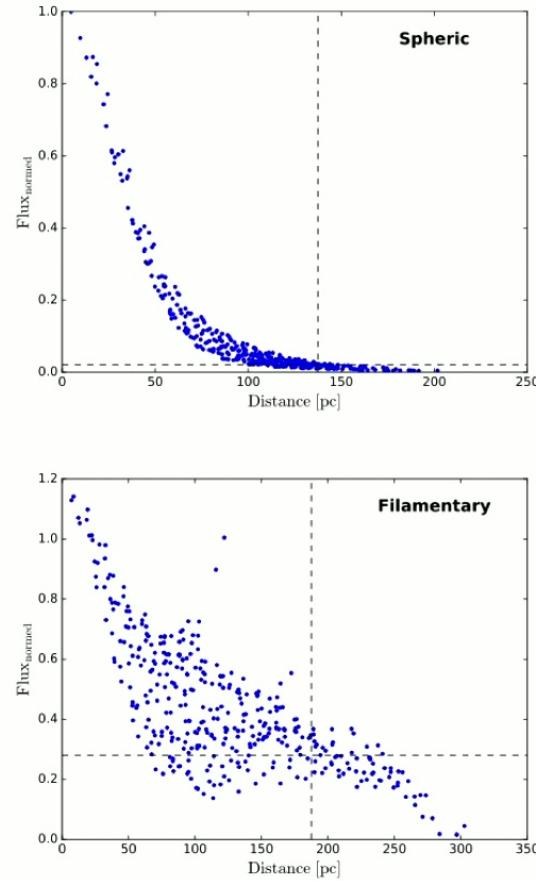




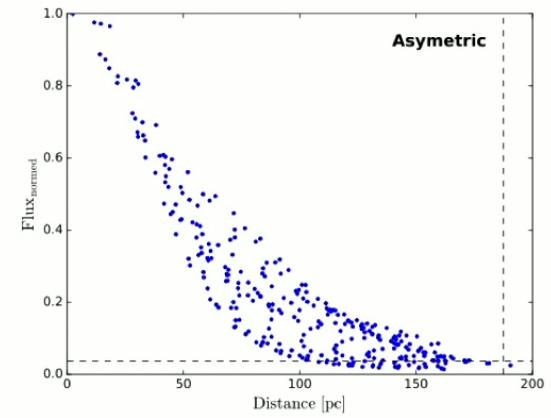
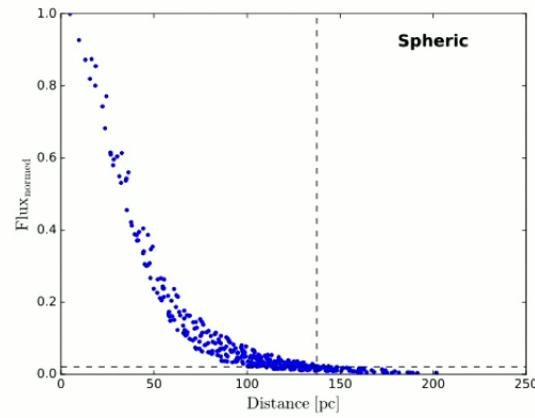
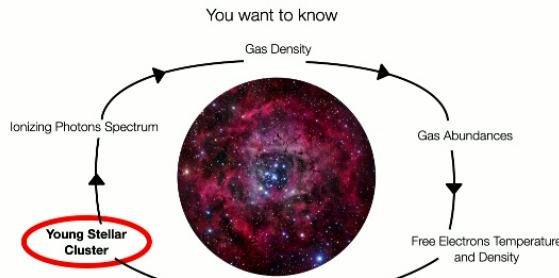


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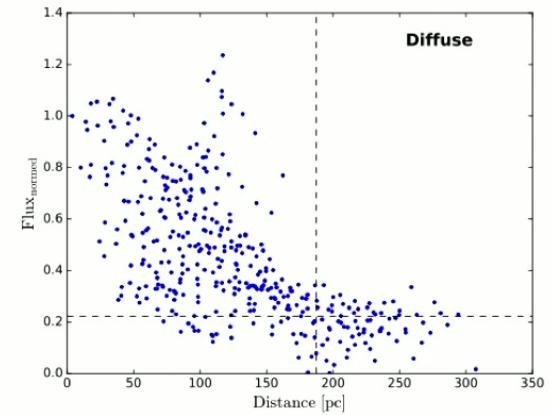
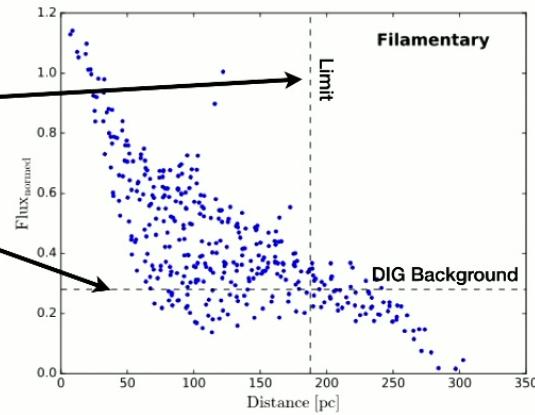


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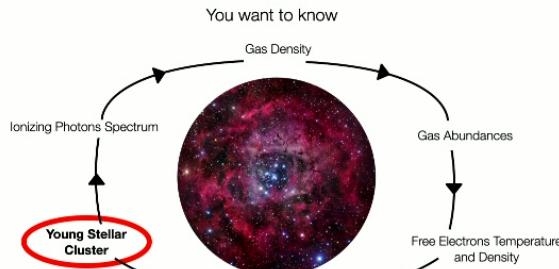


This Procedure Enable to:

- Recovers Lines Profiles
- Define the Limits of the Regions
- Define the Level of DIG
- Evaluate the Total Flux
- Evaluate the Size of the Regions

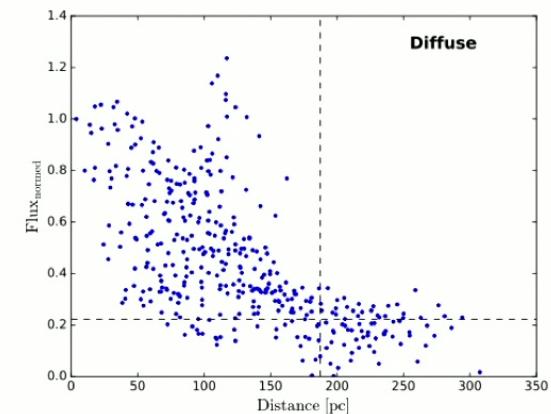
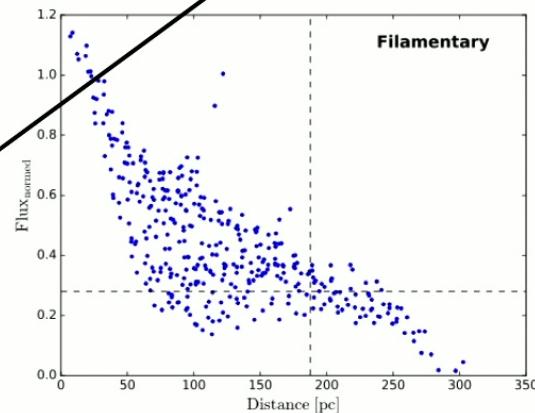
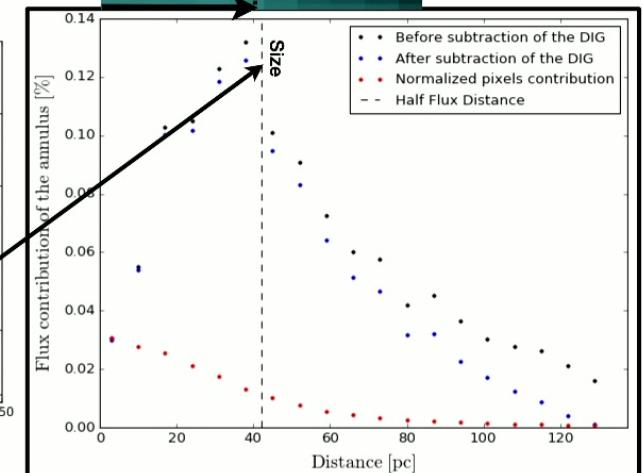
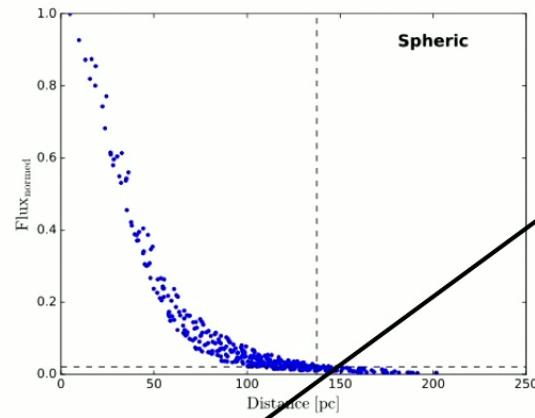


