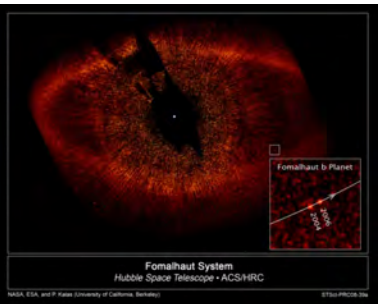
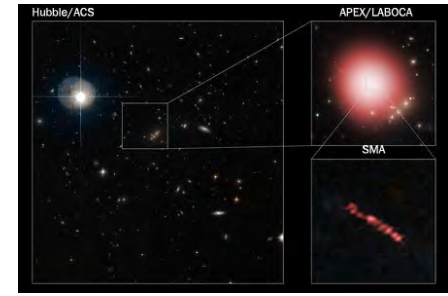
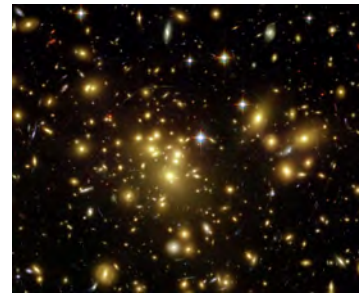
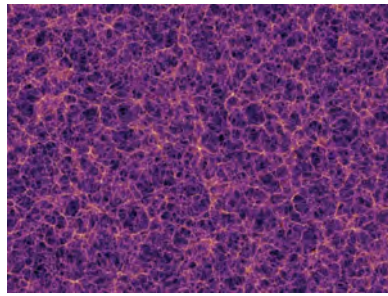
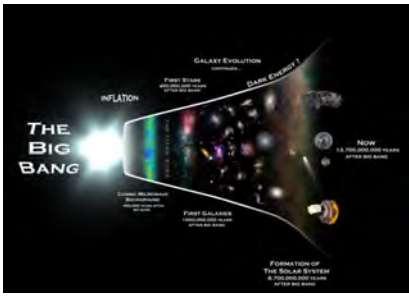


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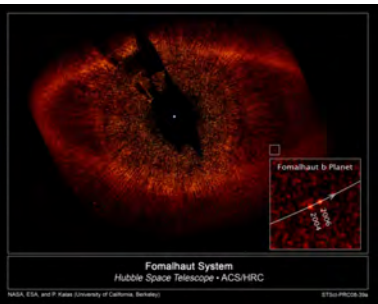




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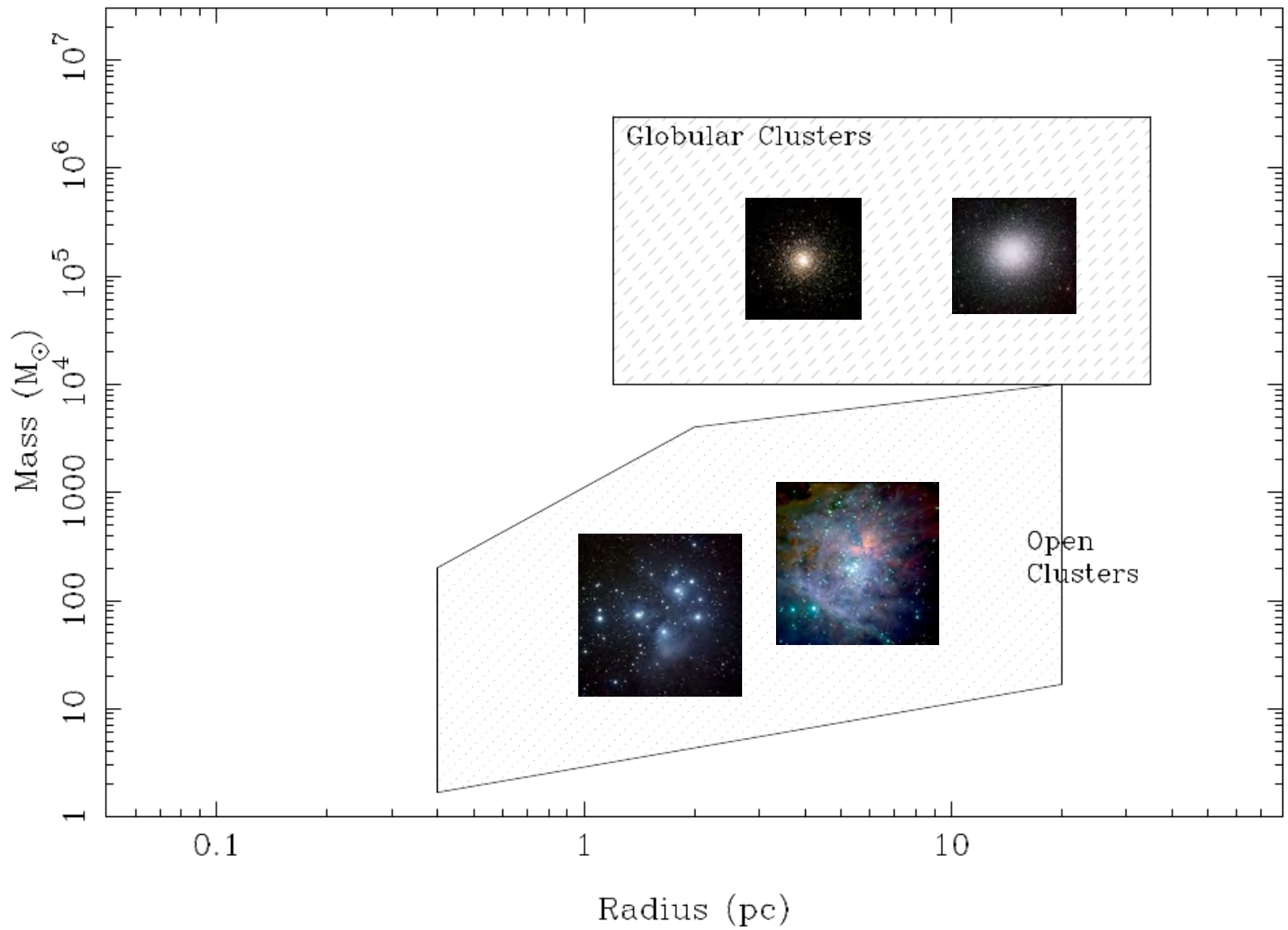
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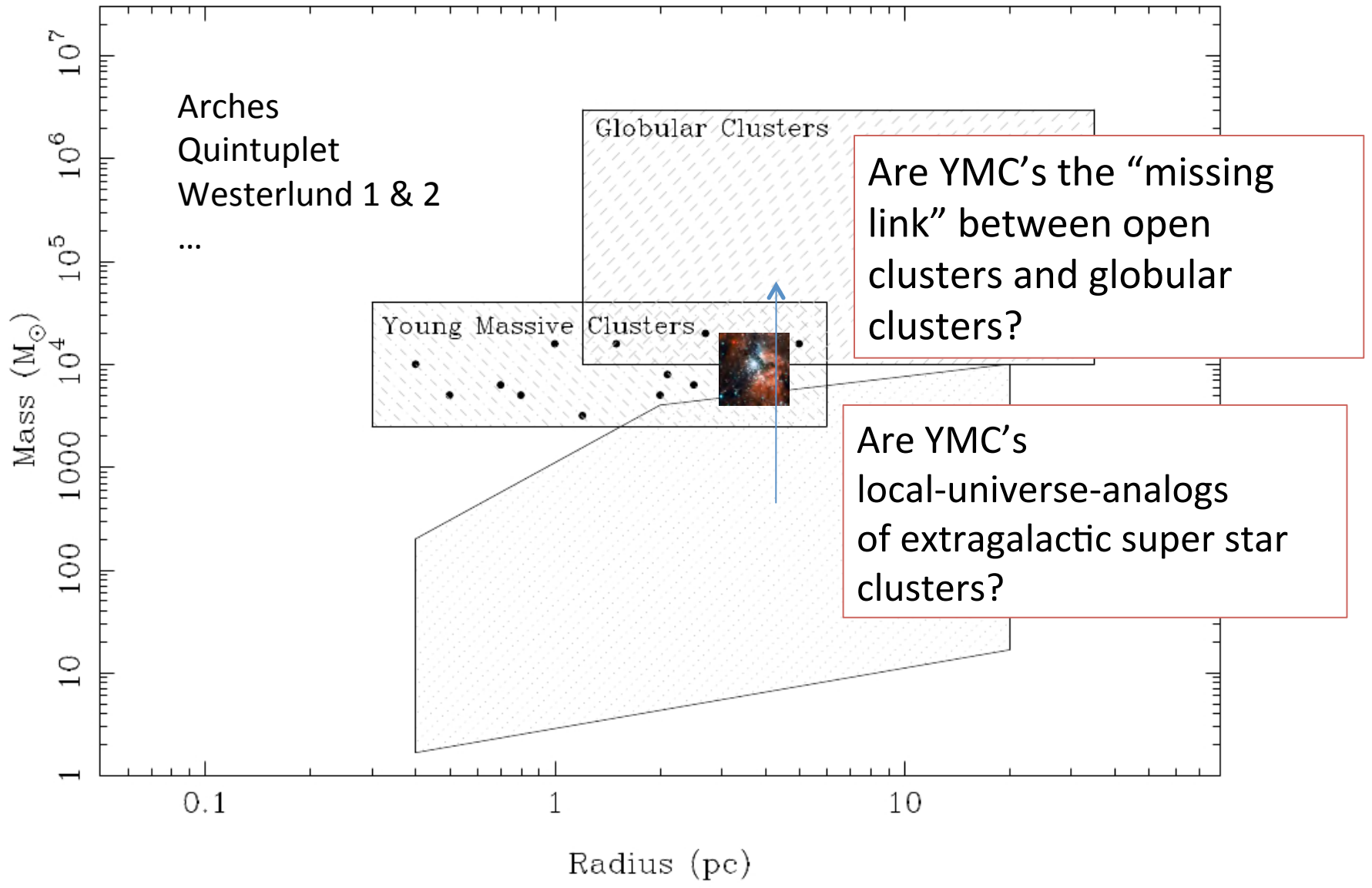
- Want to give broad coverage of literature like Thushara.
- YMCs very rare → only a handful in the galaxy
- Talks/posters this week on detailed observations of most of these!
  - W51: Ginsburg, Goddi
  - W43: Louvet
  - “Brick”: Rathborne
  - “Bricklets”: Walker
  - Sgr B2: Martin-Pintado

So instead I'll chat with Jim and  
Thushara about Maxwell's  
Equations...

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But what about the  
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No, this is not a YMC.

It's a YMC's surrounding Association

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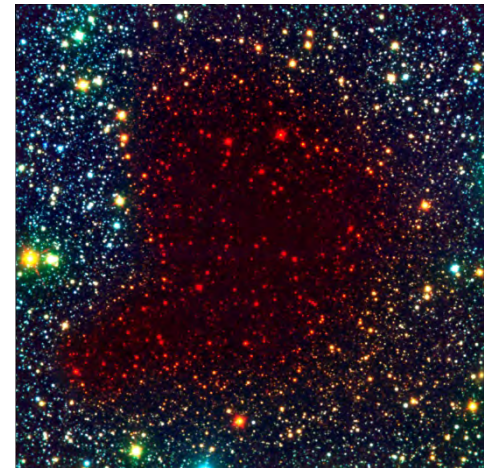
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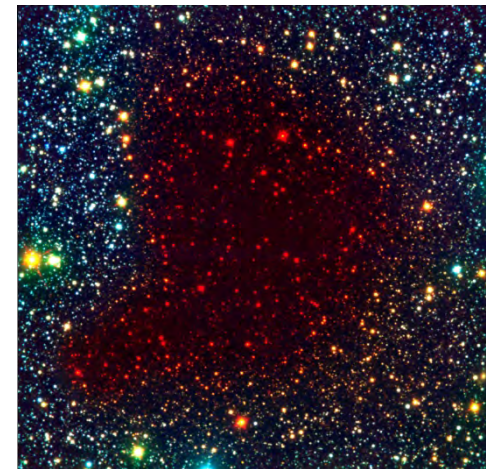


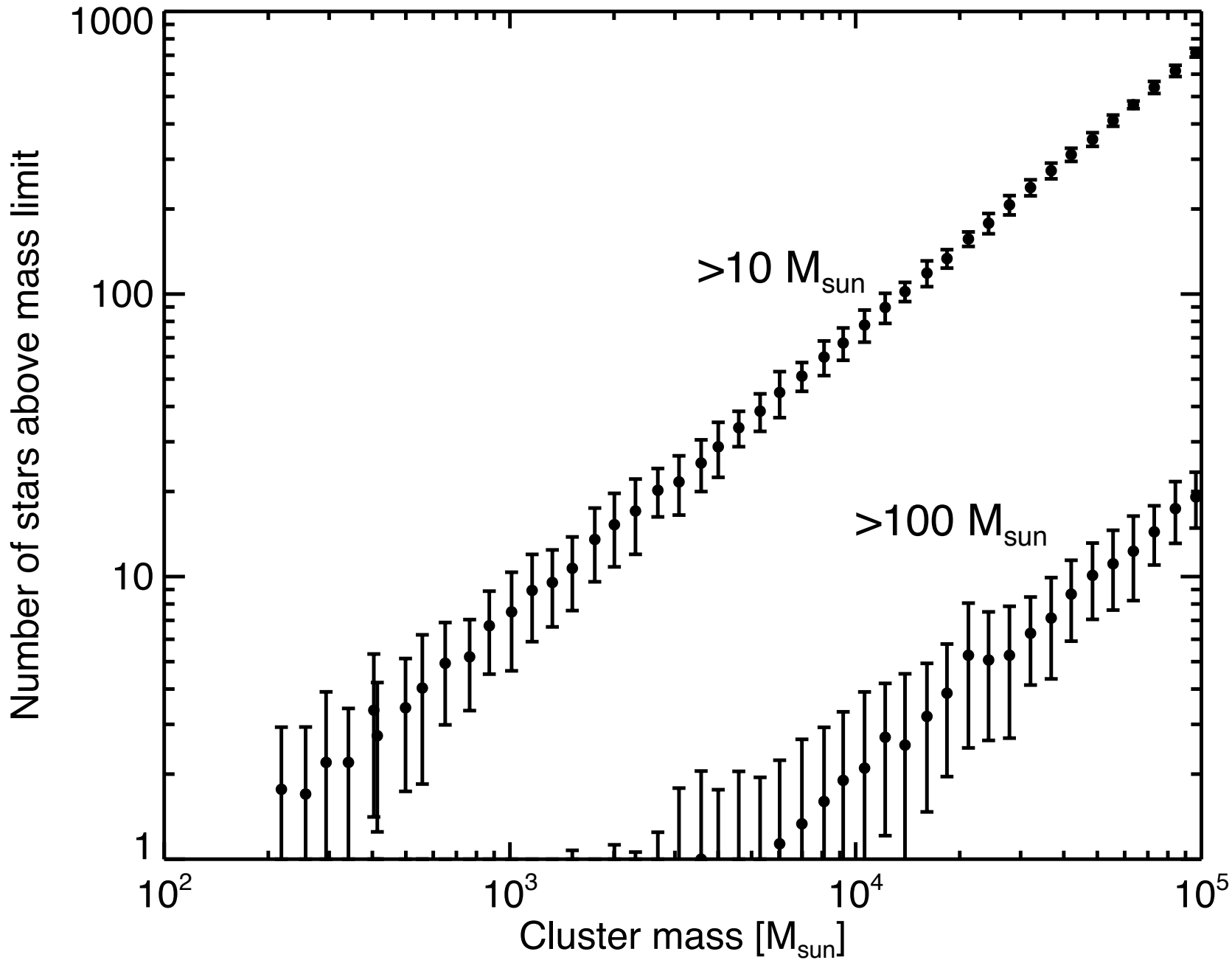
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- Extreme!
  - Stellar density
  - Number/proximity of high-mass stars
  - Dynamic interactions
  - (proto-)stellar feedback
- Formation of YMCs ultimate test for:
  - SF theories
  - CMF → IMF relationship

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# YMCs: Laboratories for understanding HMSF

- Ideal probes of HMSF in extreme environment
  - Maximal effect of (proto)stellar feedback, dynamical interactions etc
- Ideal probes of physics shaping IMF
  - Large  $N_{\text{star}}$ , same age, remain bound for long time
- Ideal place to find progenitors of most massive stars
- Bridge between open clusters and globular clusters



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Dynamic range in terms of mass, size and time is much larger than can currently be simulated

SPH, MHD  
+  
Nbody  
+  
Ionisation, SNe, stellar winds,  
radiative feedback  
+  
 $\Delta V_{\text{outflows}} \sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$   
 $\Delta V_{\text{cold gas}} \sim 1-10 \text{ km/s}$   
+  
Total mass  $> 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$   
H-burning limit =  $0.08 M_{\text{sun}}$   
+  
Several Myr (Gyr?) evolution  
+  
Scales  $\sim 100 \text{ pc}$  (Galactic) to  
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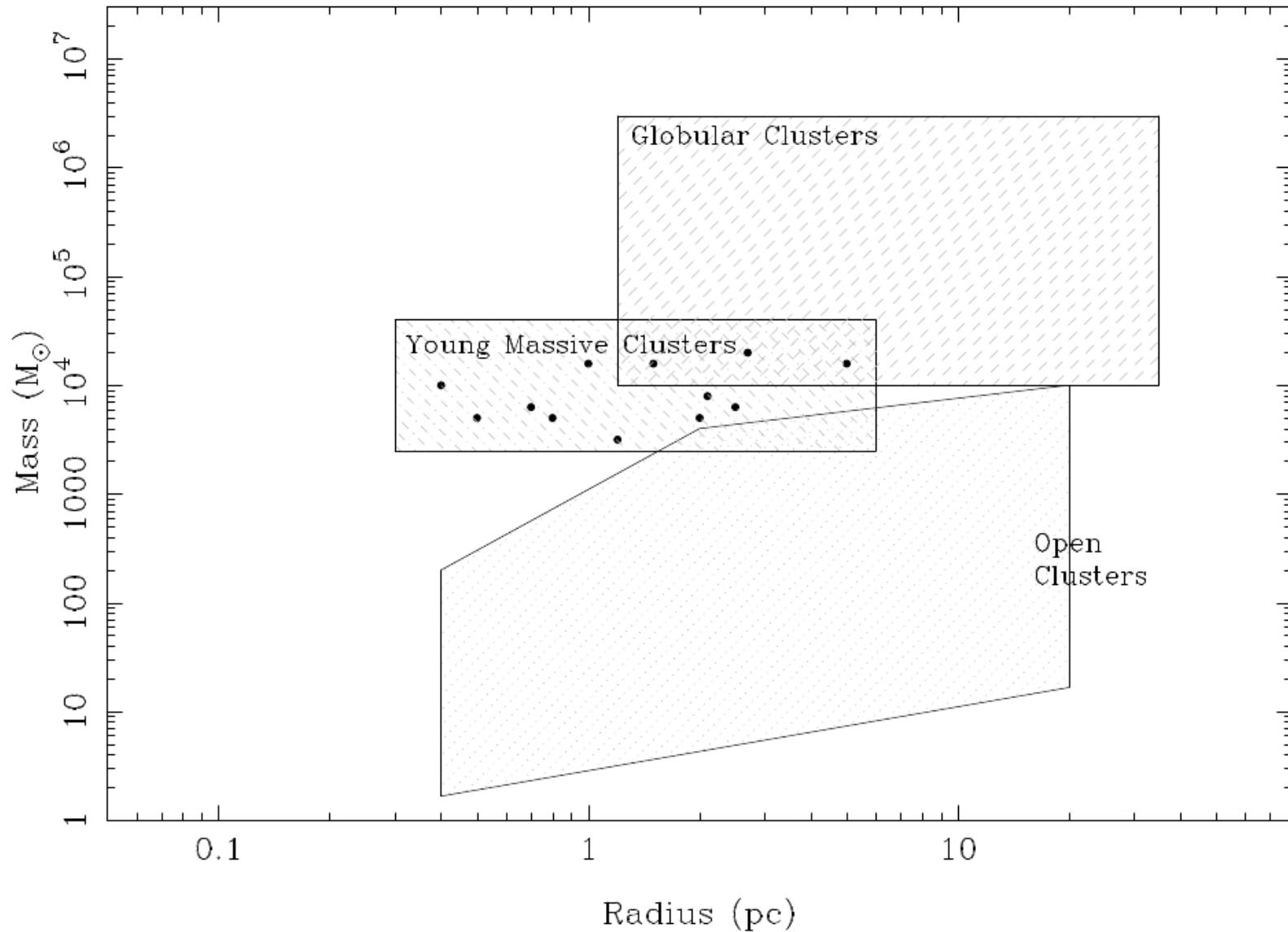
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  2. Observations should focus on understanding initial conditions
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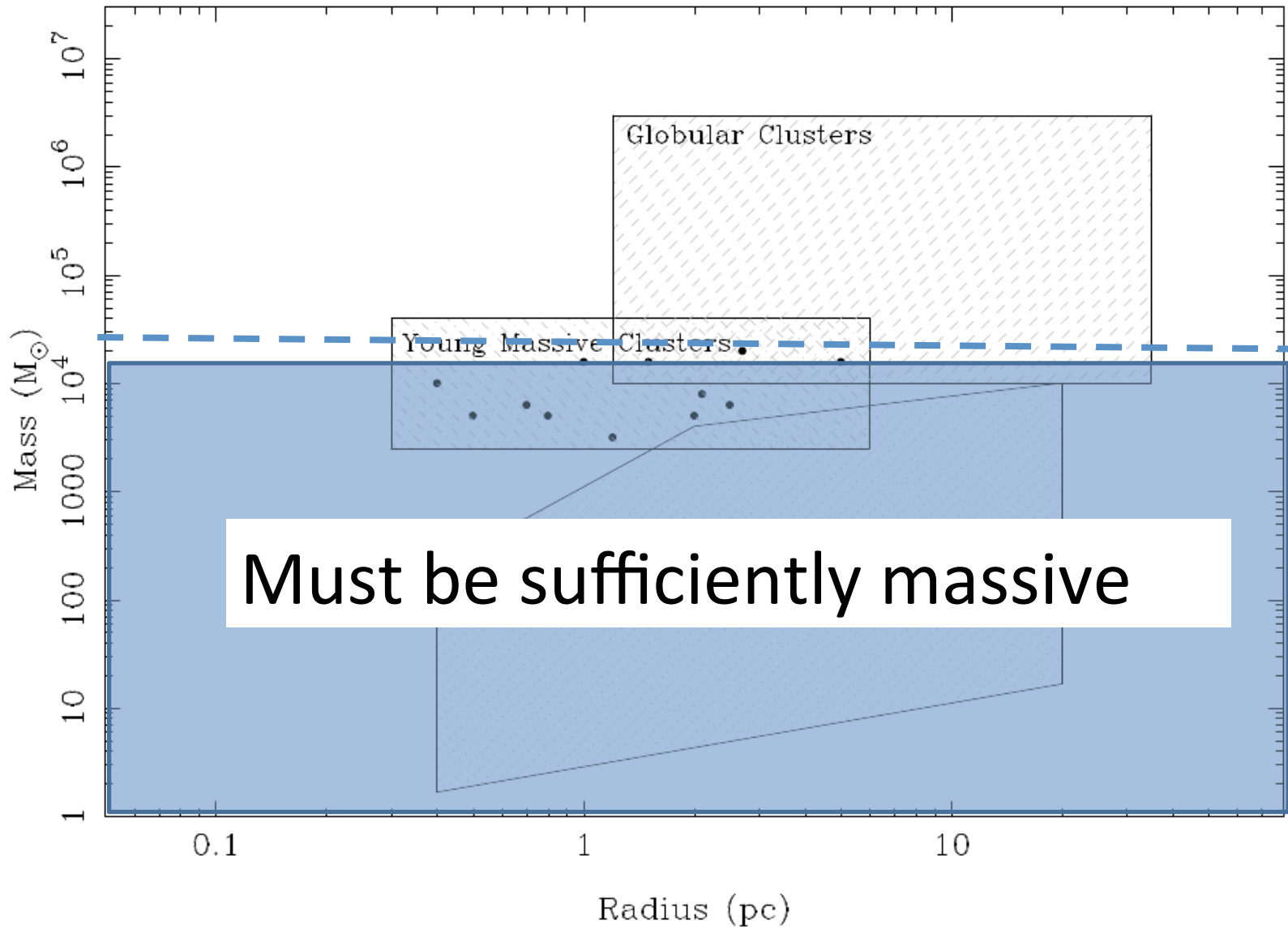
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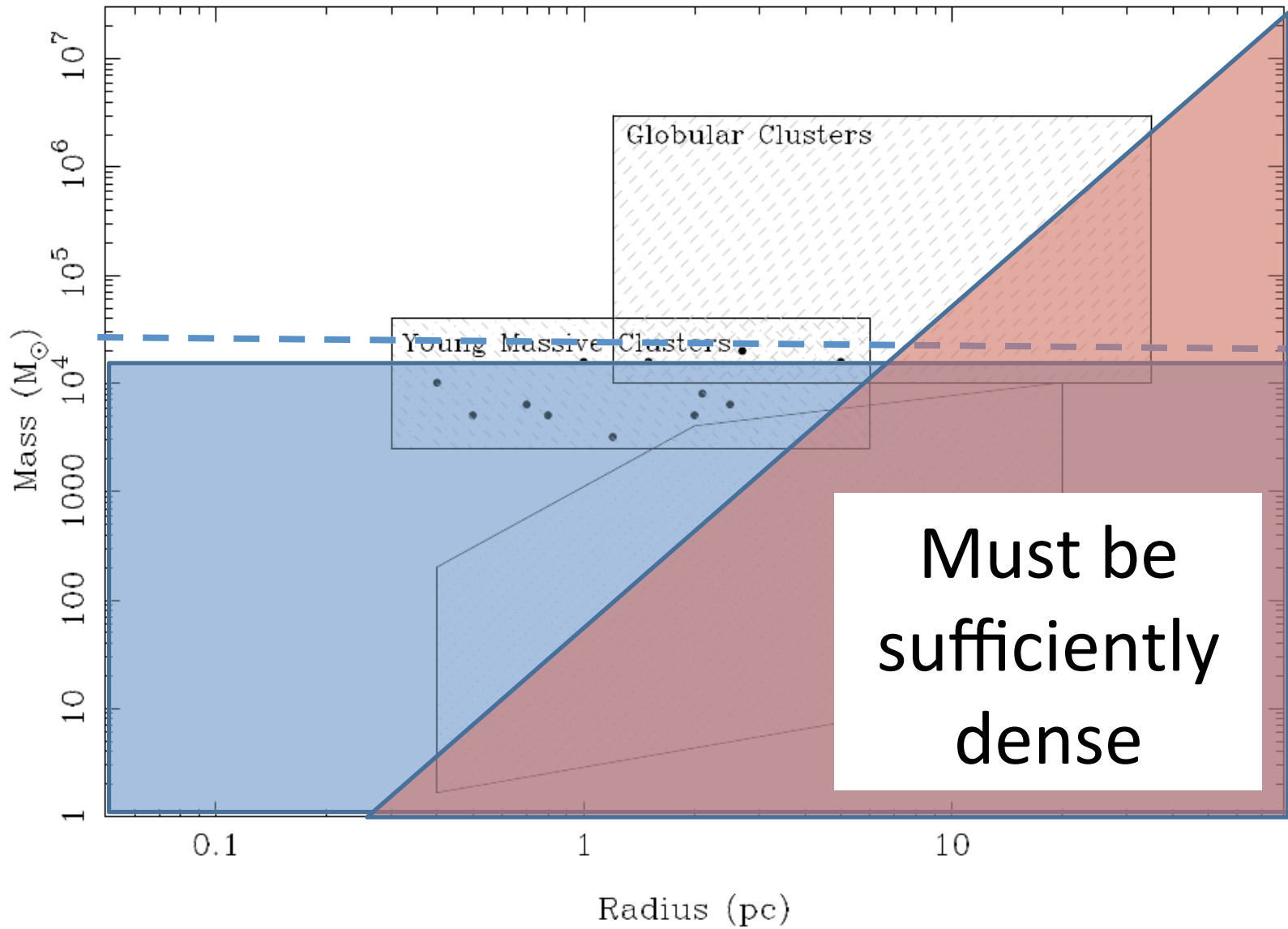
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  - Physical properties
  - Observational diagnostics
  - Current facilities

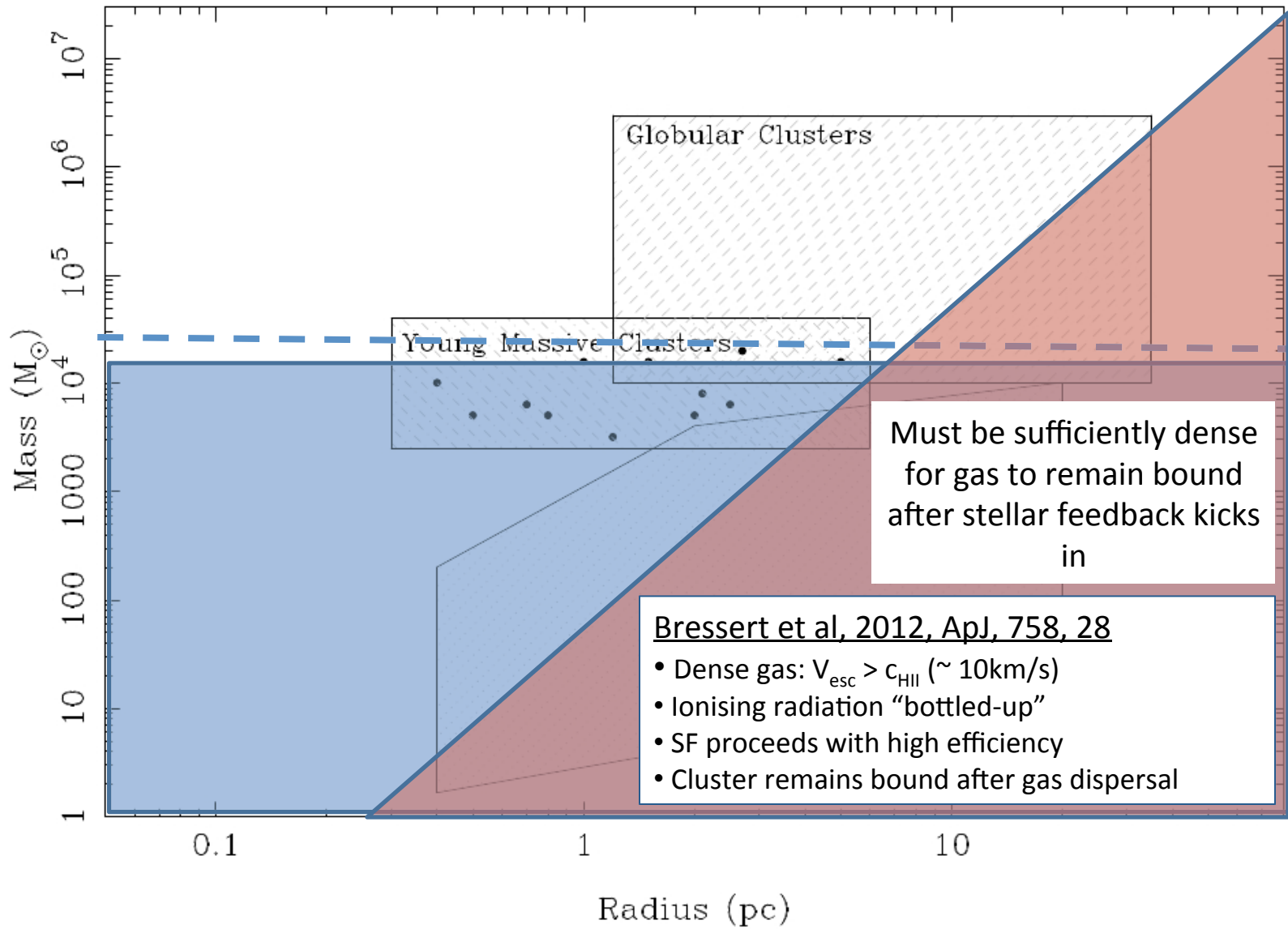


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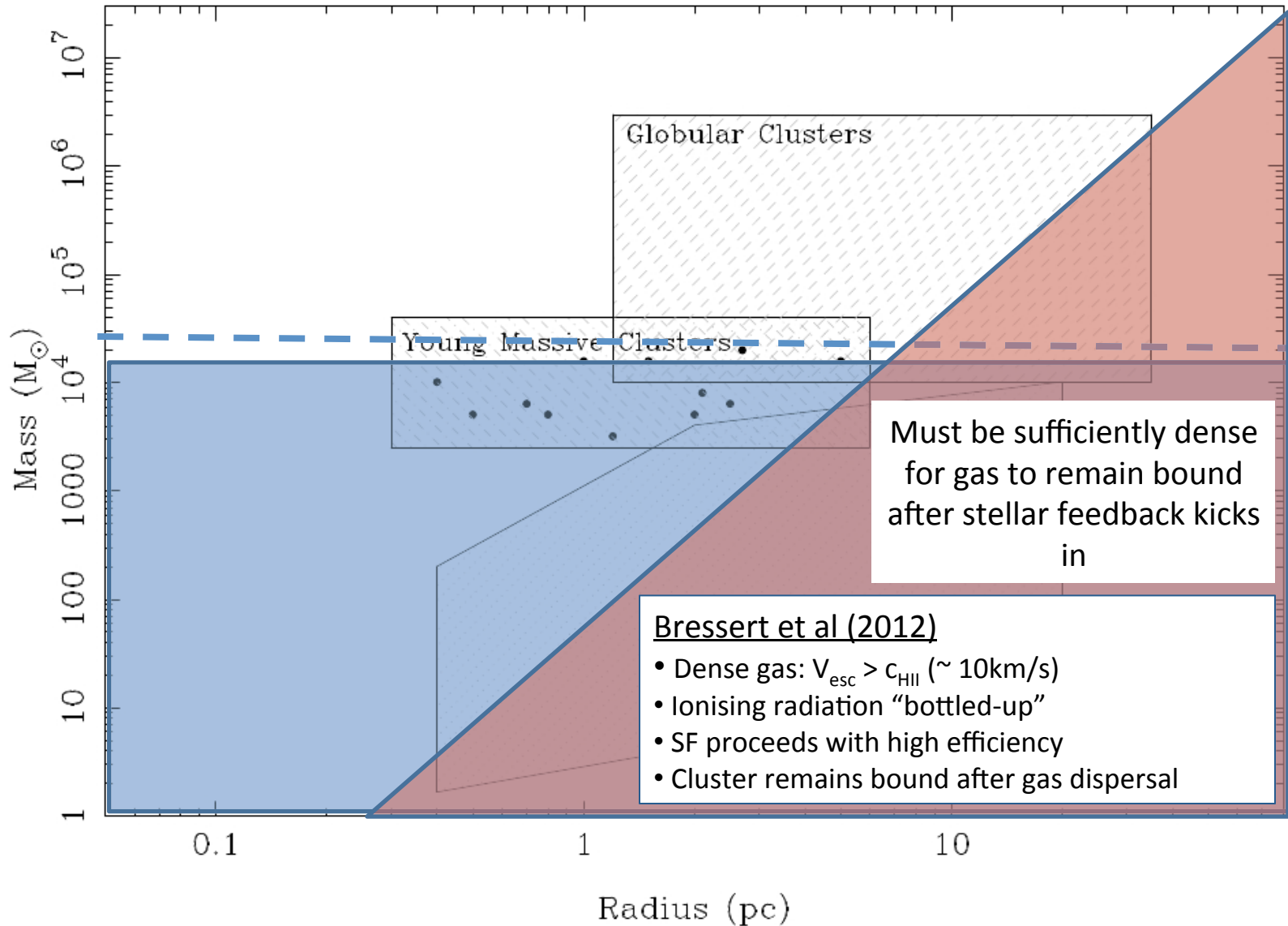




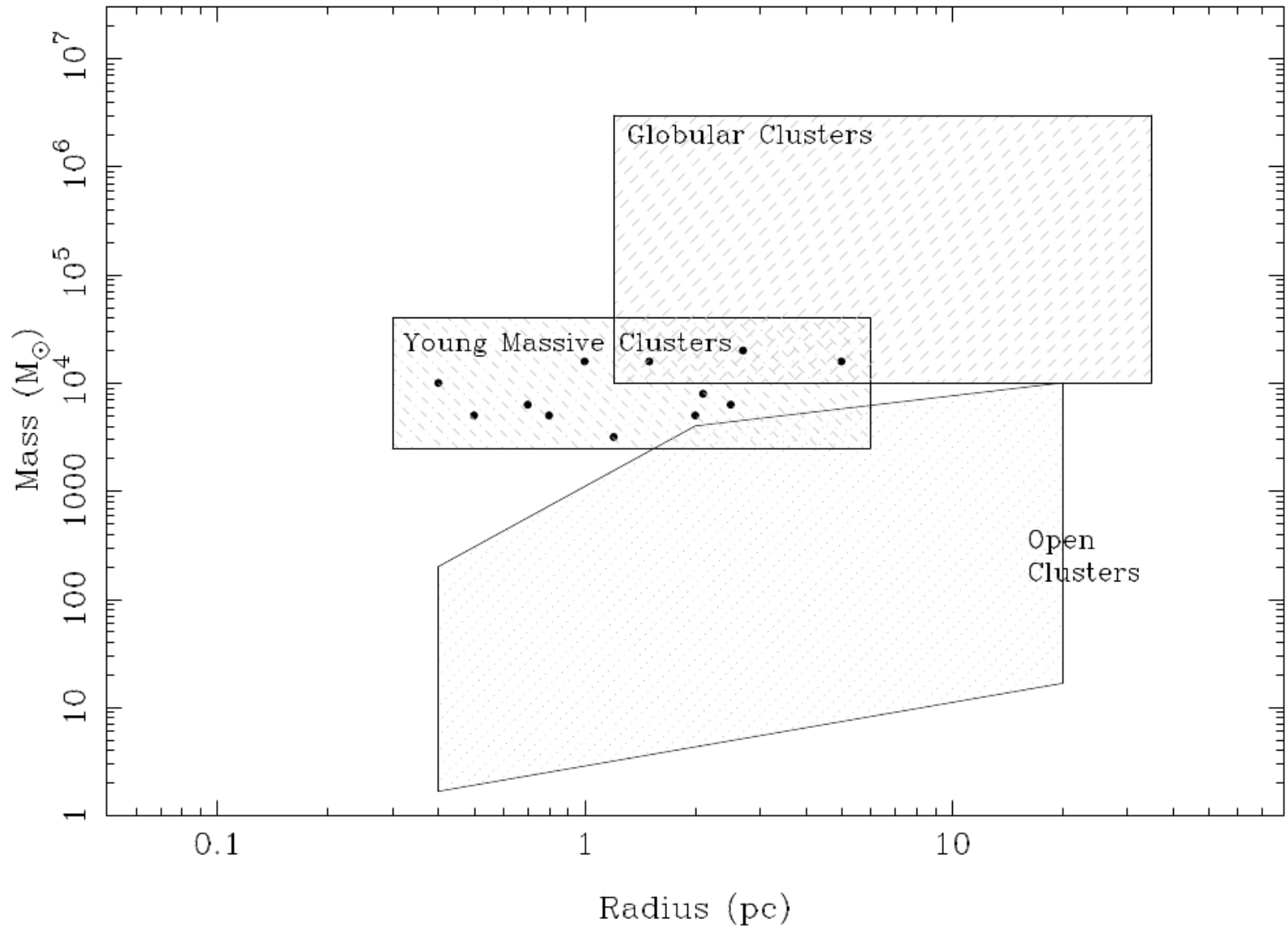




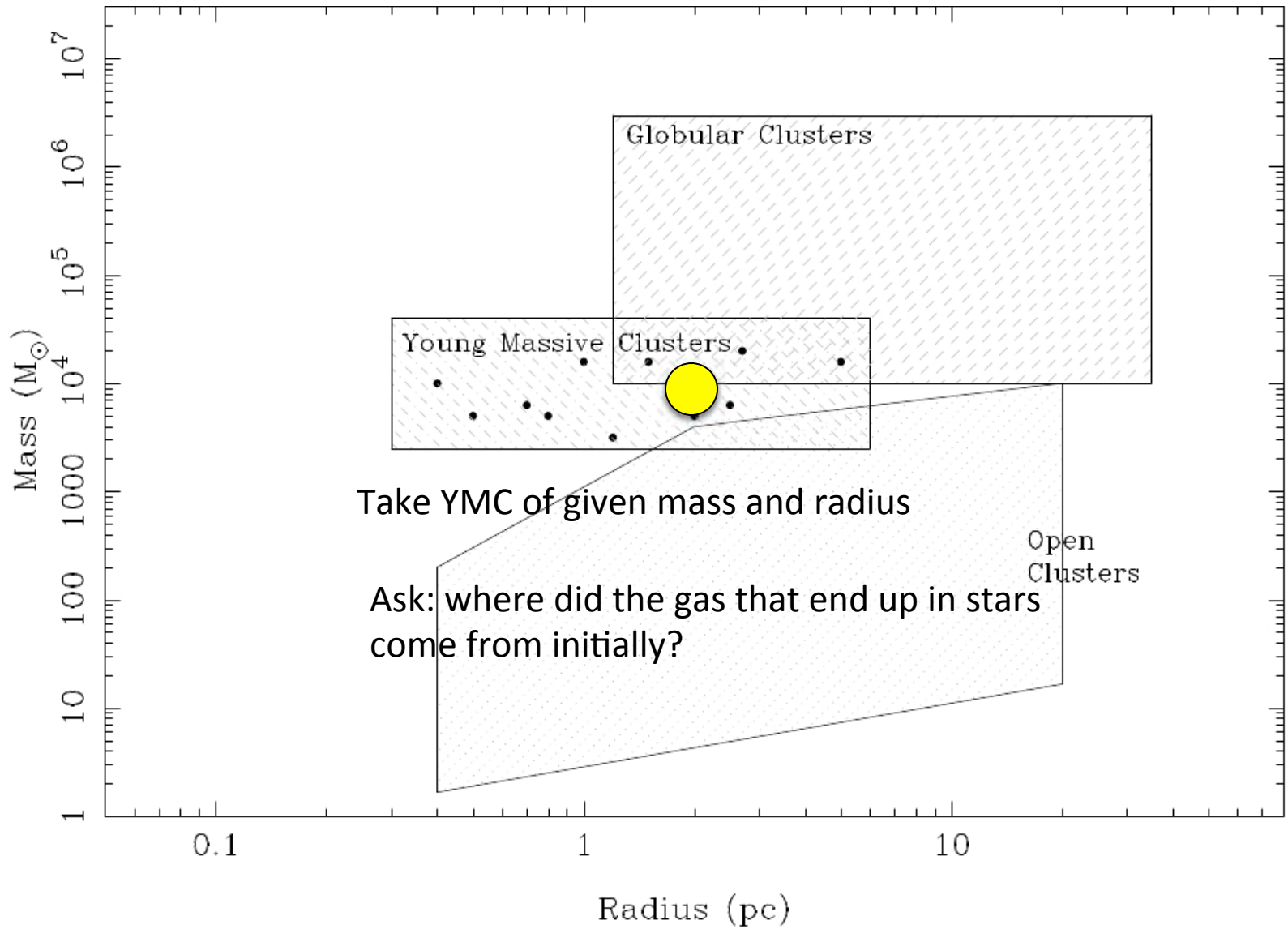
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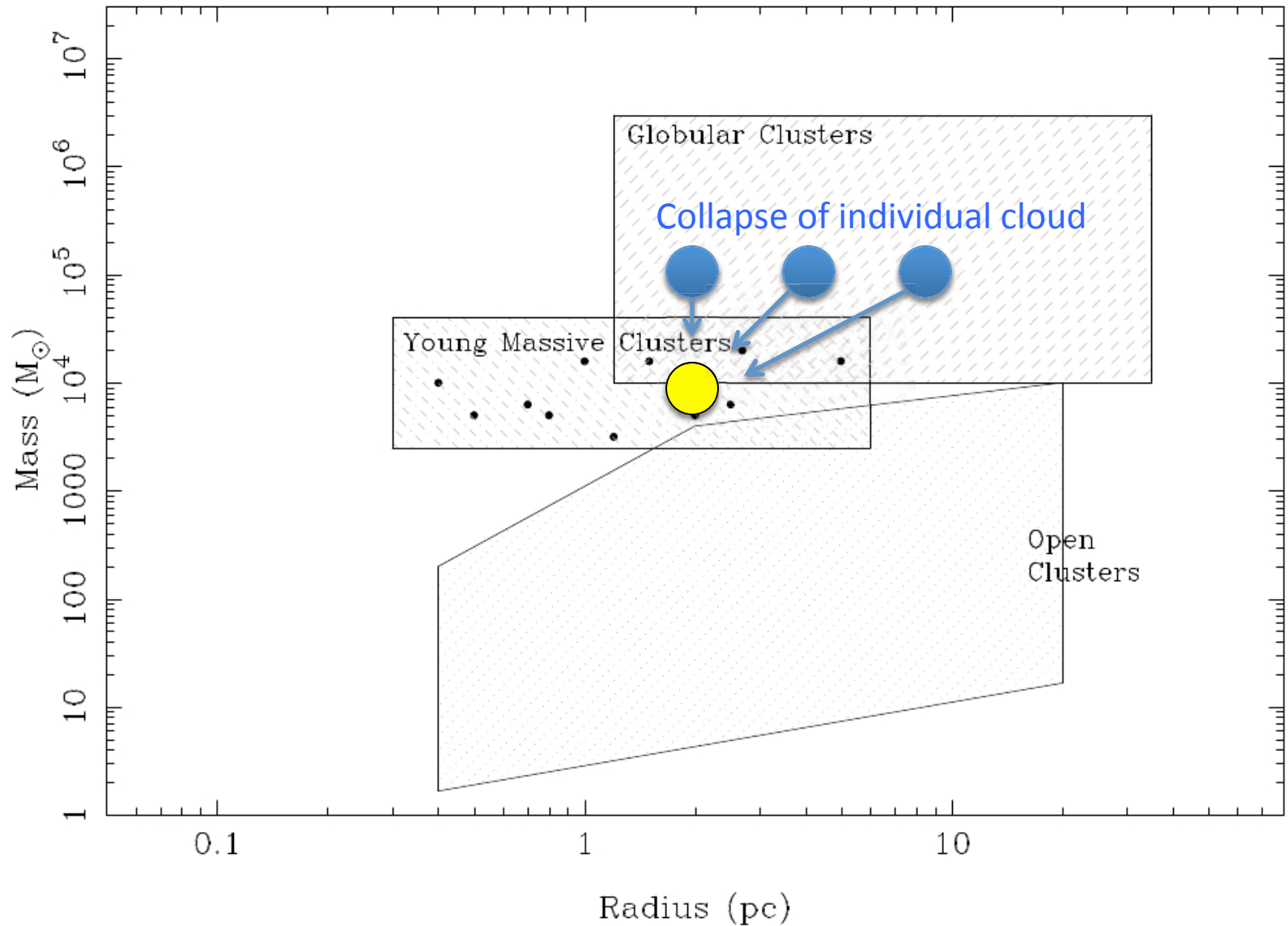
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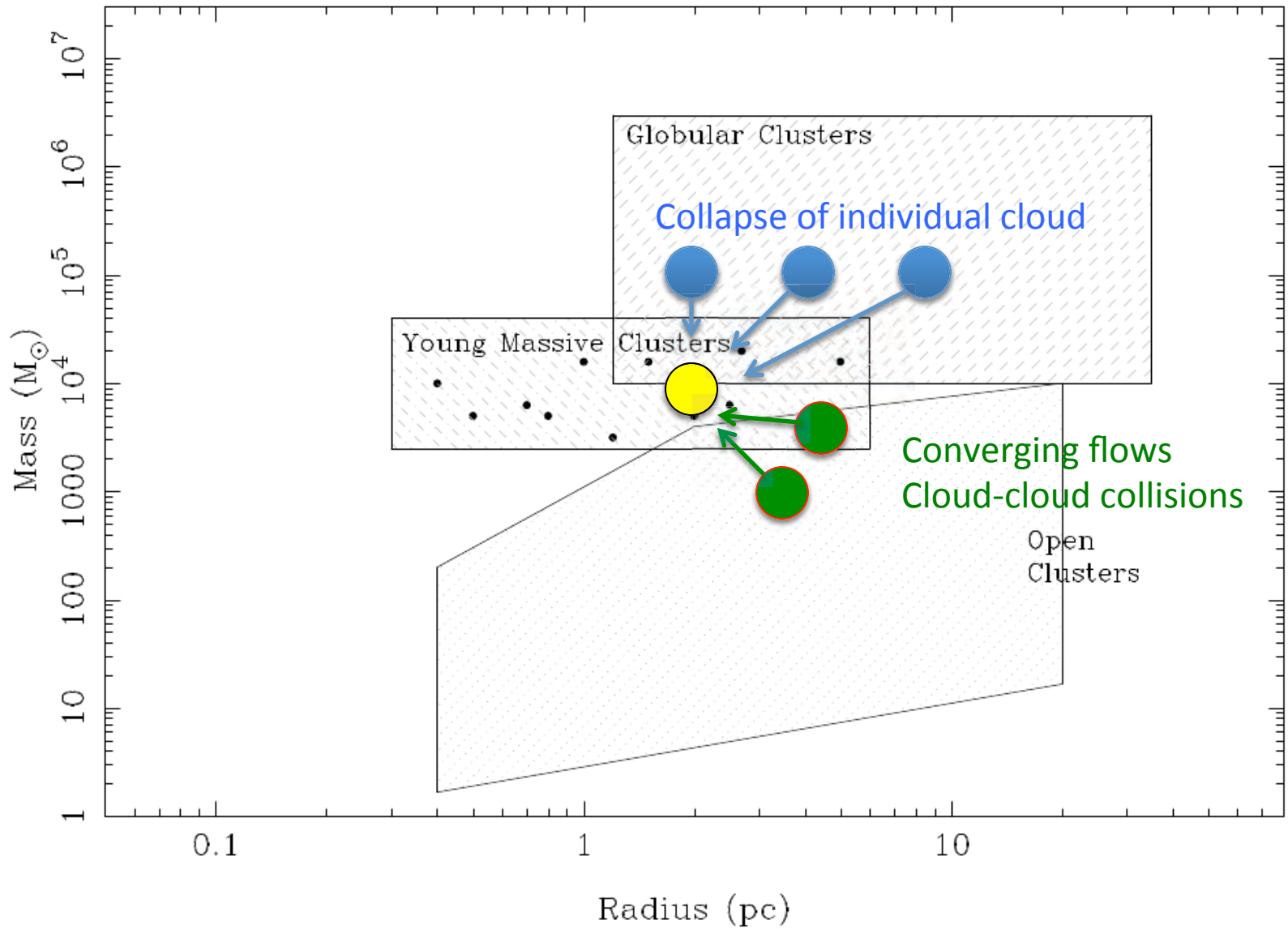


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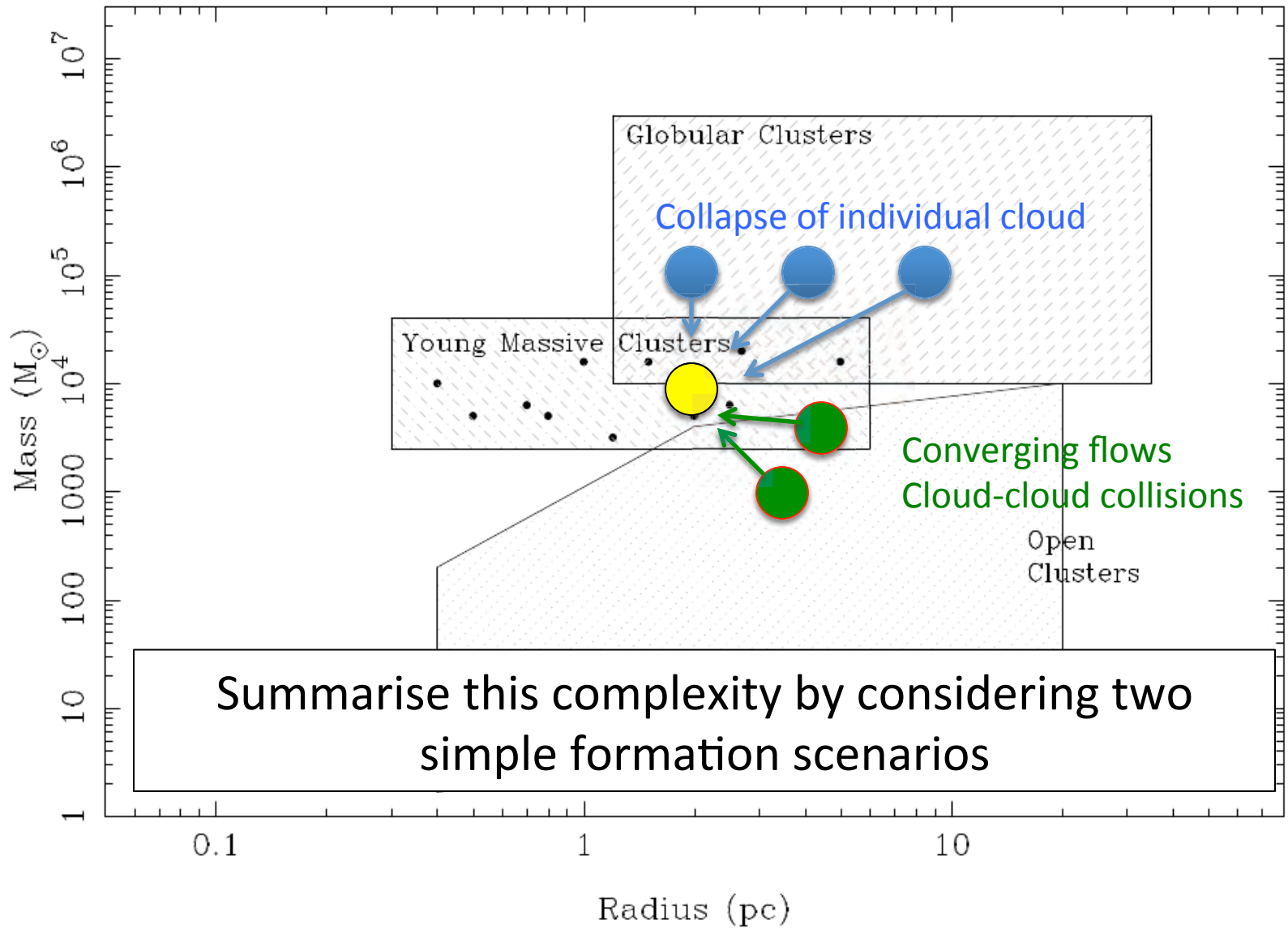




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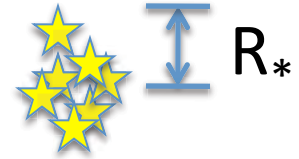
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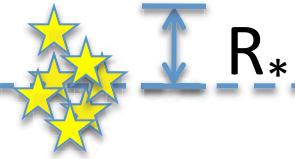


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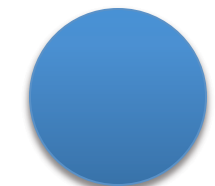
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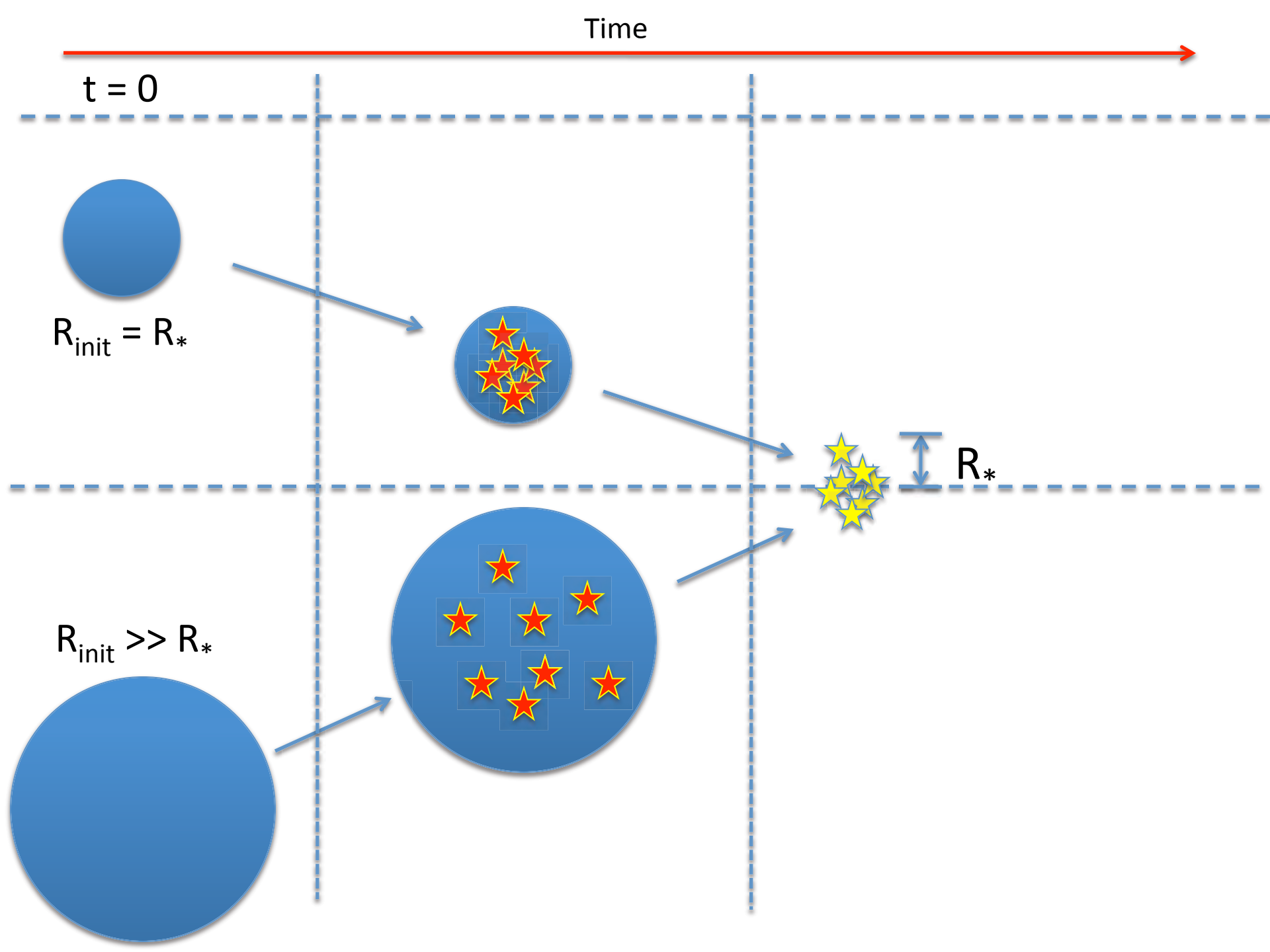
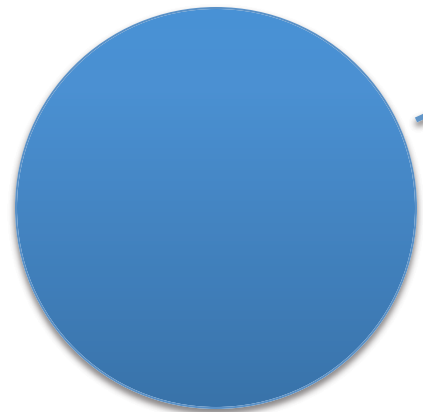
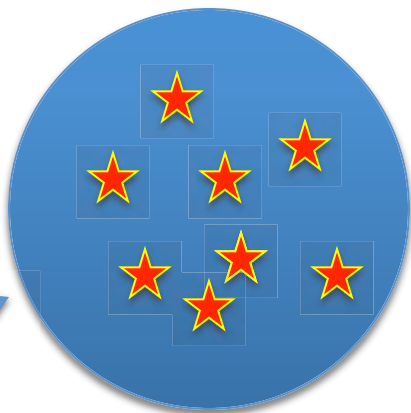


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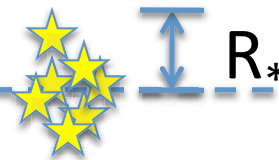
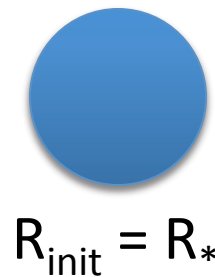


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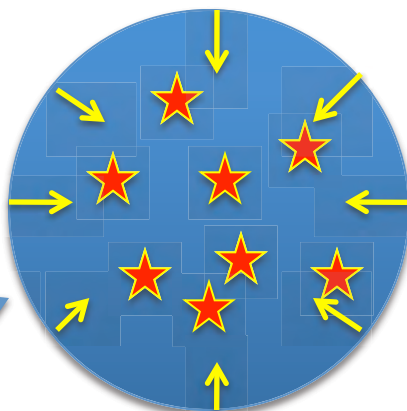
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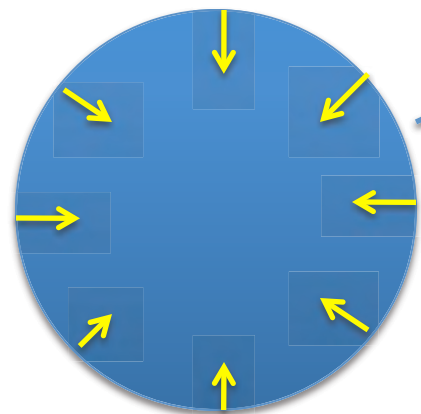
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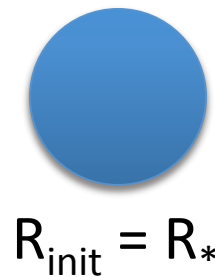


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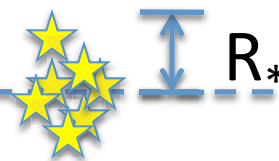
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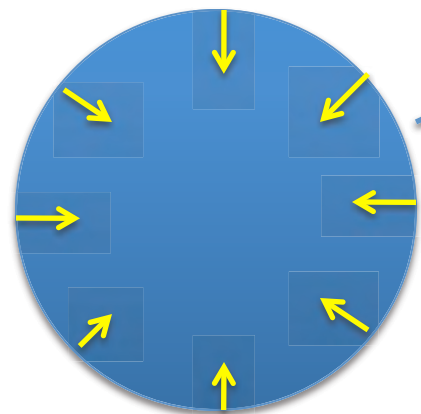
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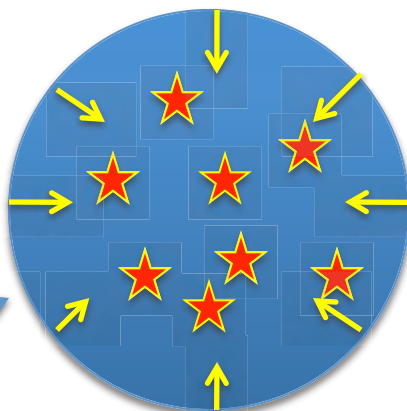
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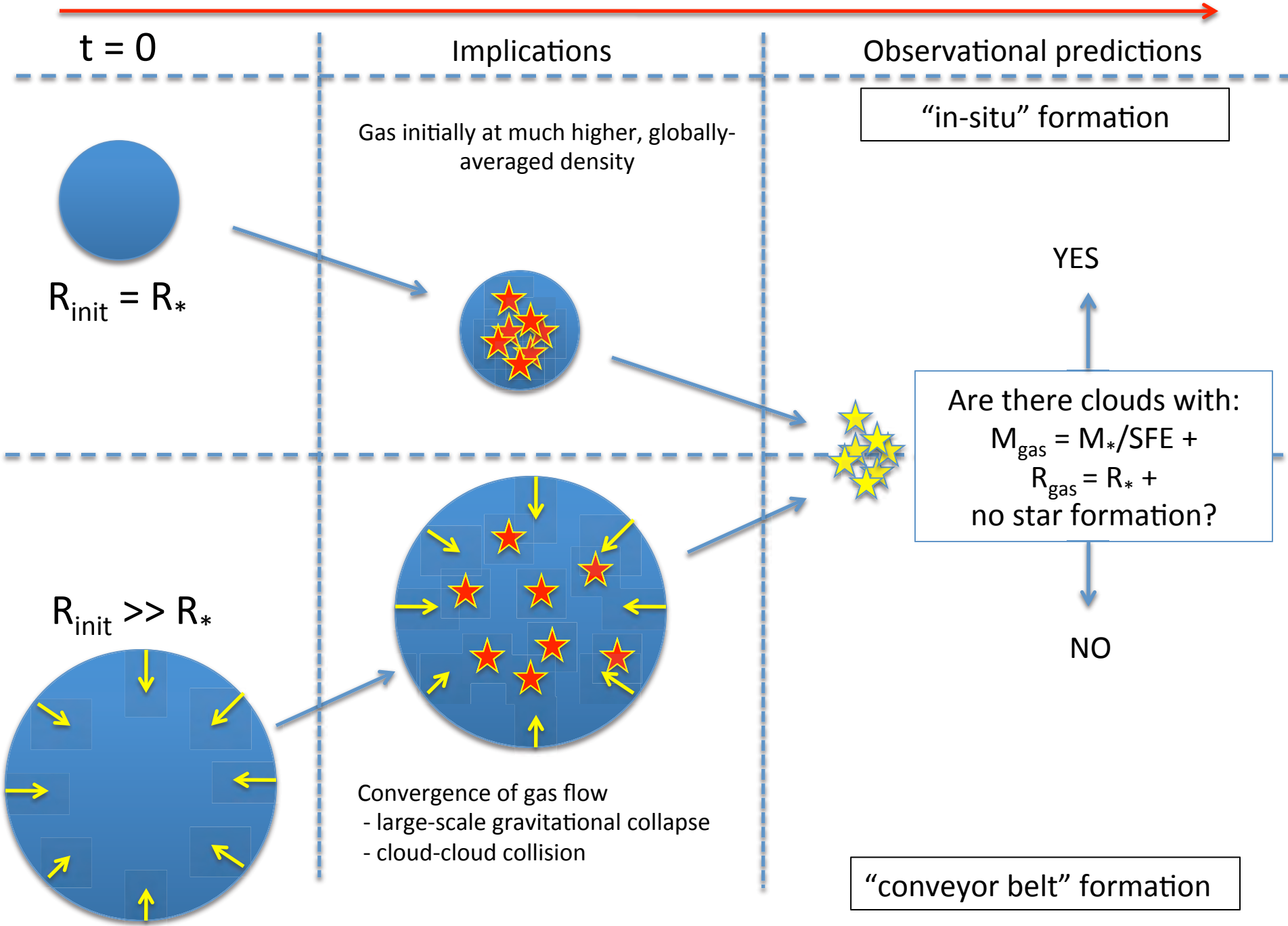


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Observational predictions

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YES

Are there clouds with:  
 $M_{\text{gas}} = M_*/\text{SFE} +$   
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no star formation?

NO

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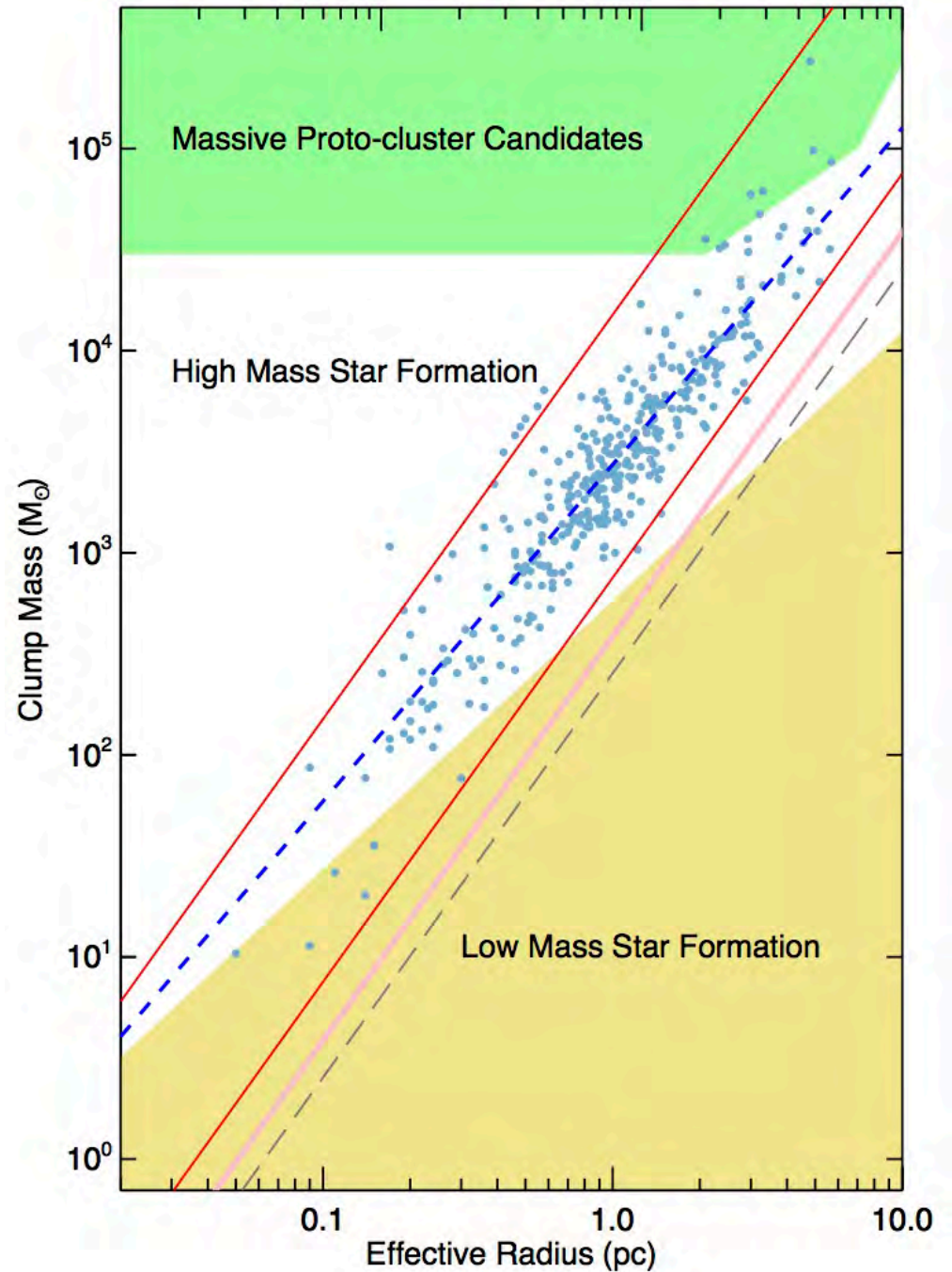
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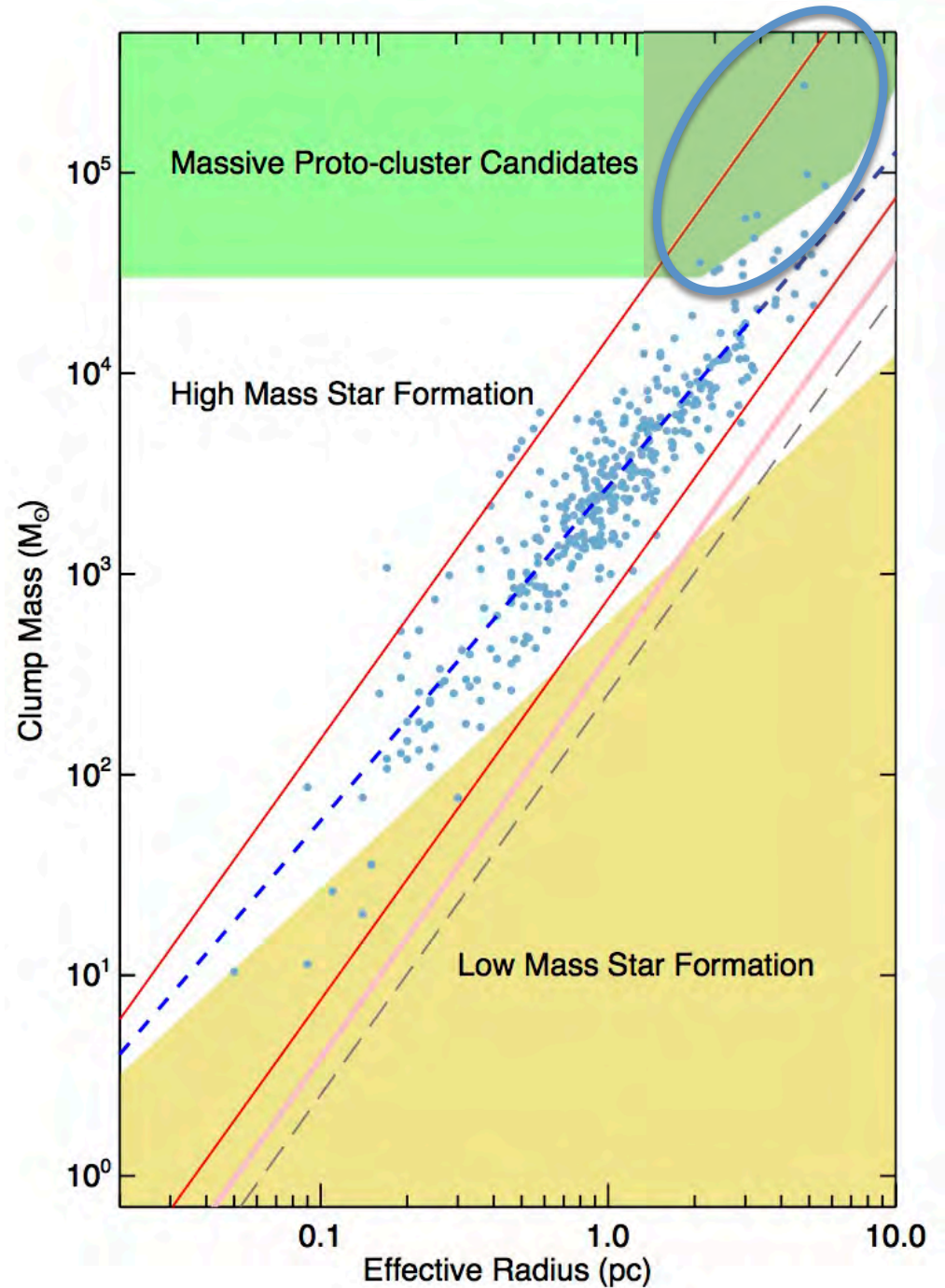
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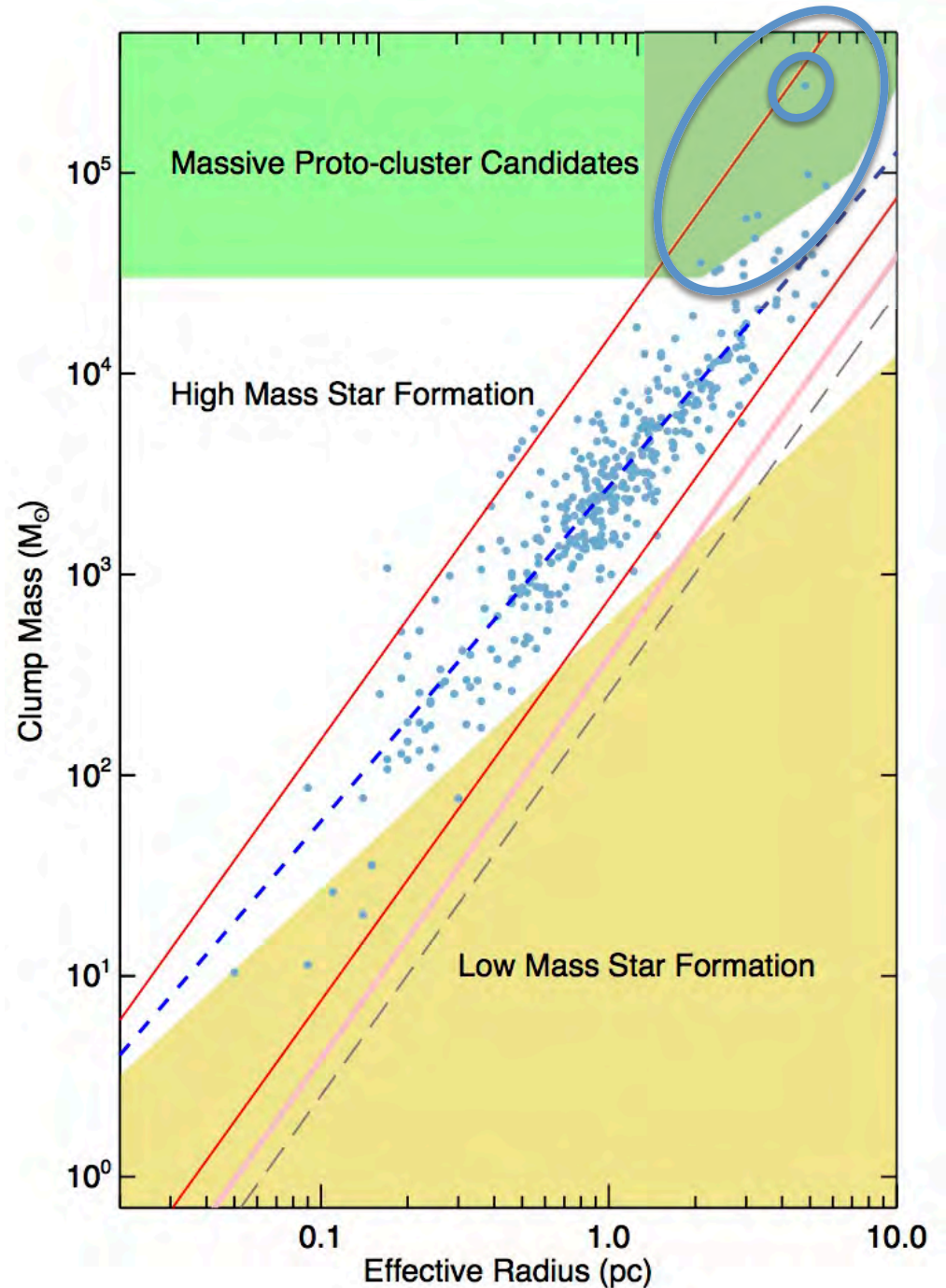
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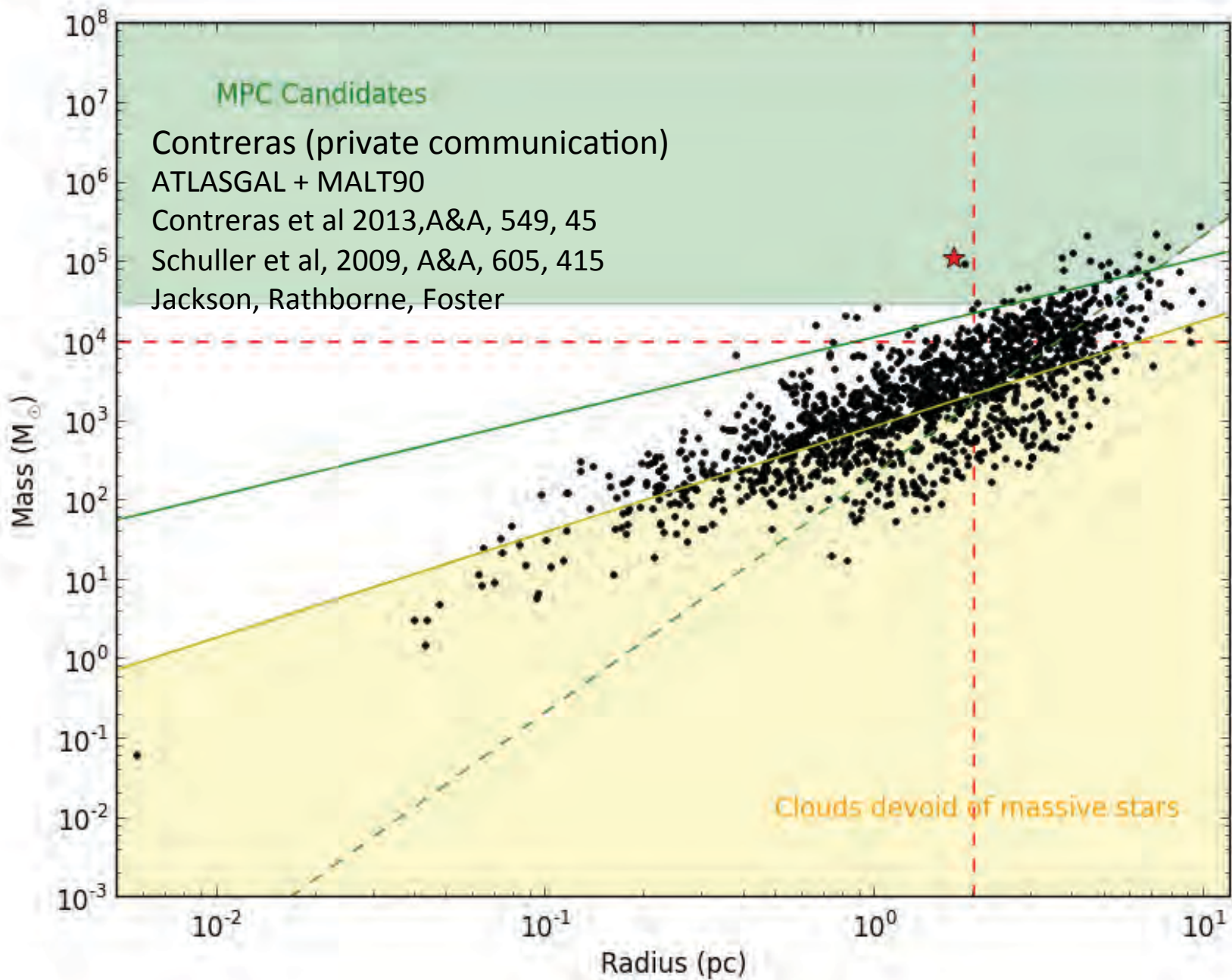
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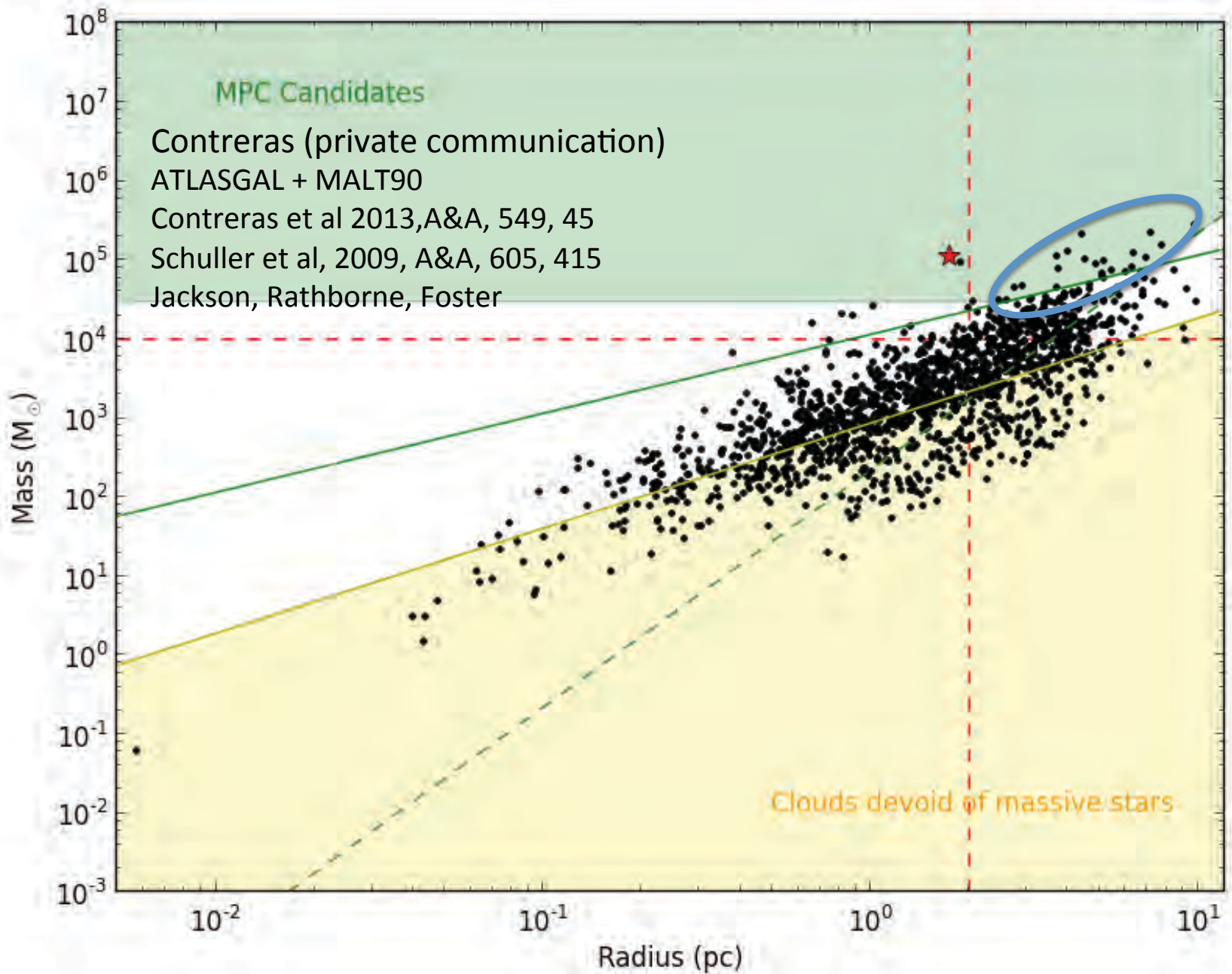
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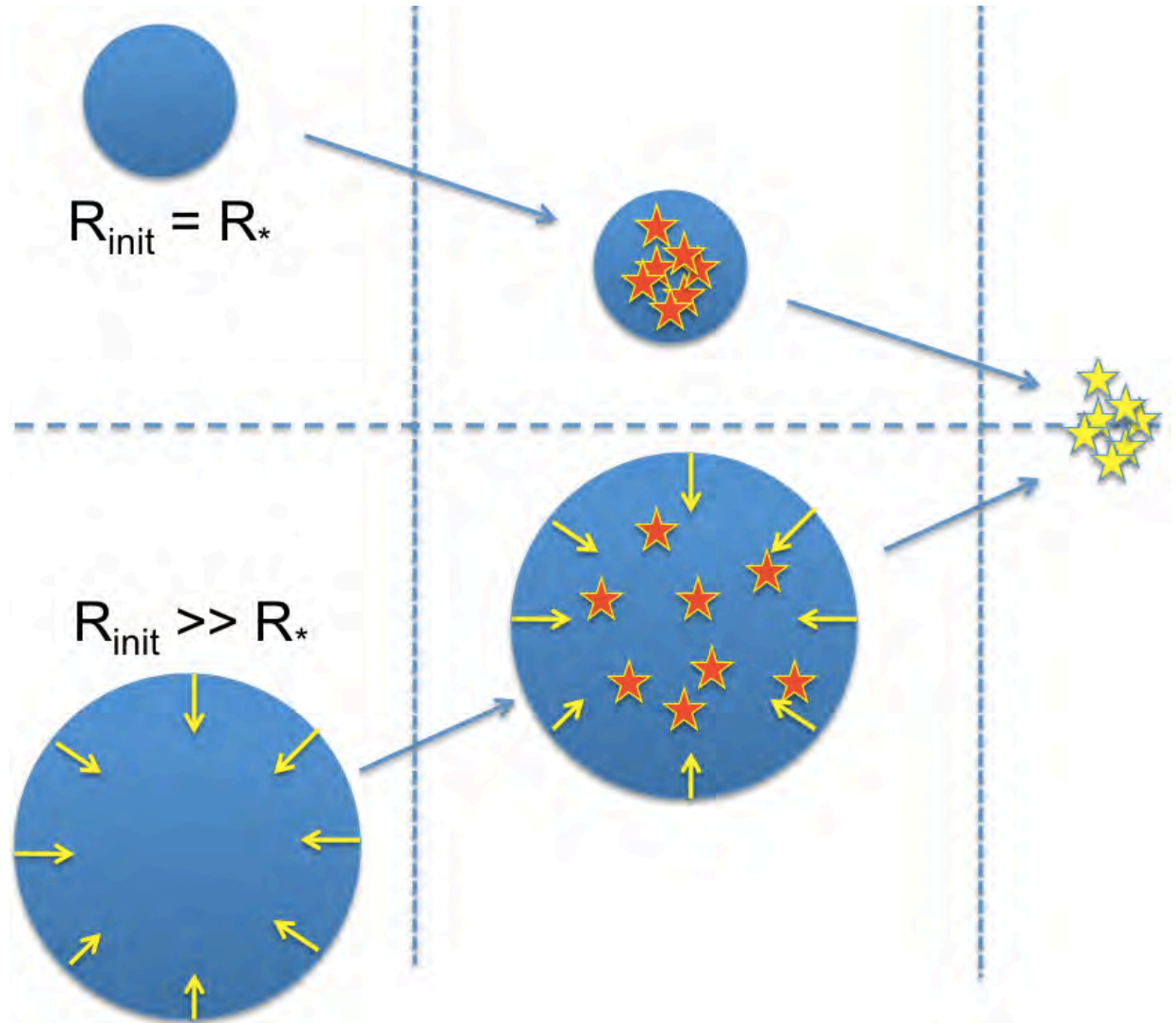
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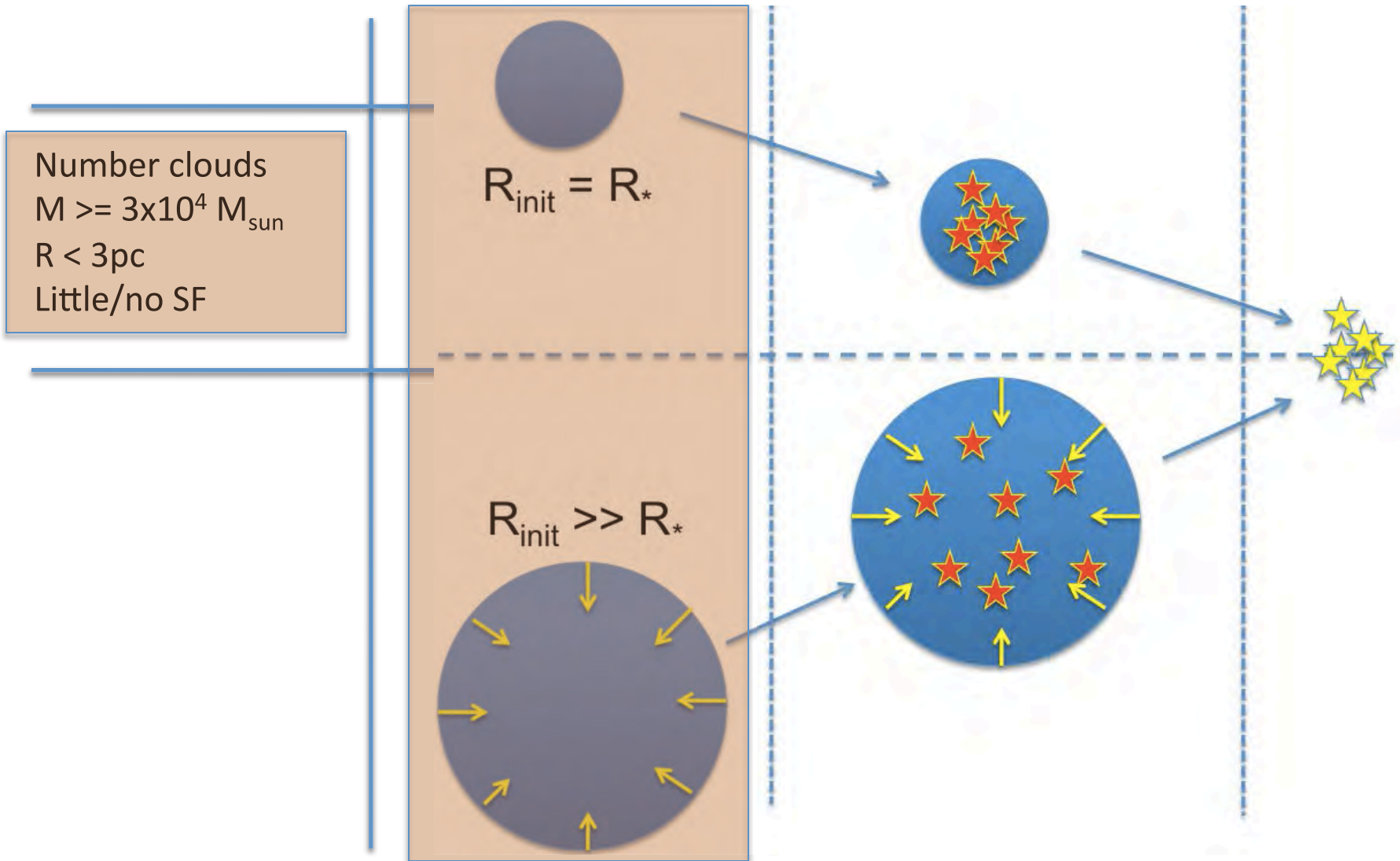
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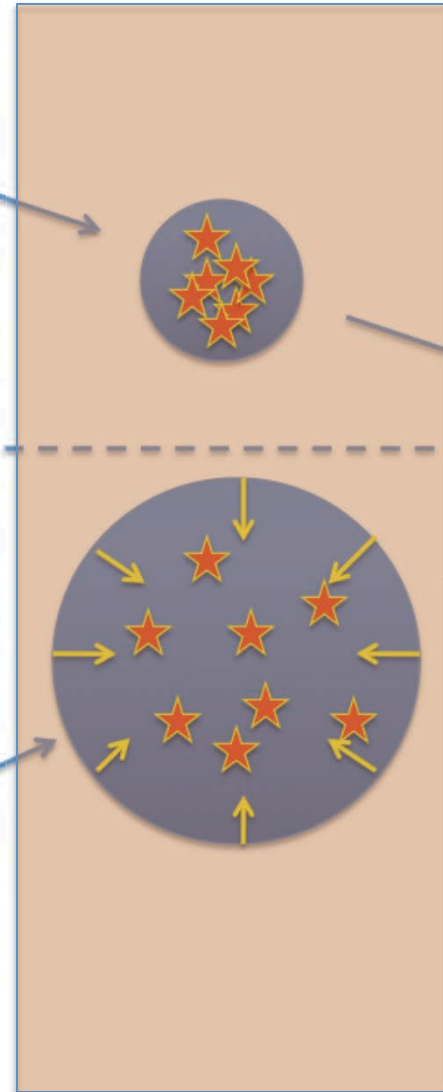
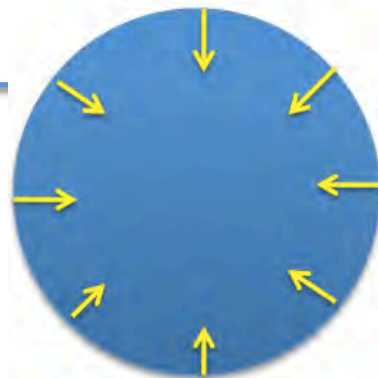
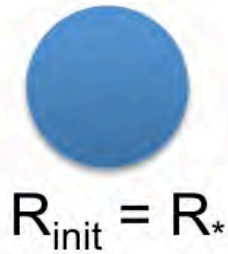
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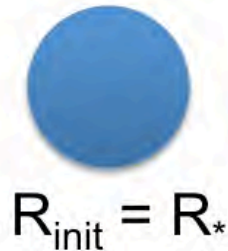
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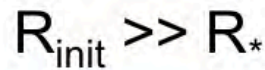