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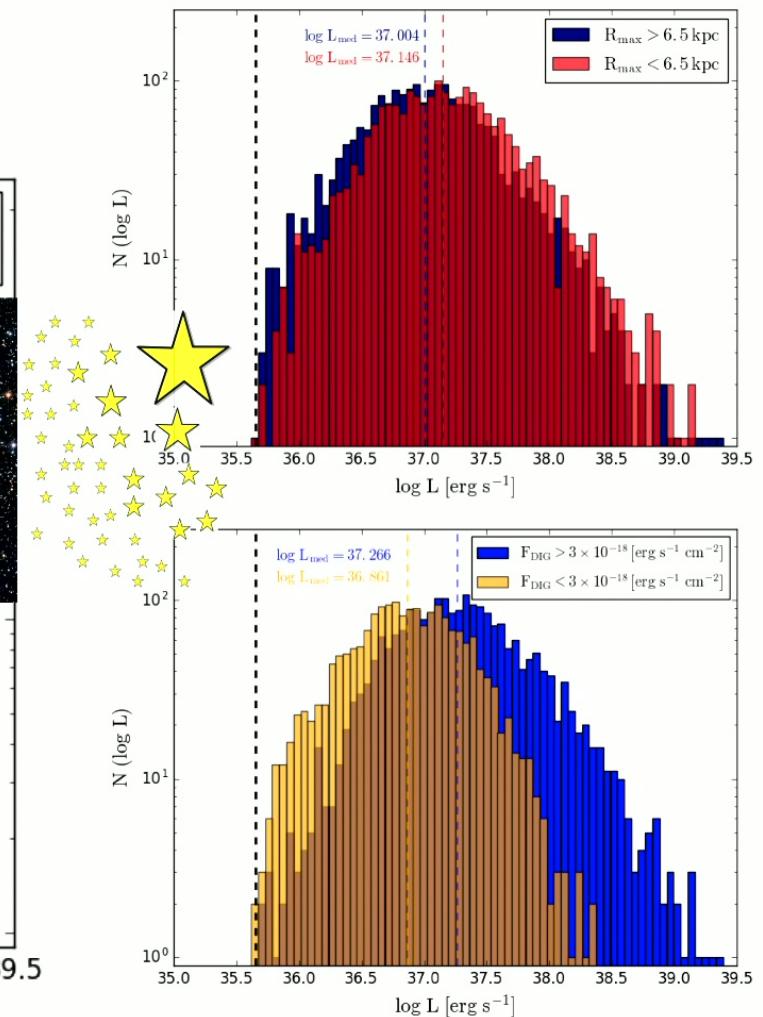
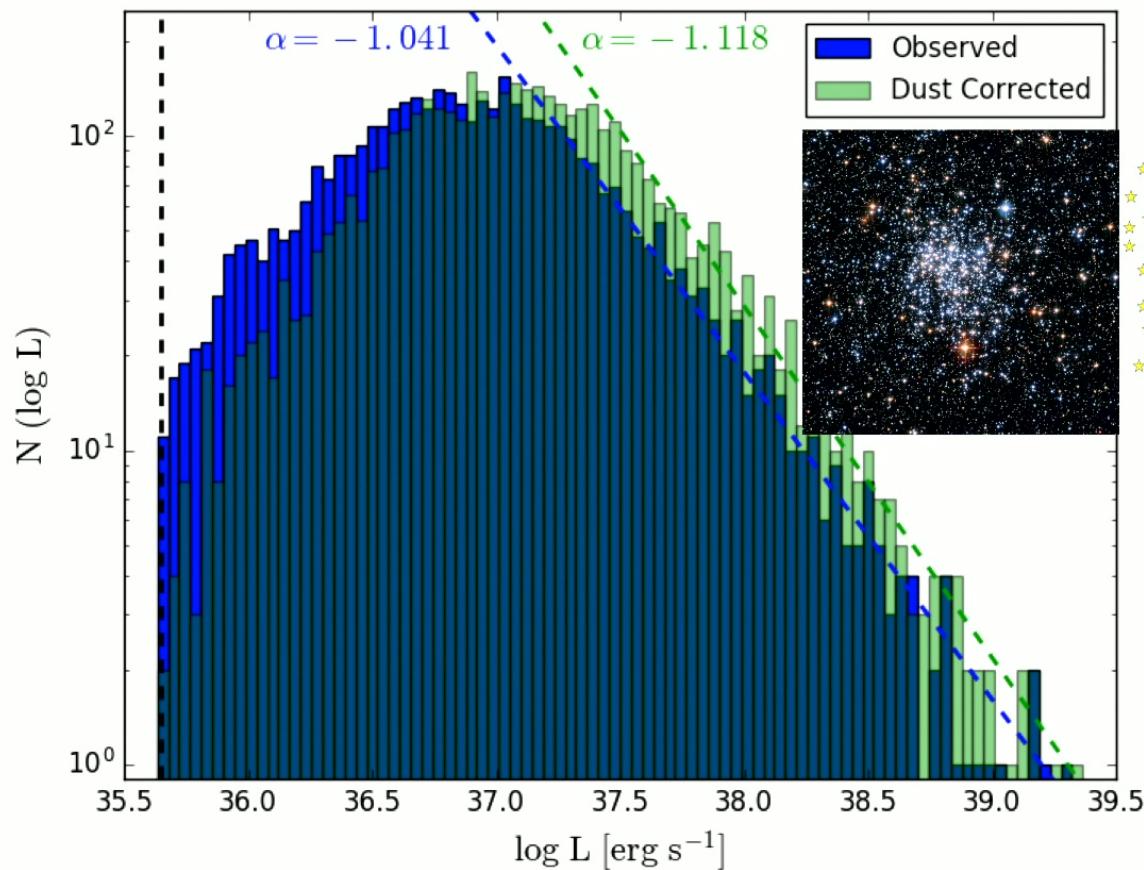