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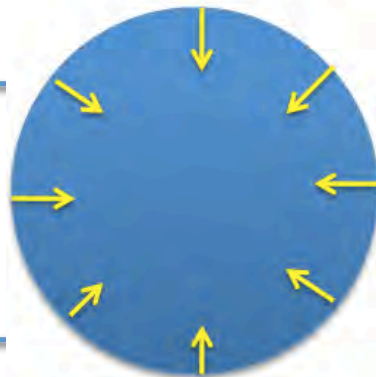
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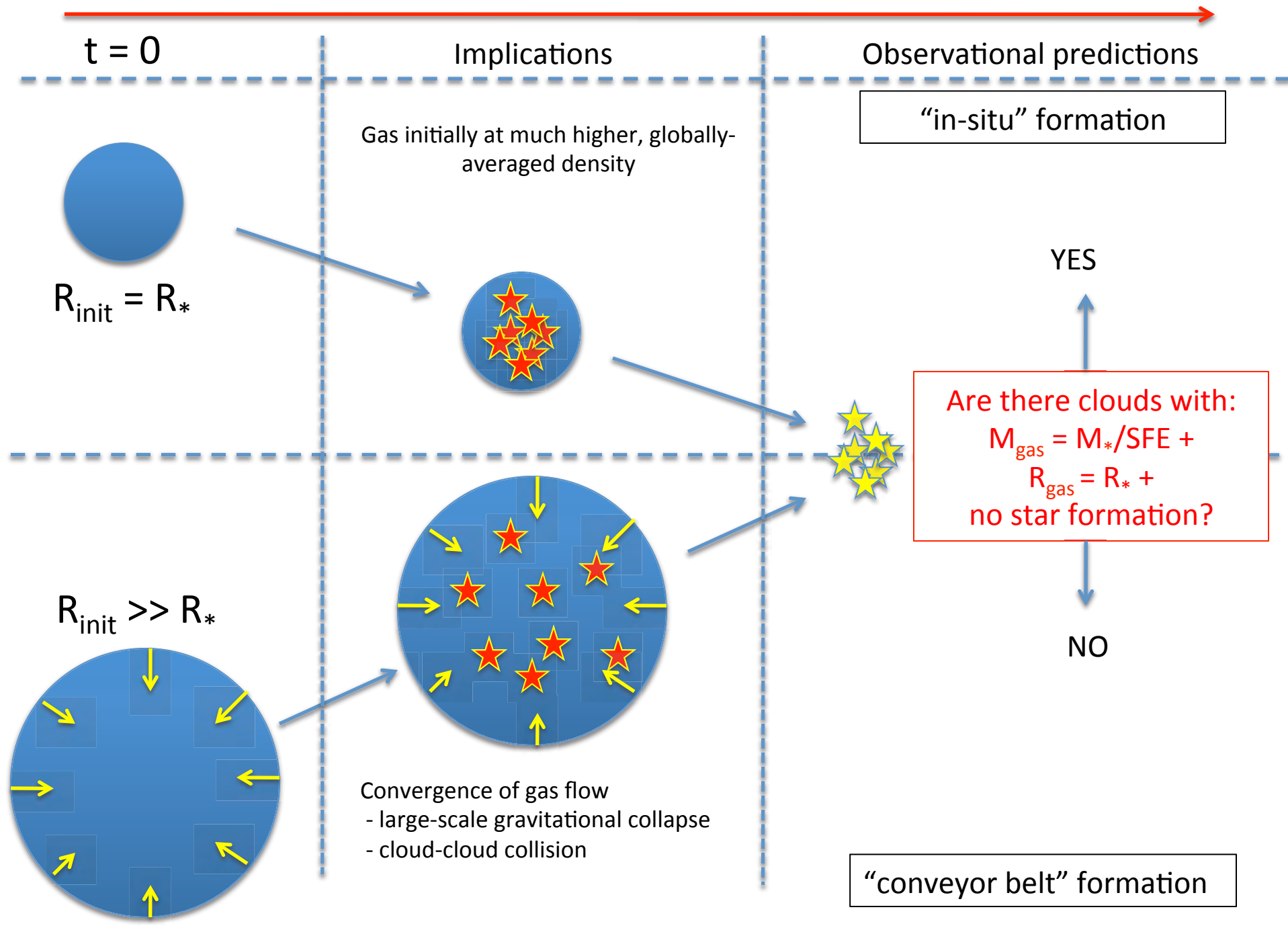
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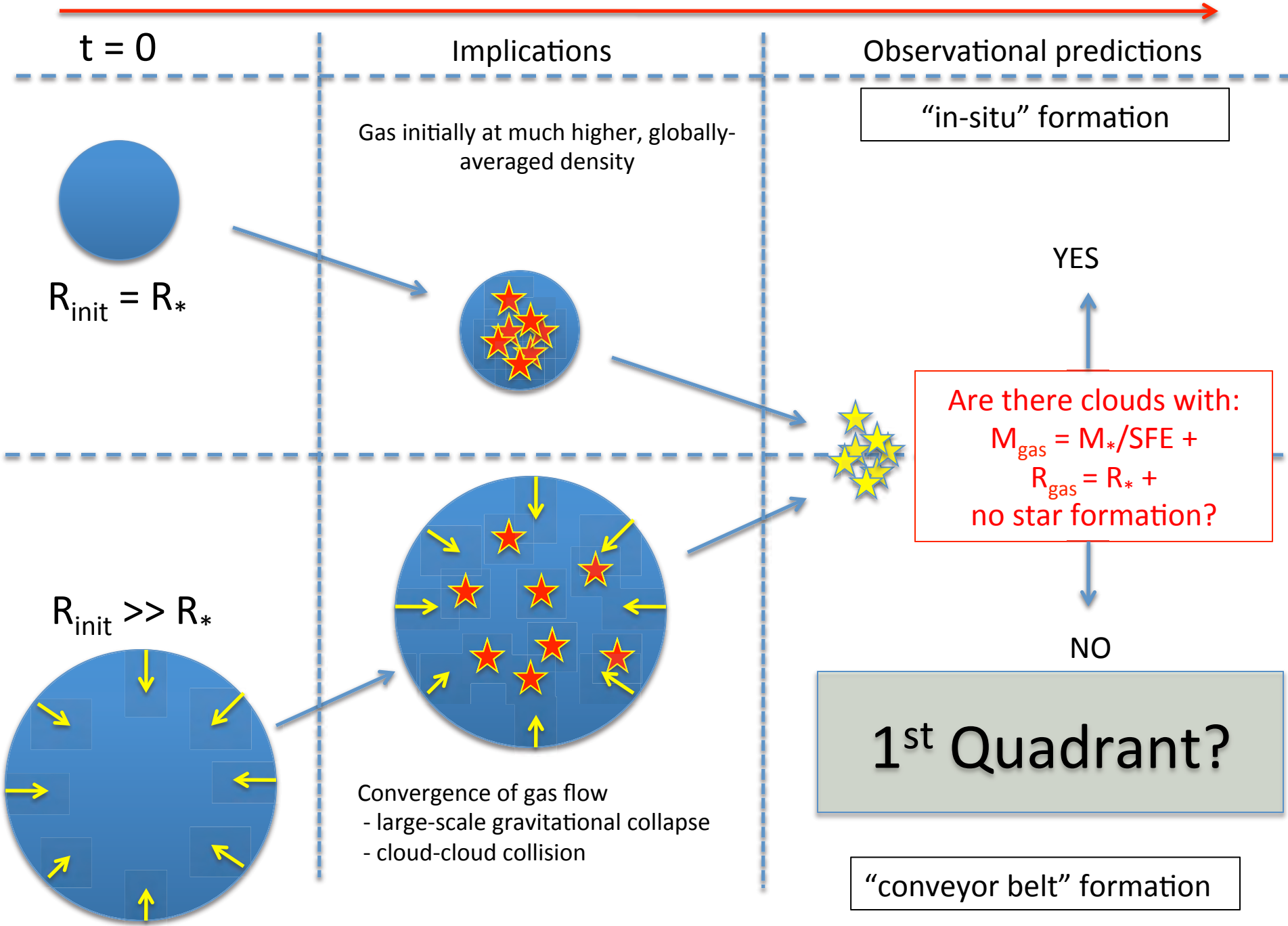
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Refer back to predictions for  
different mechanisms...

Time



Time



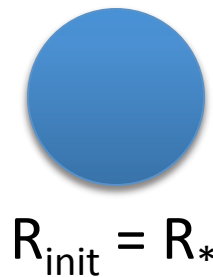


Time

$t = 0$

Implications

Observational predictions



Gas initially at much higher, globally-averaged density



“in-situ” formation

YES

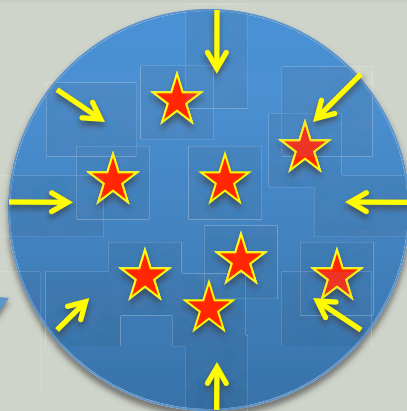
Are there clouds with:  
 $M_{\text{gas}} = M_*/\text{SFE} +$   
 $R_{\text{gas}} = R_* +$   
no star formation?

NO

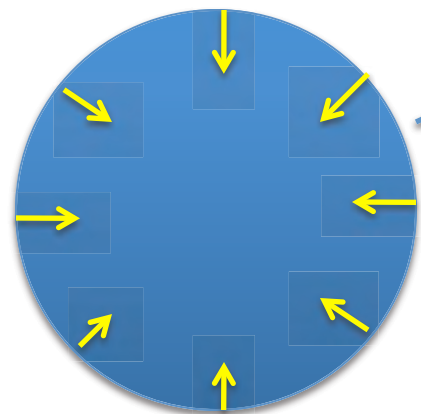
1<sup>st</sup> Quadrant?

“conveyor belt” formation

$R_{\text{init}} \gg R_*$



Convergence of gas flow  
- large-scale gravitational collapse  
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Yes

W49: Galvan-Madrid+ 2013, ApJ, 779, 121

W43: Nguyen Luong+ 2014, A&A, 571, 32

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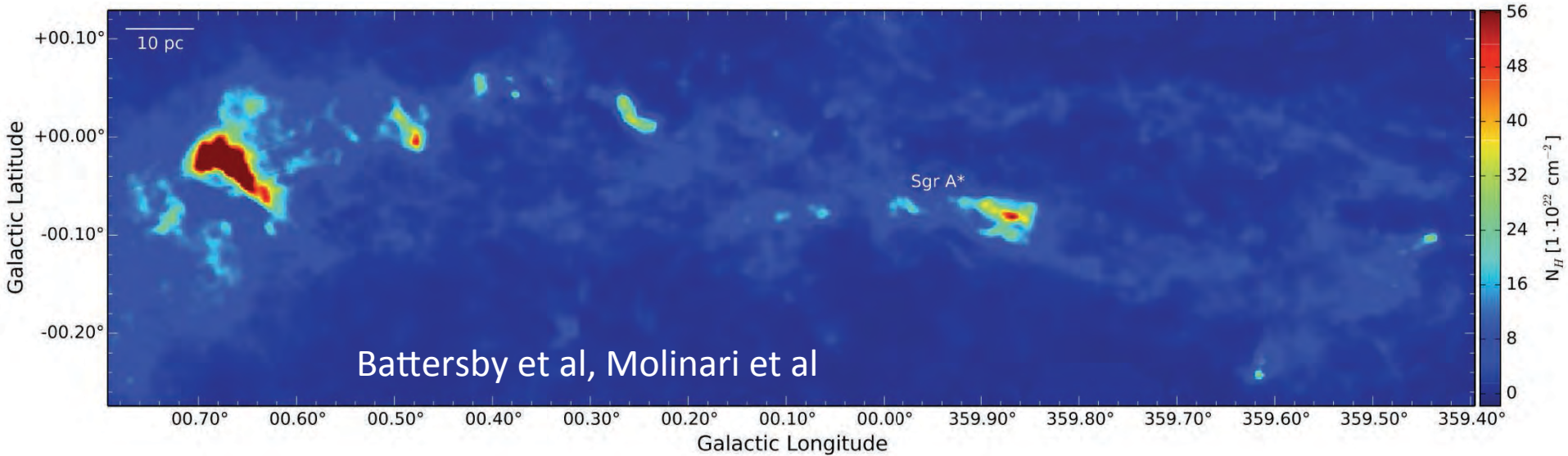
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What about the gas clouds in the inner 200pc of the Galaxy?

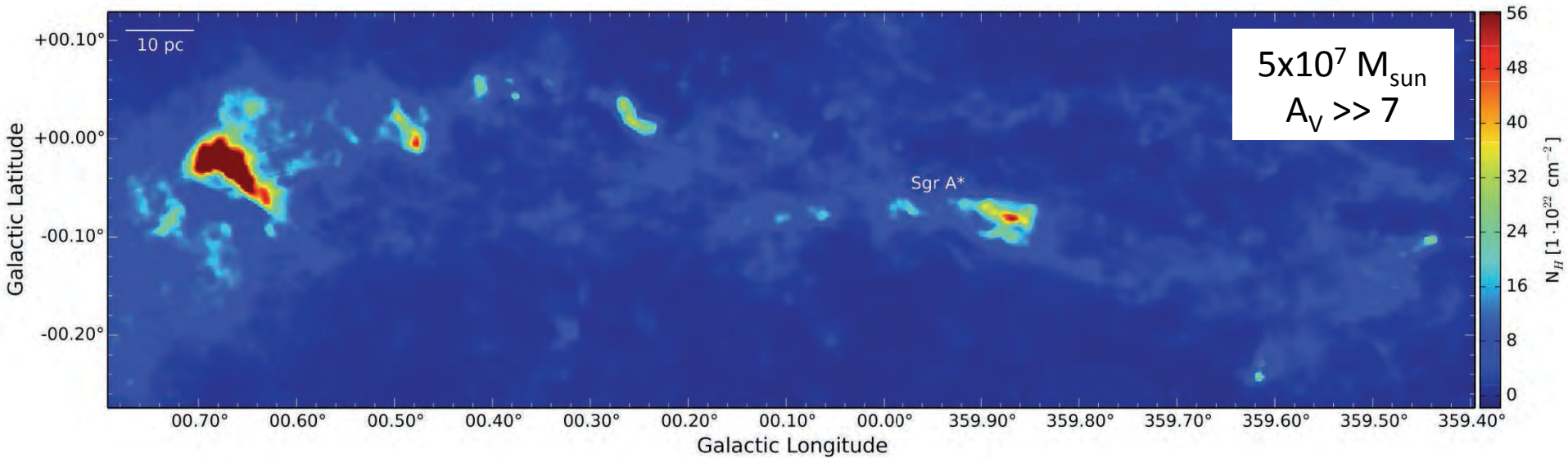
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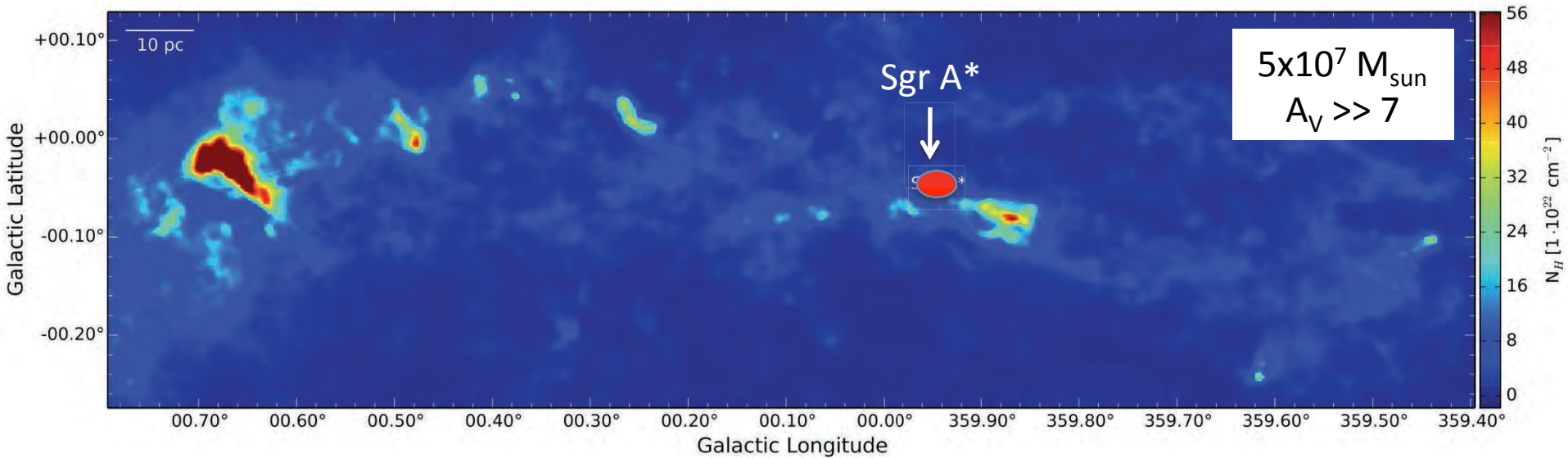
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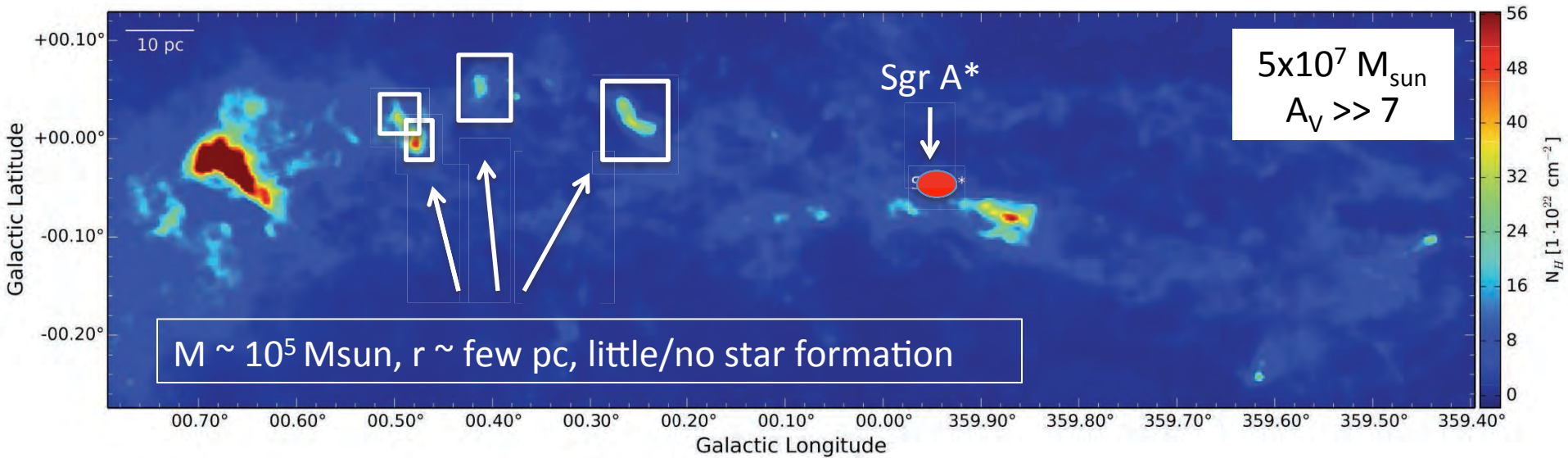
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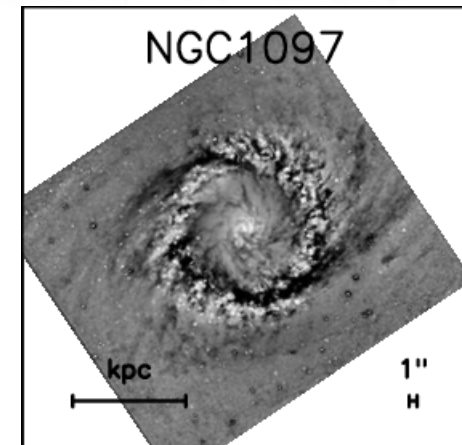
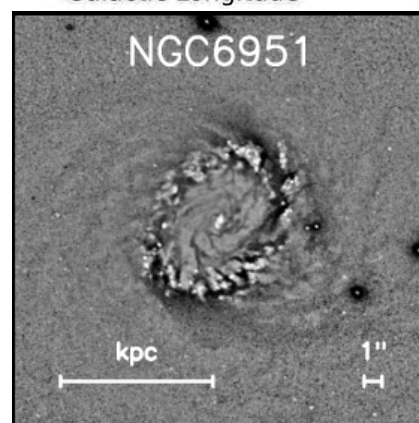
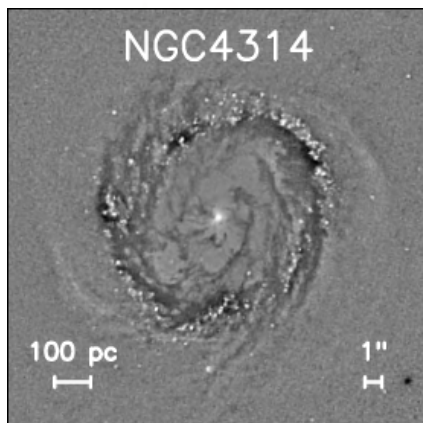
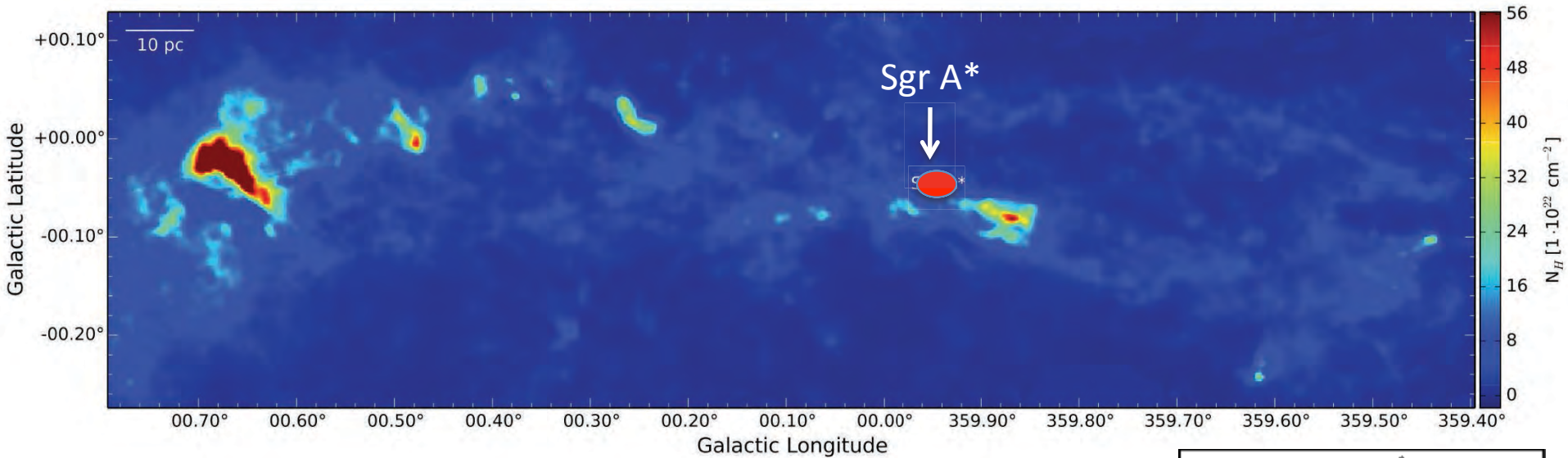
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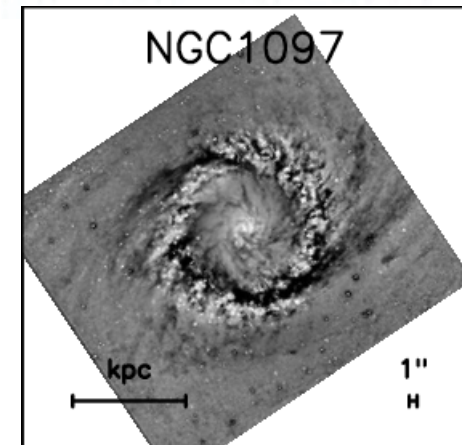
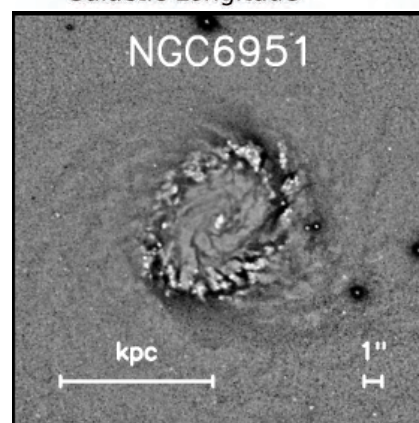
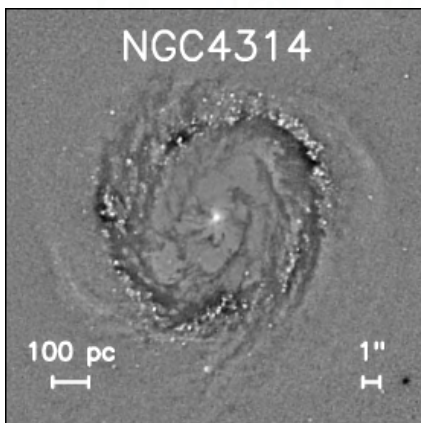
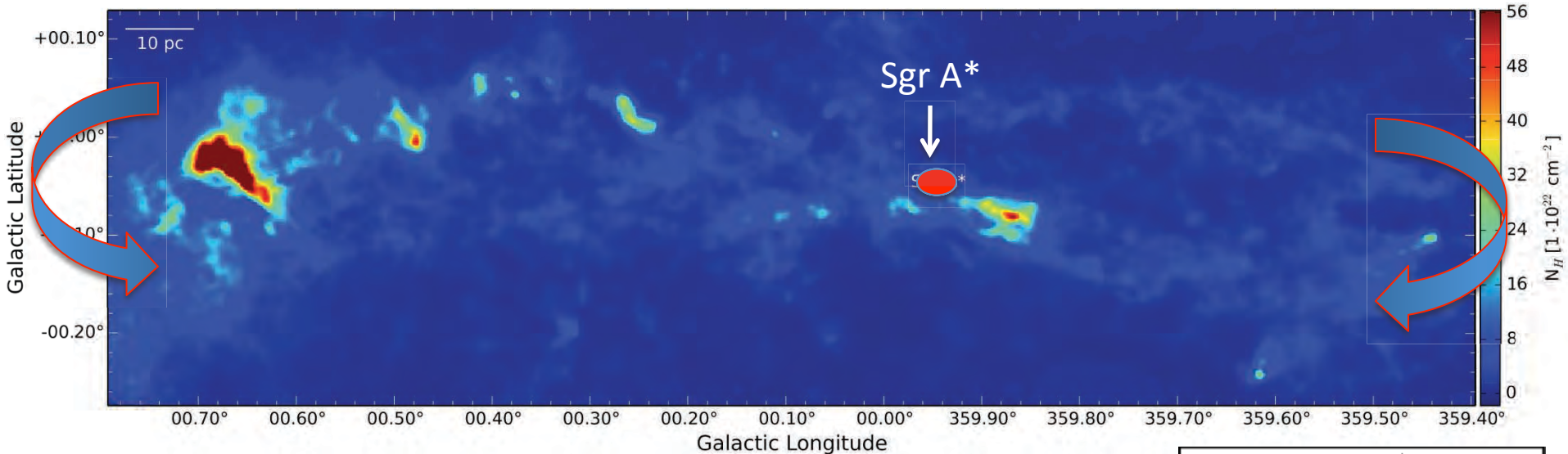
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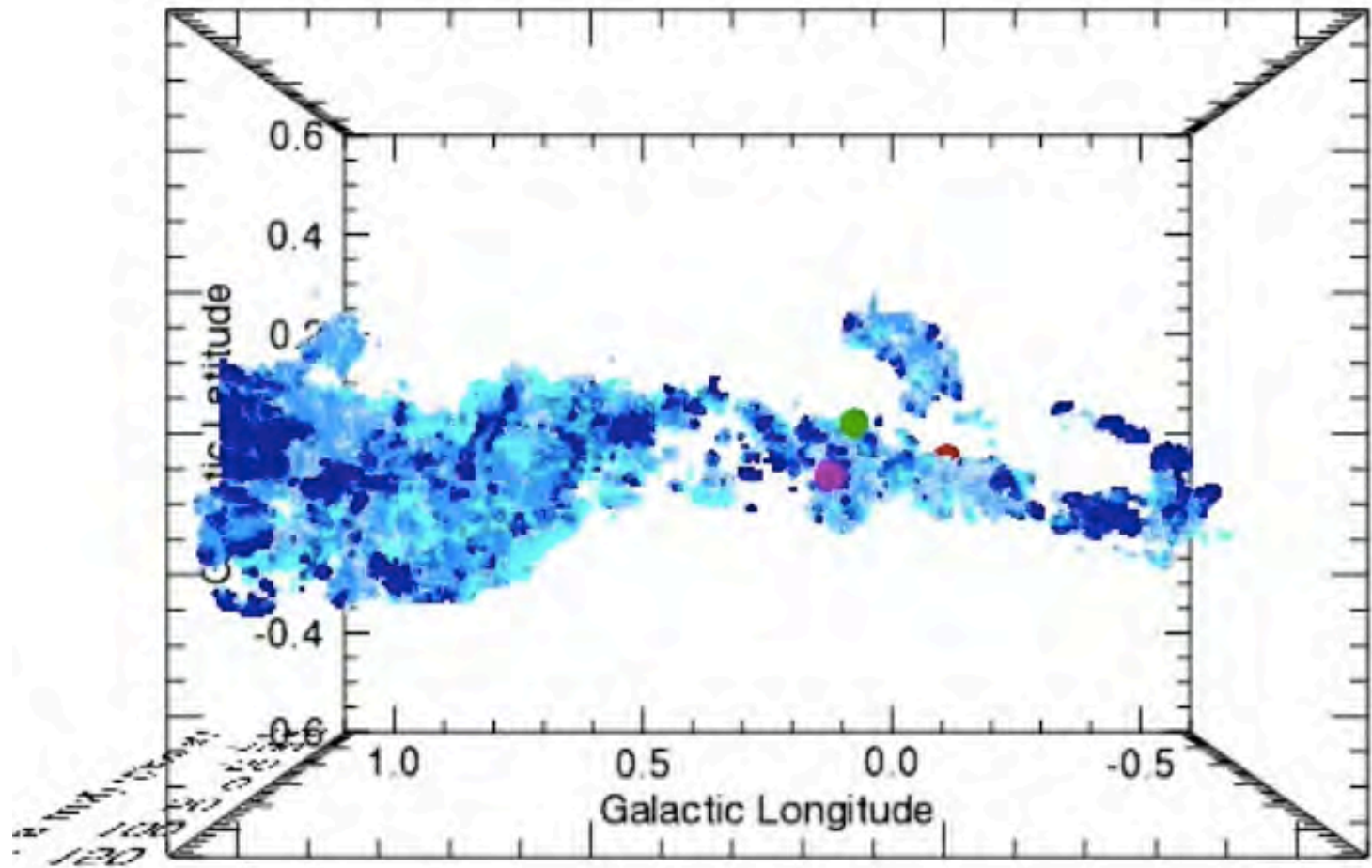


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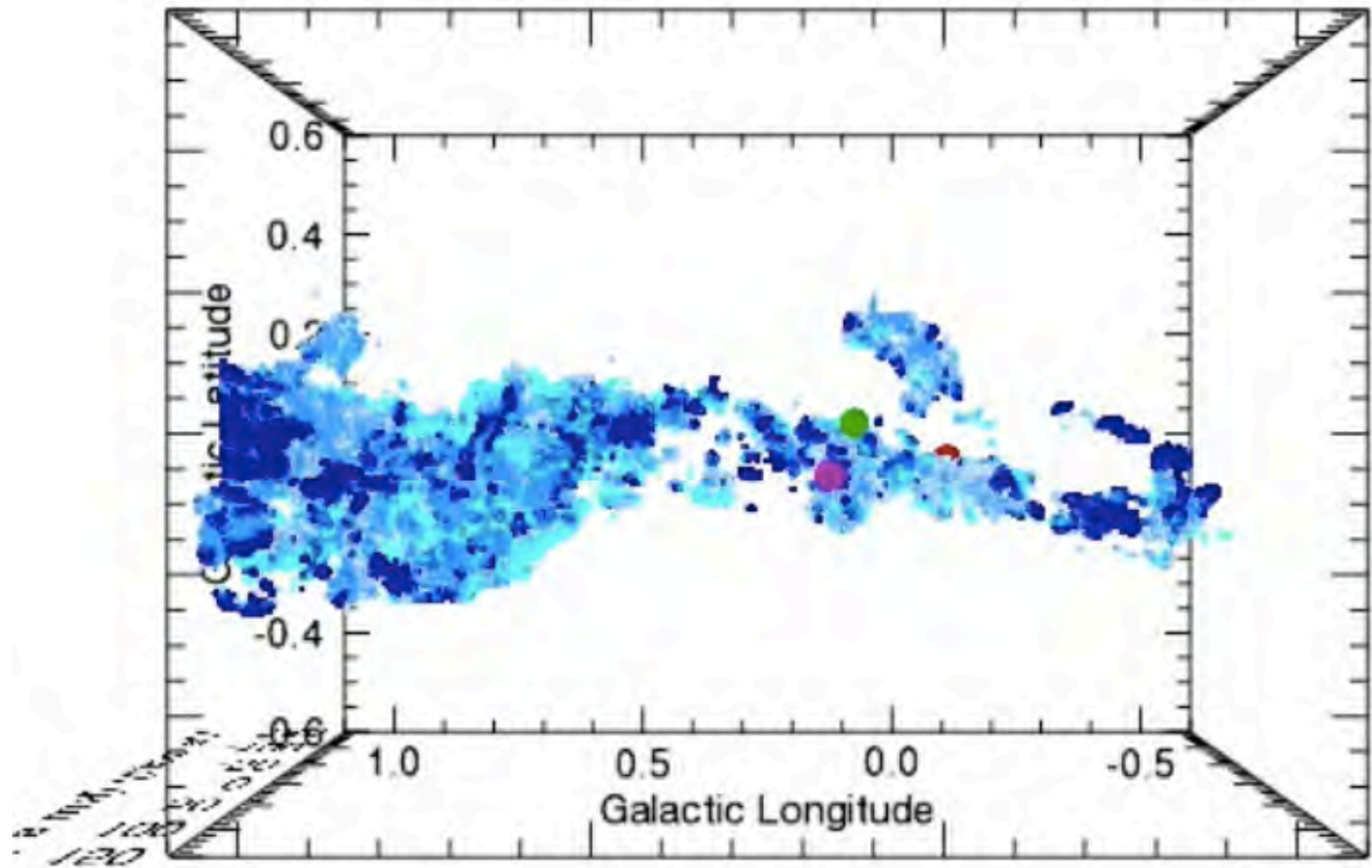
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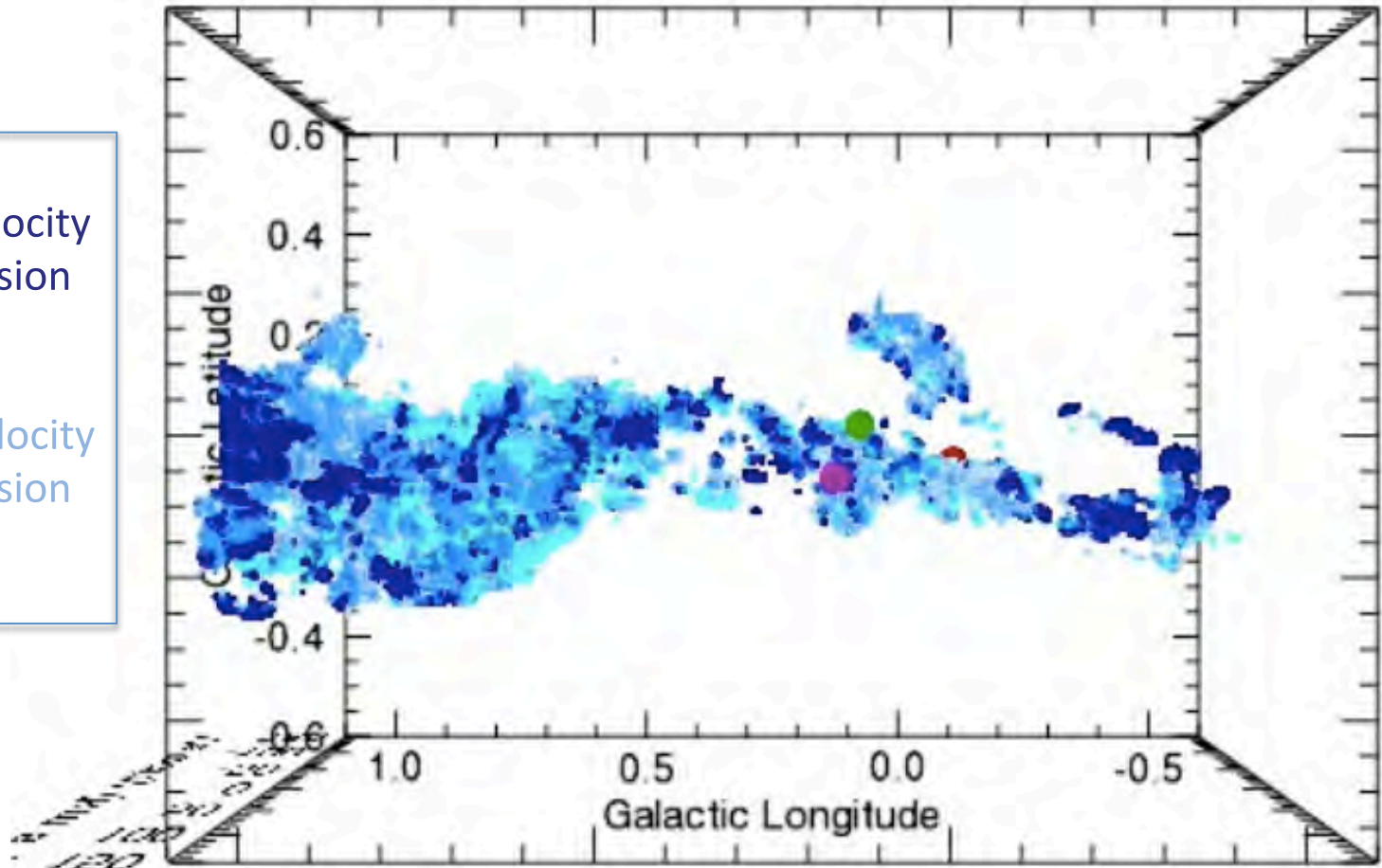
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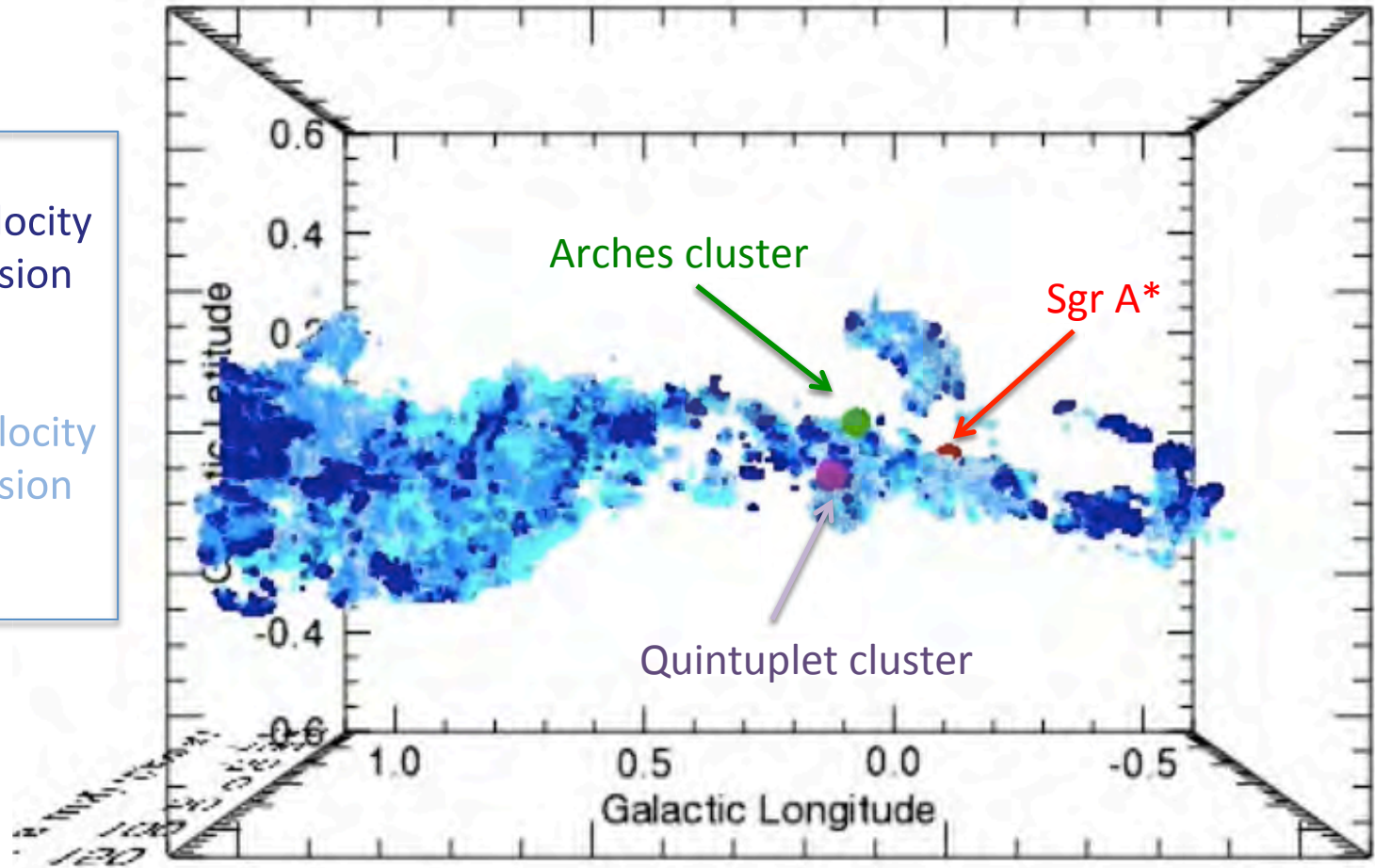
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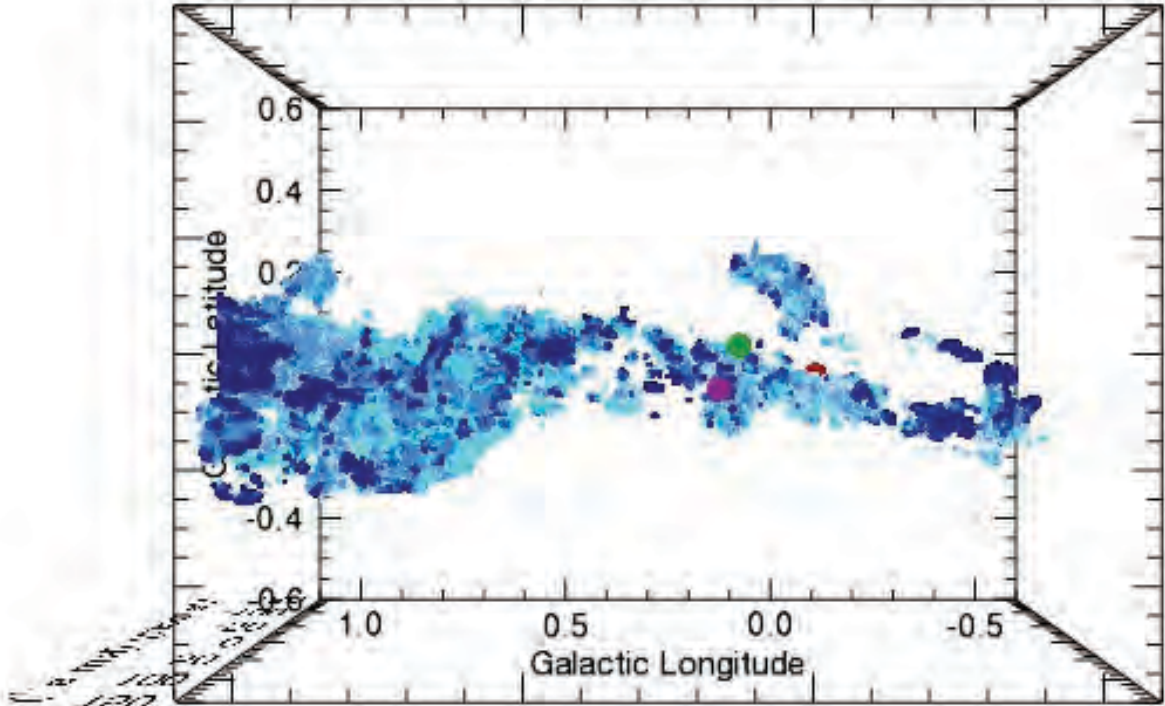
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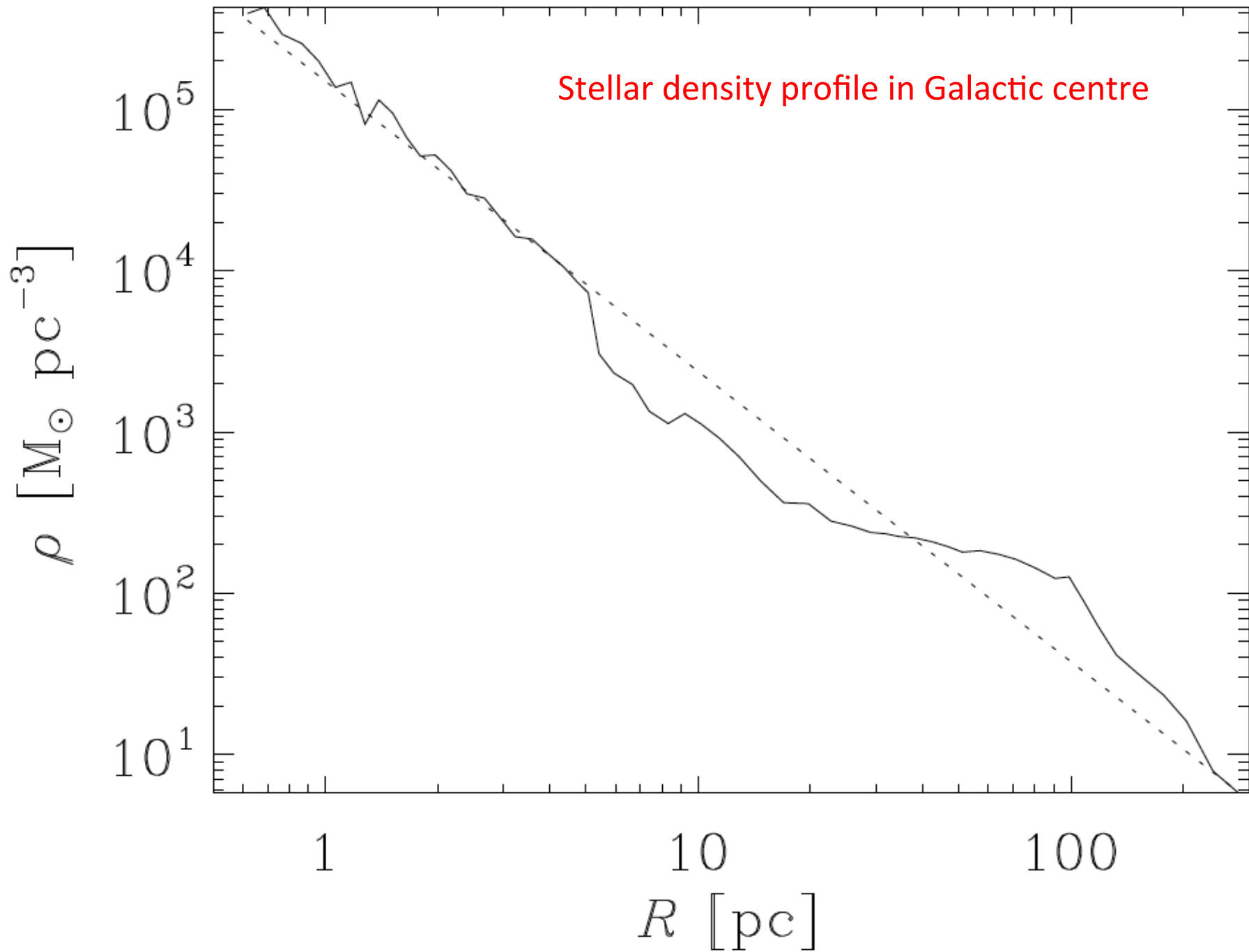
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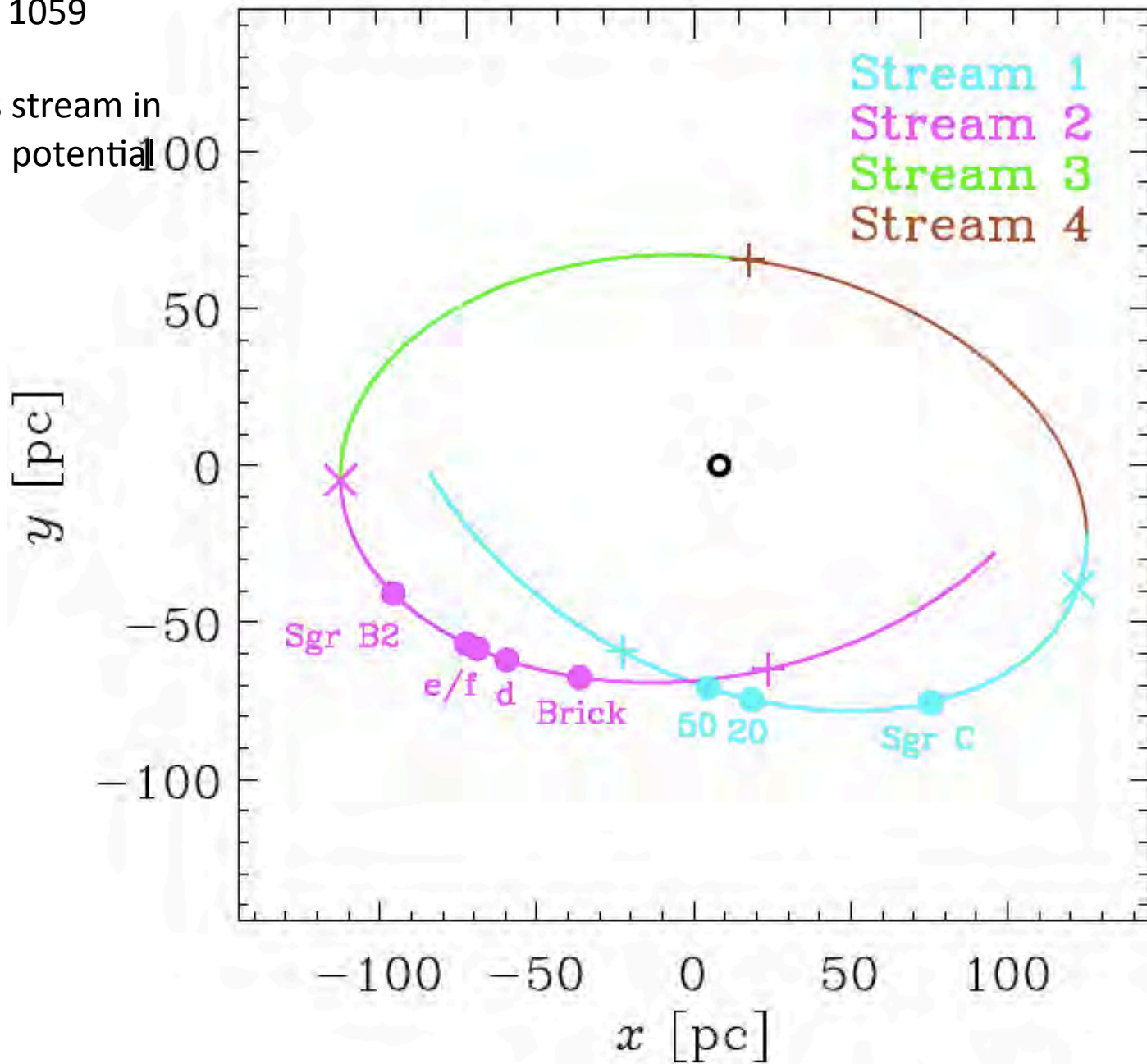
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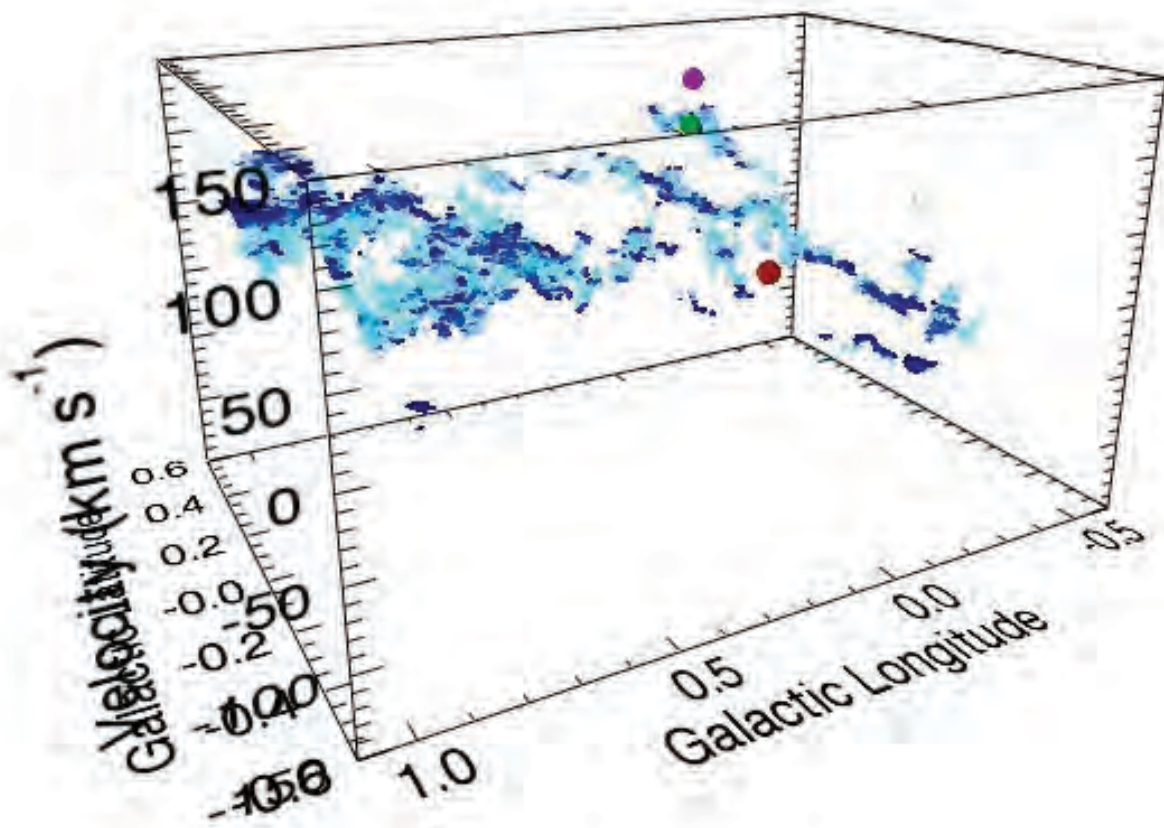


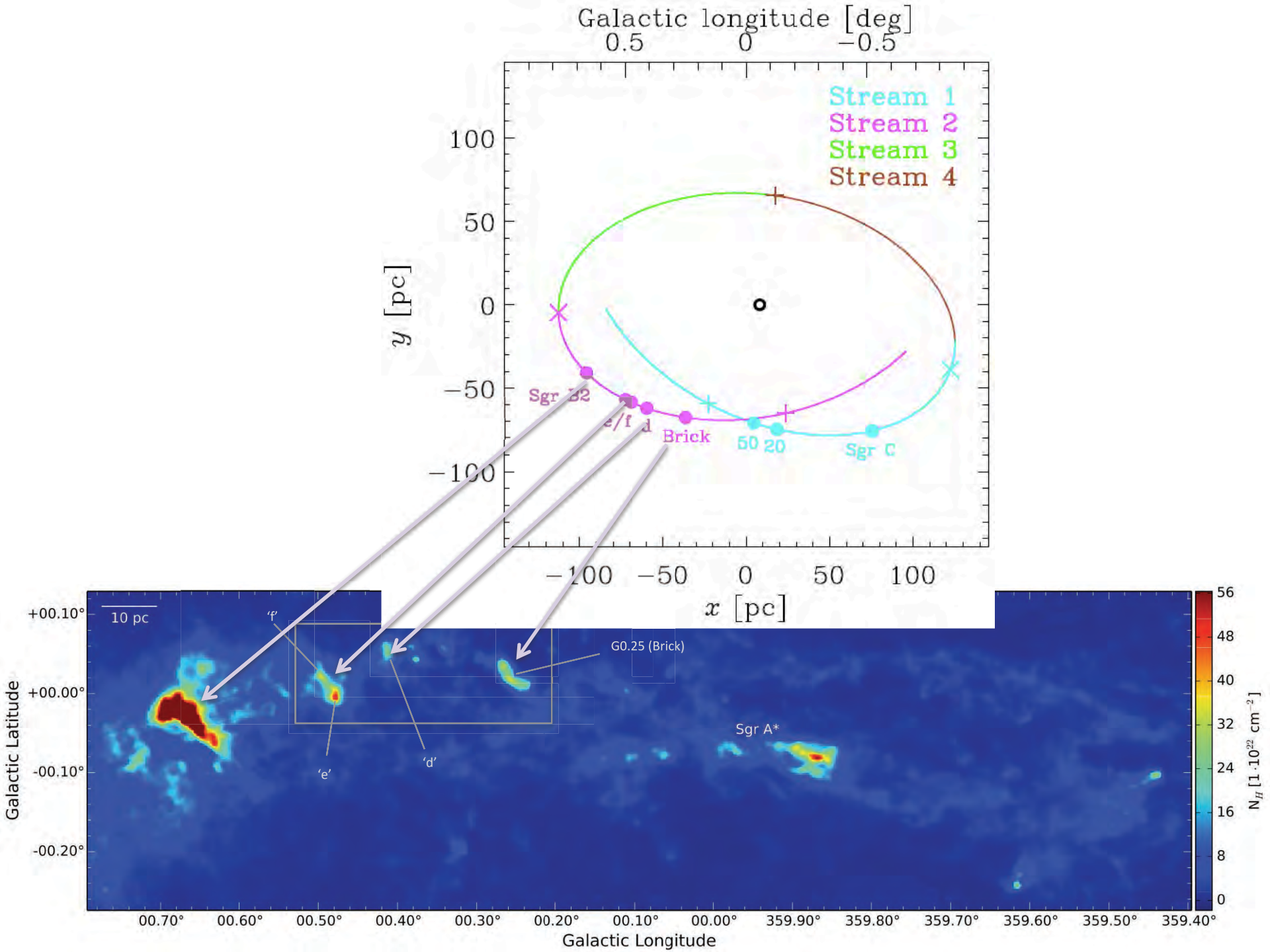


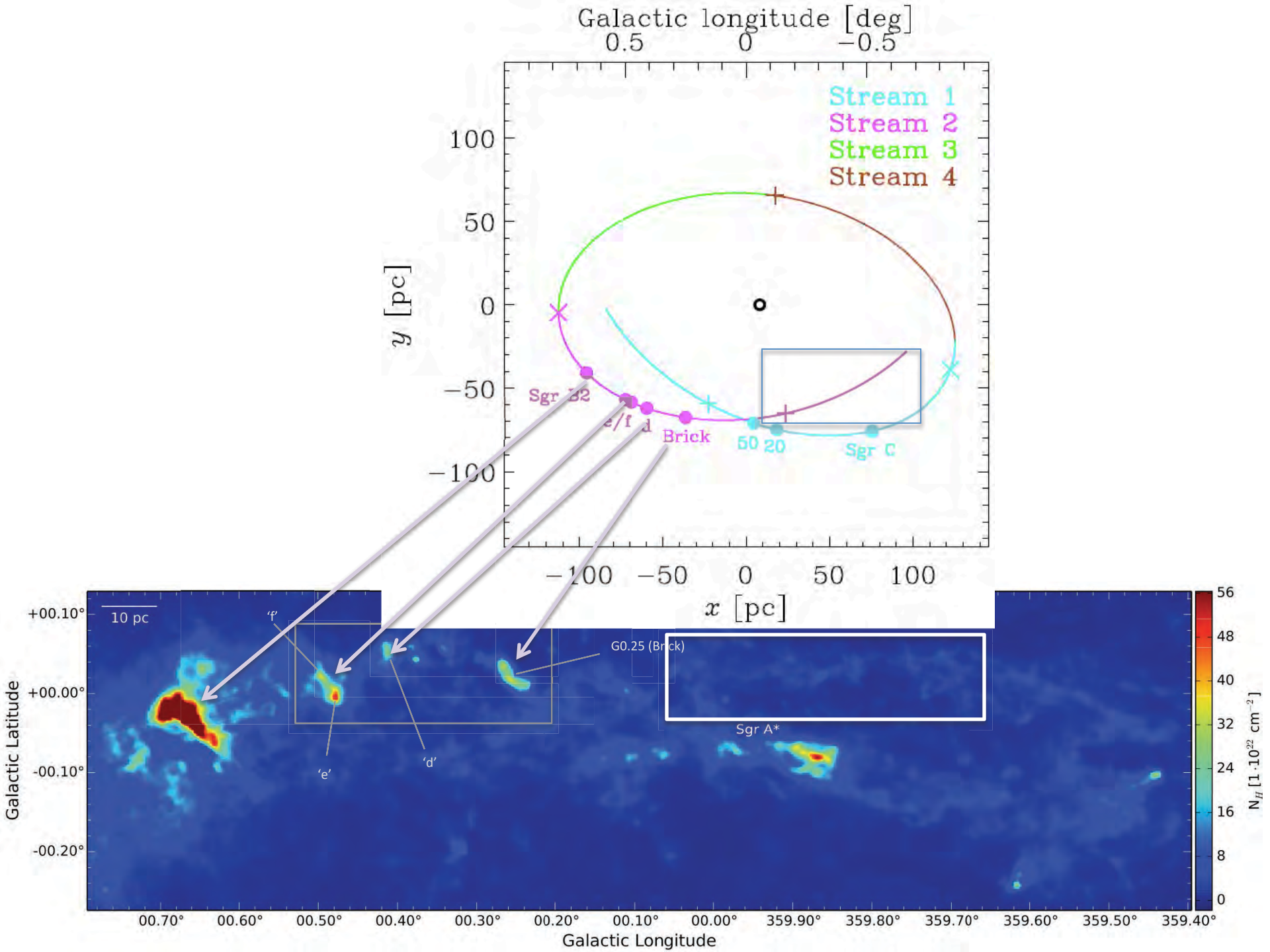


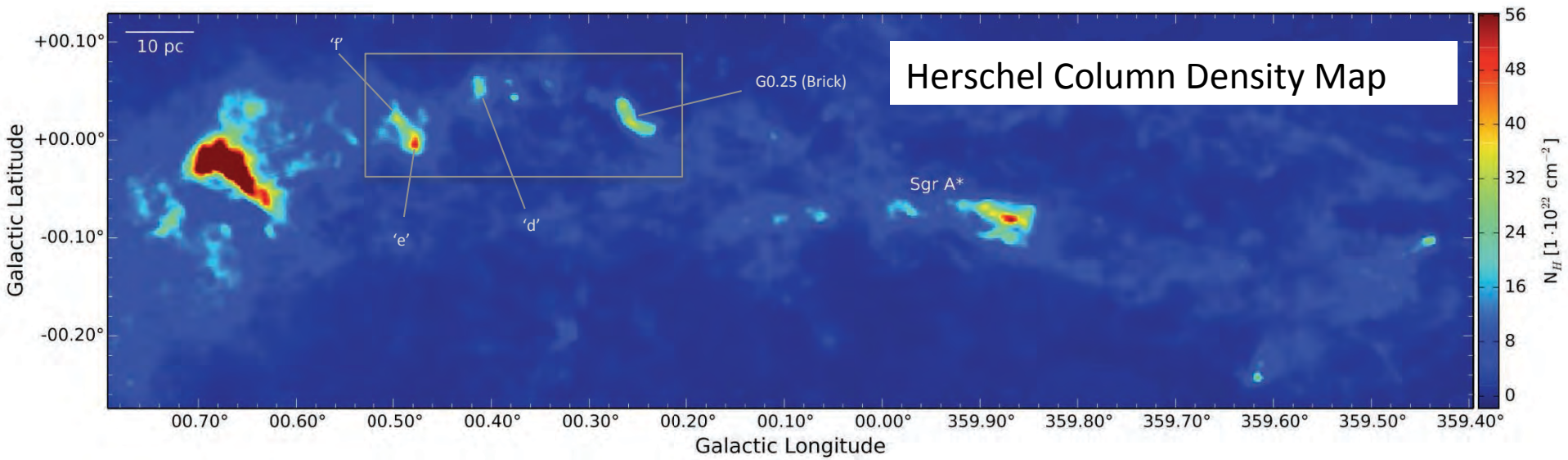
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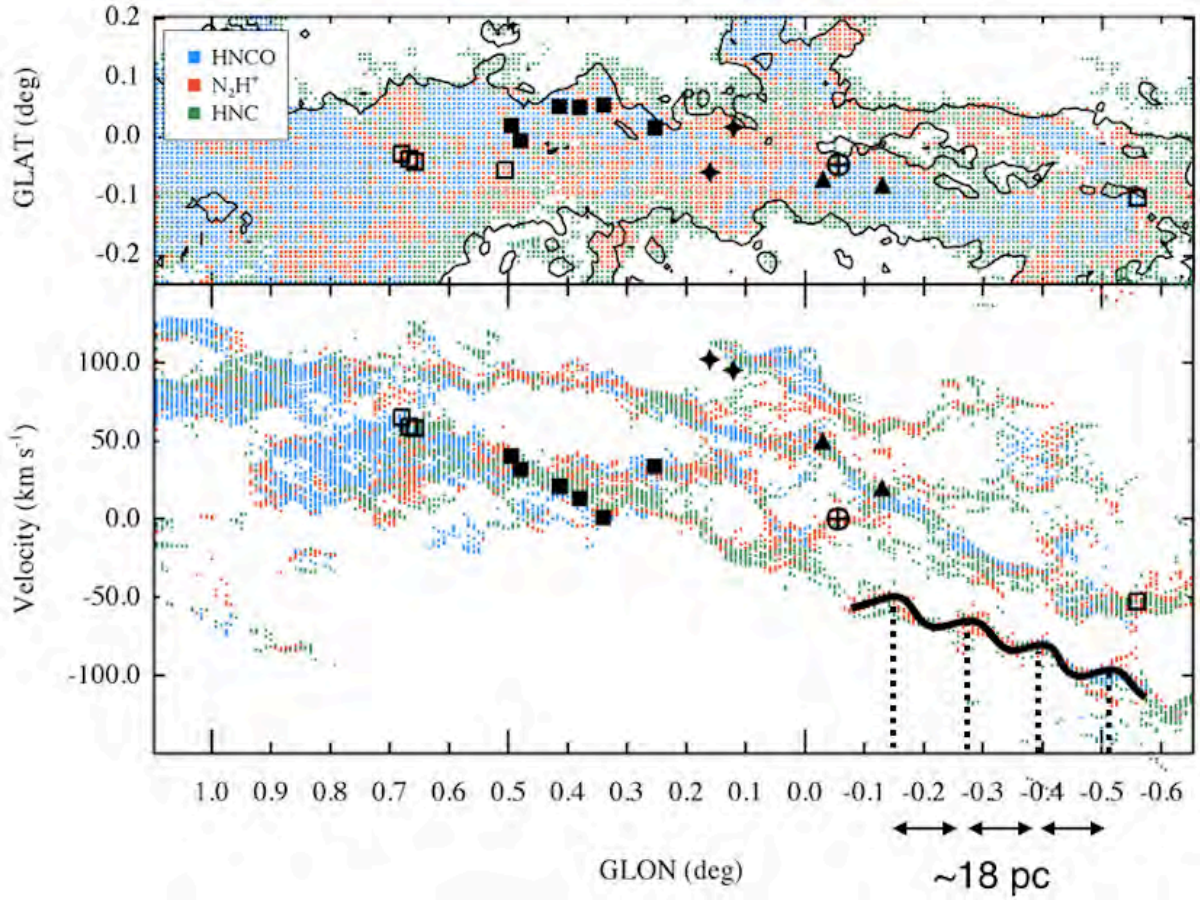




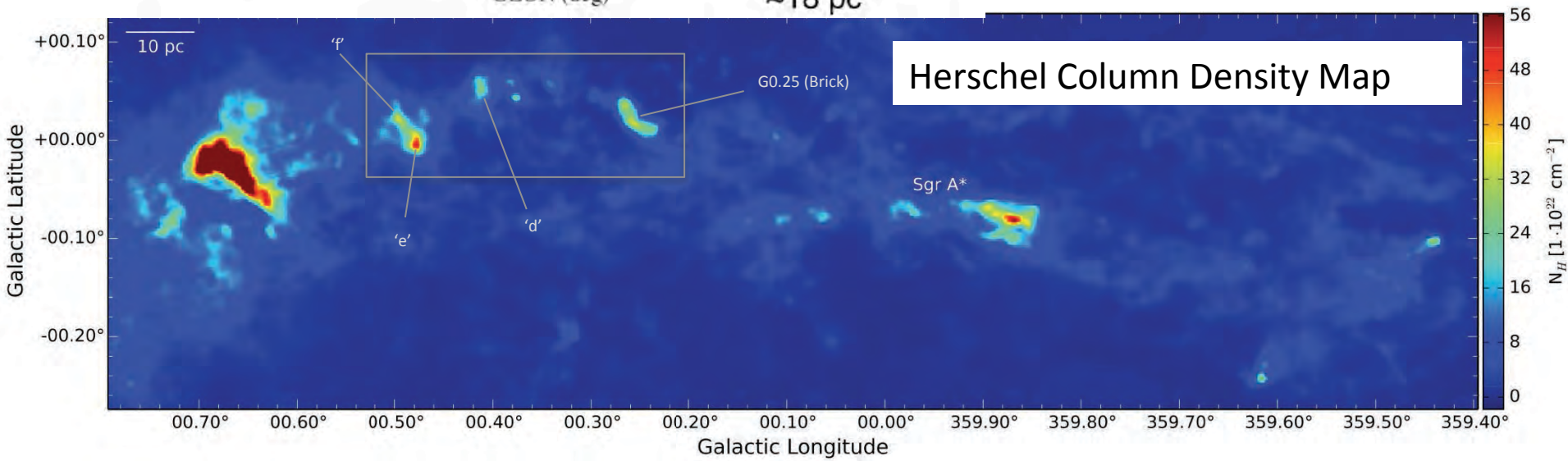


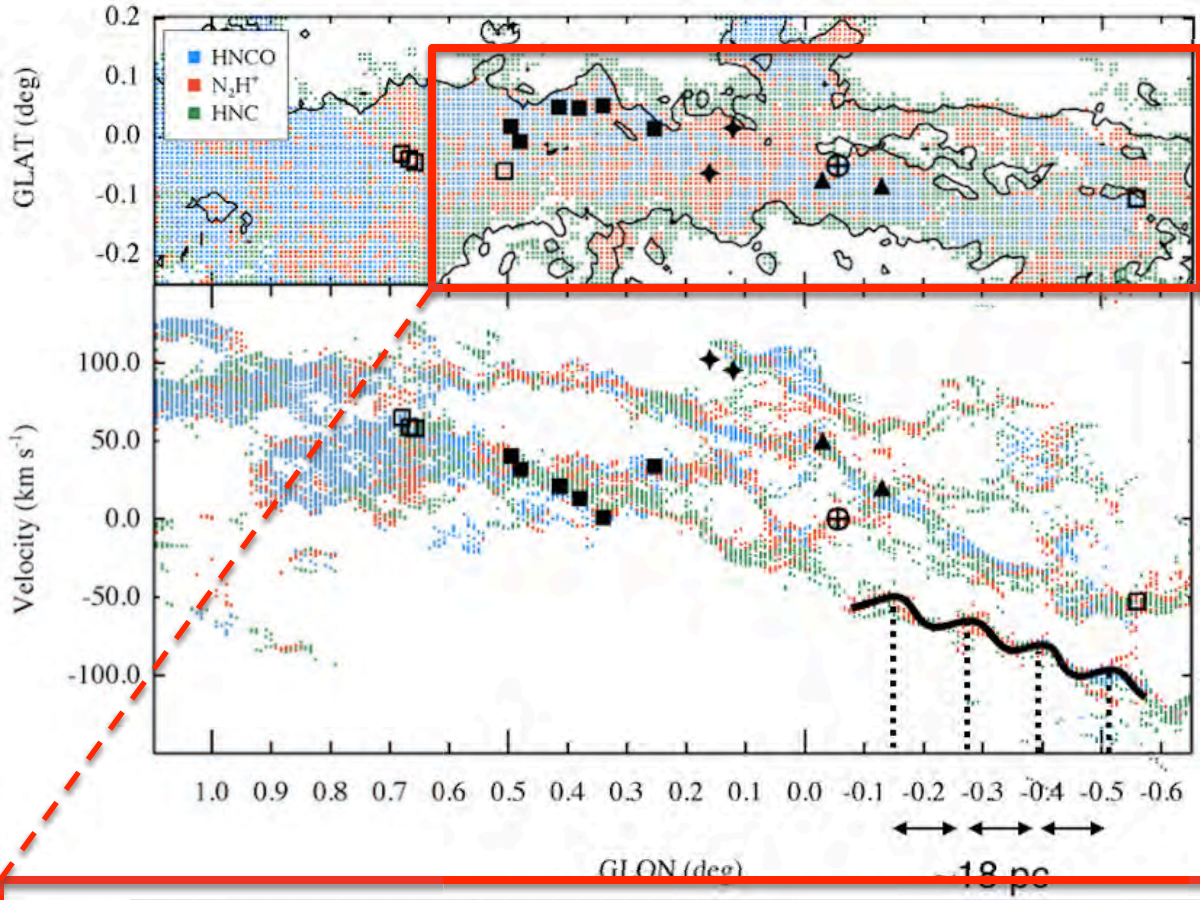




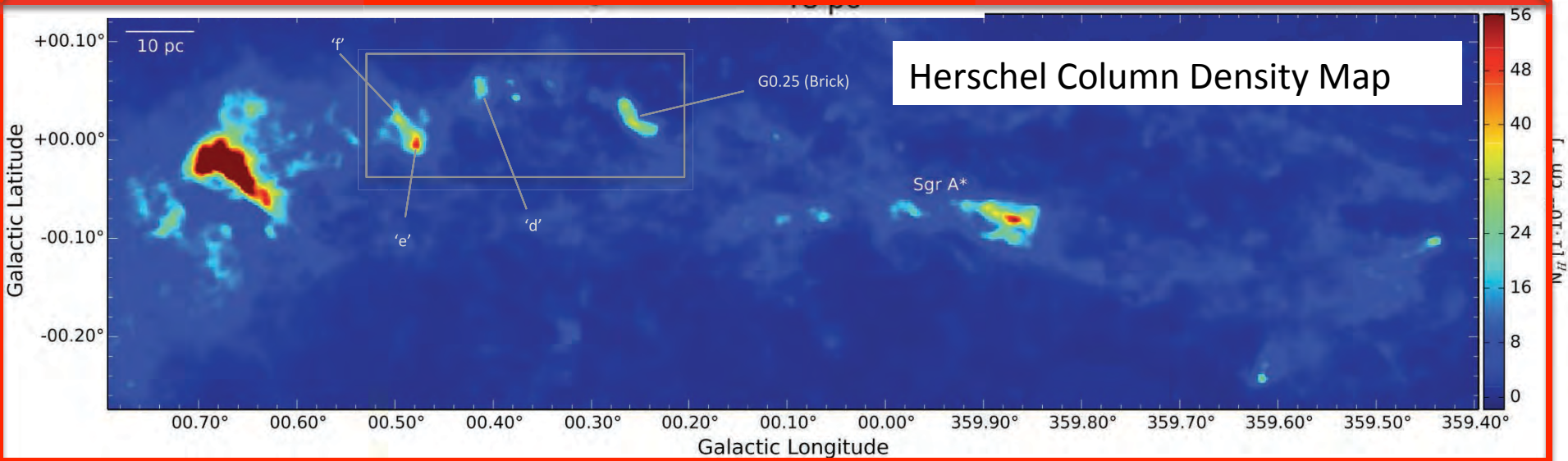


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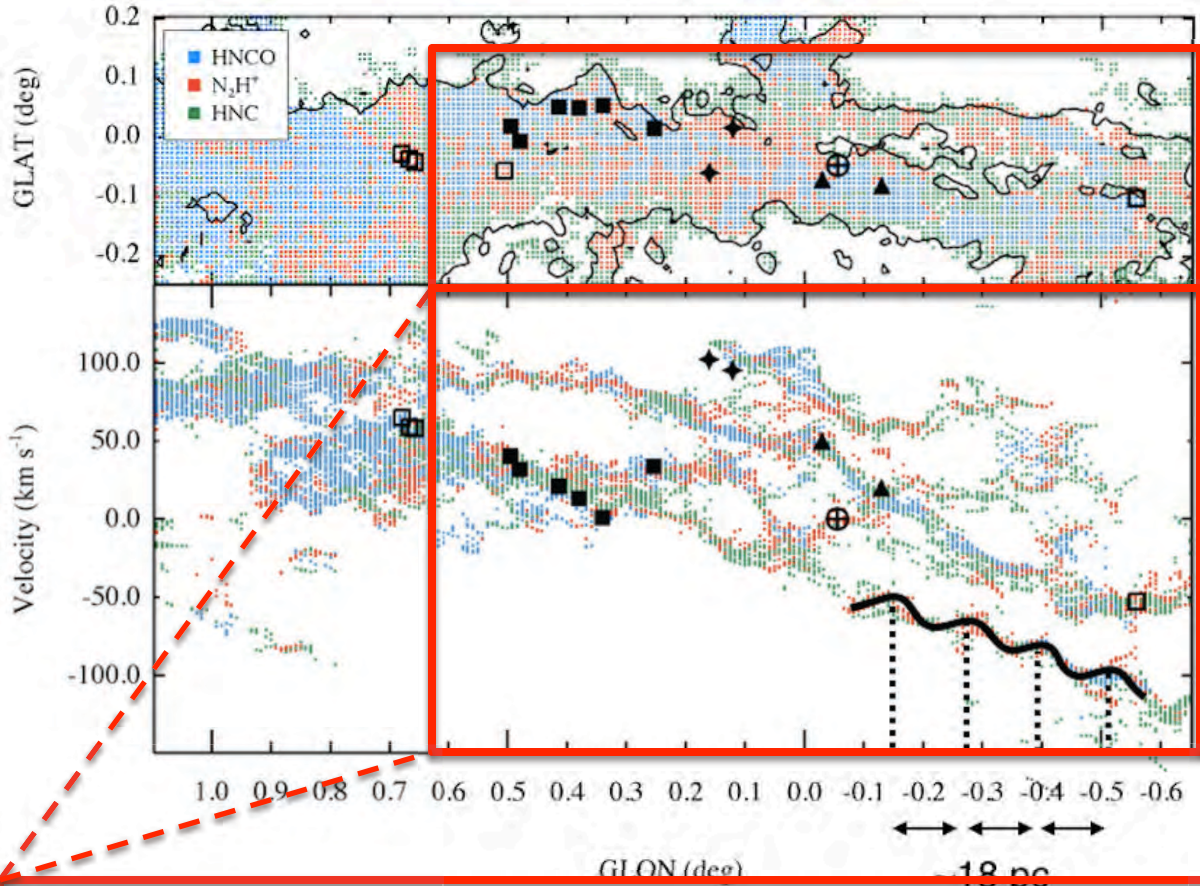