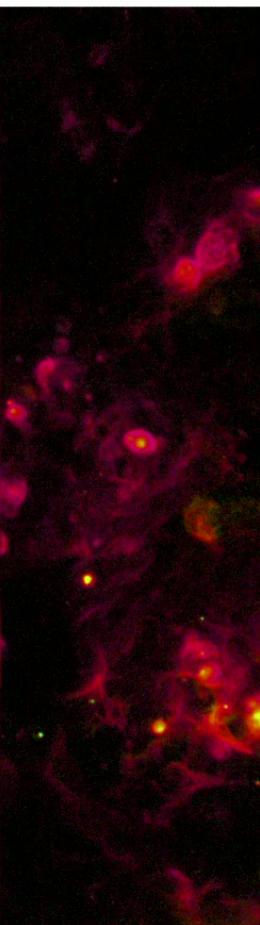
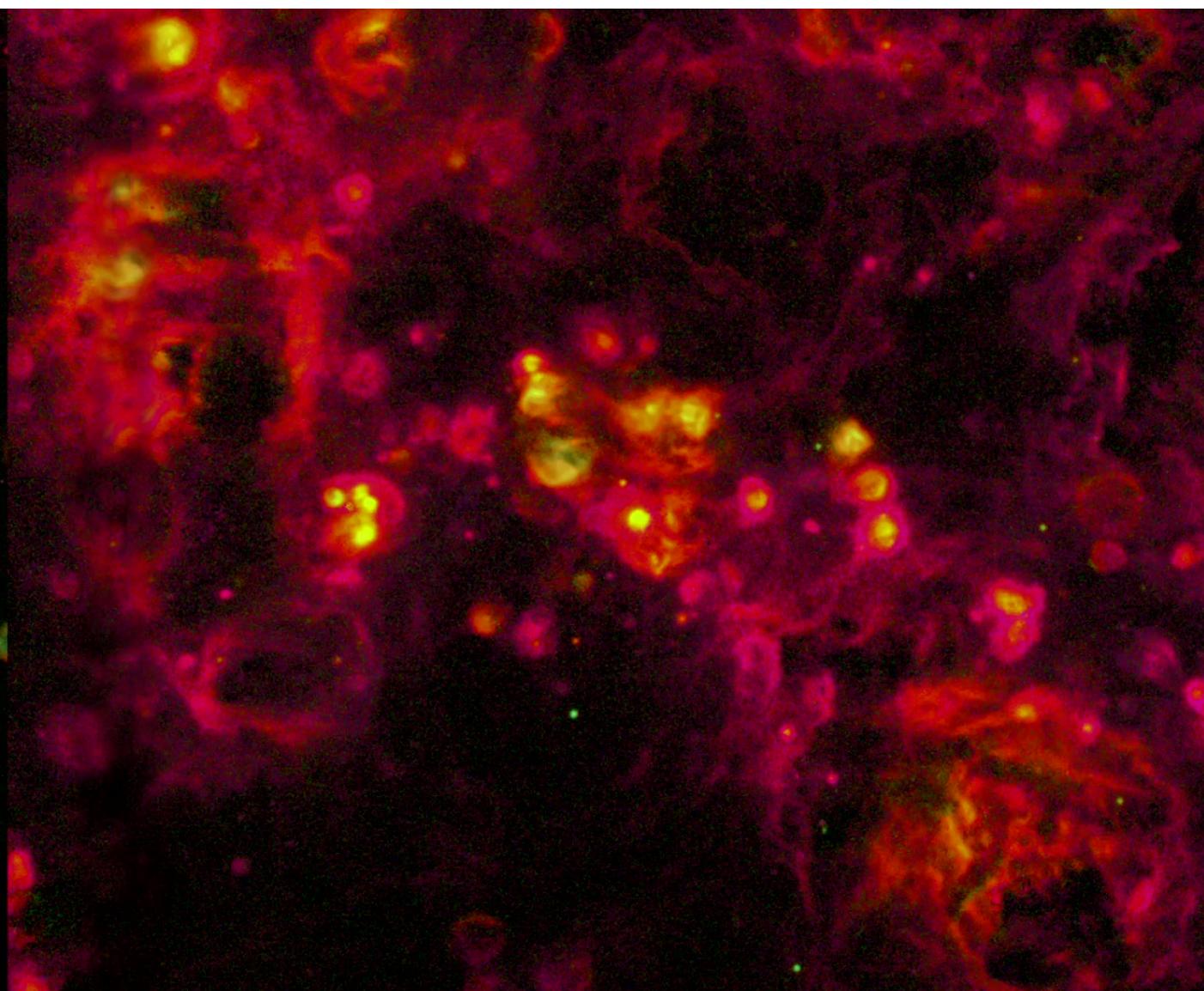
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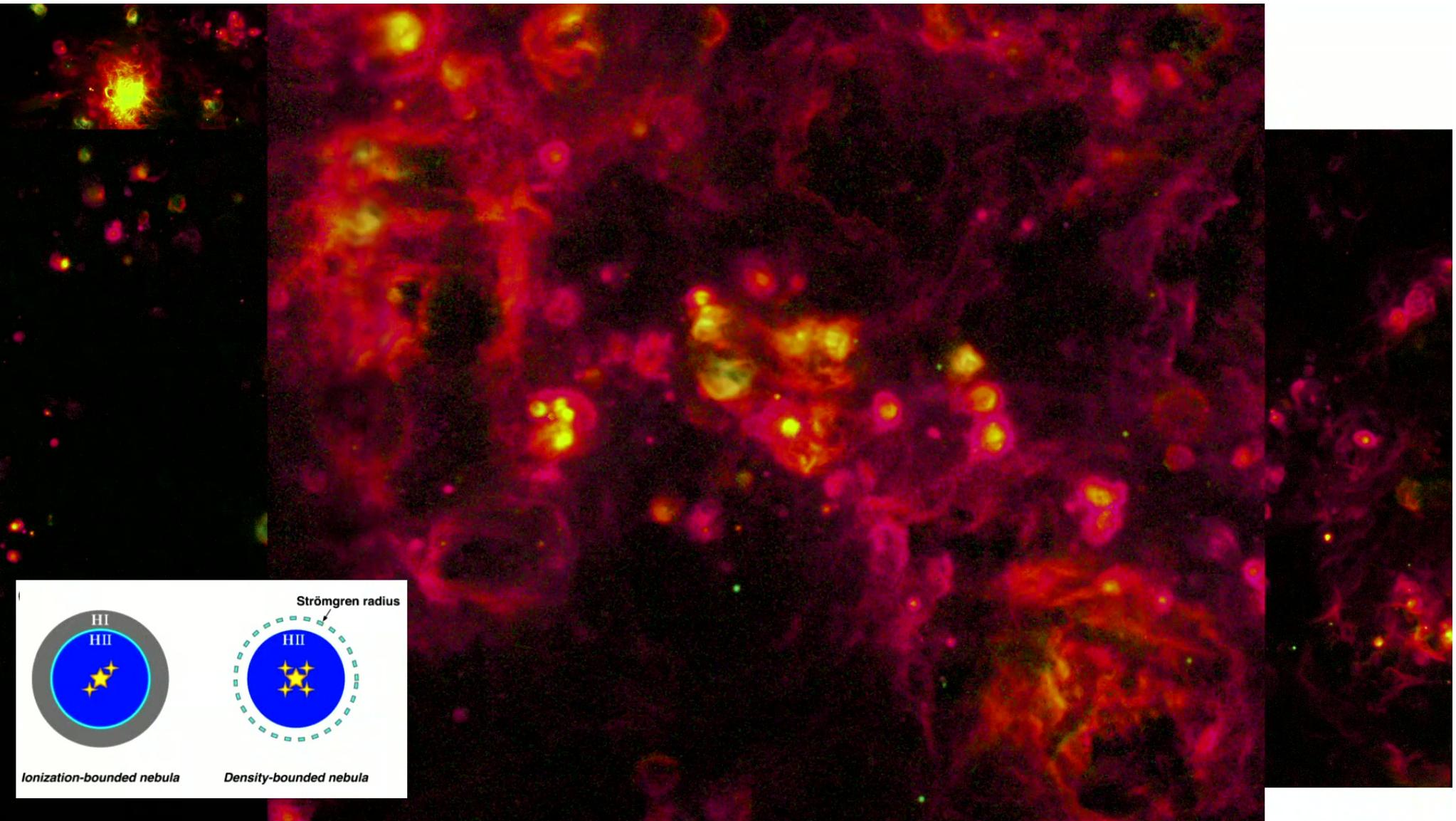
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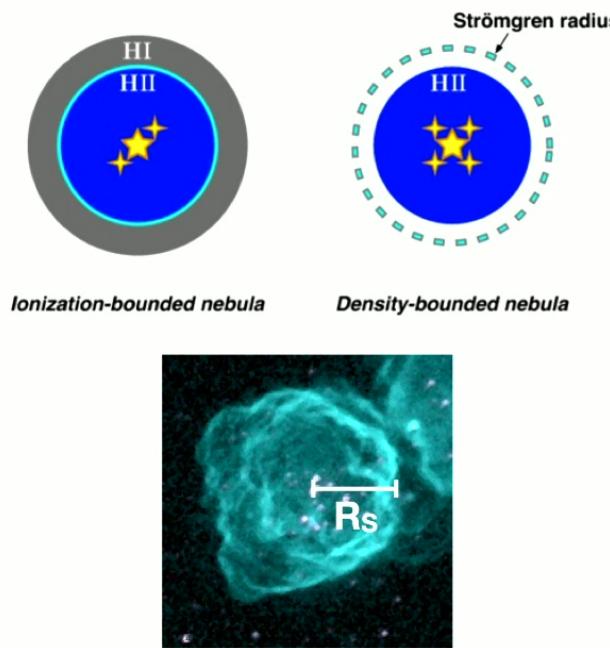
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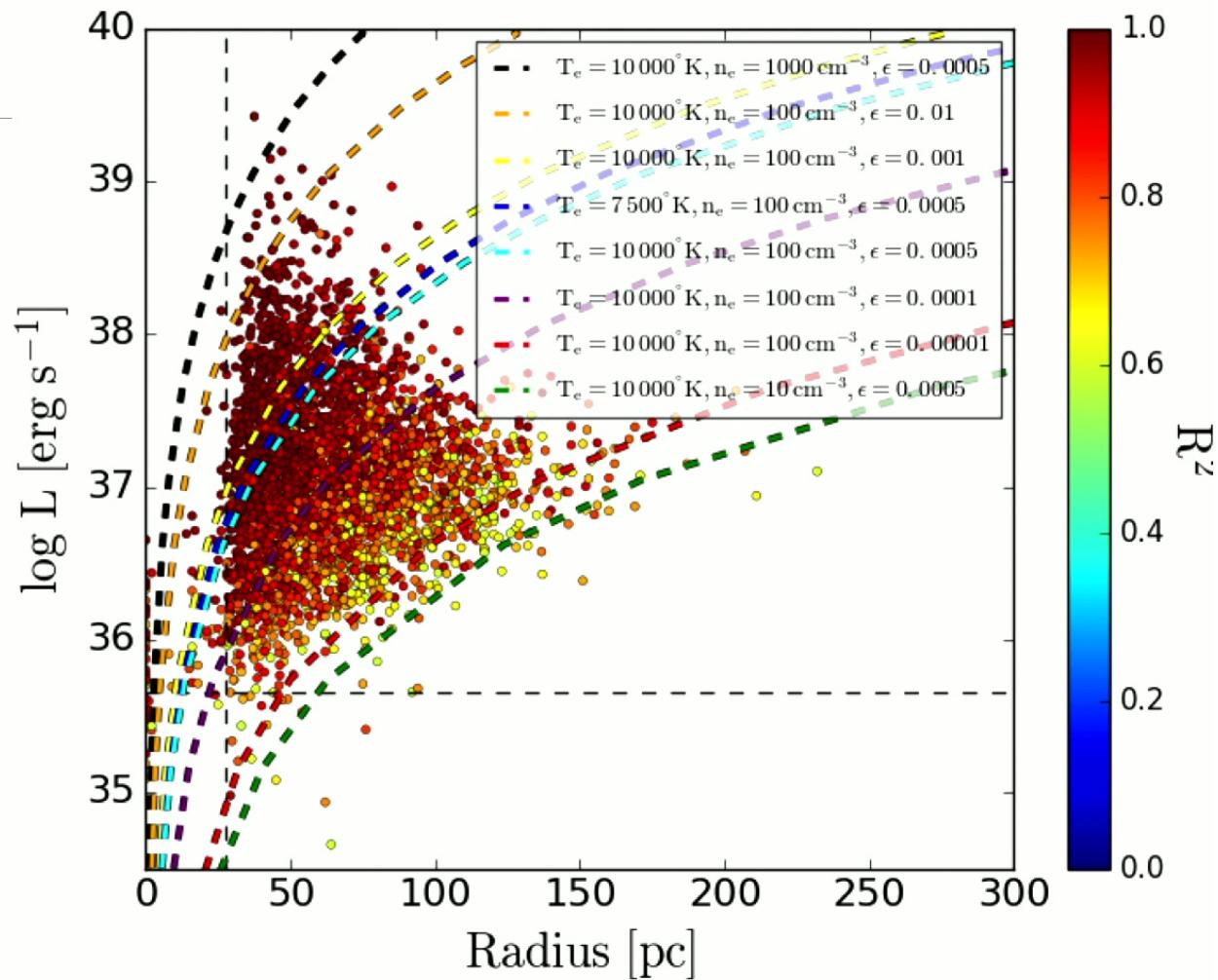