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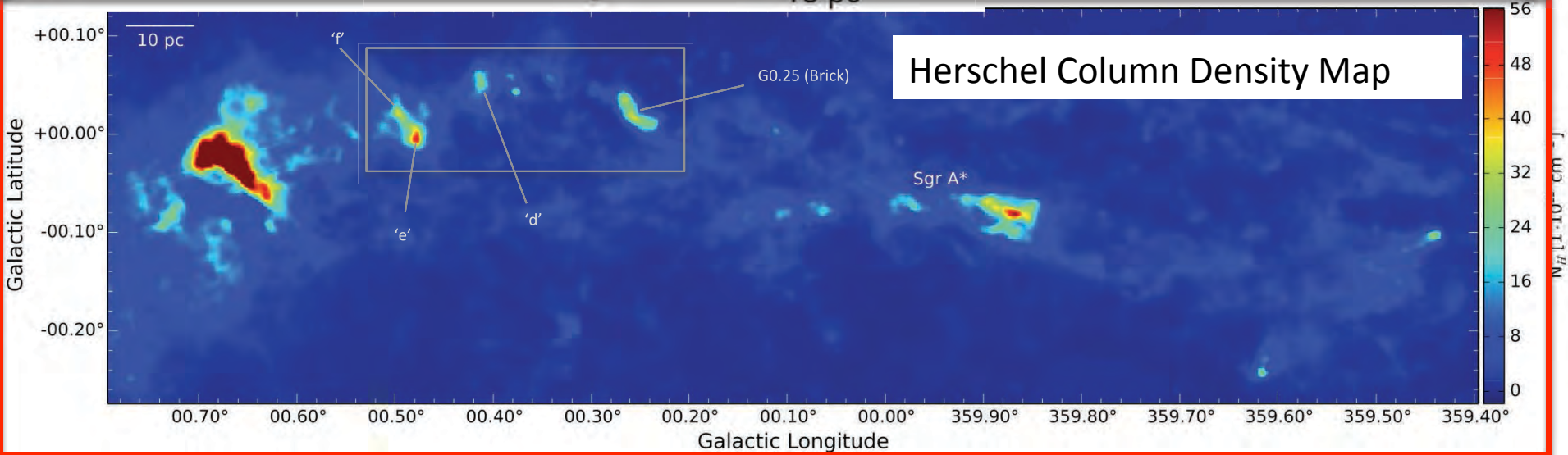




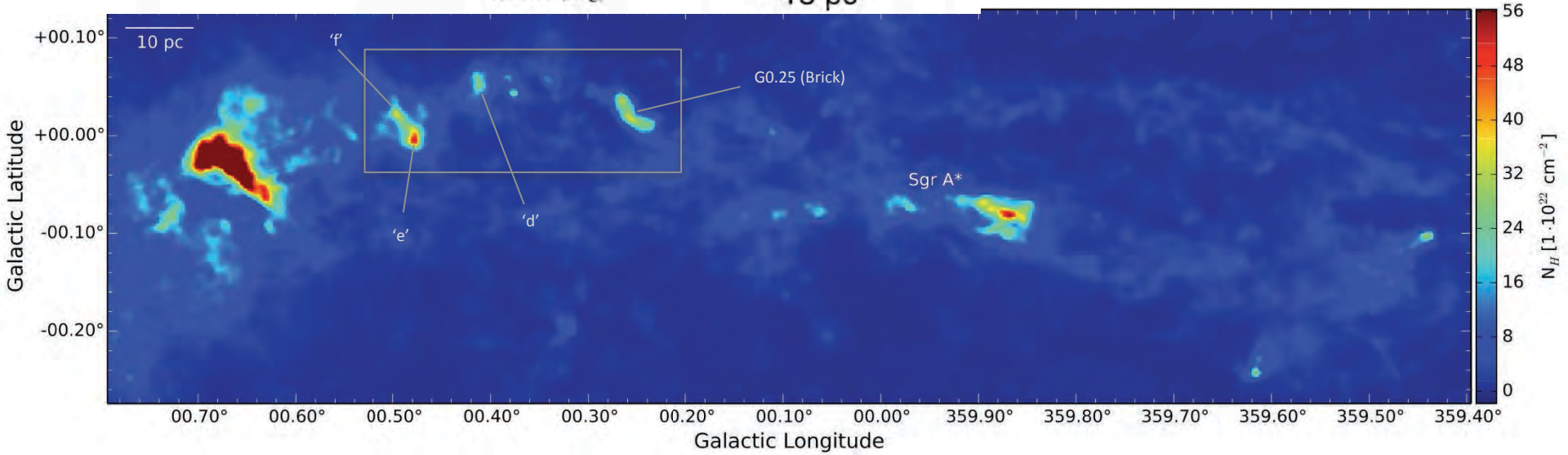
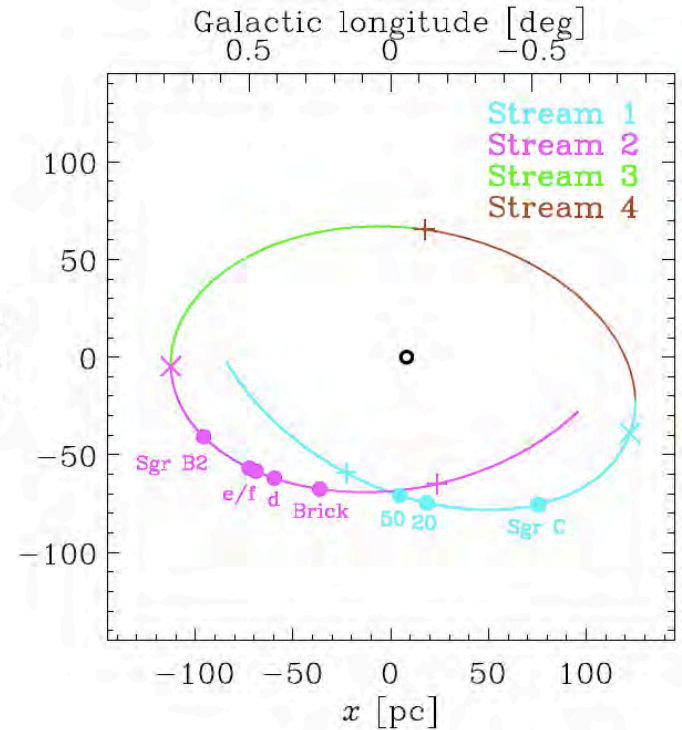
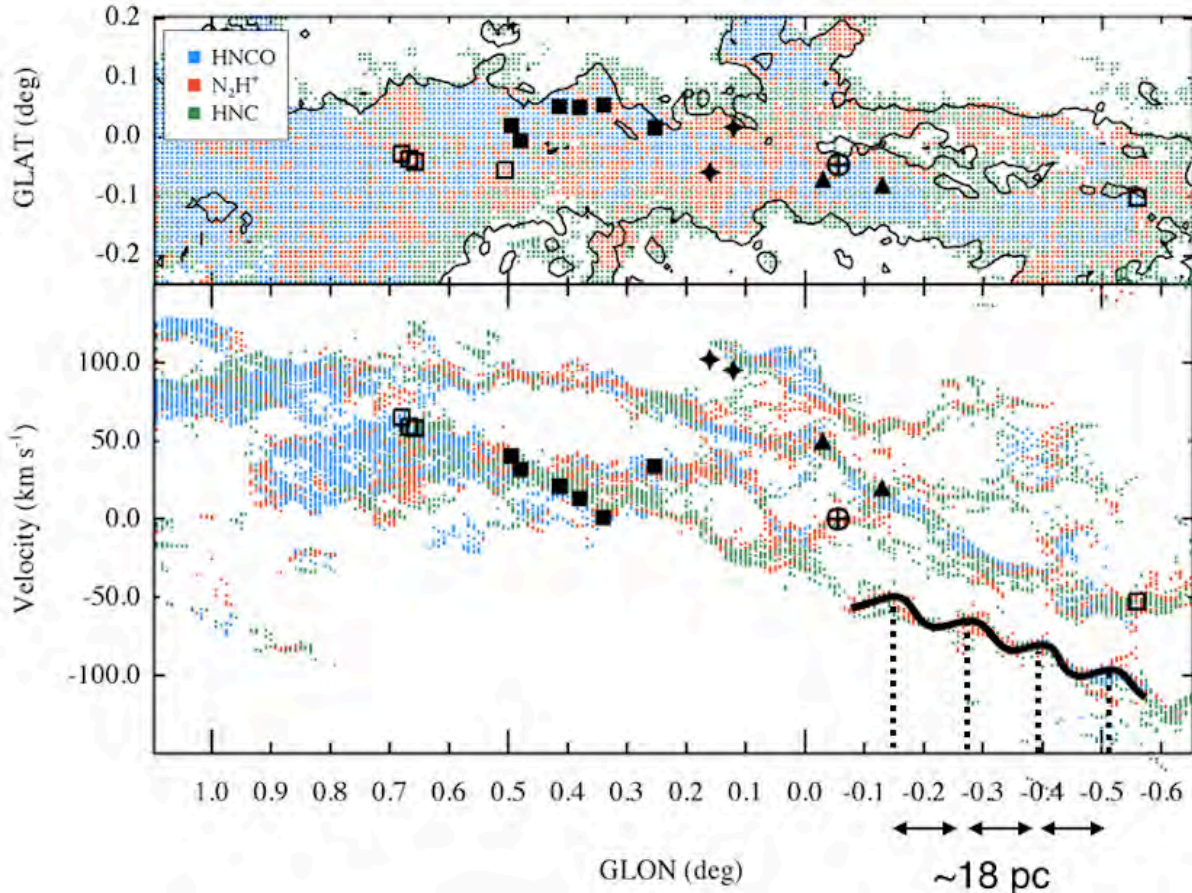


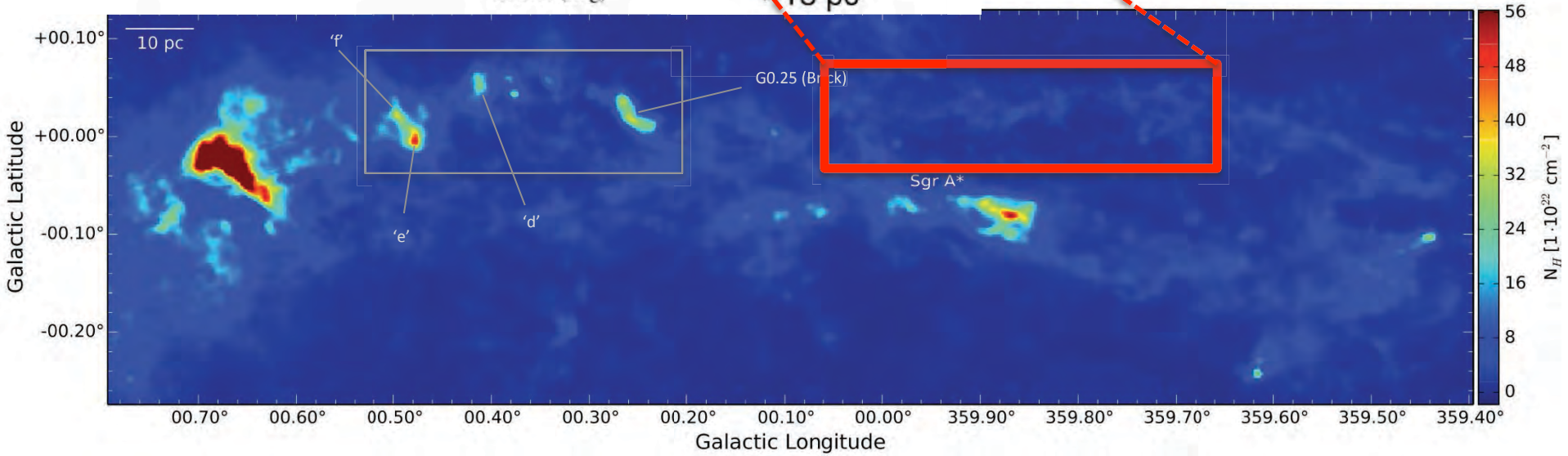
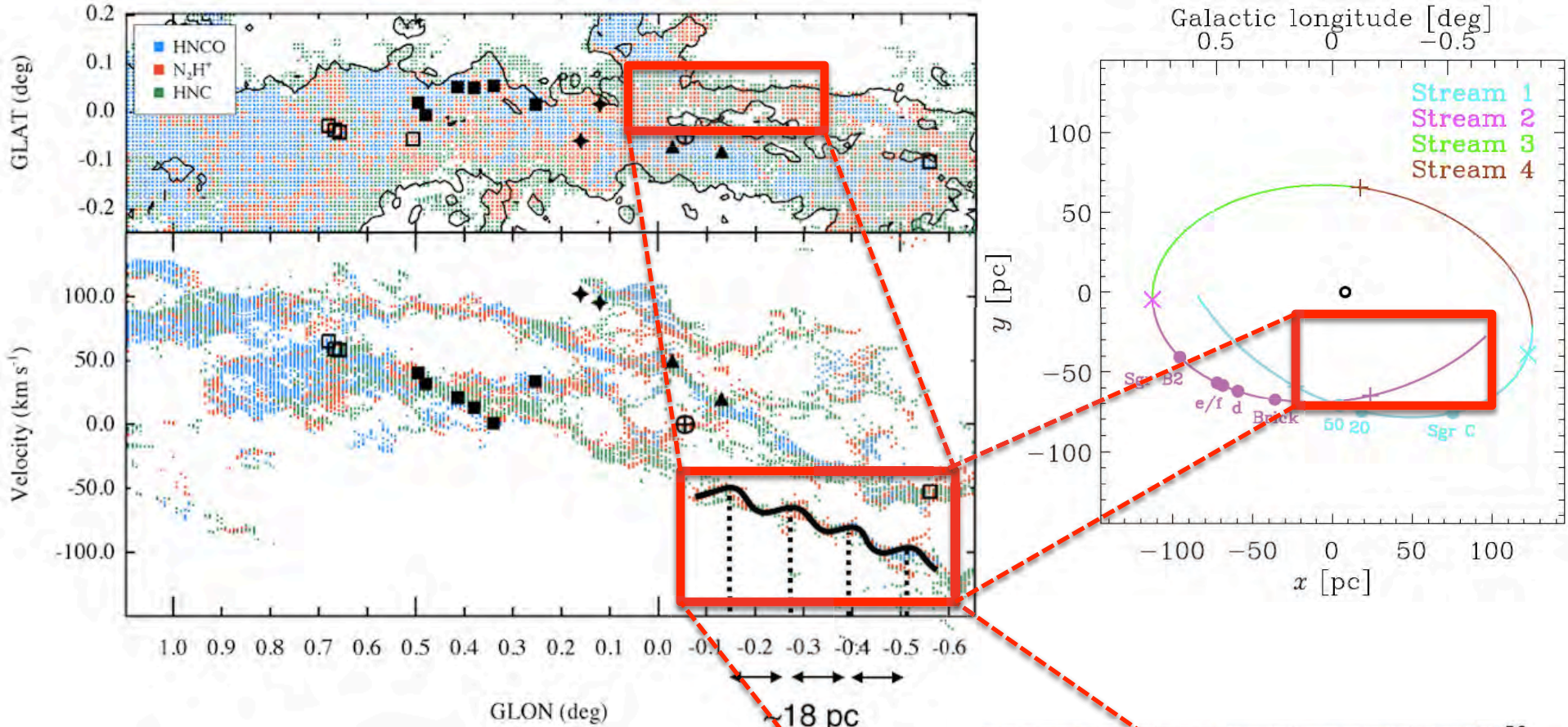
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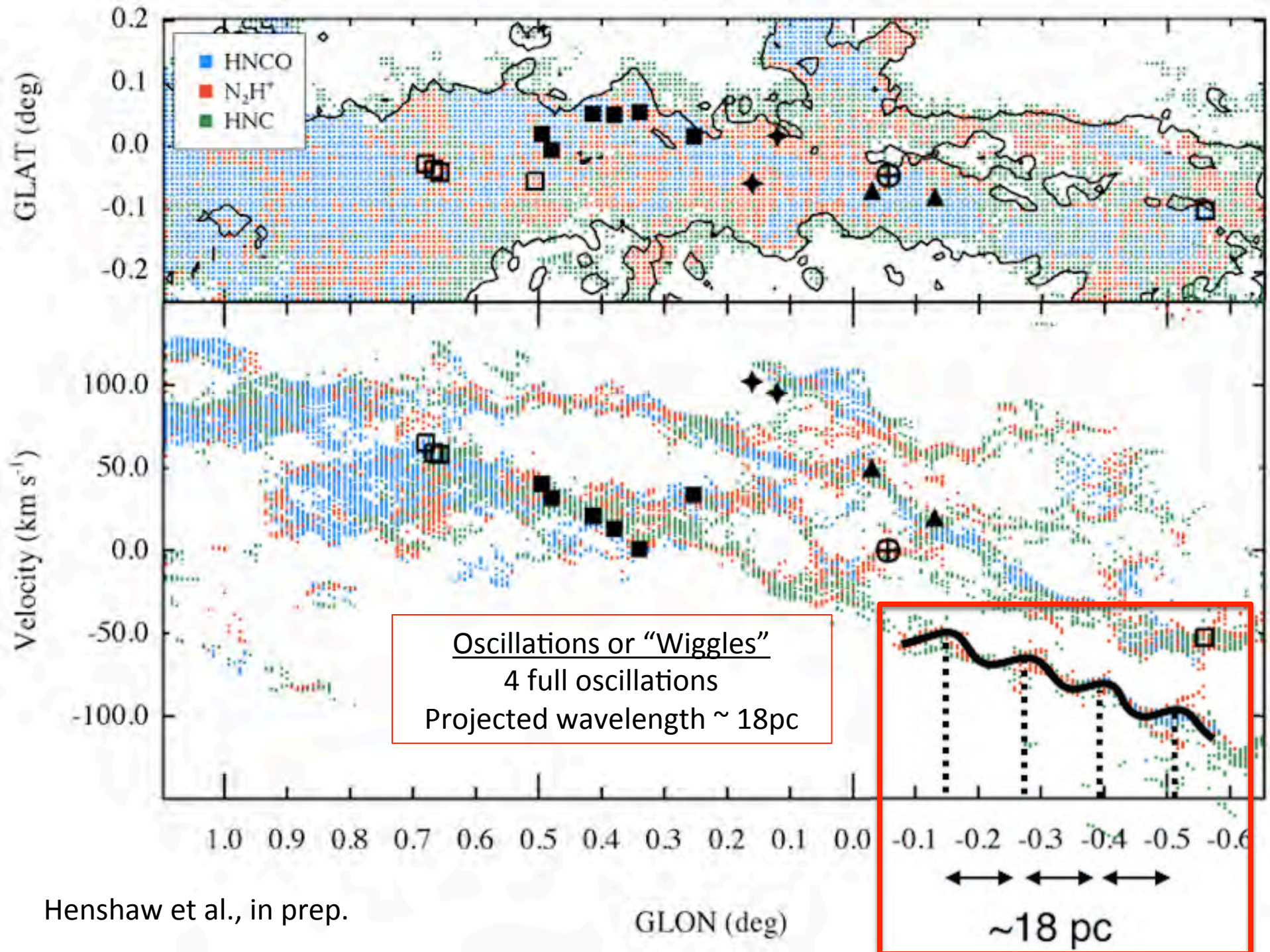
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Herschel Column Density Map

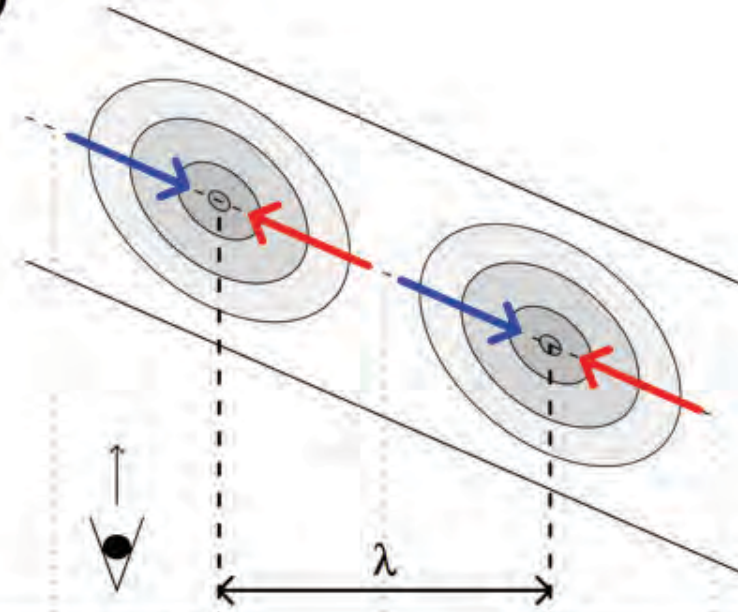






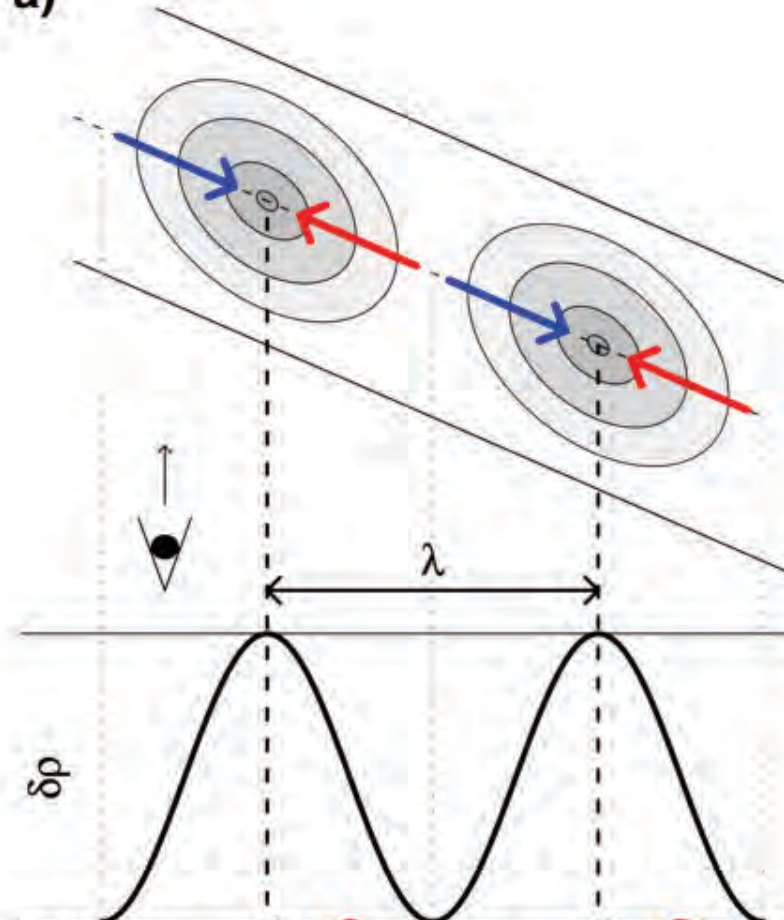
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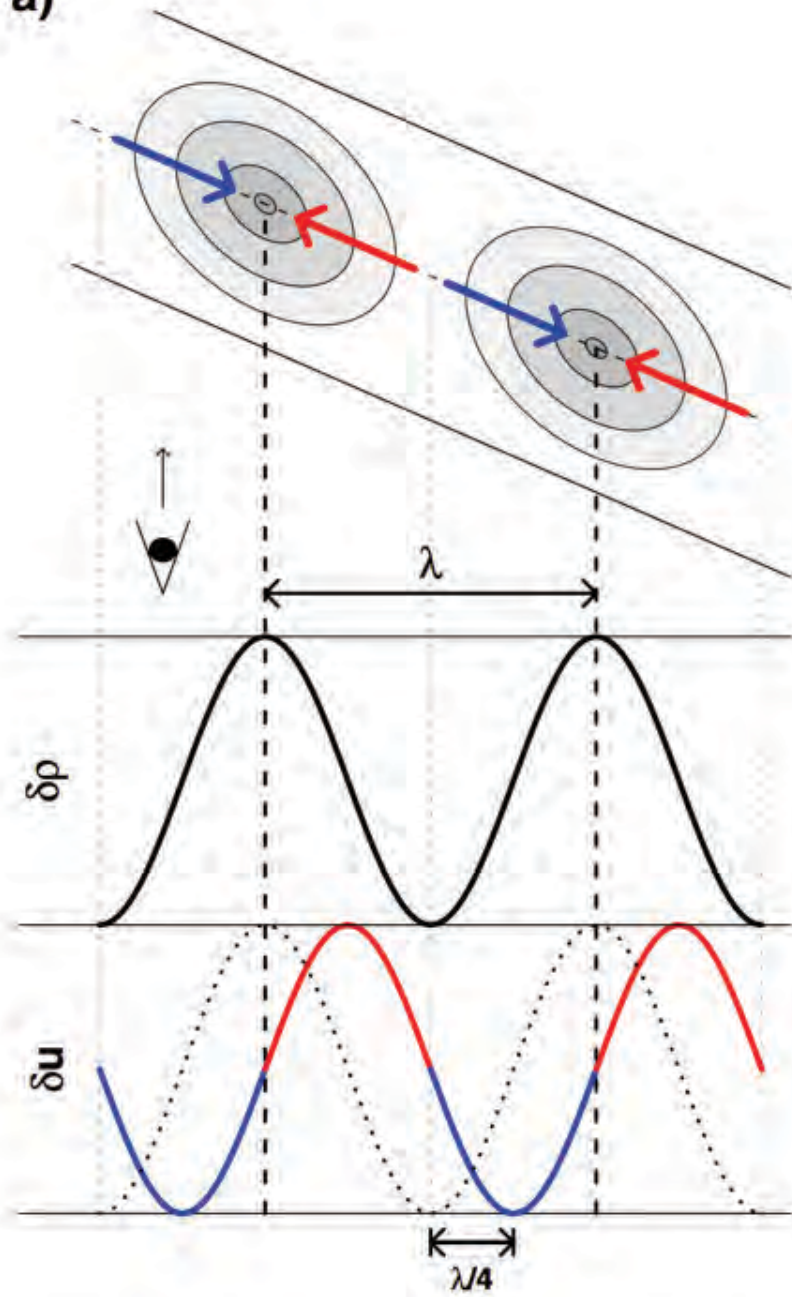
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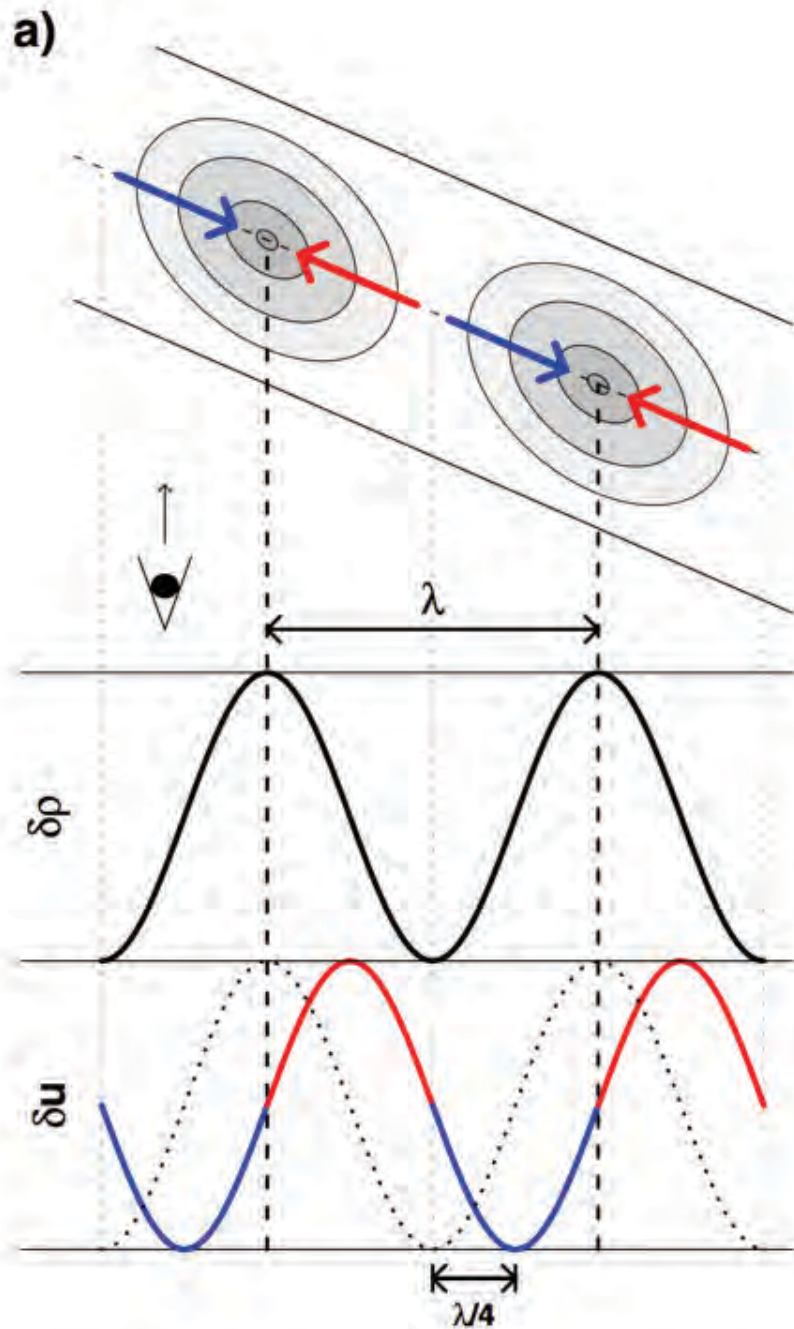
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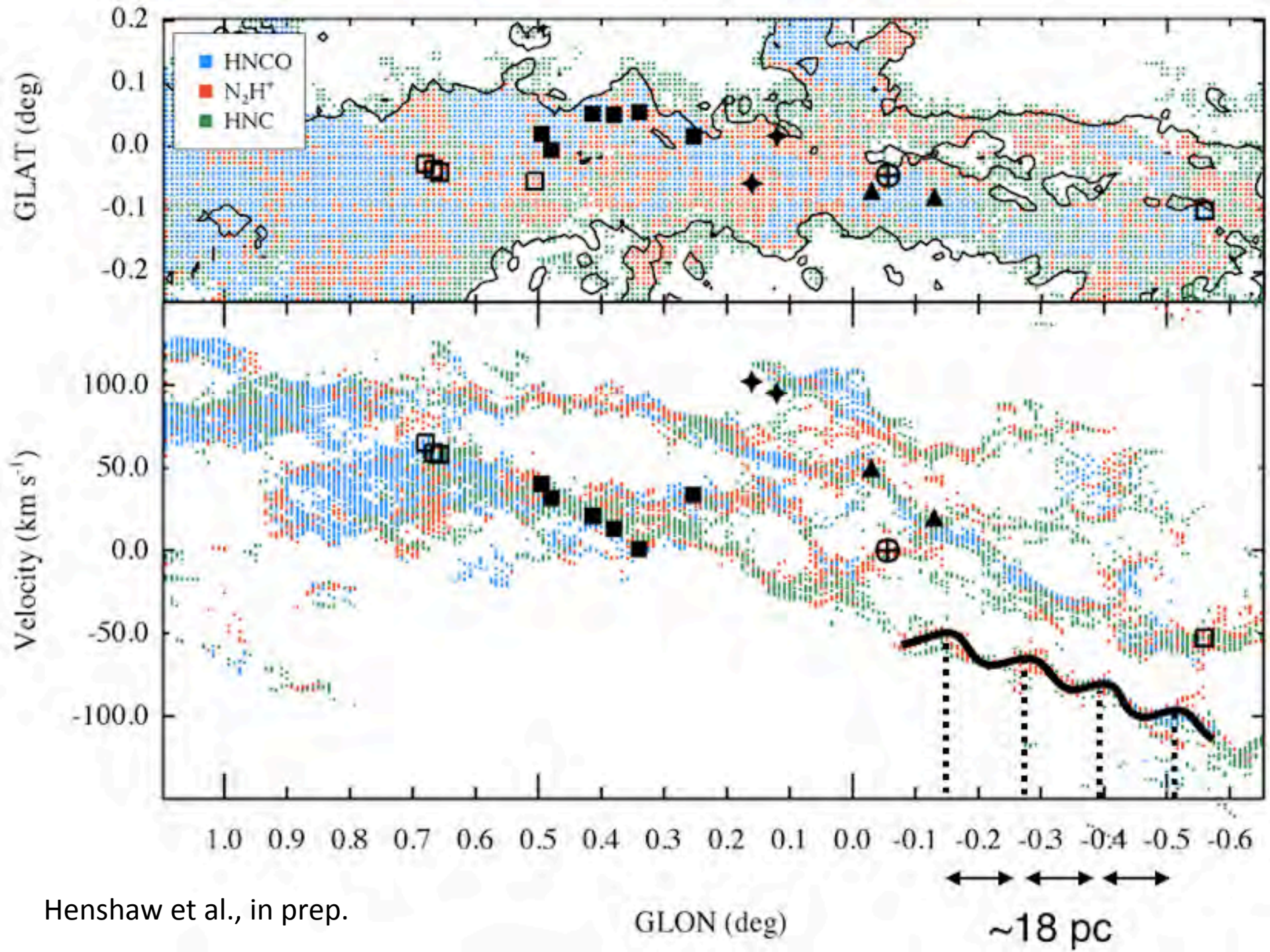
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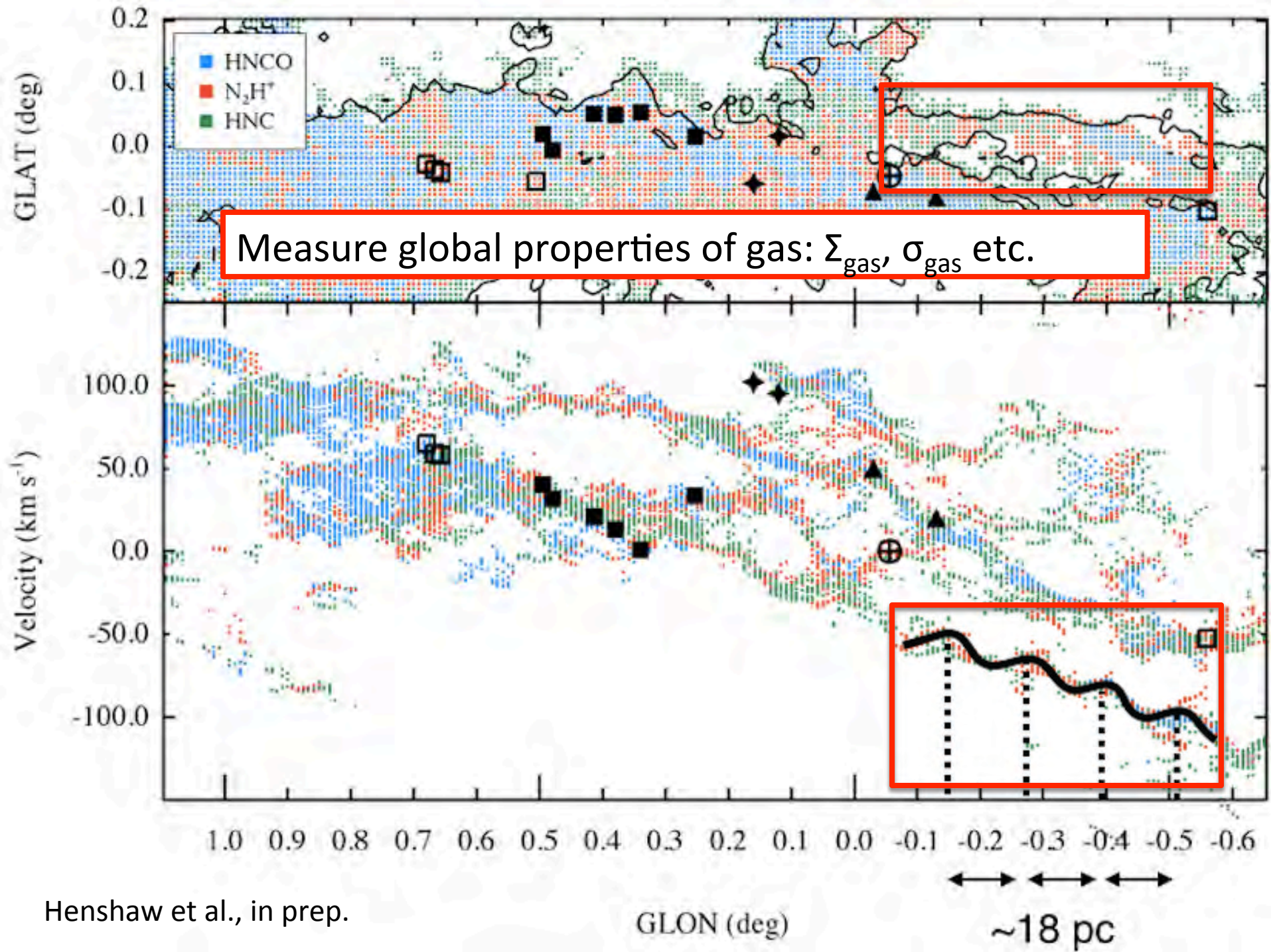


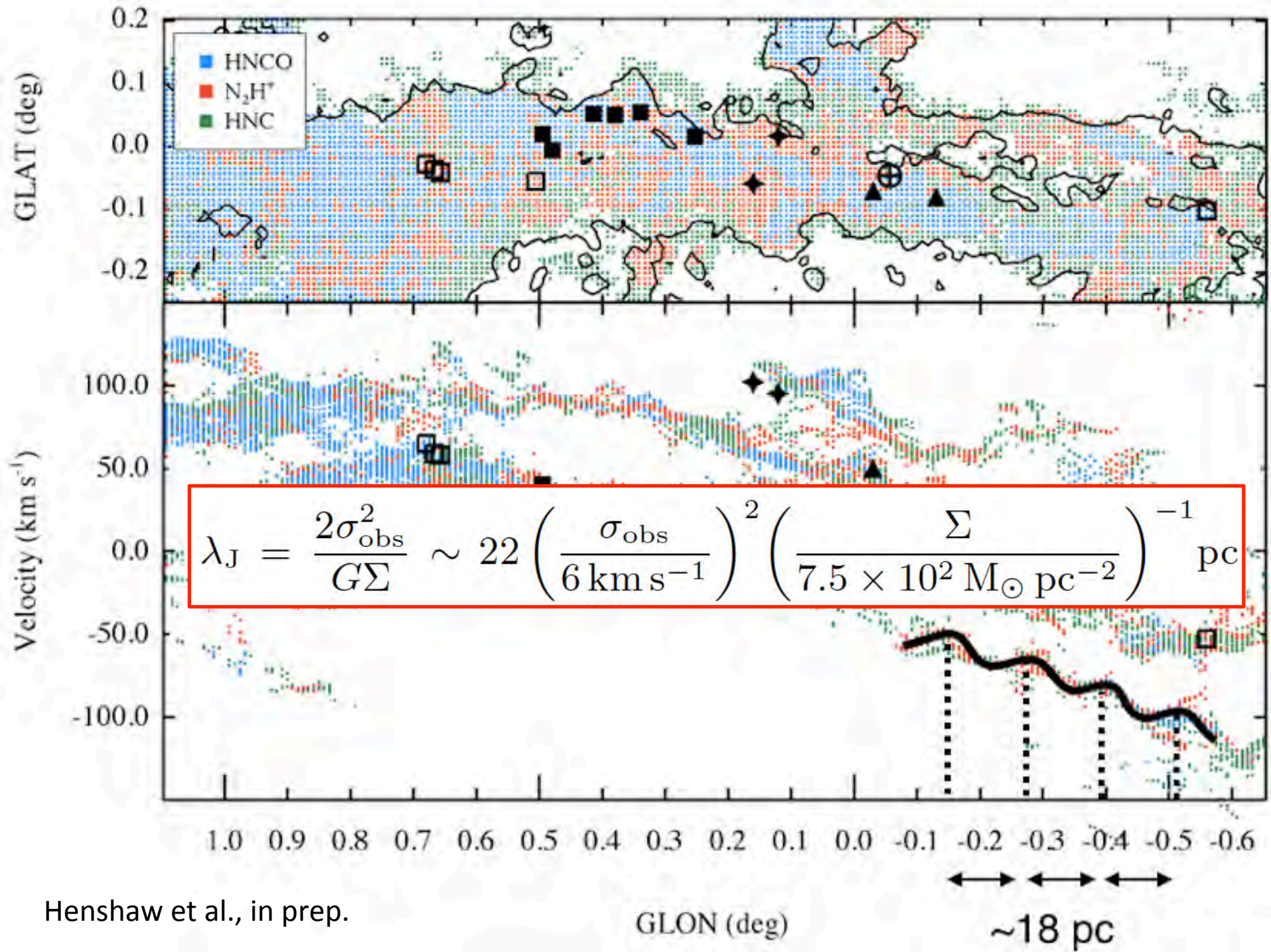


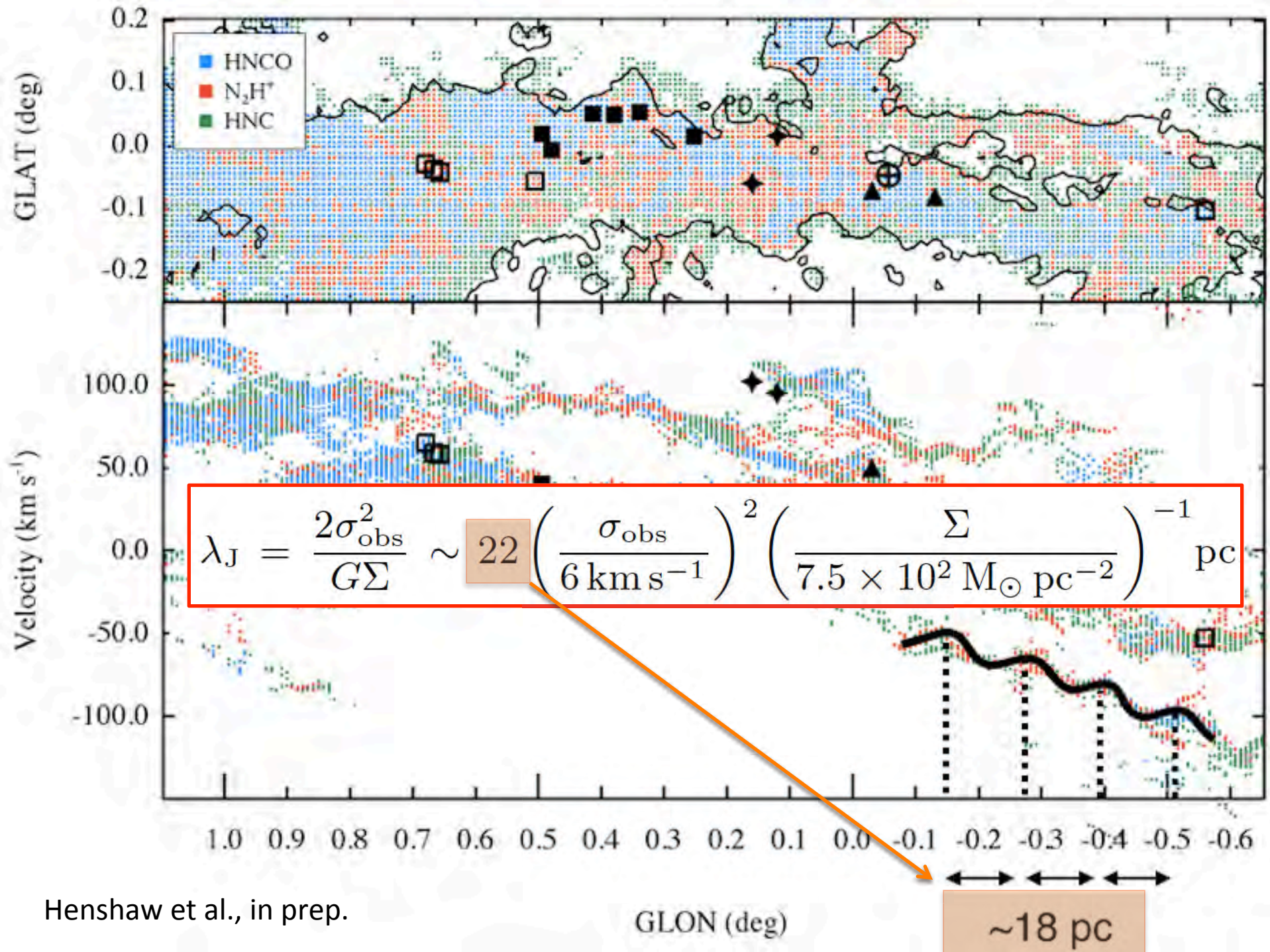
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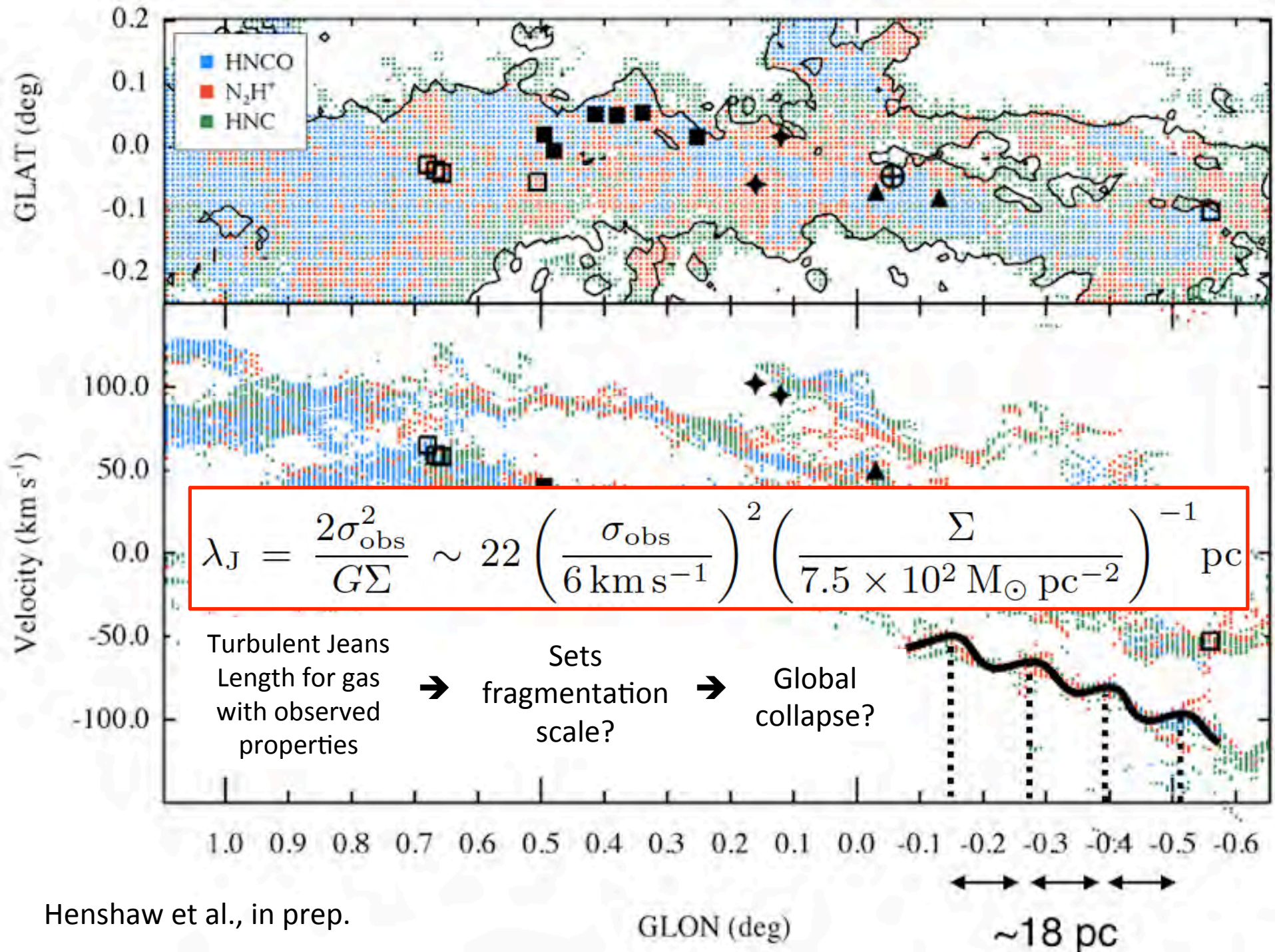
Seems plausible. But  
what might be  
responsible for  
regularly spaced  
“wiggles”?





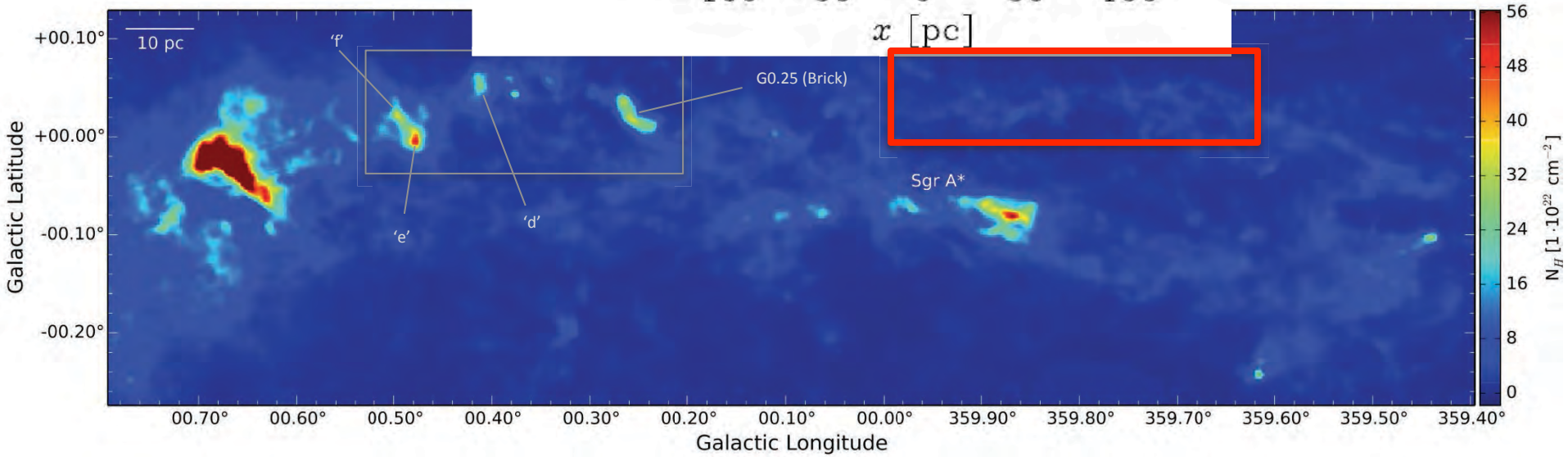
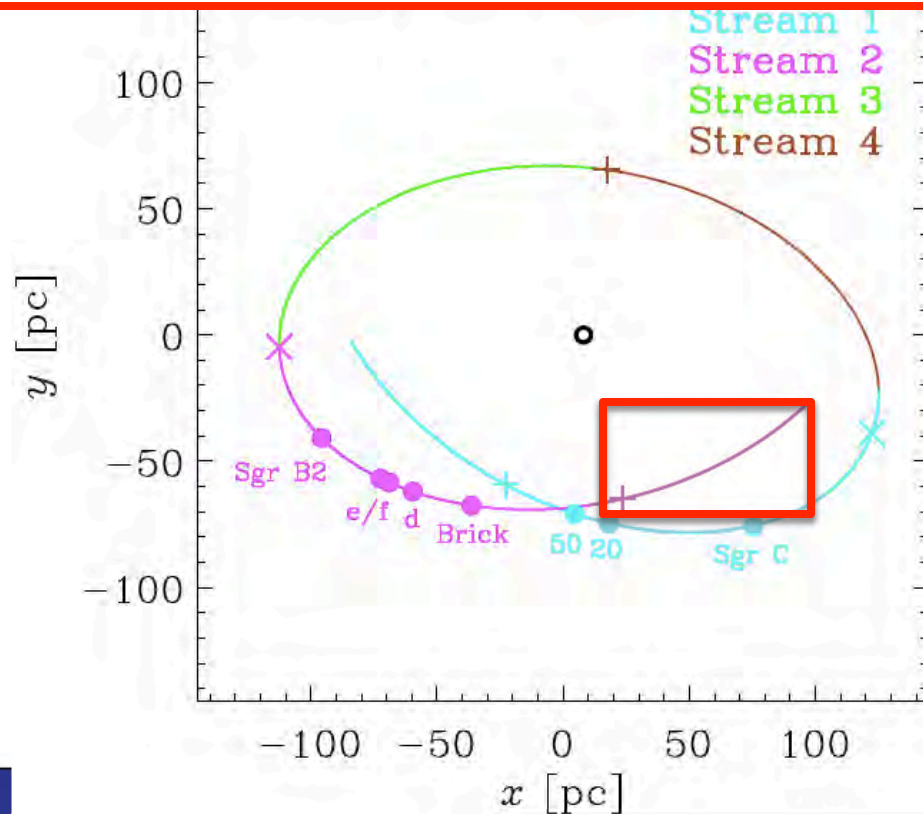






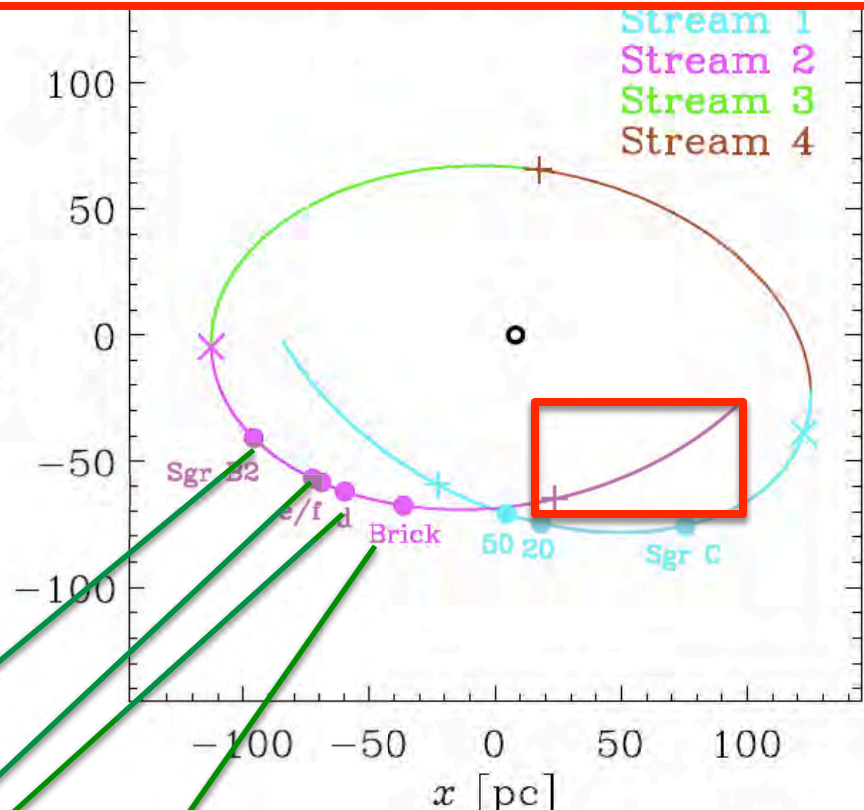
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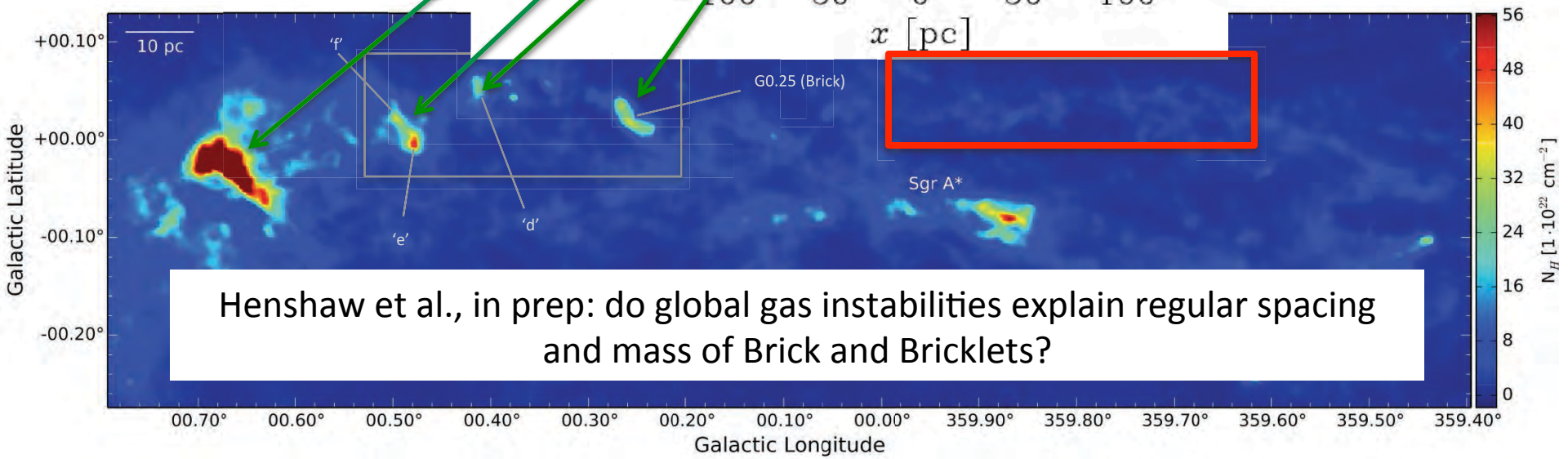


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Matches separation of Brick and Bricklets downstream

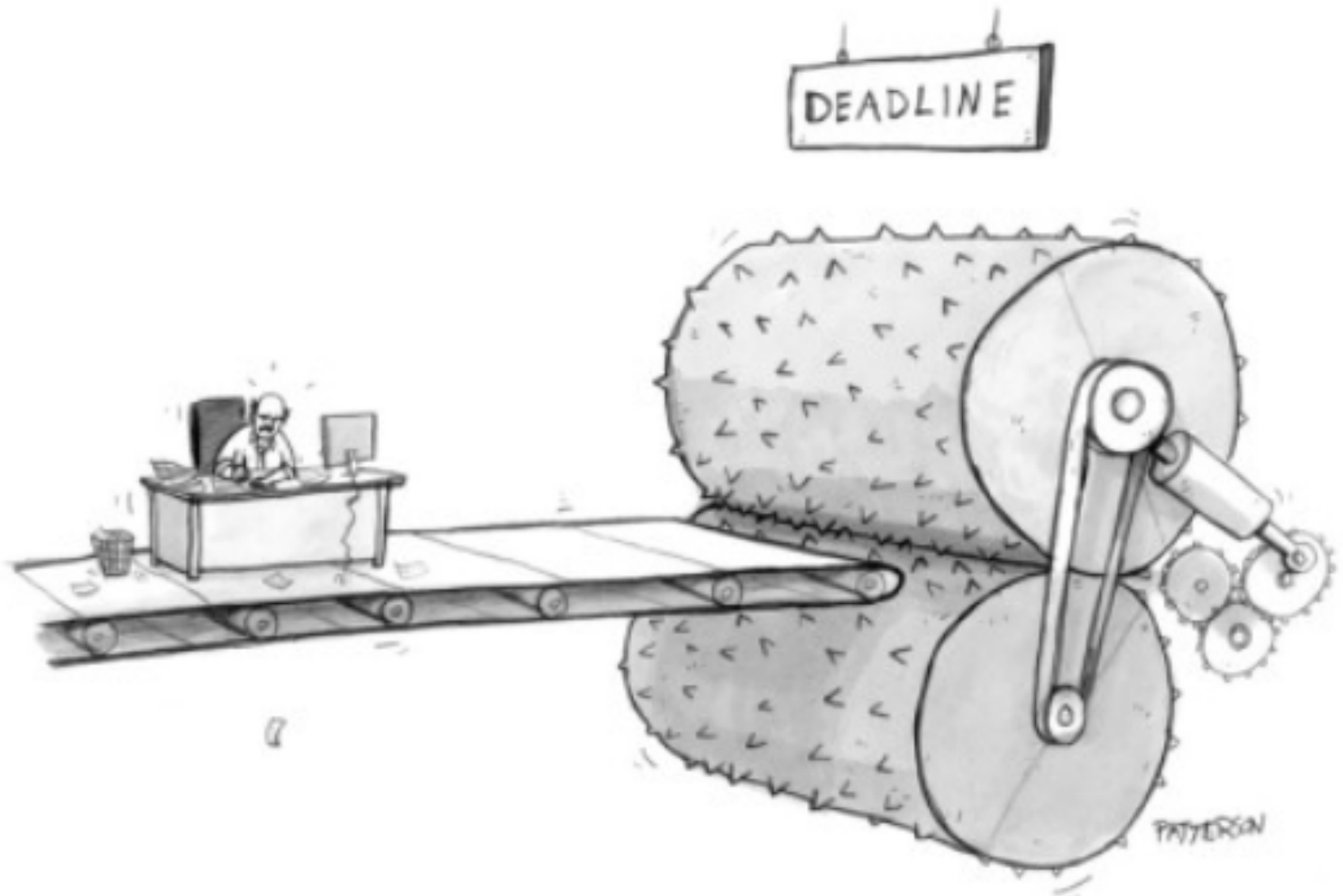




How does this help us understand YMC and high-mass star formation?

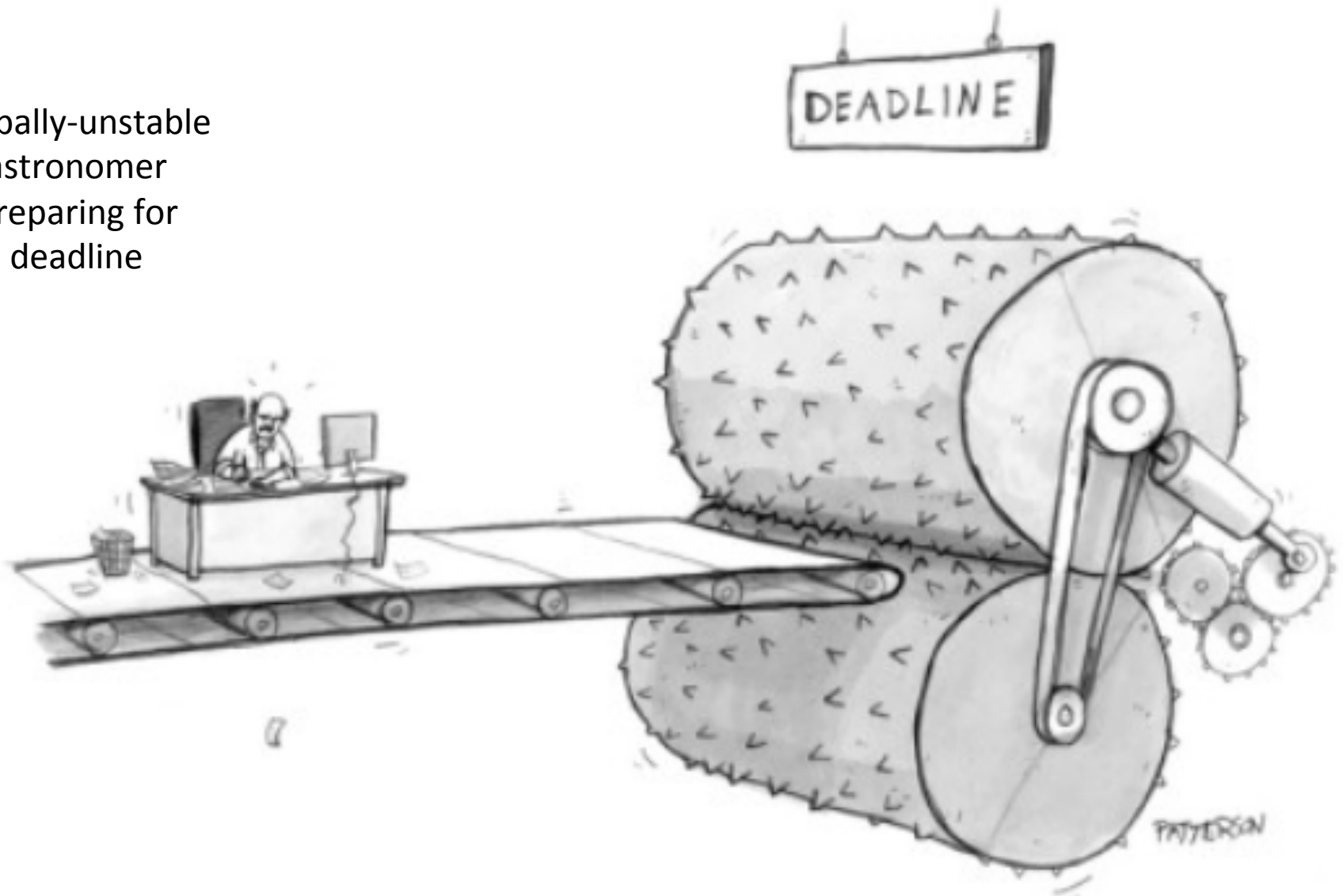
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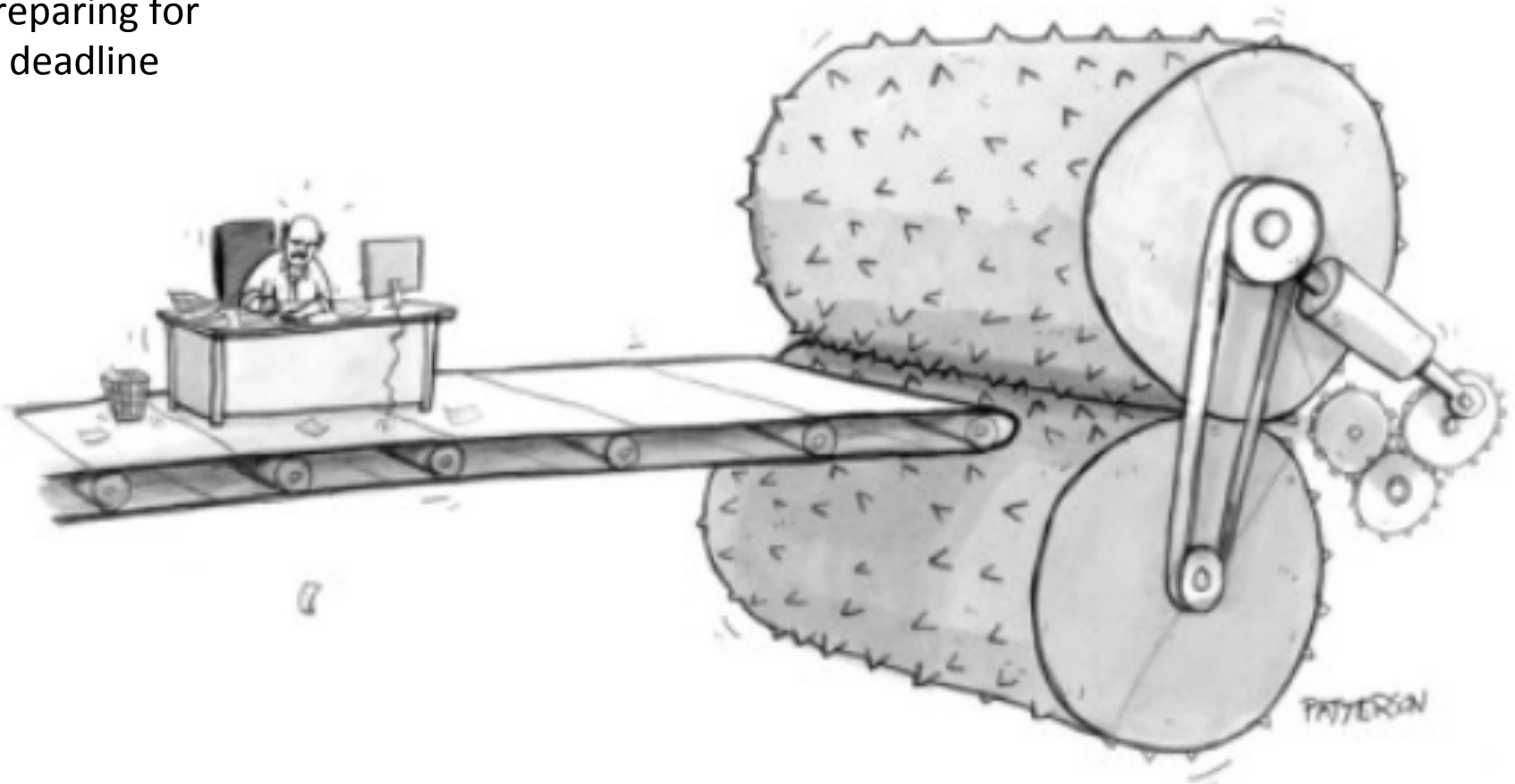


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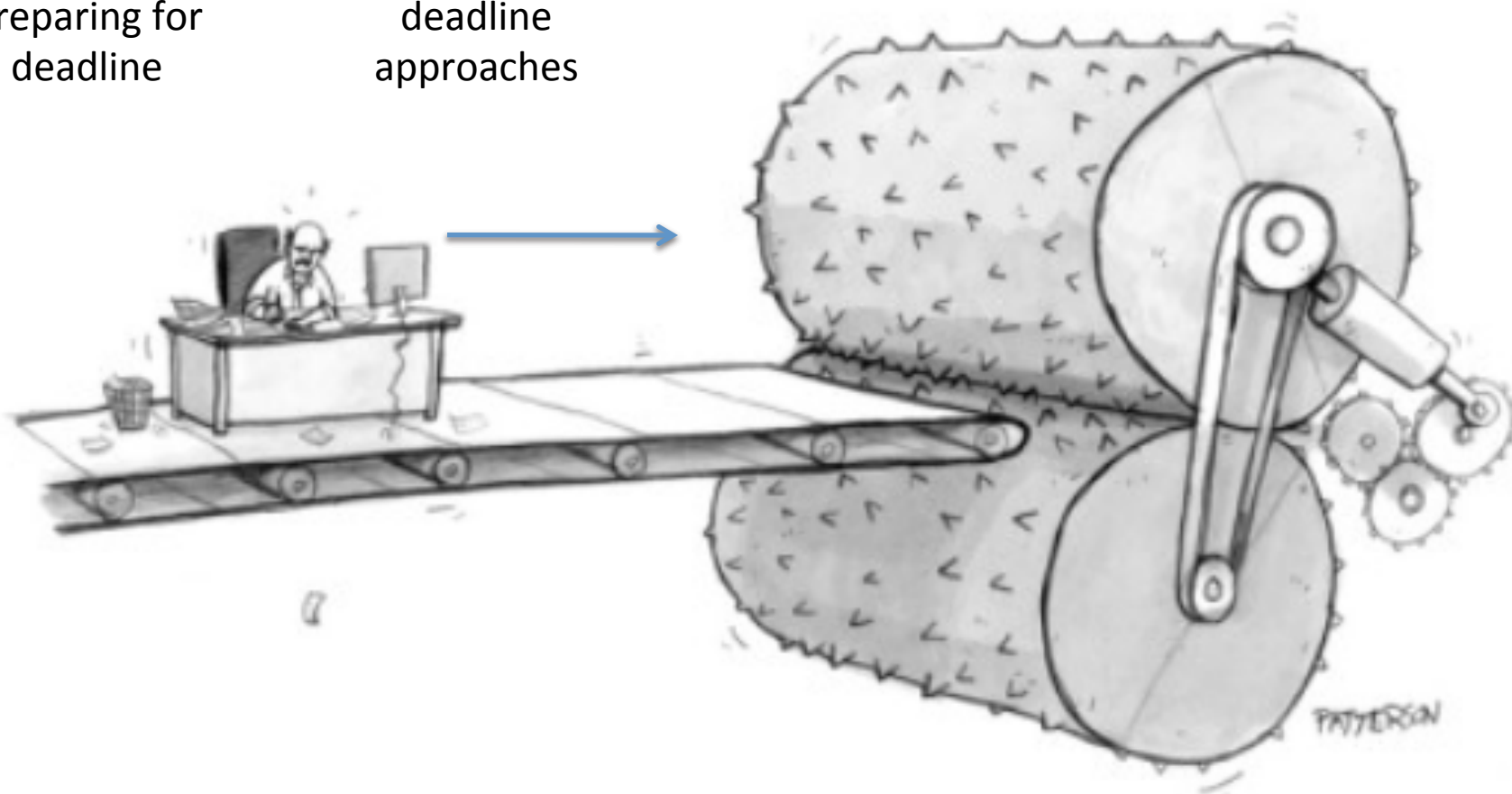
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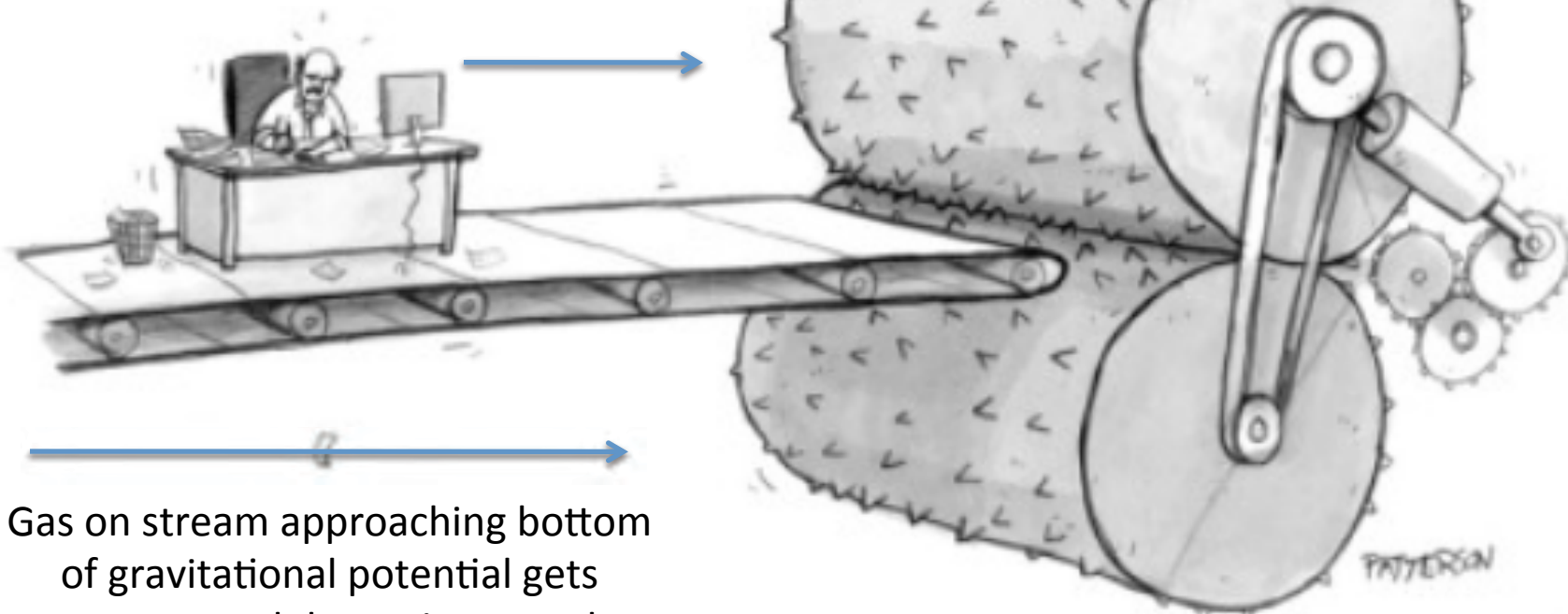
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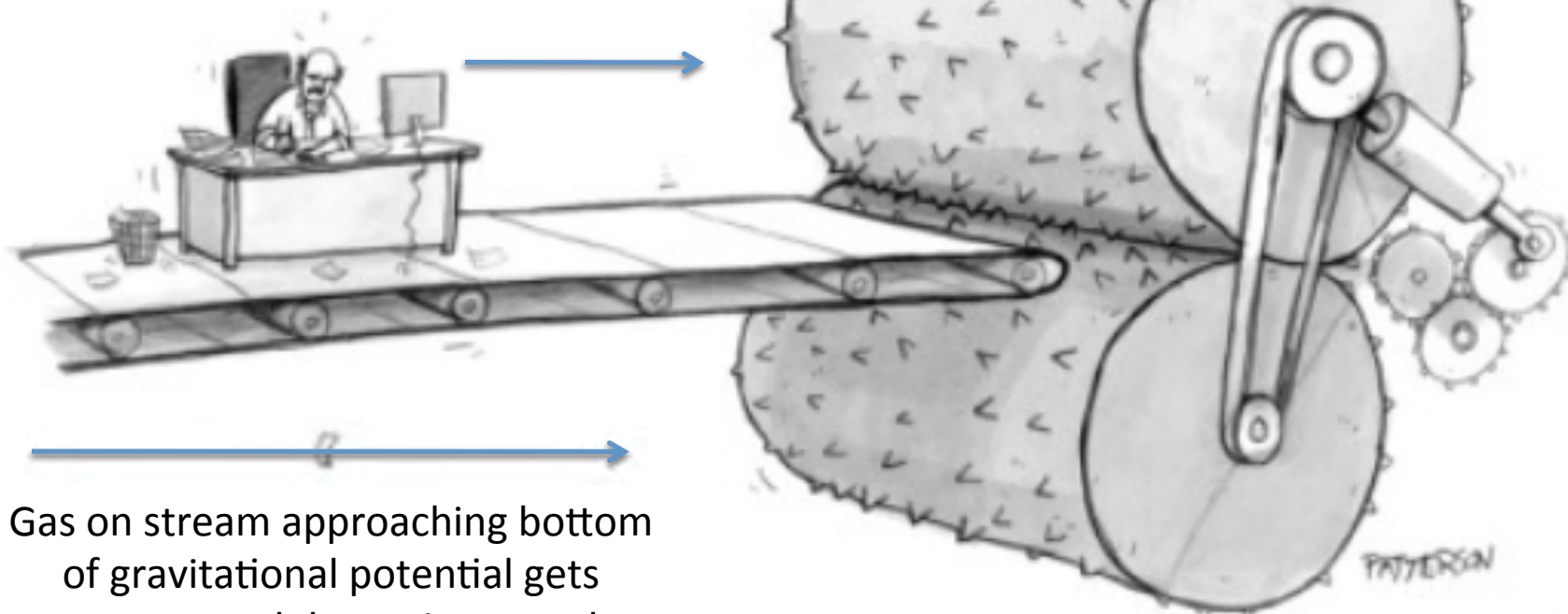
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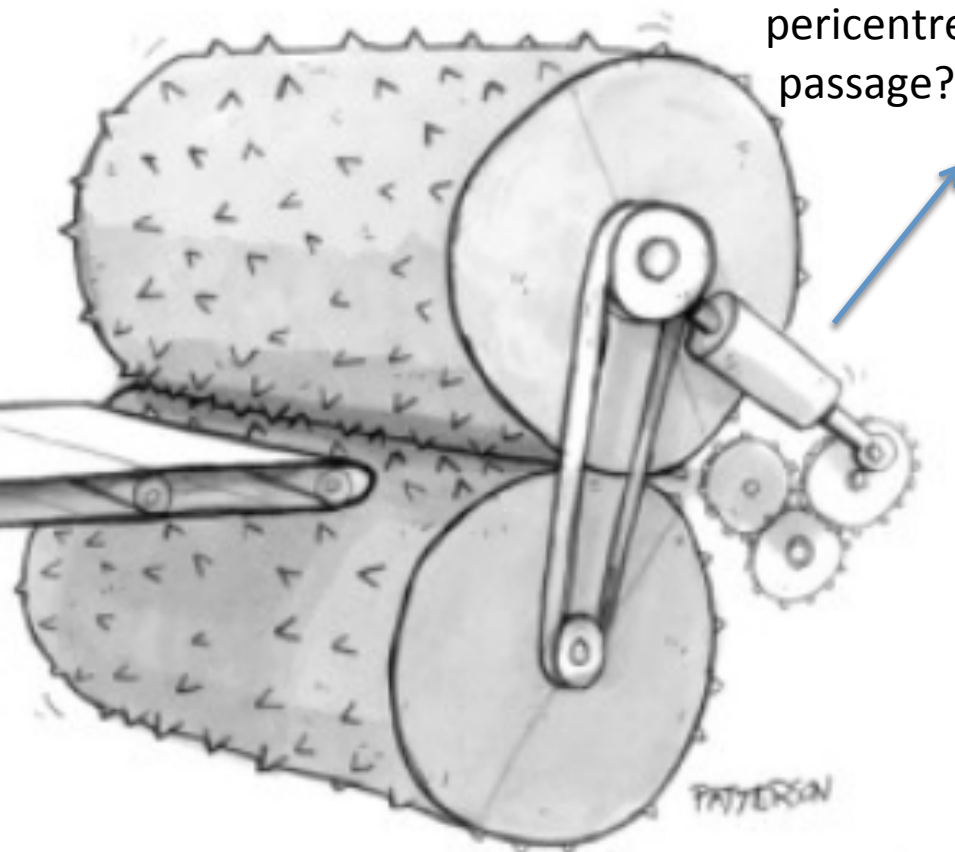
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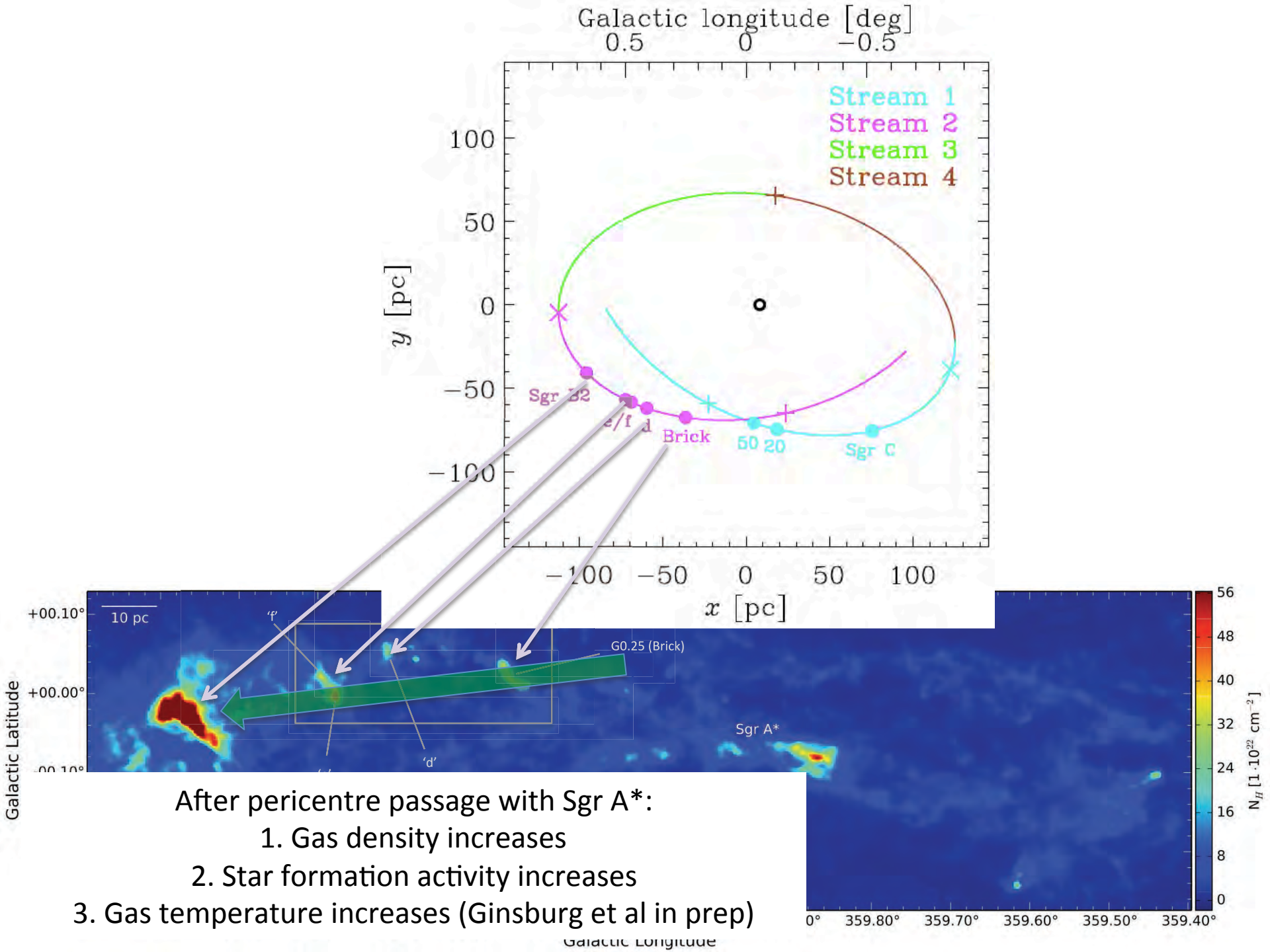
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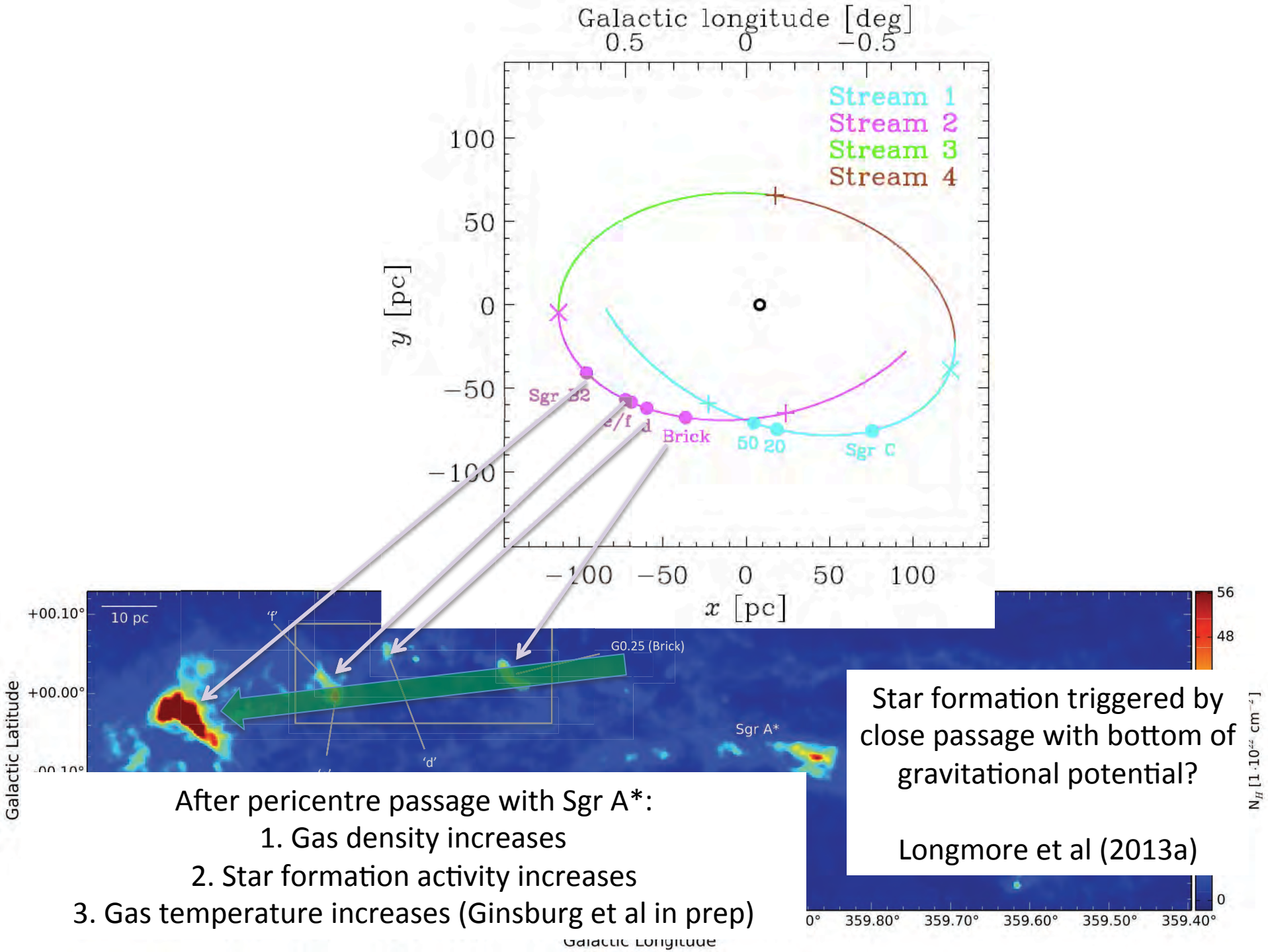