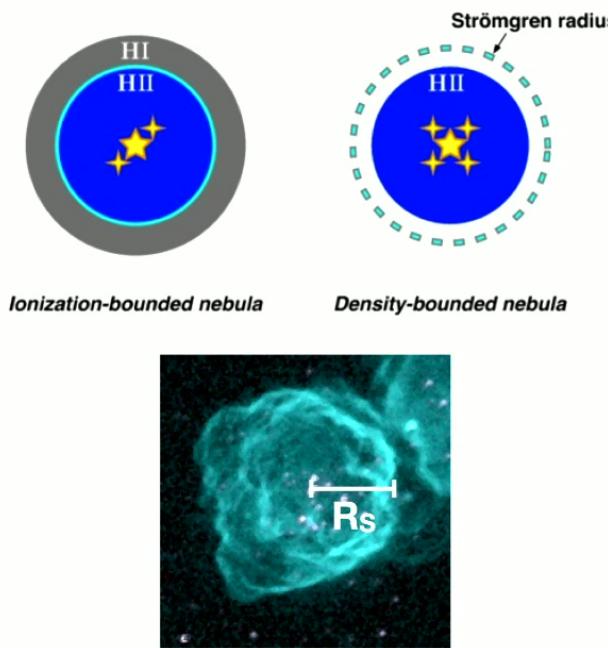
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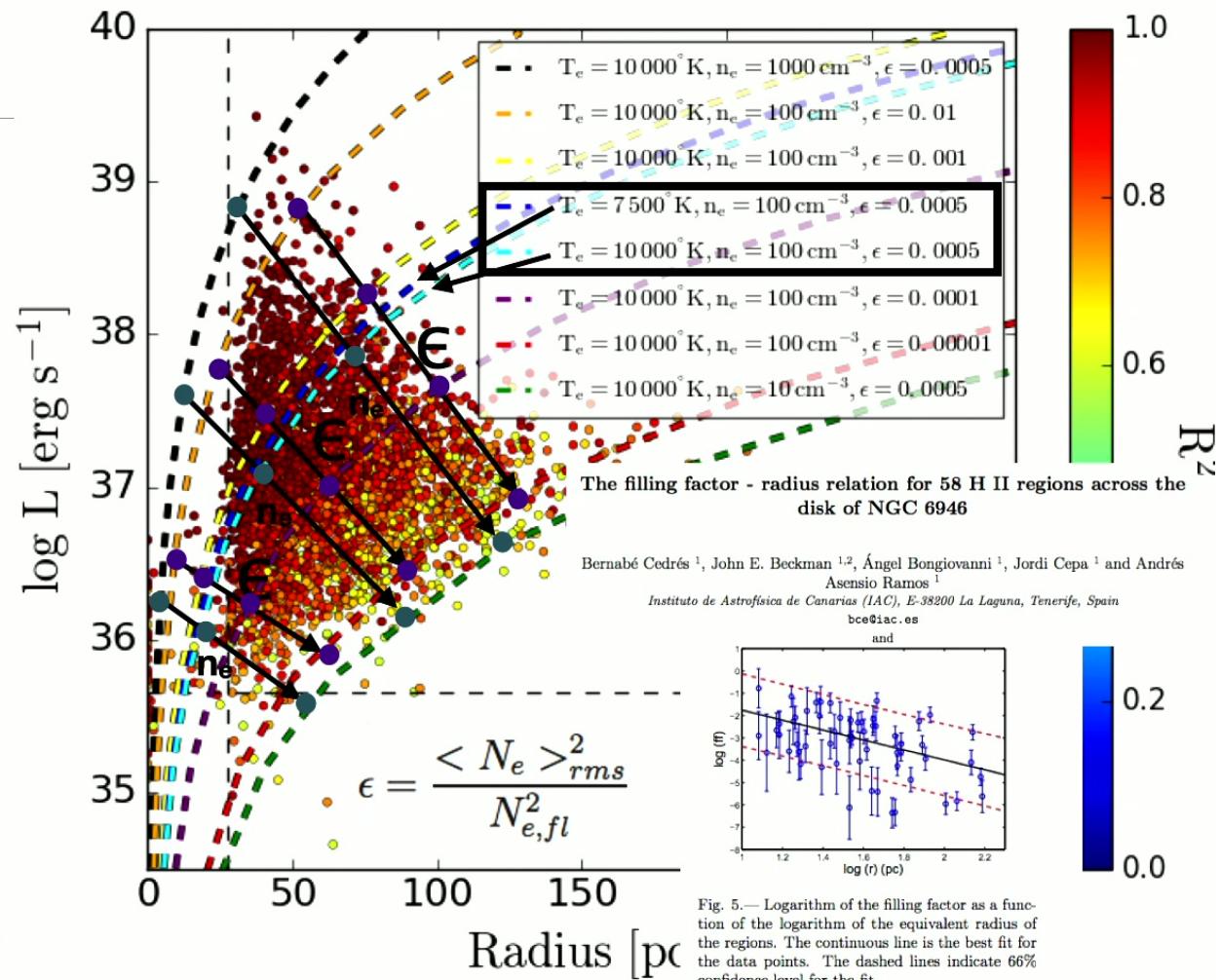
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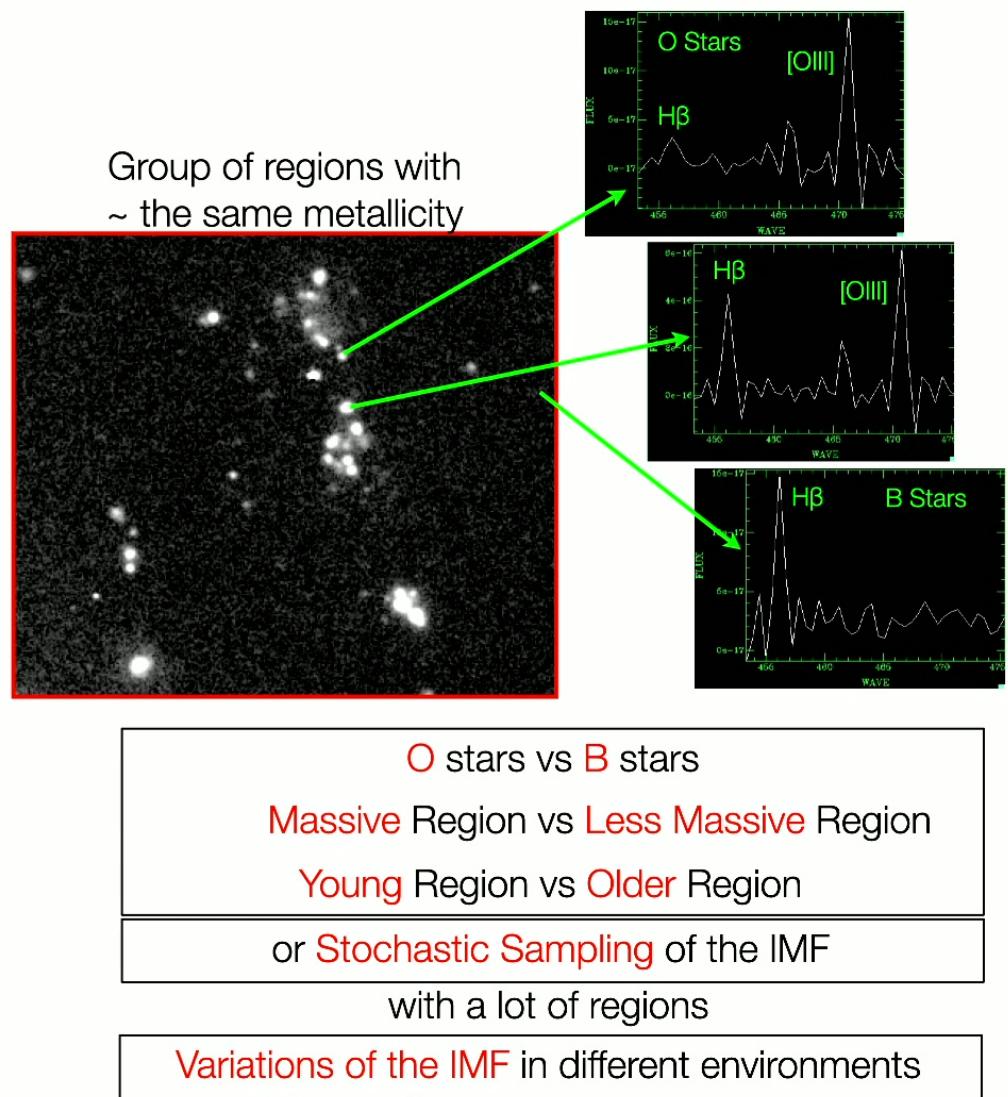
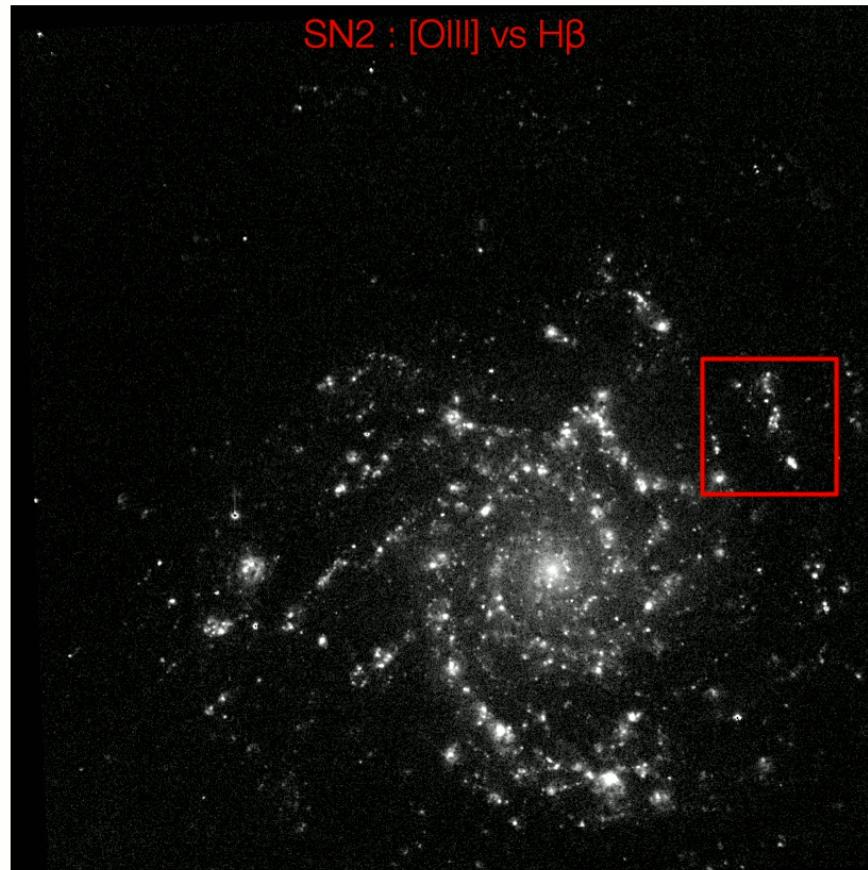
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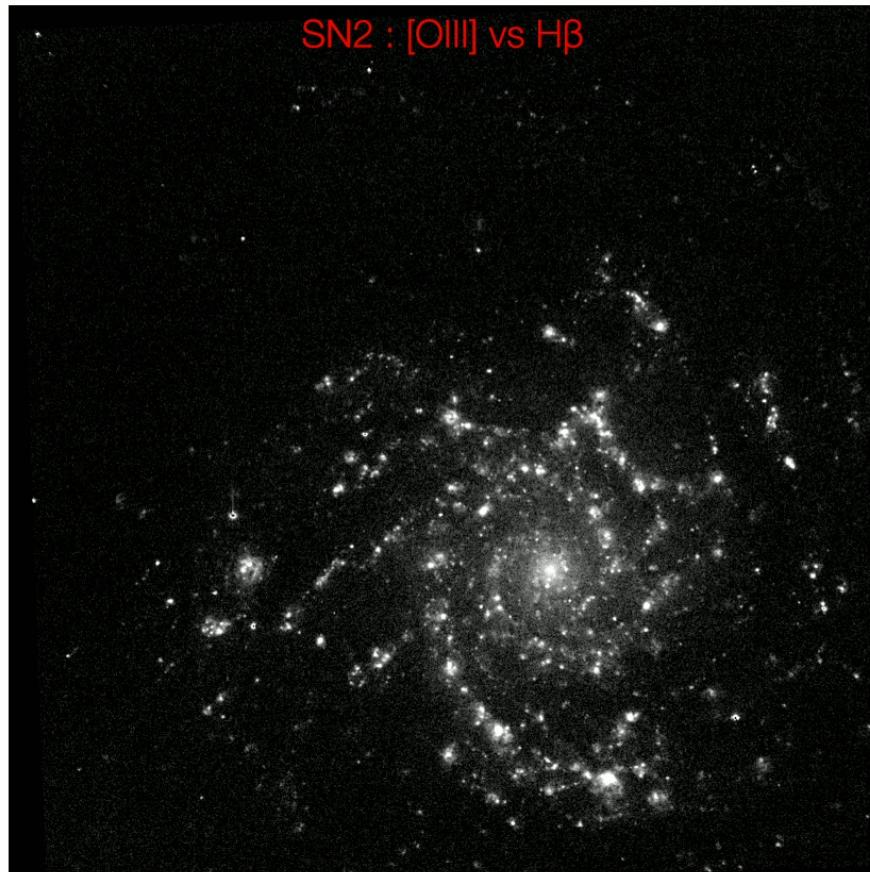