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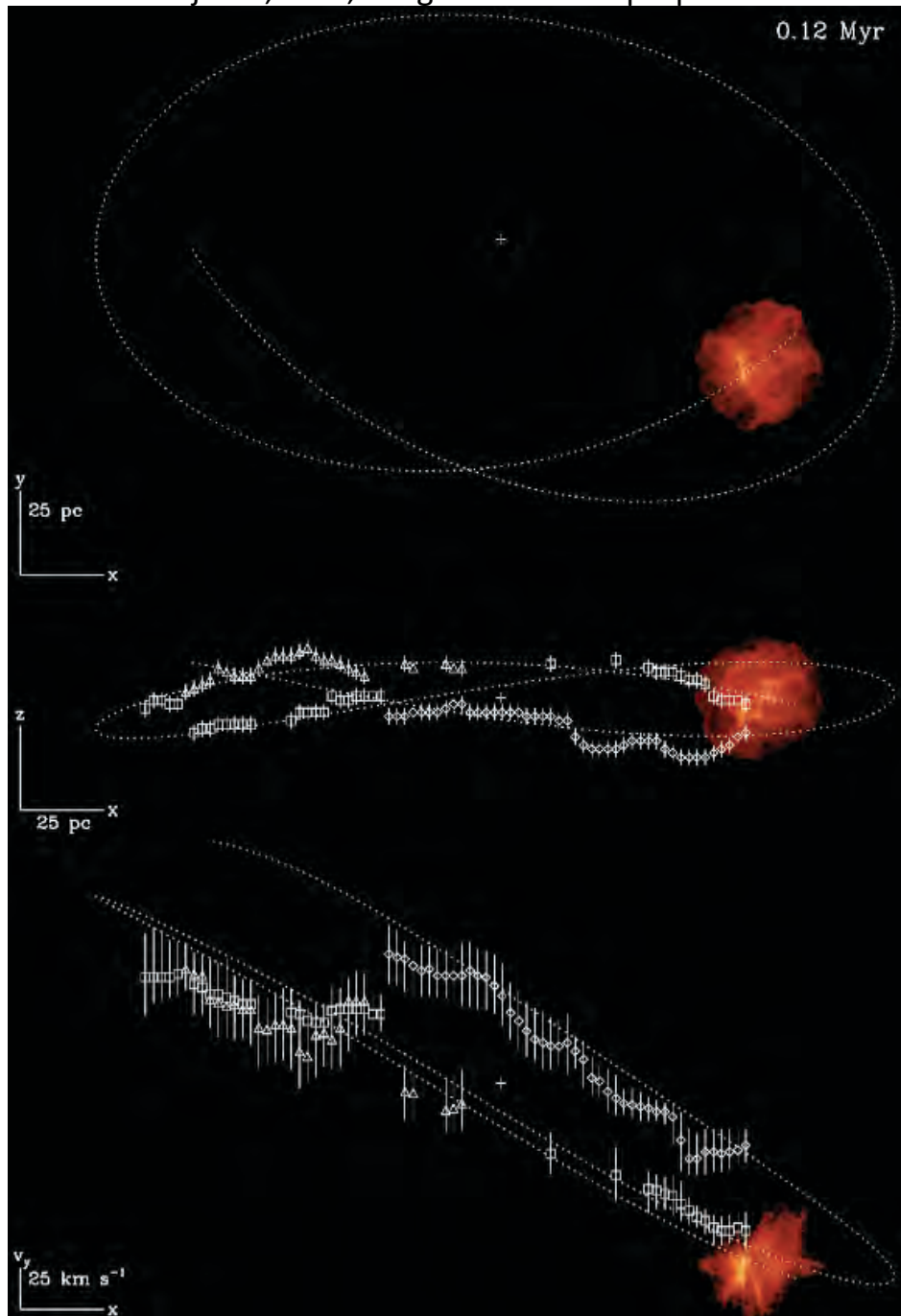


Maximal compression/shear at bottom of gravitational potential





0.12 Myr



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“Birds eye”, top-down view

Longitude, Latitude view

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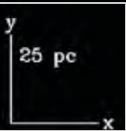
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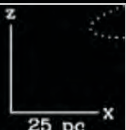
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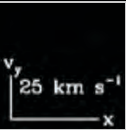
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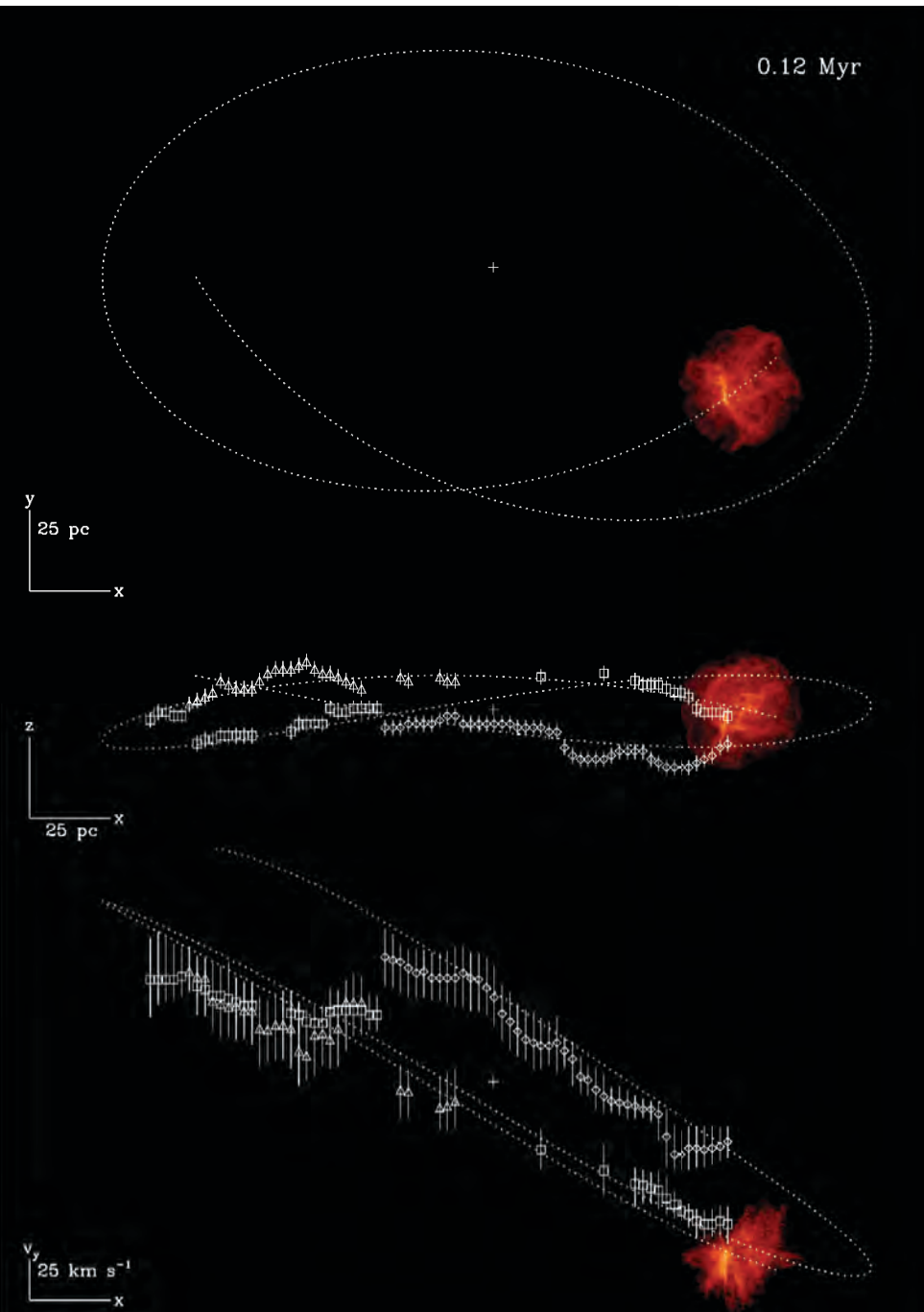
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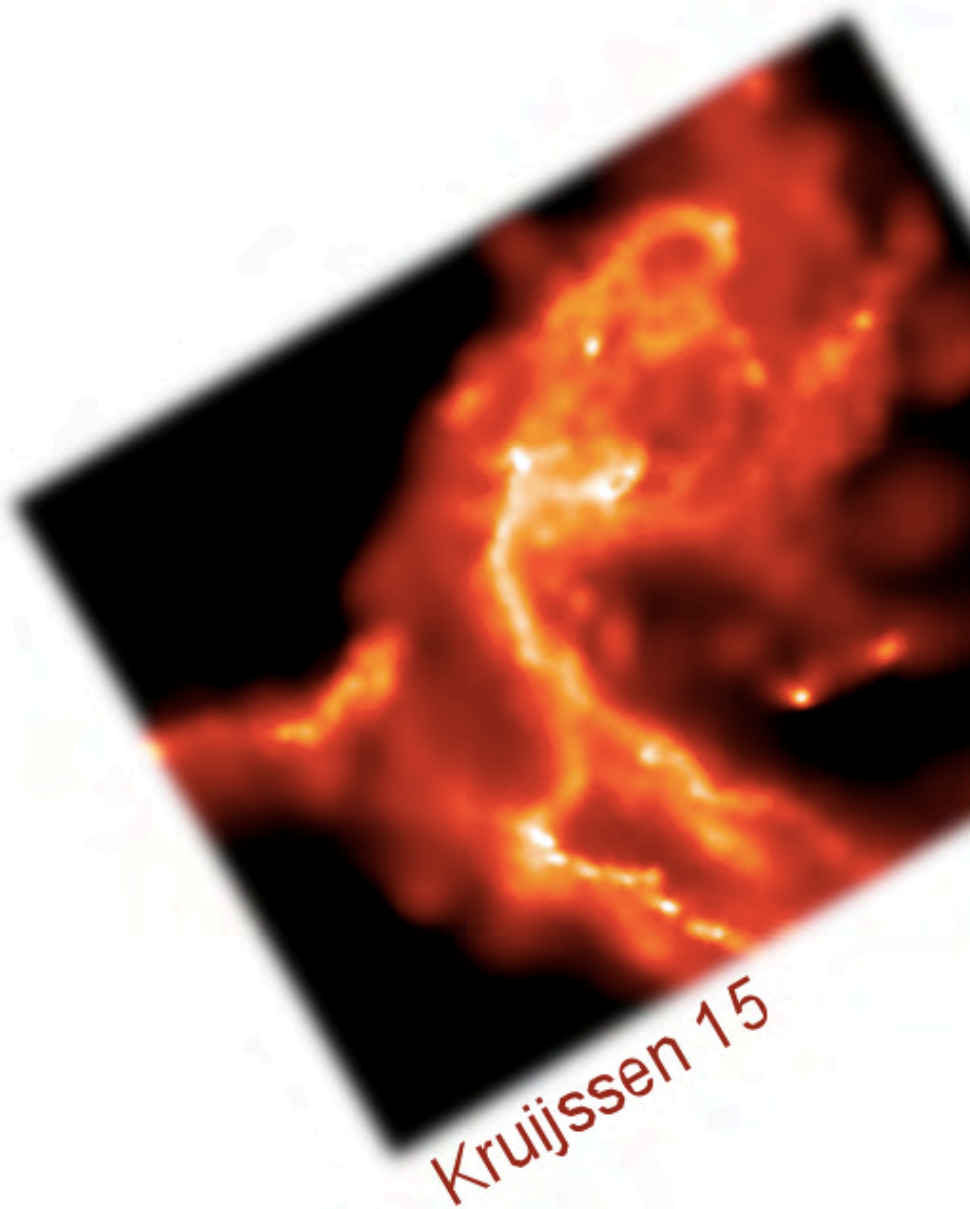
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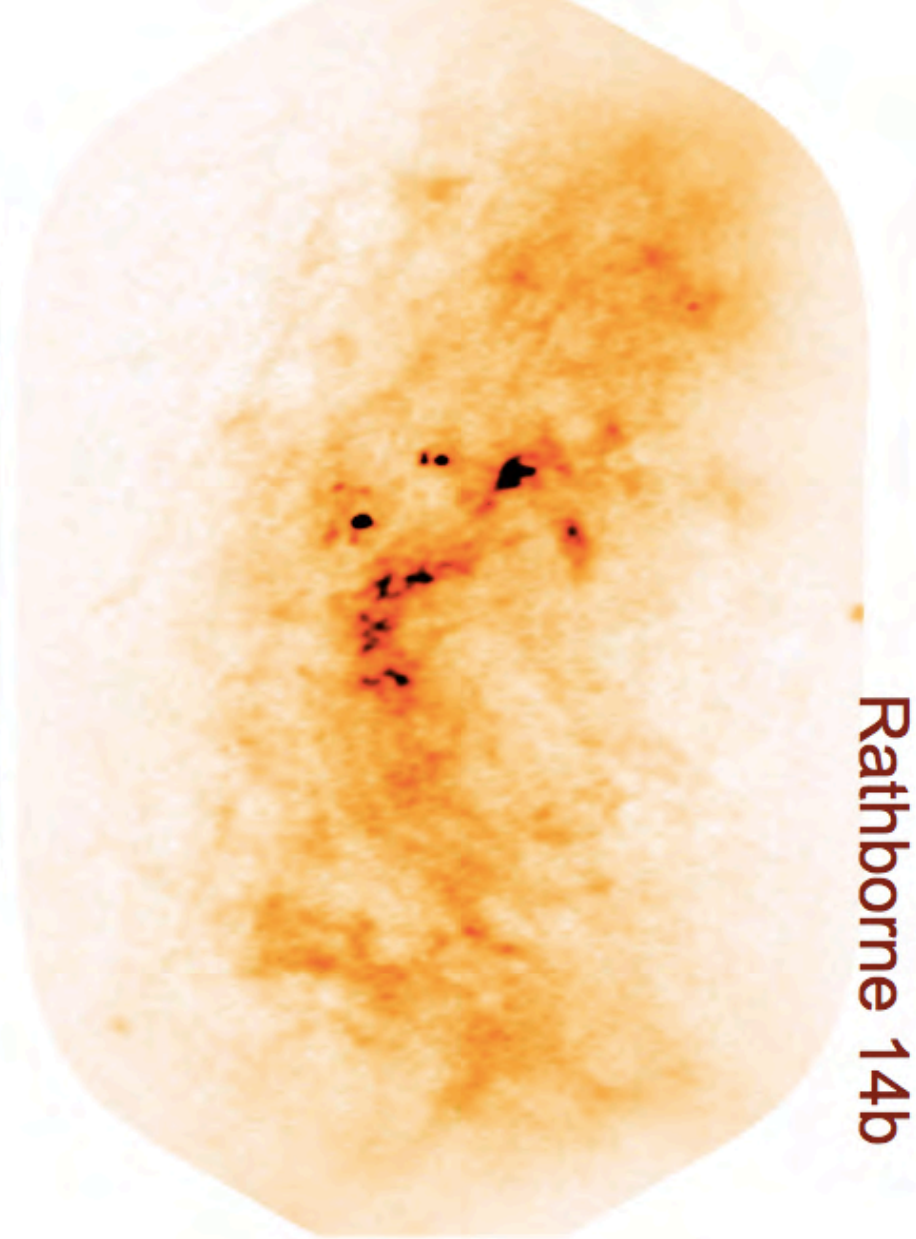
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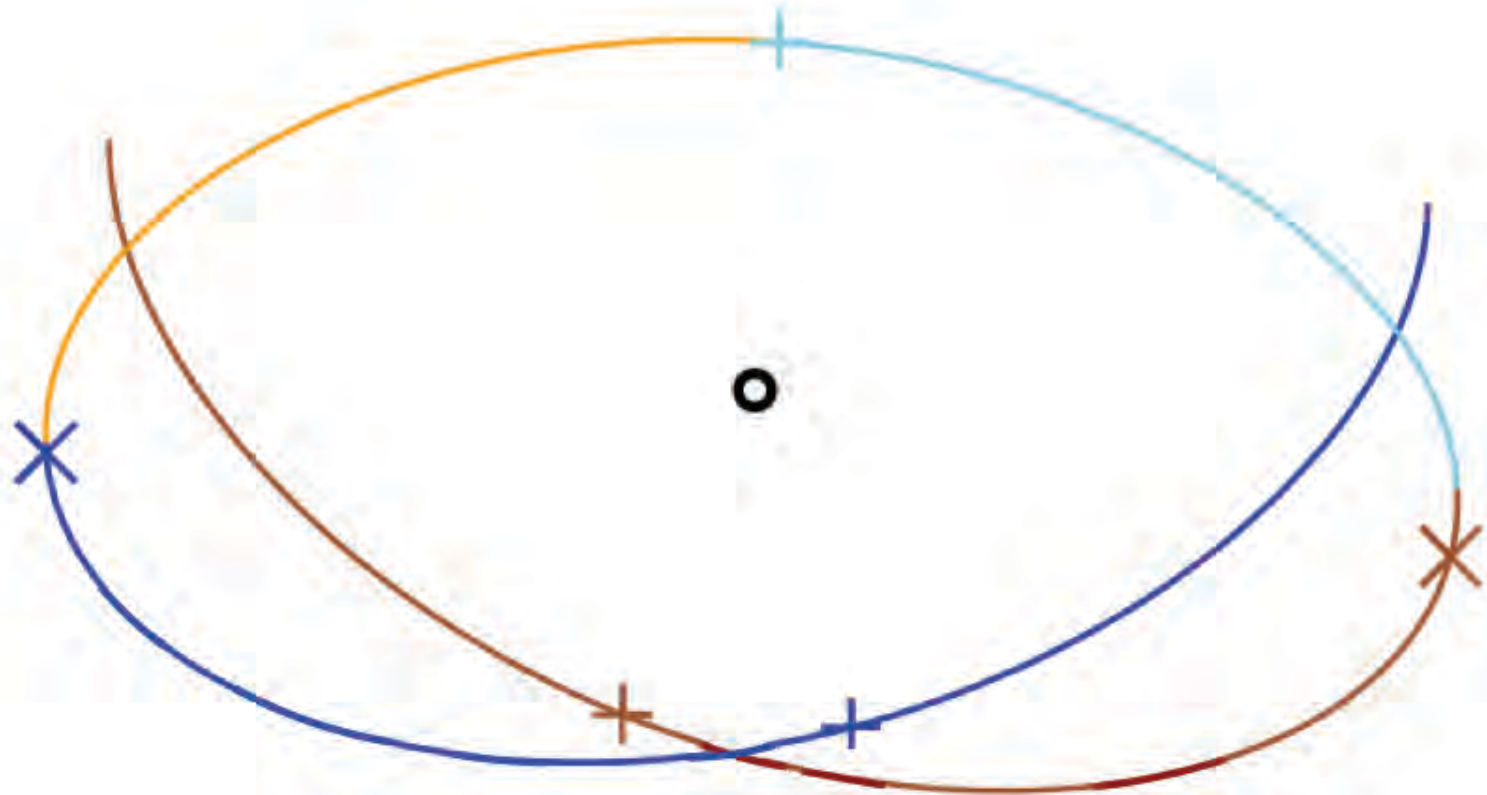
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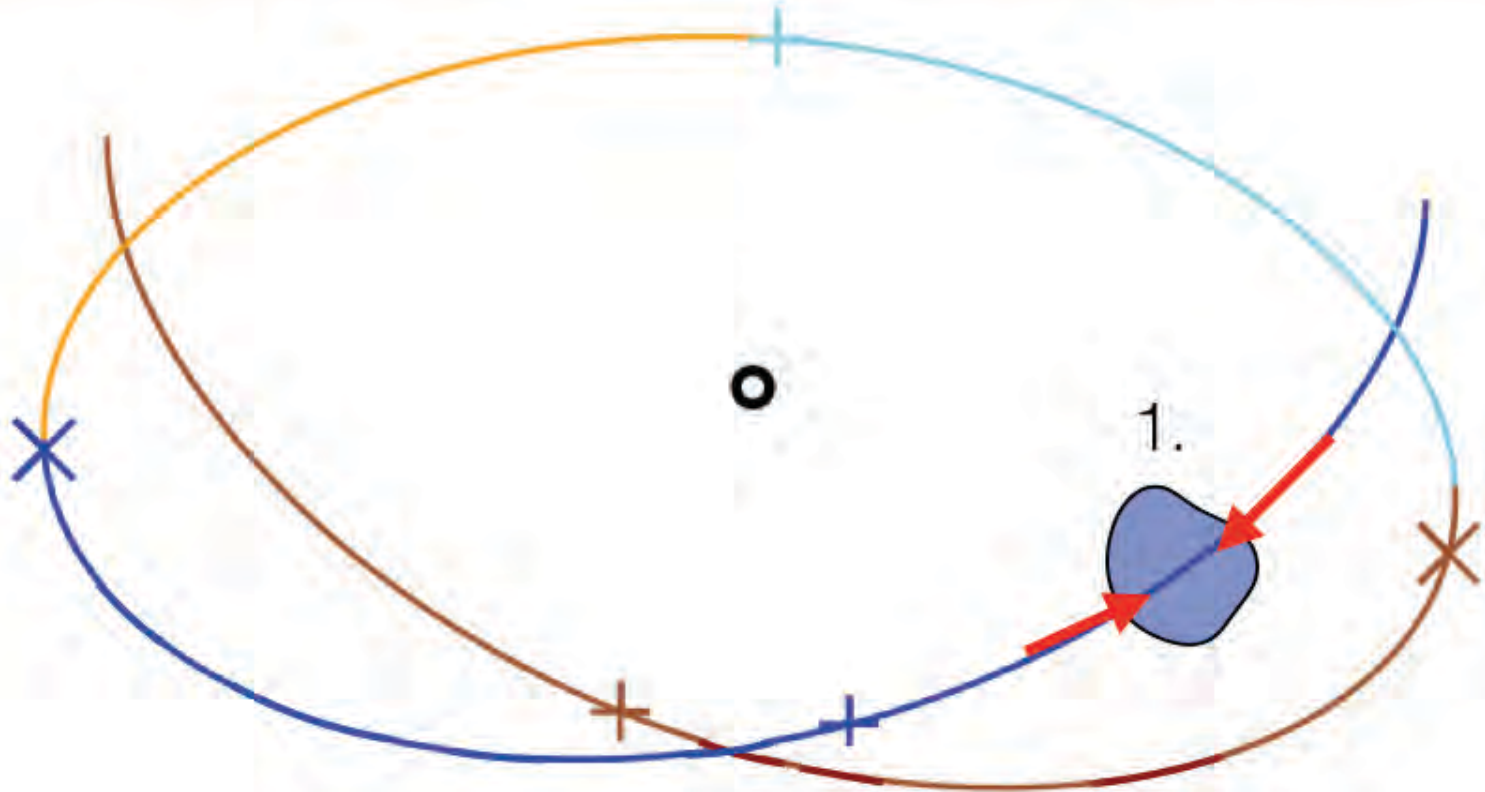
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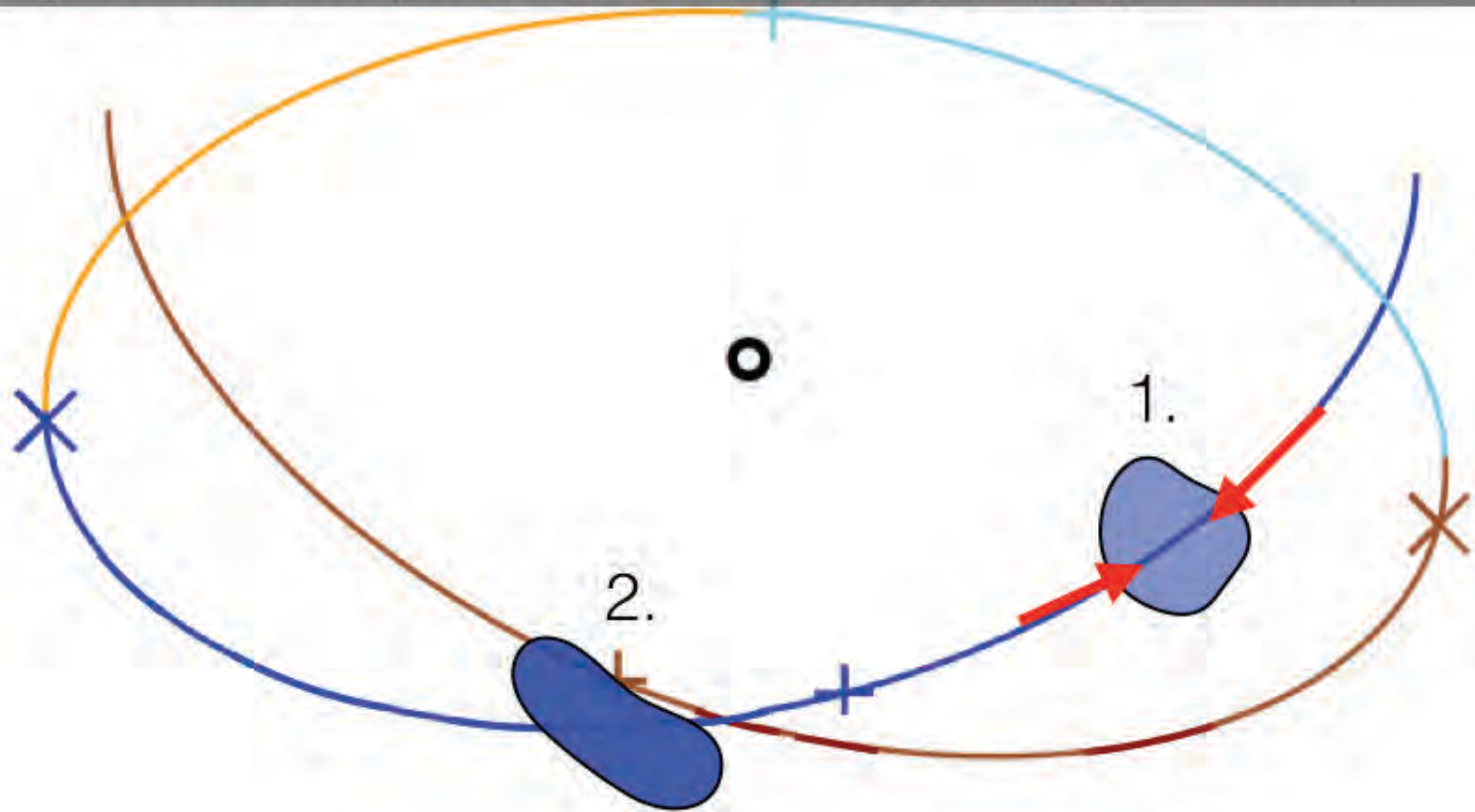
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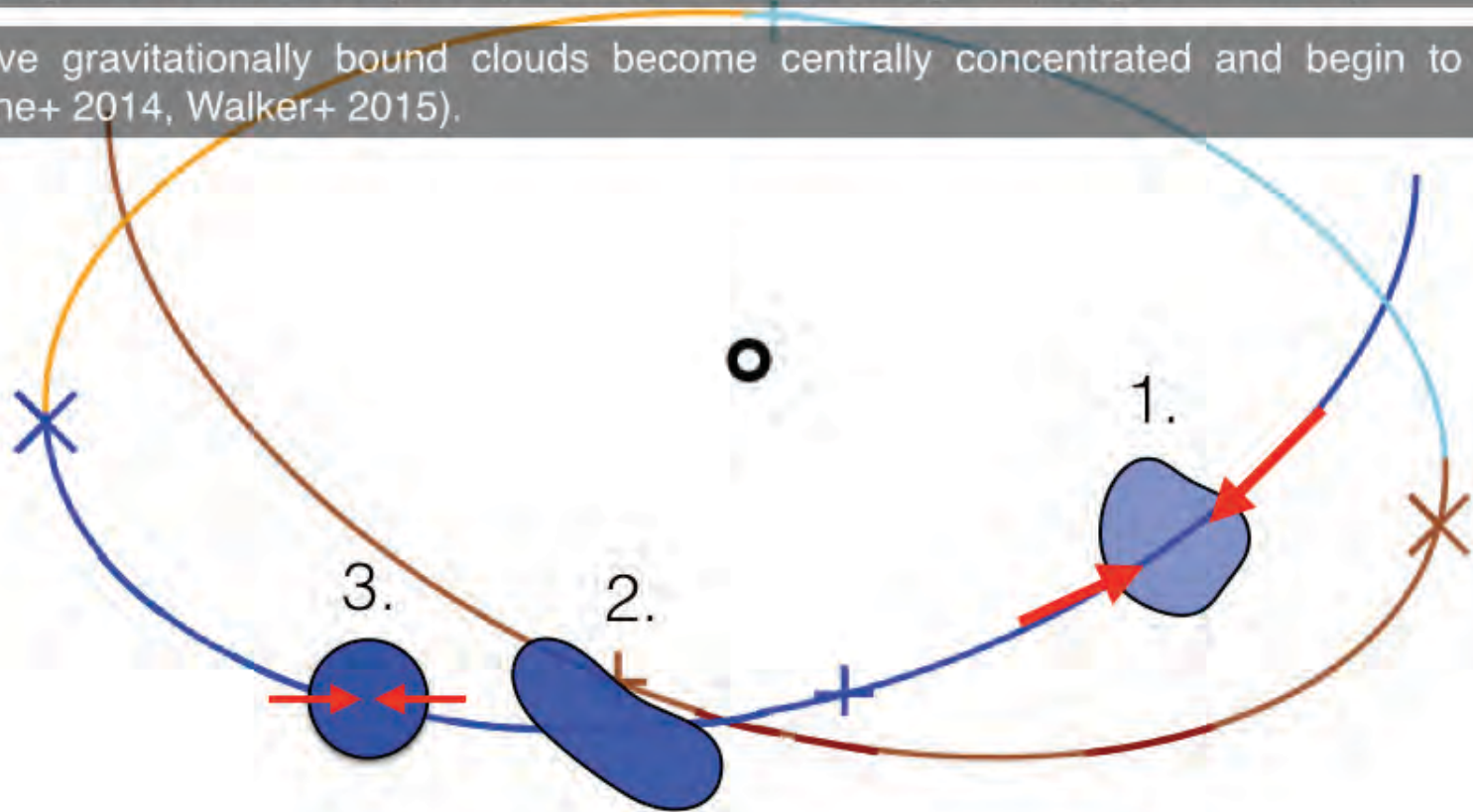
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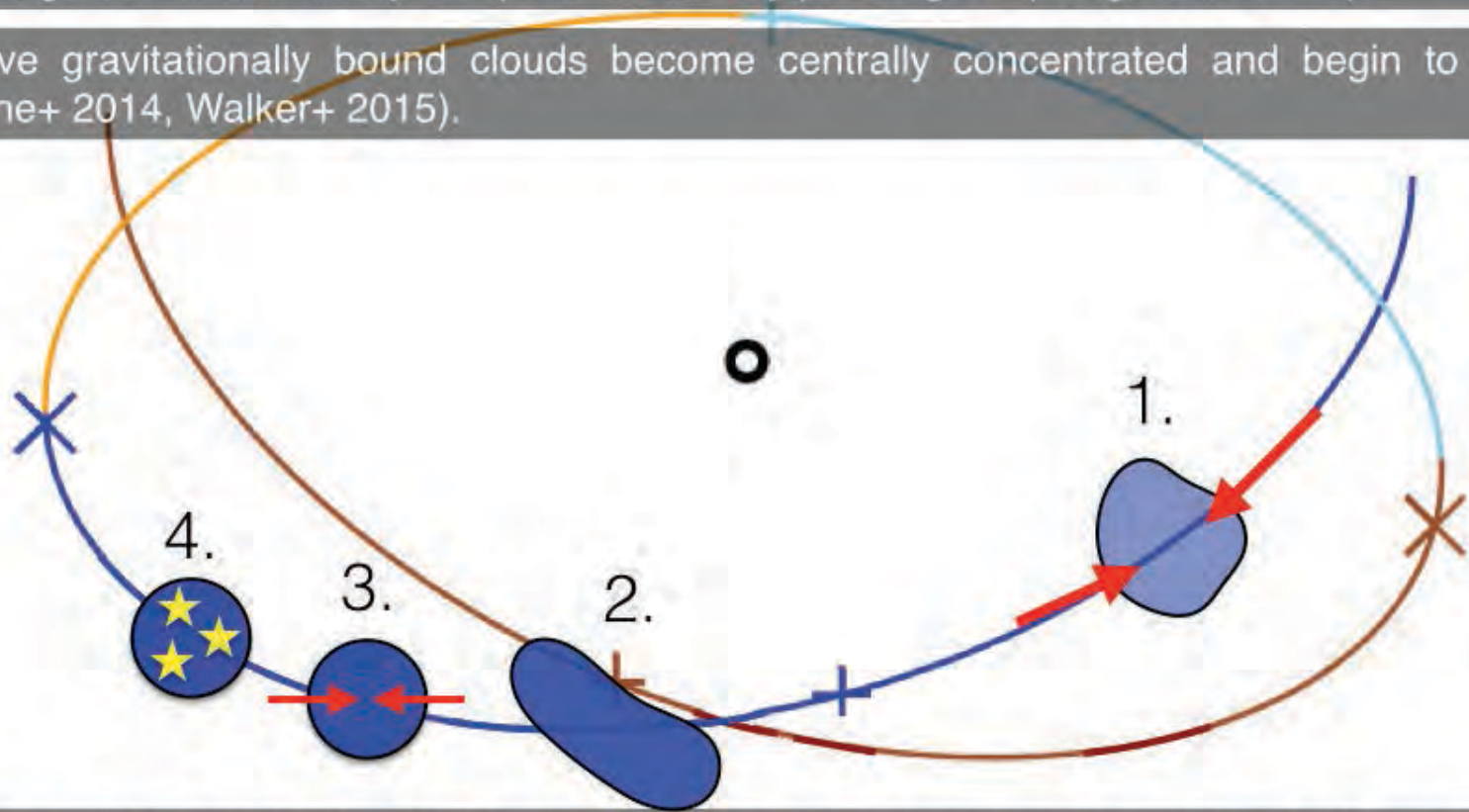
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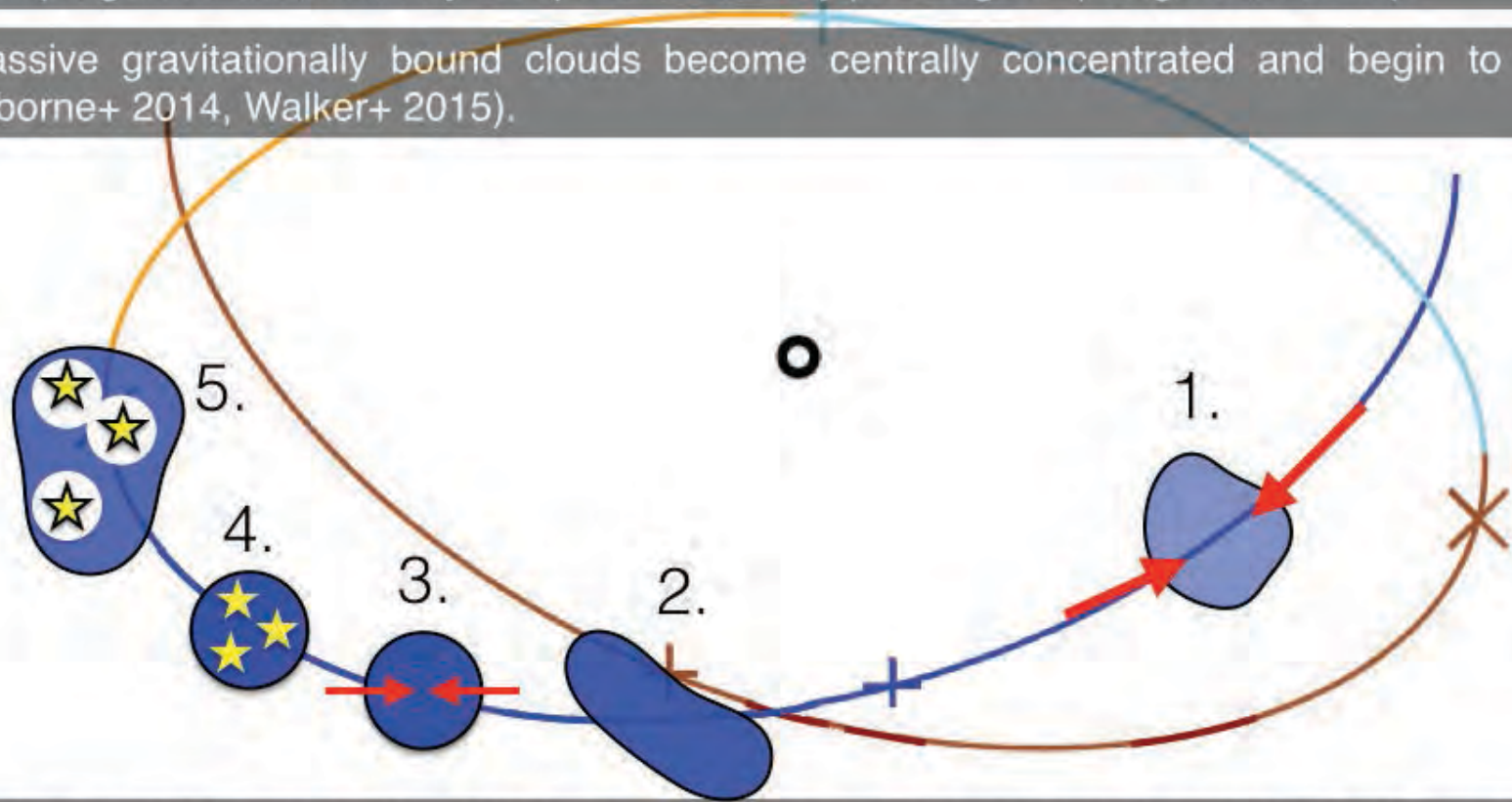