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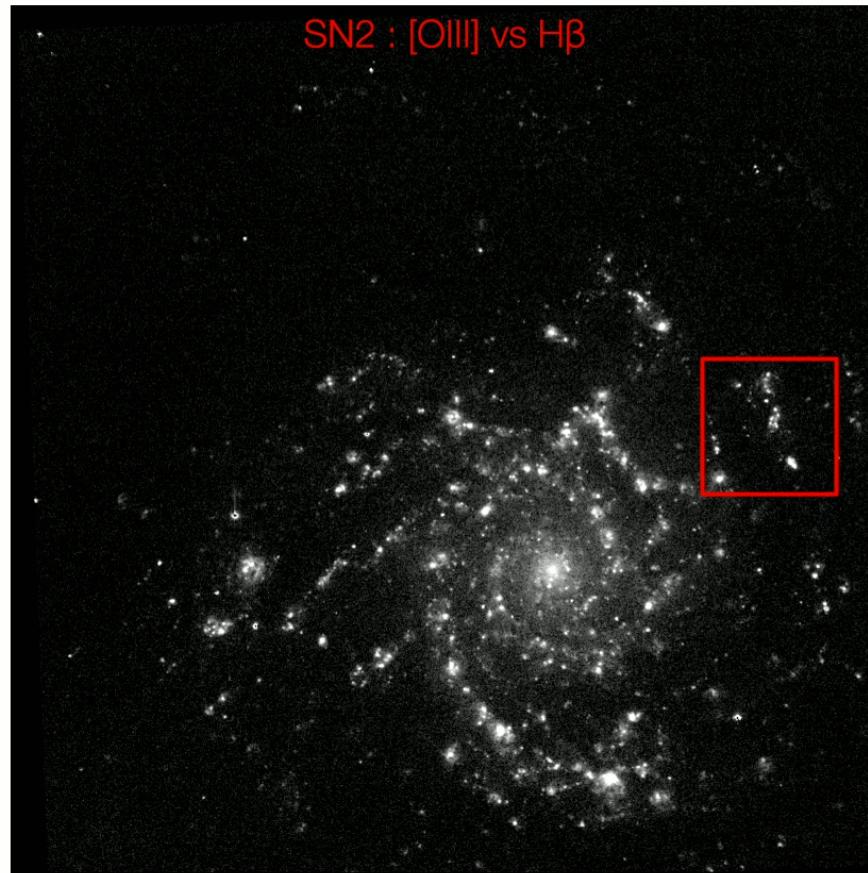
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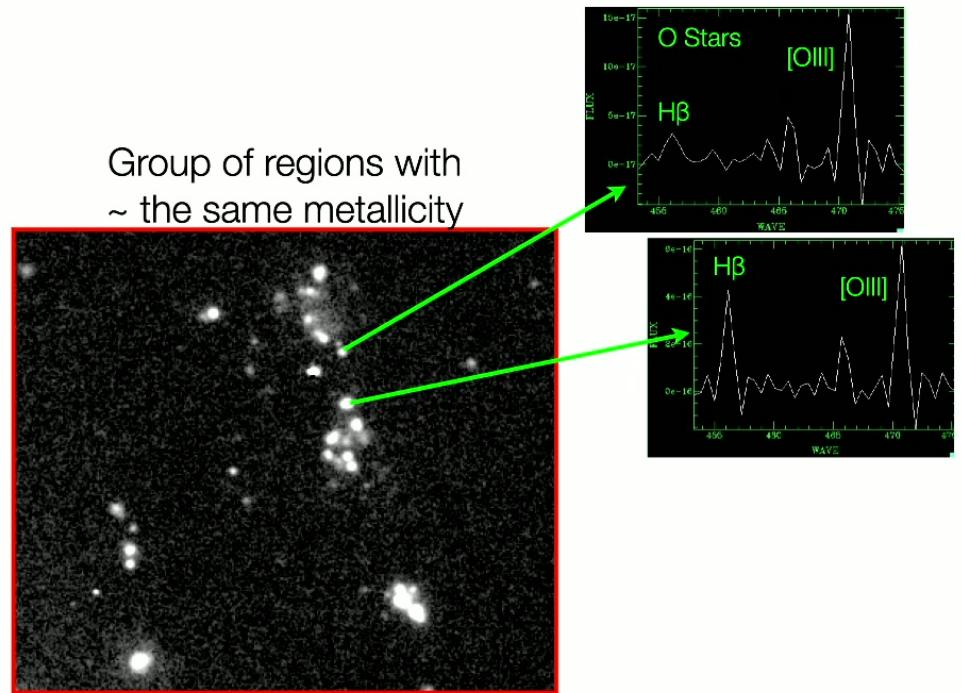
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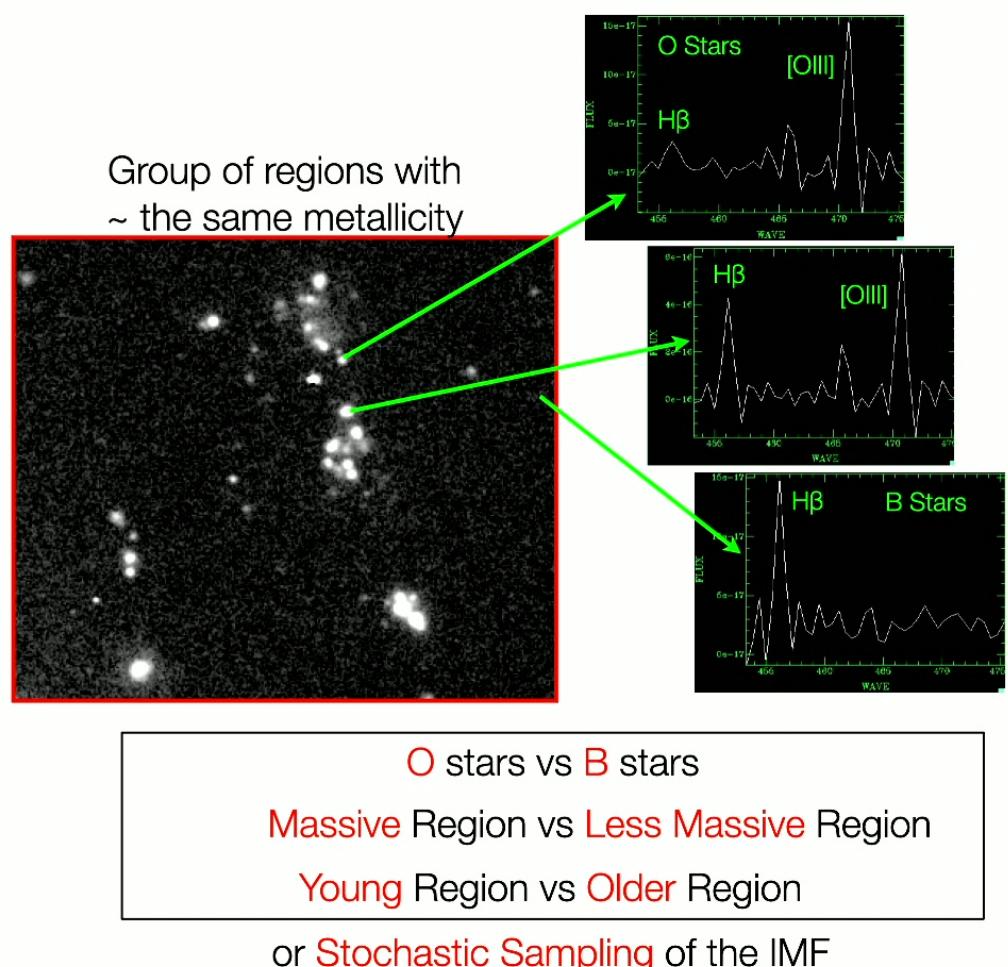
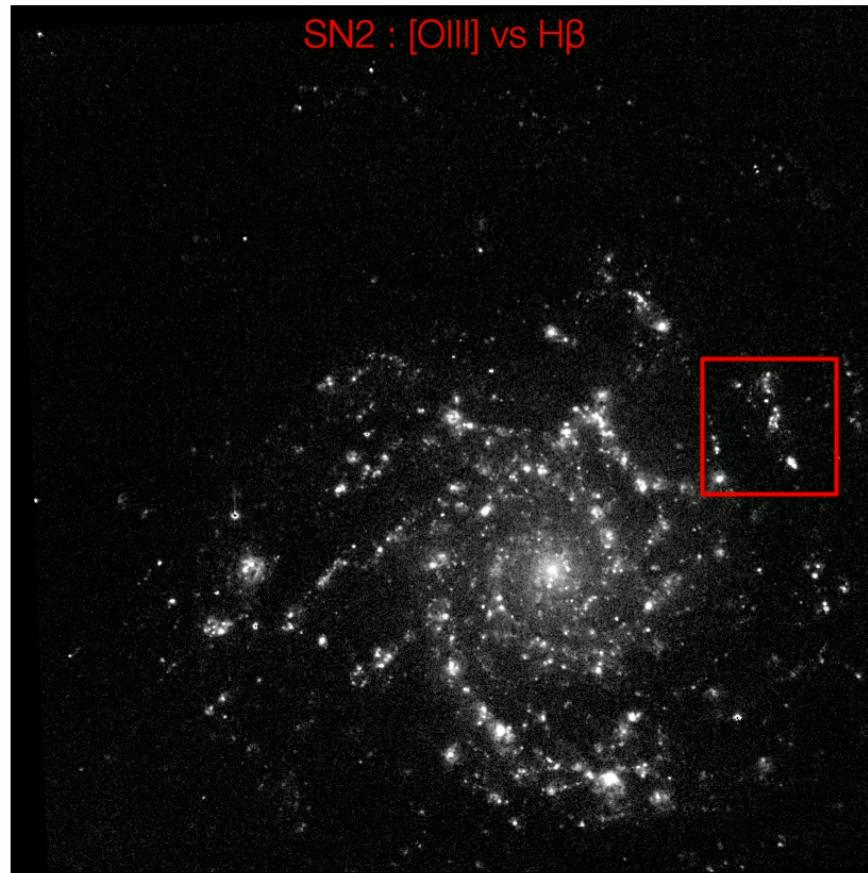


Group of regions with  
~ the same metallicity



O stars vs B stars

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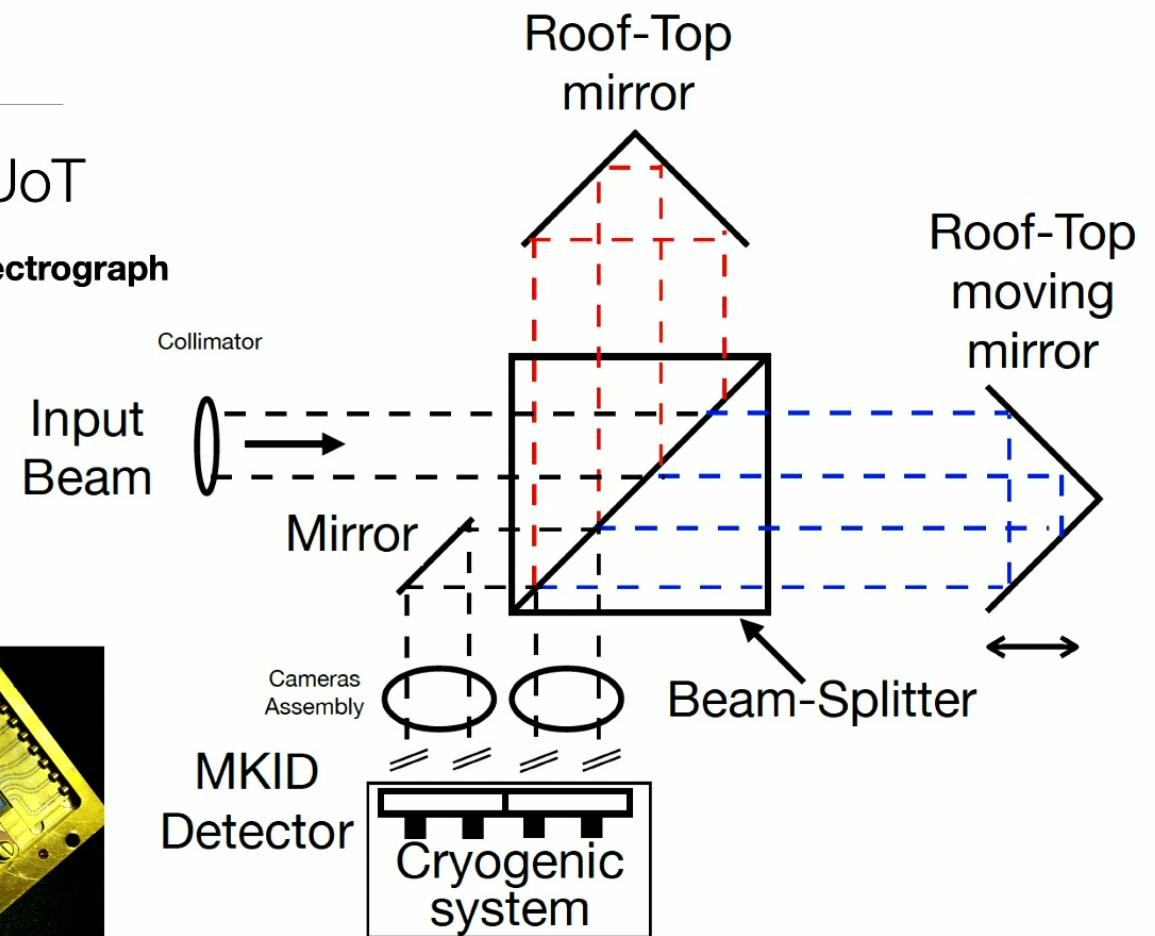
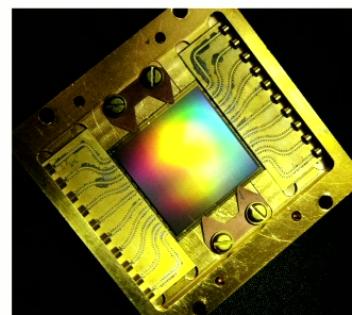


# Multiplexing

## Instrumentation Project at UoT

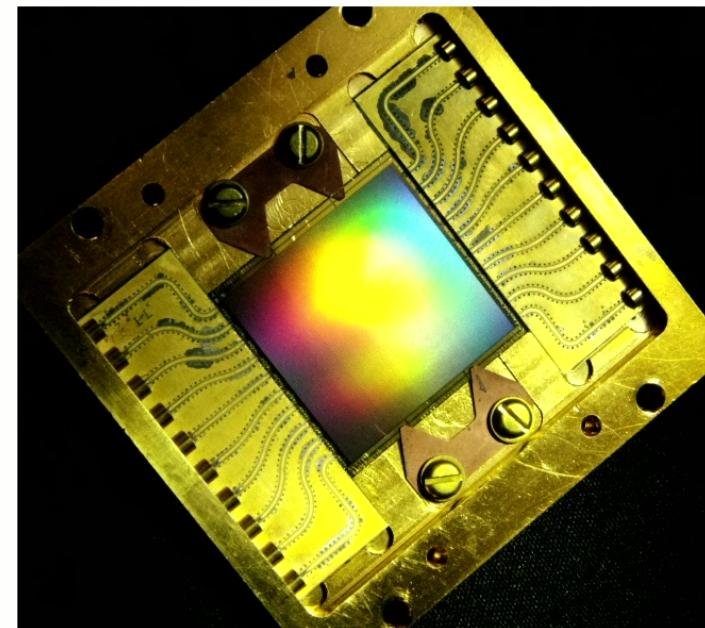
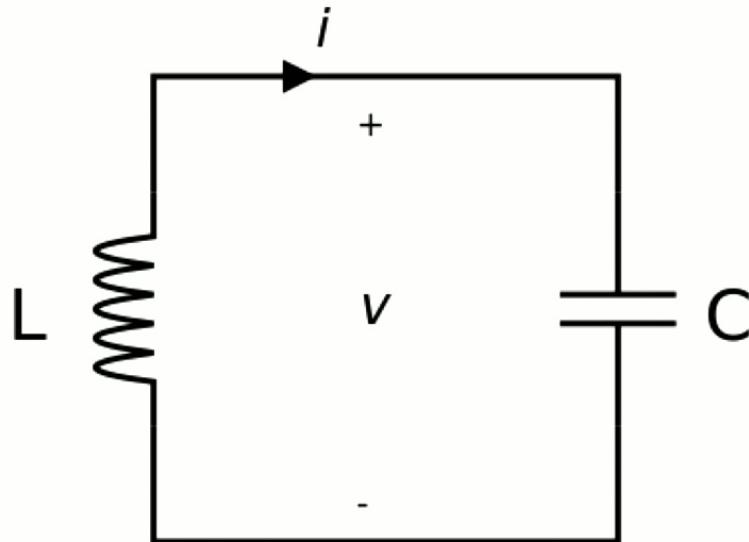
### Developing a High-resolution Imaging Spectrograph

- No Need for filters
- Broad Band from 300nm to 1.5um
- No read out noise
- No dark current
- On-axis for better efficiency

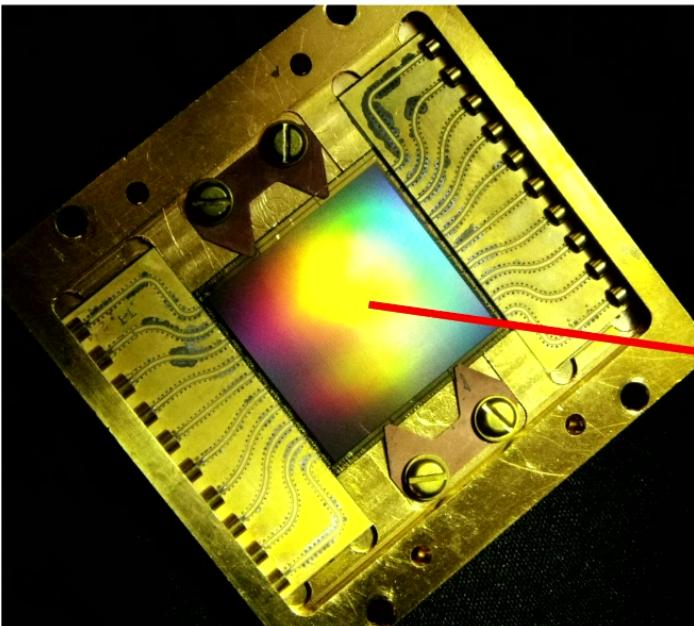


# Low temperature superconducting resonant LC circuits

An LC circuit (**Resonant circuit**) is consisting of an inductor, represented by the letter L, and a capacitor, represented by the letter C, connected together. The circuit can act as an electrical resonator, an electrical analogue of a tuning fork, storing energy oscillating at the circuit's resonant frequency.



# Superconductor Dilution Refrigerator



## MKIDs working principle: Incident photons change the surface impedance of a superconductor through the kinetic inductance effect.

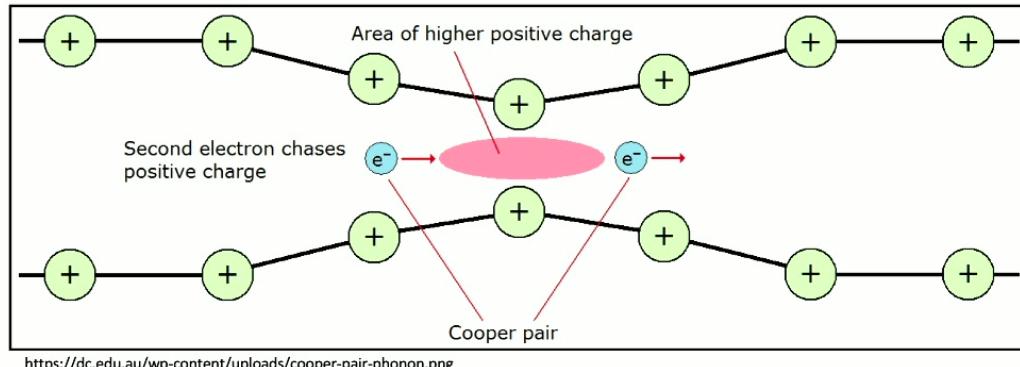
**Impedance** is the opposition to alternating current presented by the combined effect of resistance and reactance in a circuit.

Assuming a two-terminal circuit element with impedance  $Z$  is driven by a sinusoidal voltage or current:

$$V = IZ = I|Z|e^{j \arg(Z)}$$

The magnitude of the impedance  $|Z|$  acts just like resistance, giving the drop in voltage amplitude across an impedance  $Z$  for a given current  $I$ . The phase factor tells us that the current lags the voltage by a phase of  $\theta = \arg(Z)$  (i.e., in the time domain, the current signal is shifted  $T^*\theta/2\pi$  later with respect to the voltage signal).

The **kinetic inductance effect** occurs because energy can be stored in the super current (the flow of Cooper Pairs) of a superconductor.



The rigorous quantum mechanical explanation shows that the effect is due to electron–phonon interactions, with the phonon being the collective motion of the positively-charged lattice.

# How do we measure the photons E and t?

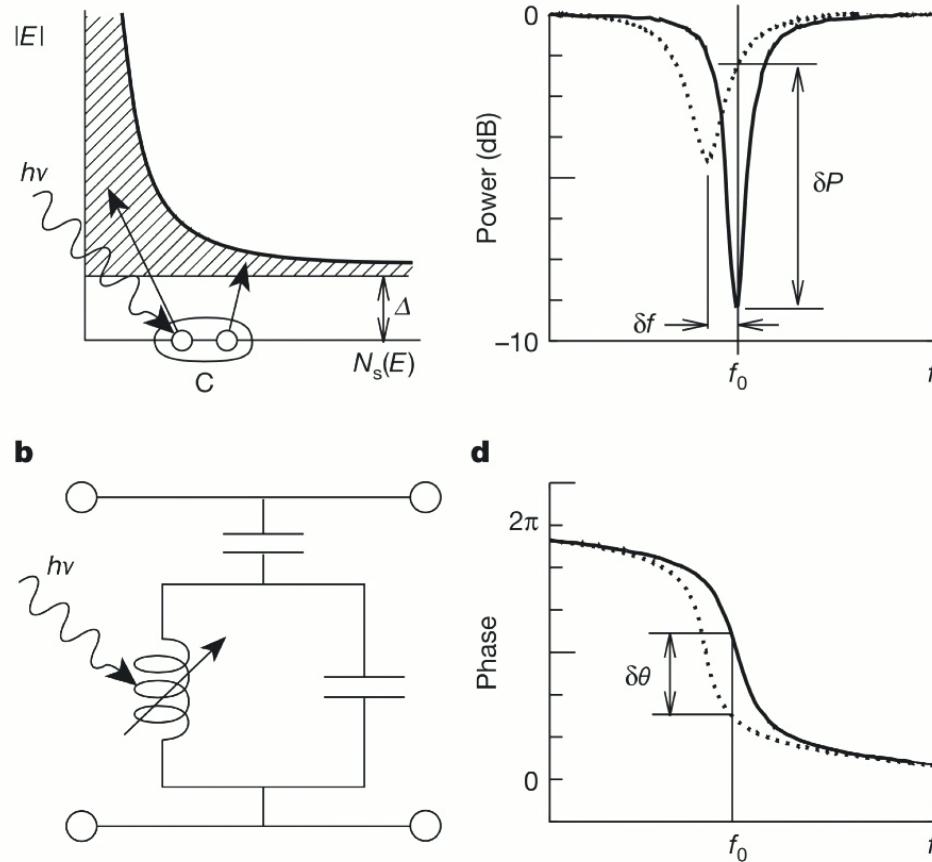


Figure 1.10 The basic operation of an MKID, from Day et al. (2003). (a) Photons with energy  $h\nu$  are absorbed in a superconducting film producing a number of excitations called quasiparticles. (b) To sensitively measure these quasiparticles the film is placed in a high frequency planar resonant circuit. The amplitude (c) and phase (d) of a microwave excitation signal sent through the resonator. The change in the surface impedance of the film following a photon absorption event pushes the resonance to lower frequency and changes its amplitude. If the detector (resonator) is excited with a constant on-resonance microwave signal, the energy of the absorbed photon can be determined by measuring the degree of phase and amplitude shift.

Since the quality factor, Q, of the resonators is high, and their transmission off resonance is nearly perfect, multiplexing can be accomplished by tuning each pixel to a different resonant frequency with lithography during device fabrication.

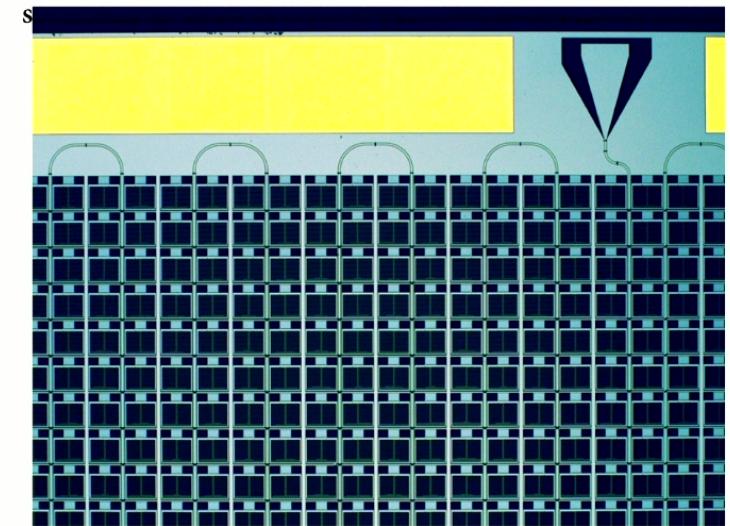
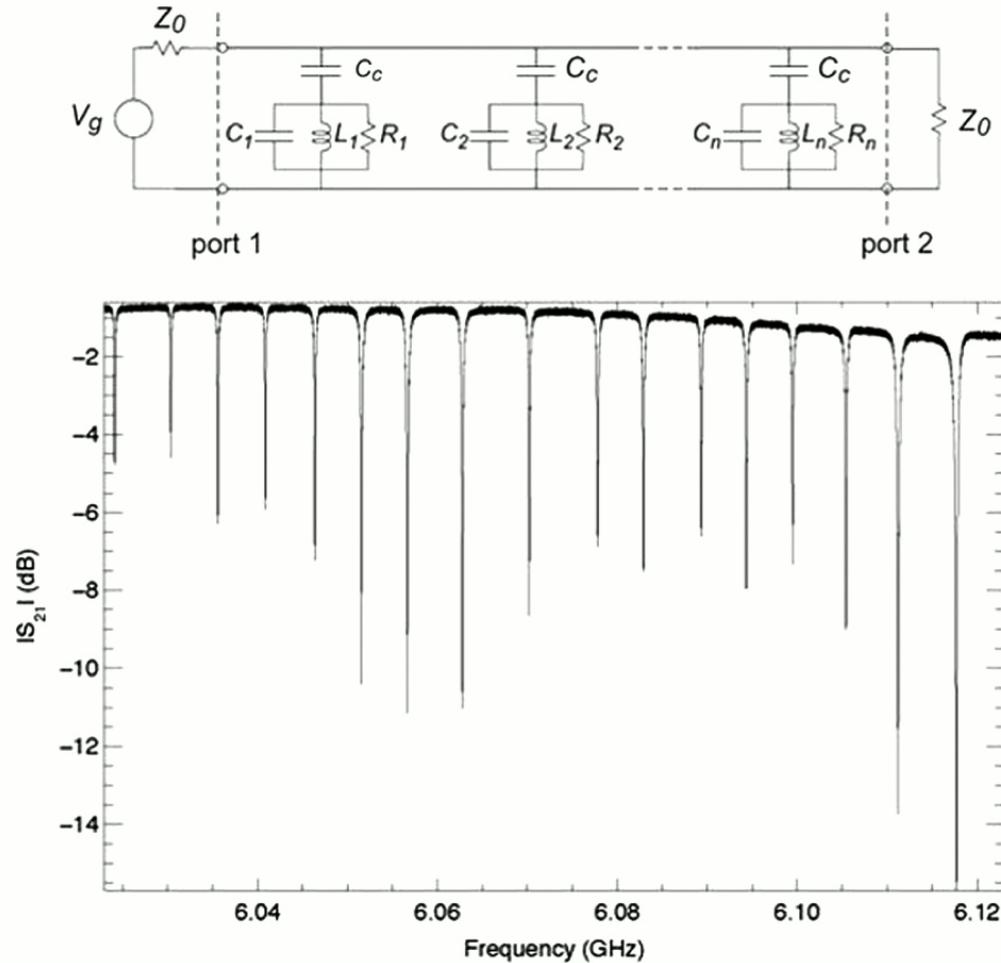


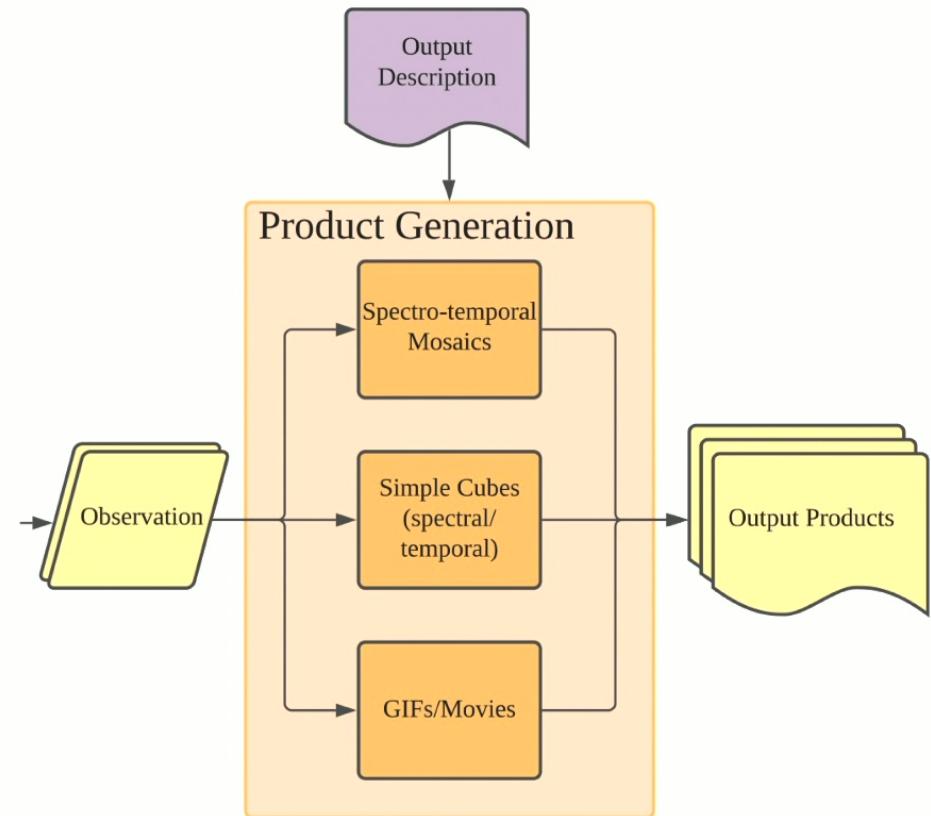
Figure 6. An optical microscope picture of part of a 10 kpix MKID array.

# Data output

The MKID Pipeline: A Data Reduction and Analysis Pipeline for UVOIR MKID Data

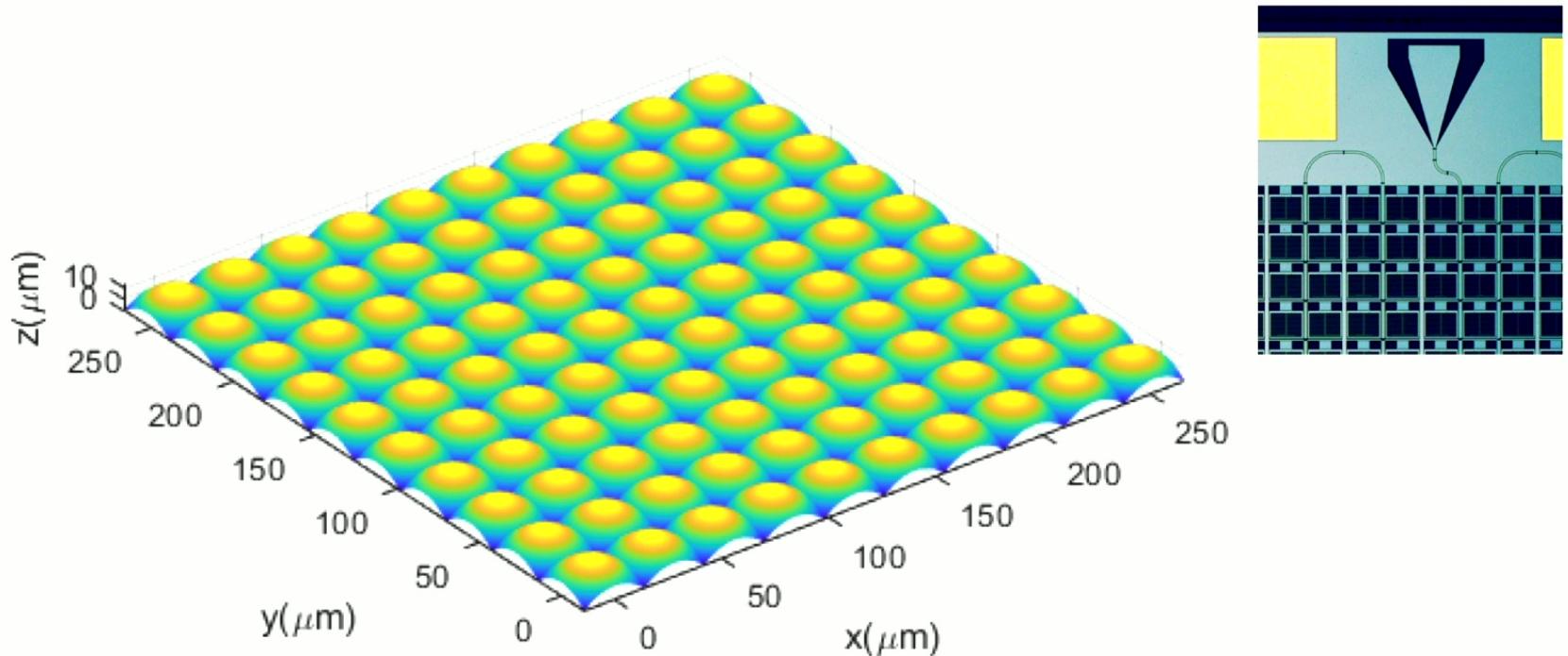
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- Photons table
- 64bits words for every photons:  
pixelsID (position), energy, time
- Terabites of data every night



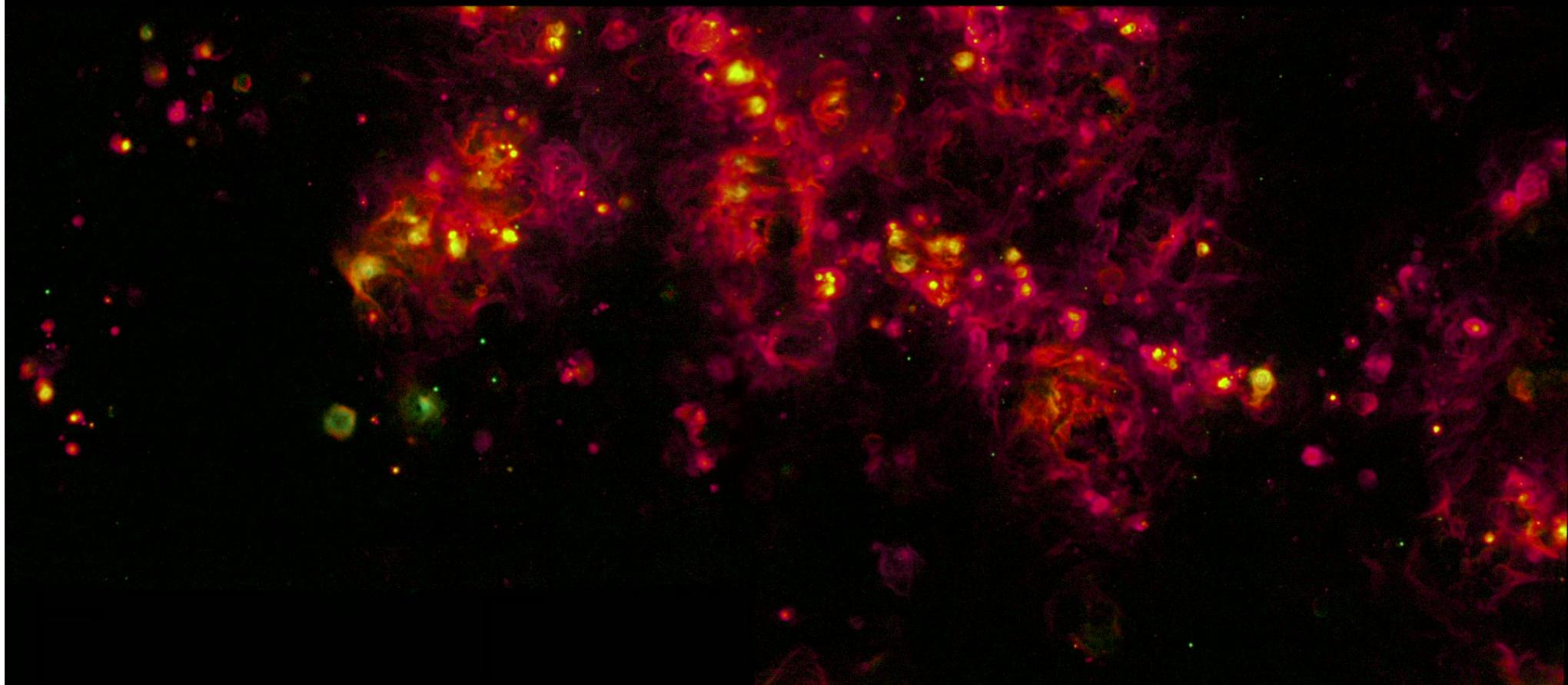
# Array of micro lenses to increase QE (99% filling)

## 150um size pixels with gaps



## Concluding Remarks and Questions?

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