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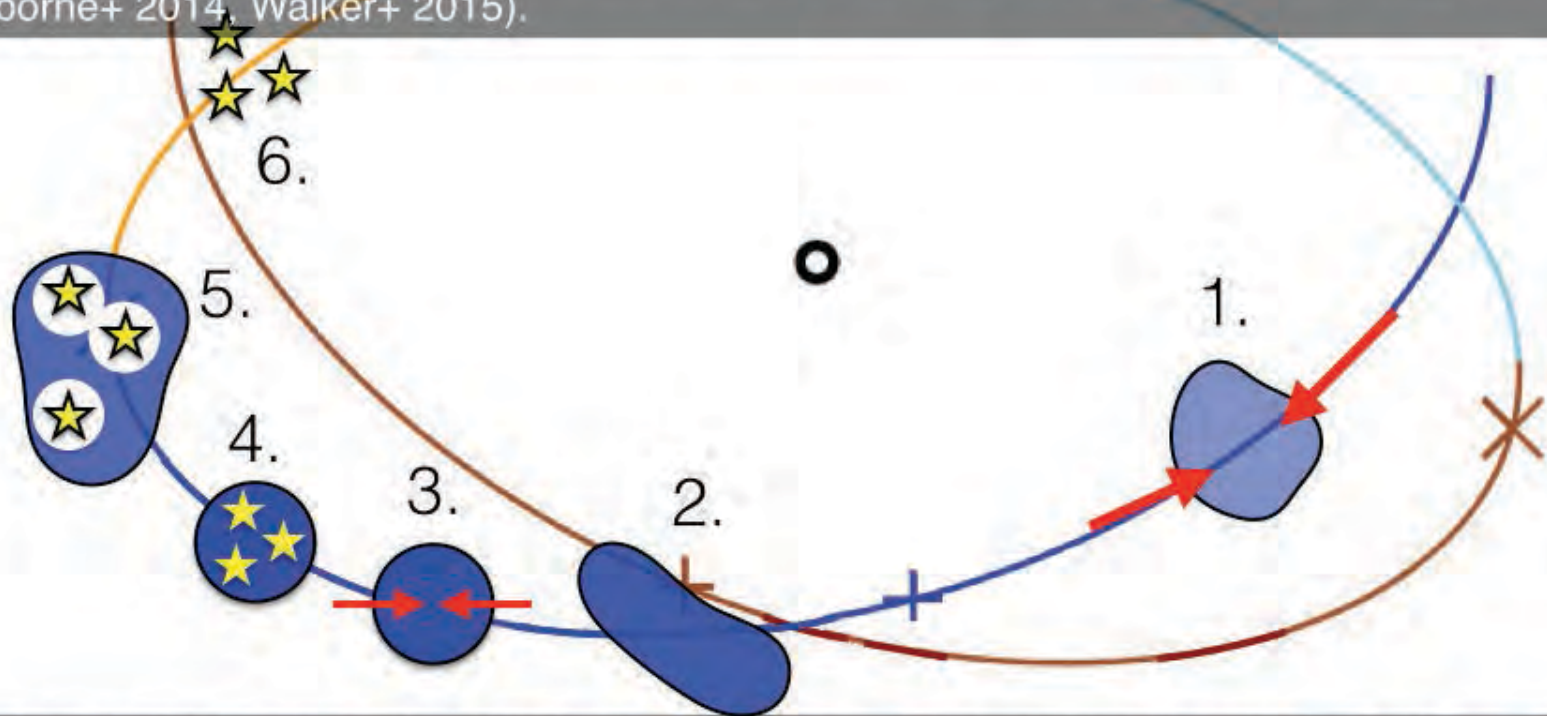
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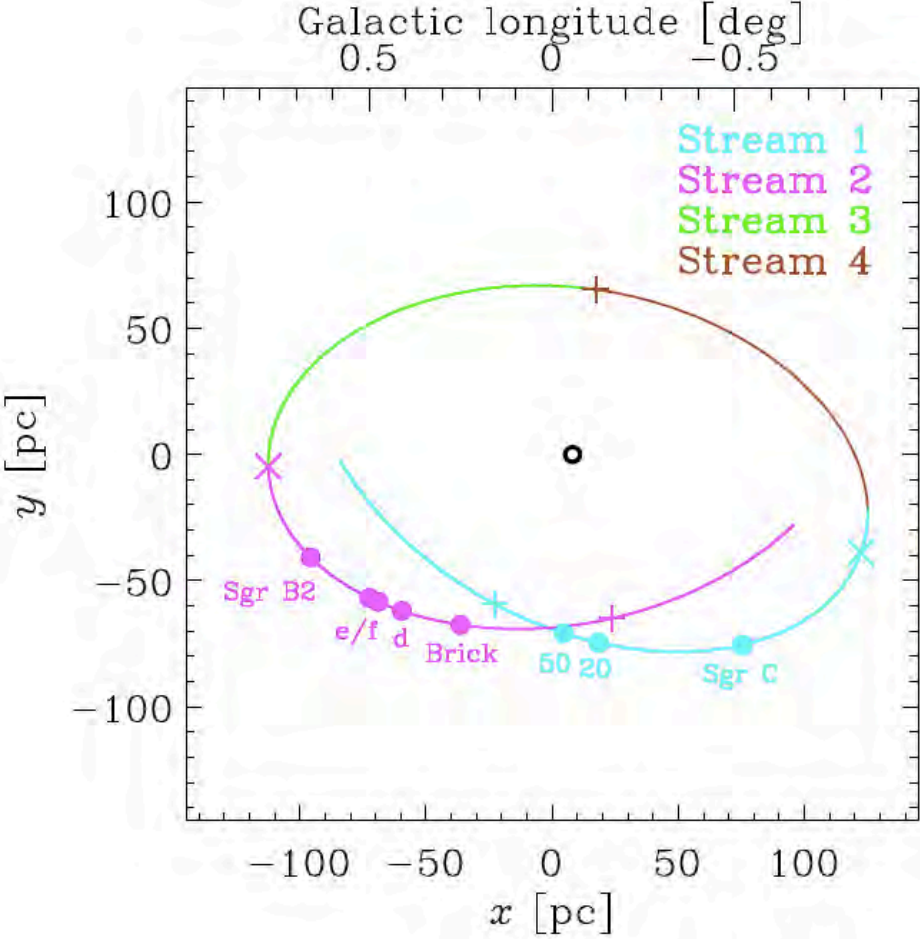
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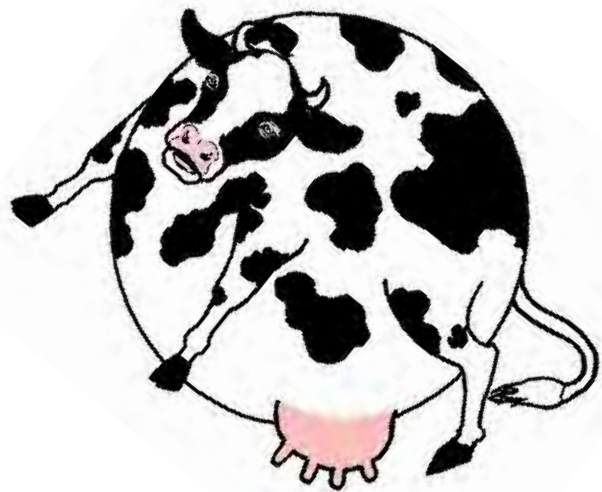
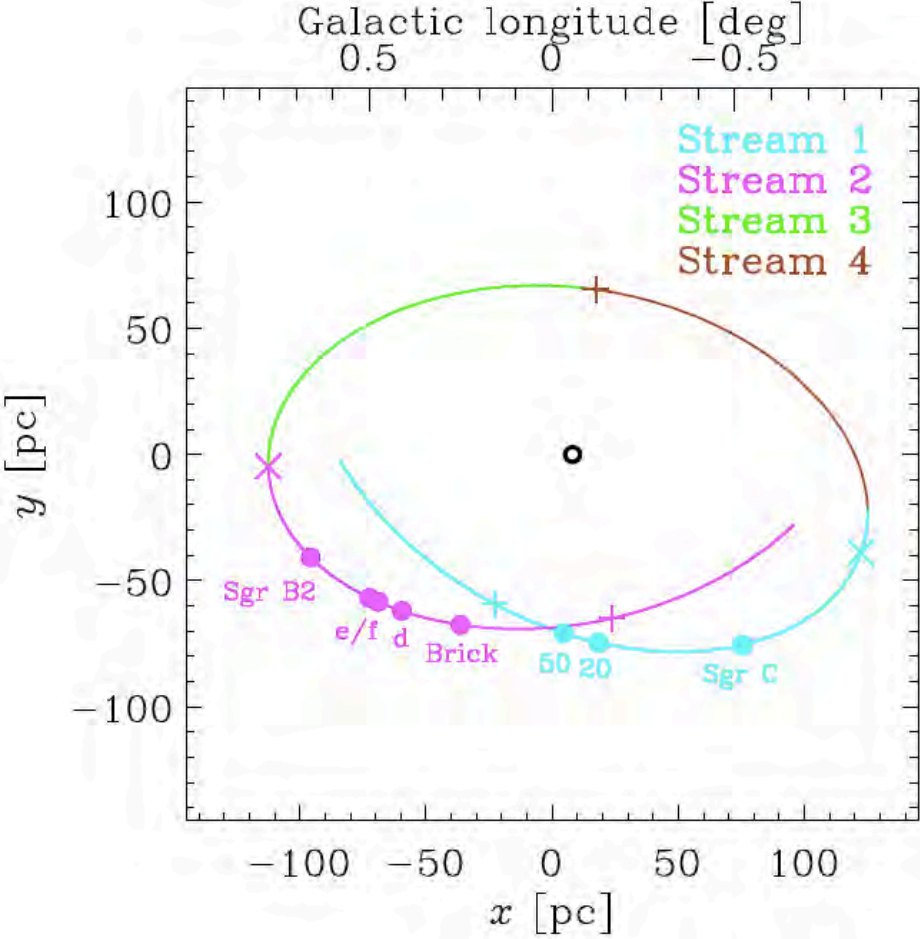
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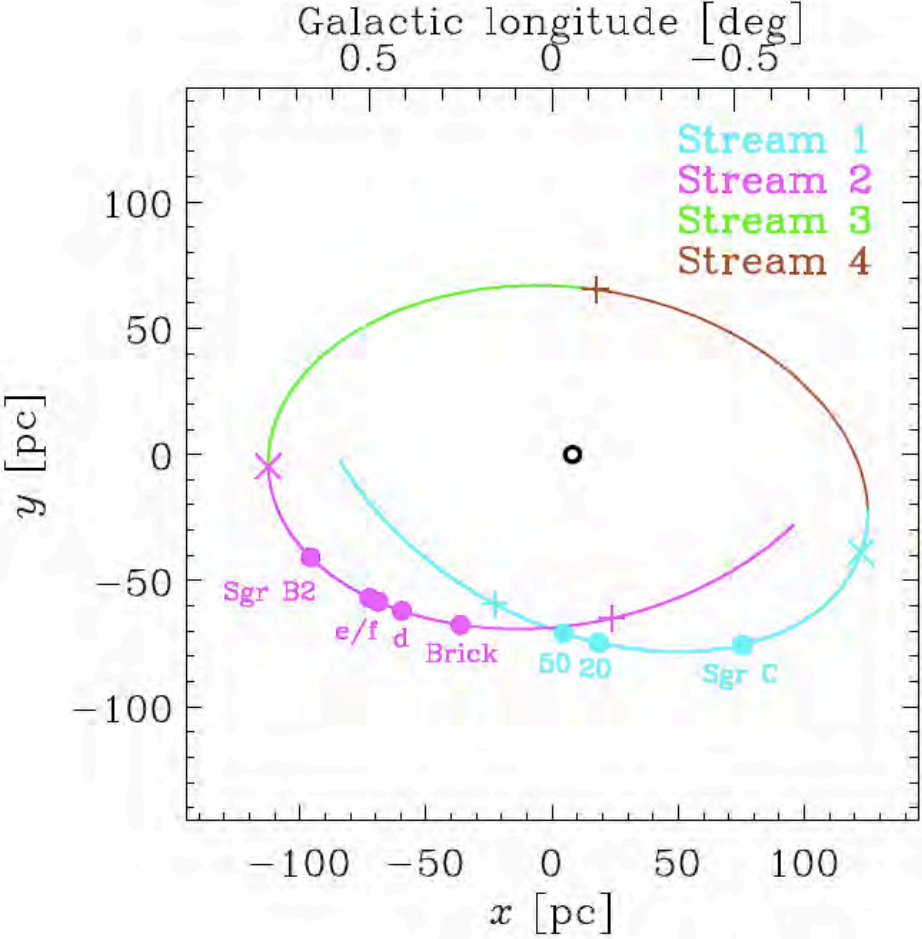
What role do disks play in getting gas onto a high-mass star?

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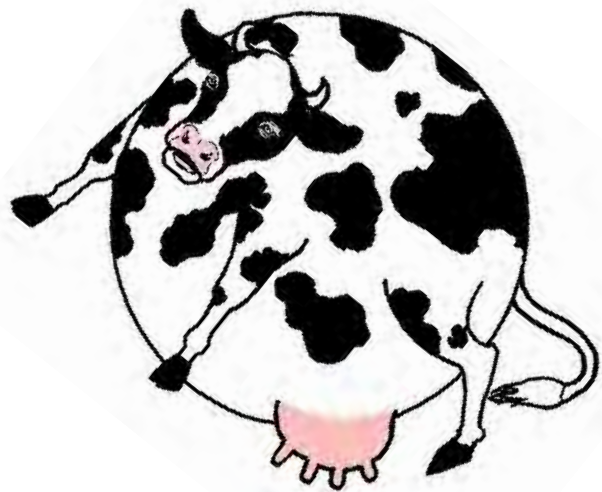


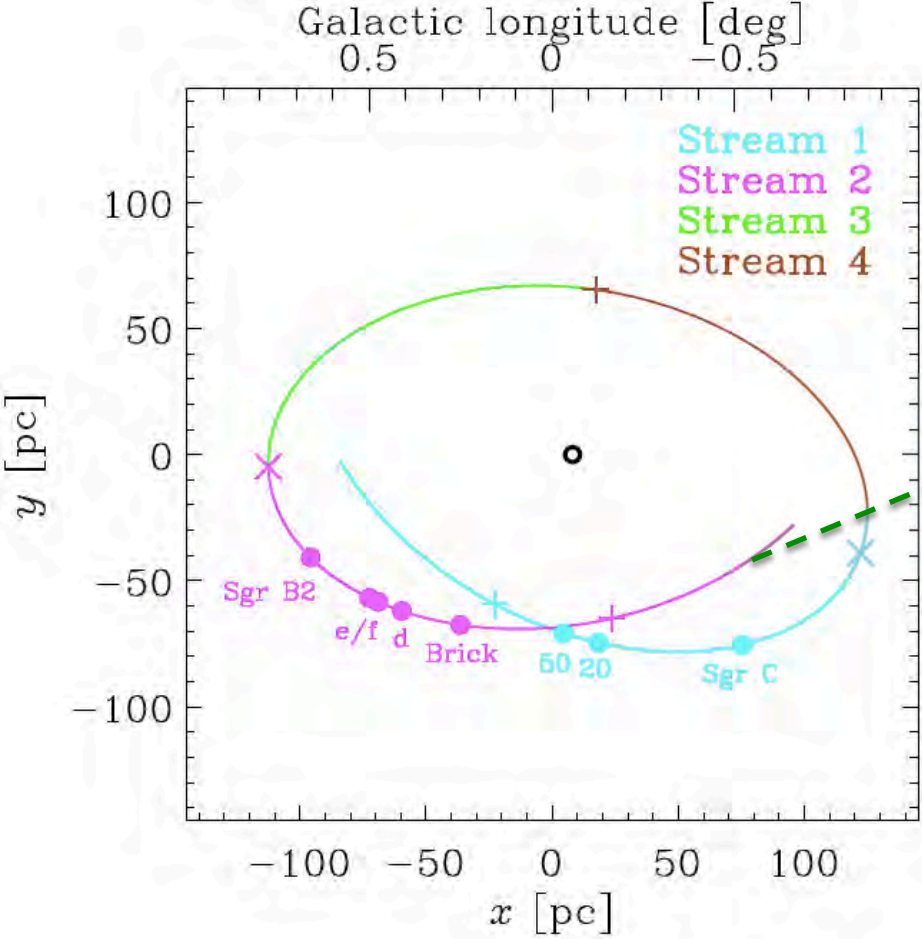




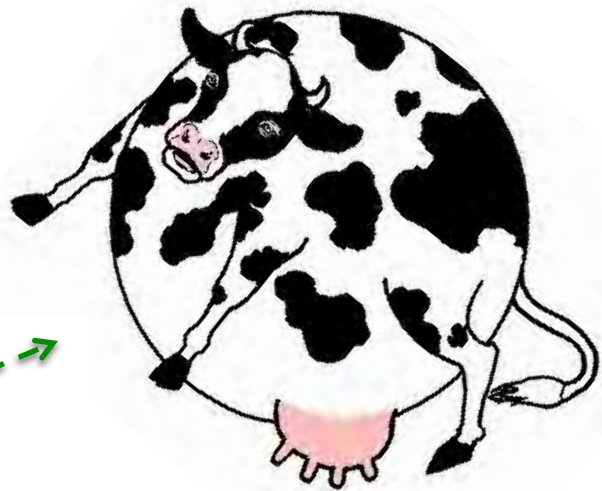


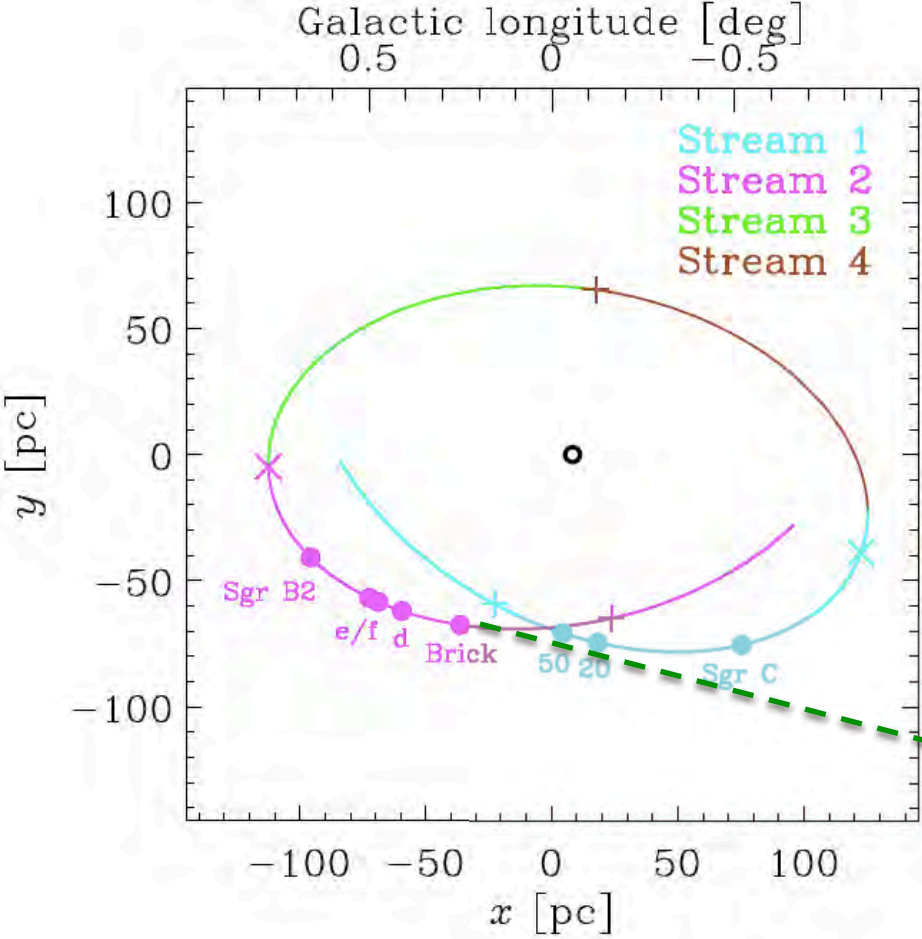
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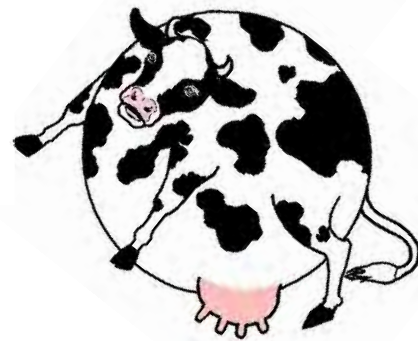
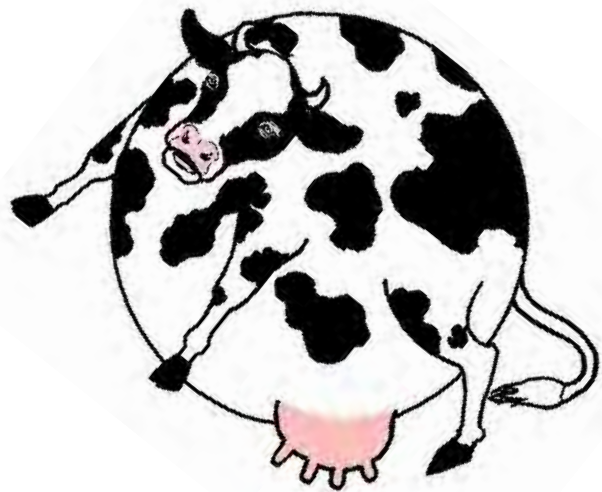


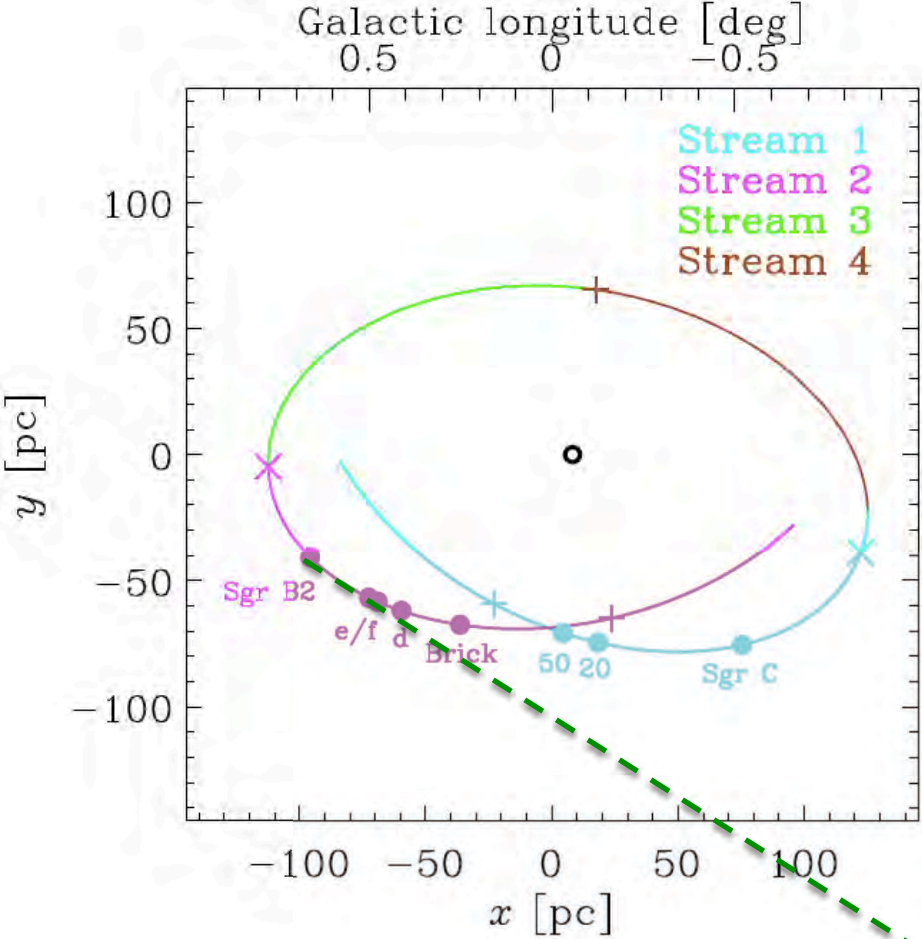
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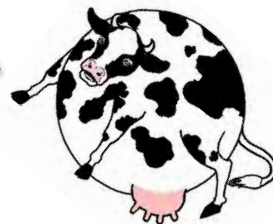
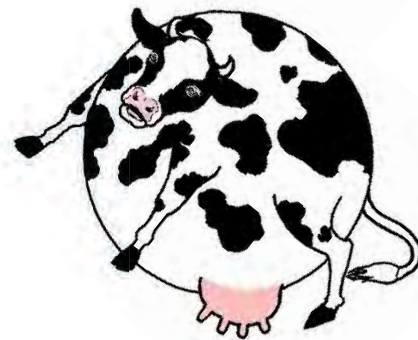
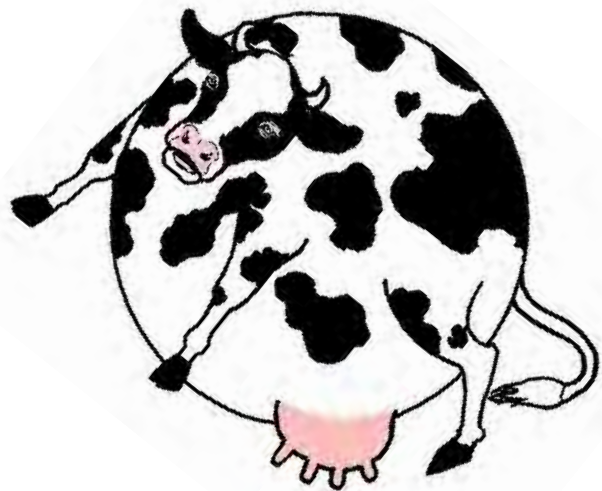


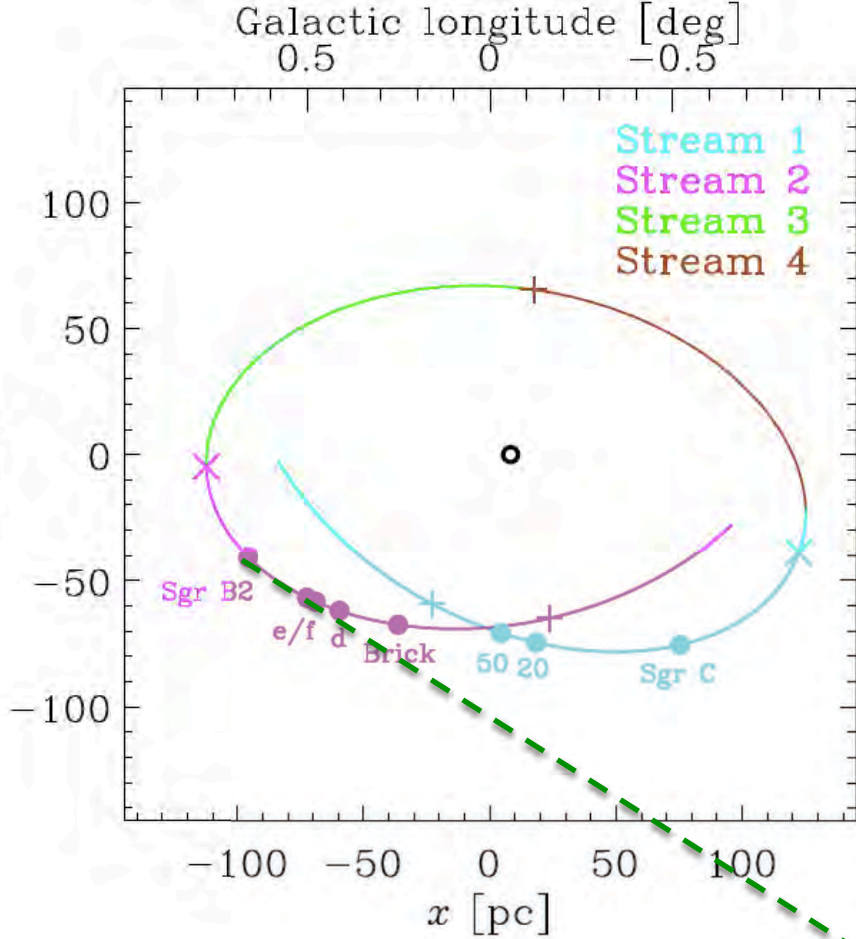
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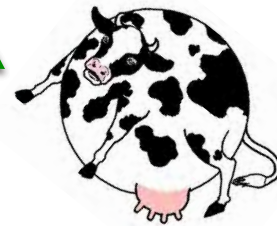
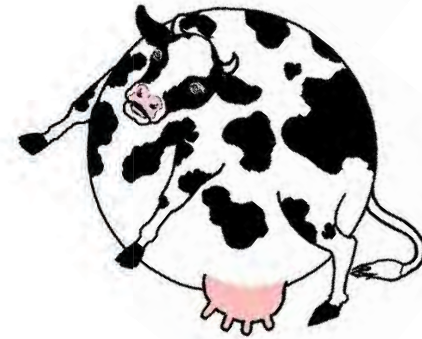
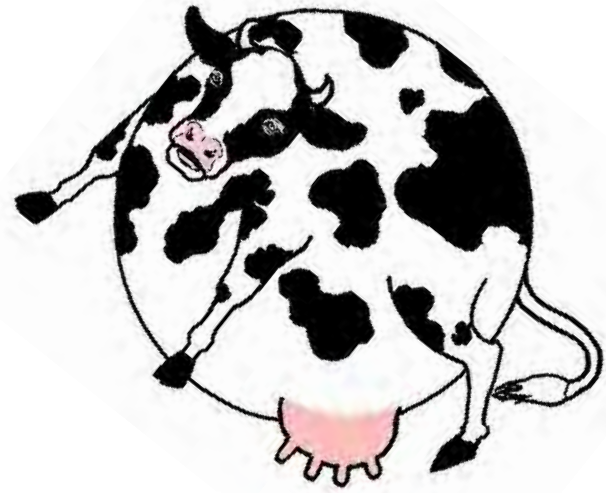


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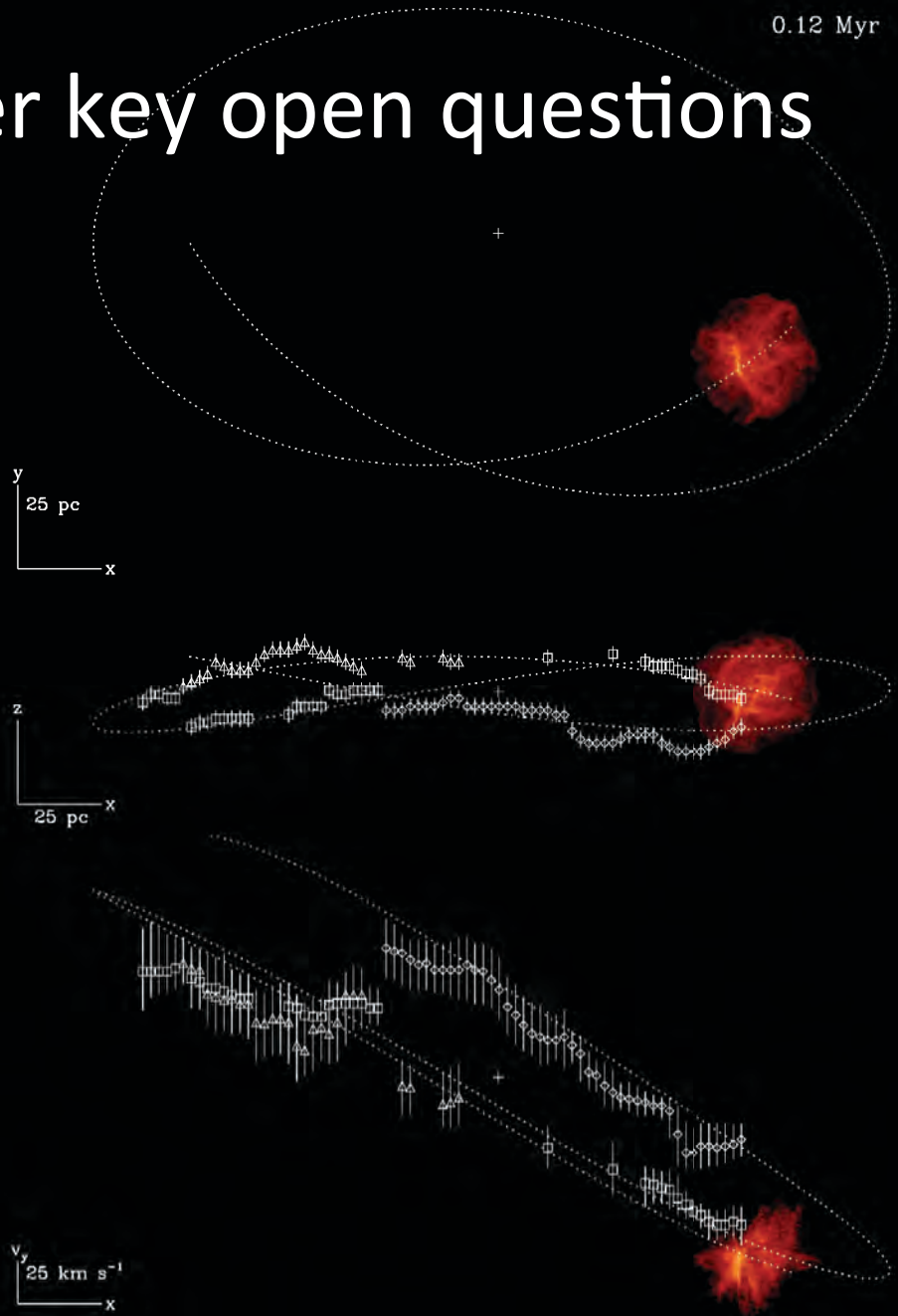


Challenge to theorists:

Tell me how you predict your cow to change with time...

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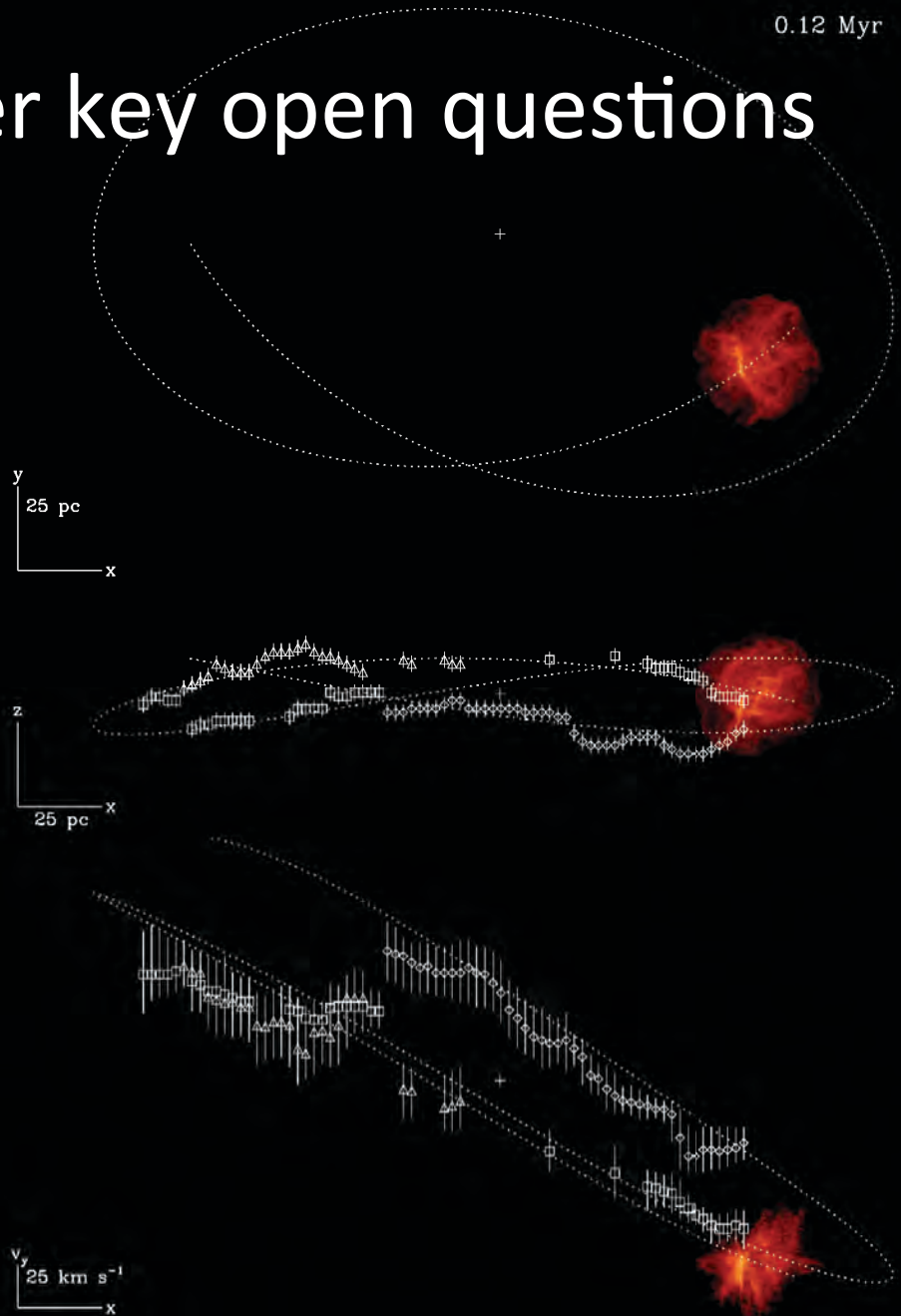
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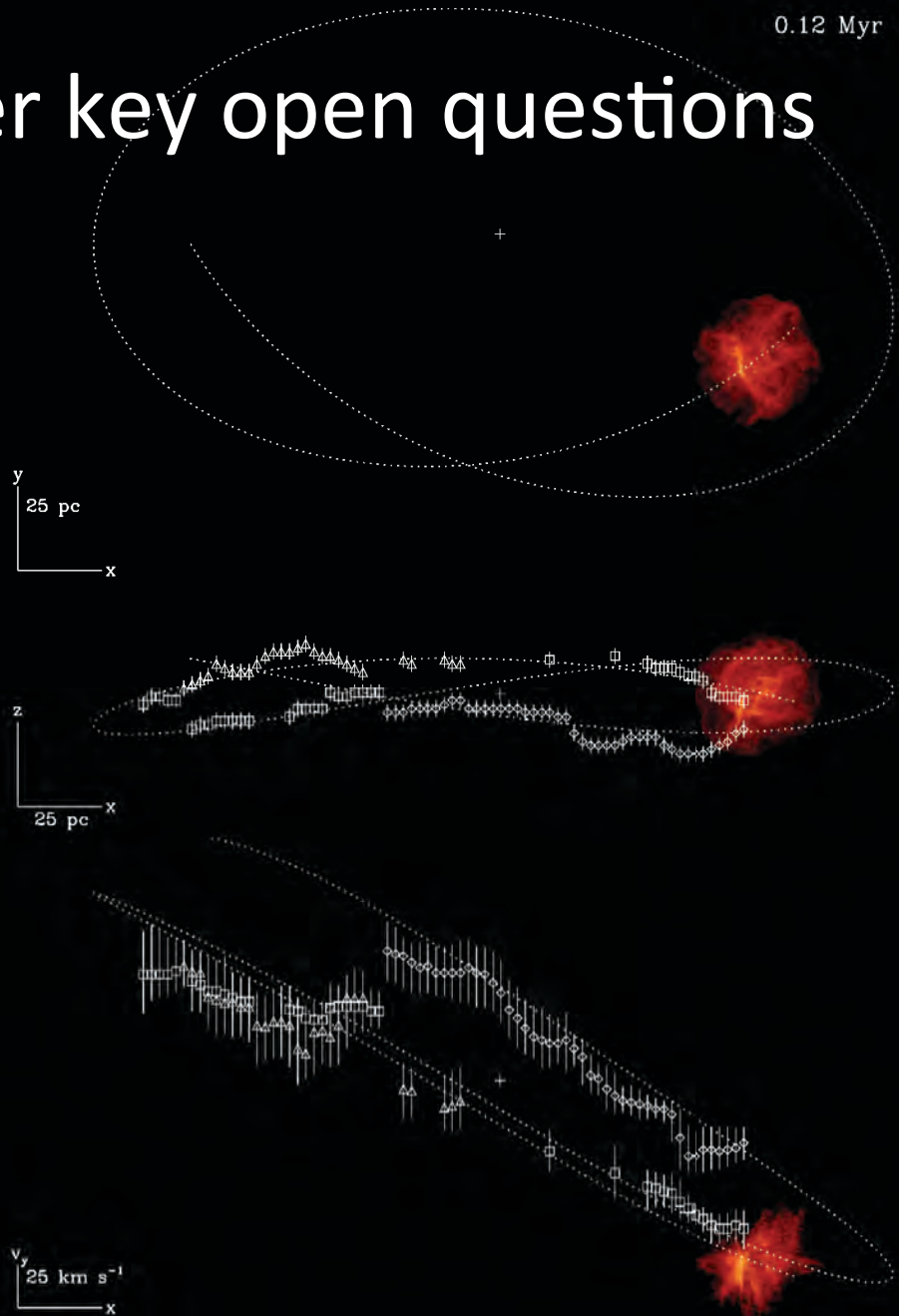




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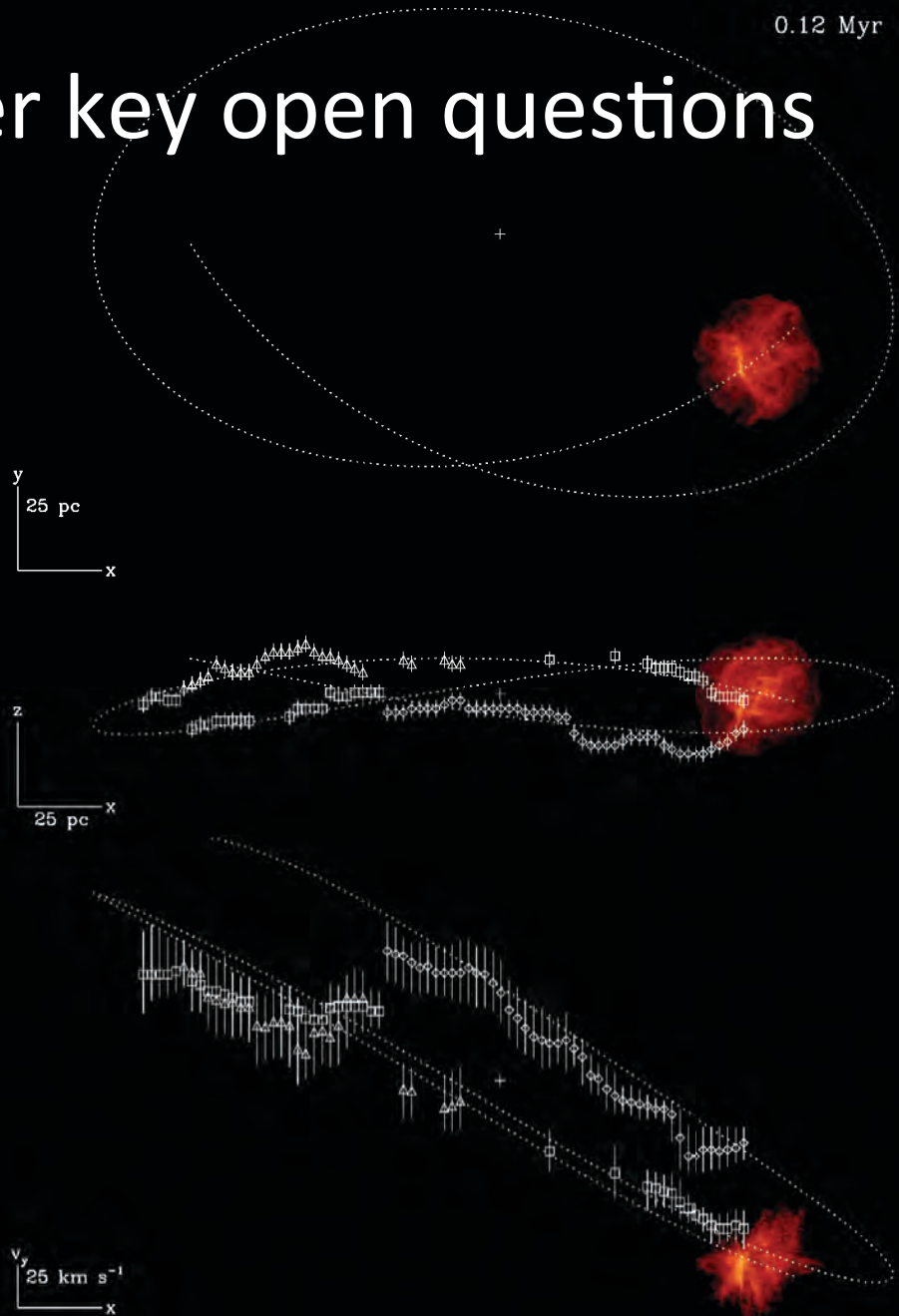
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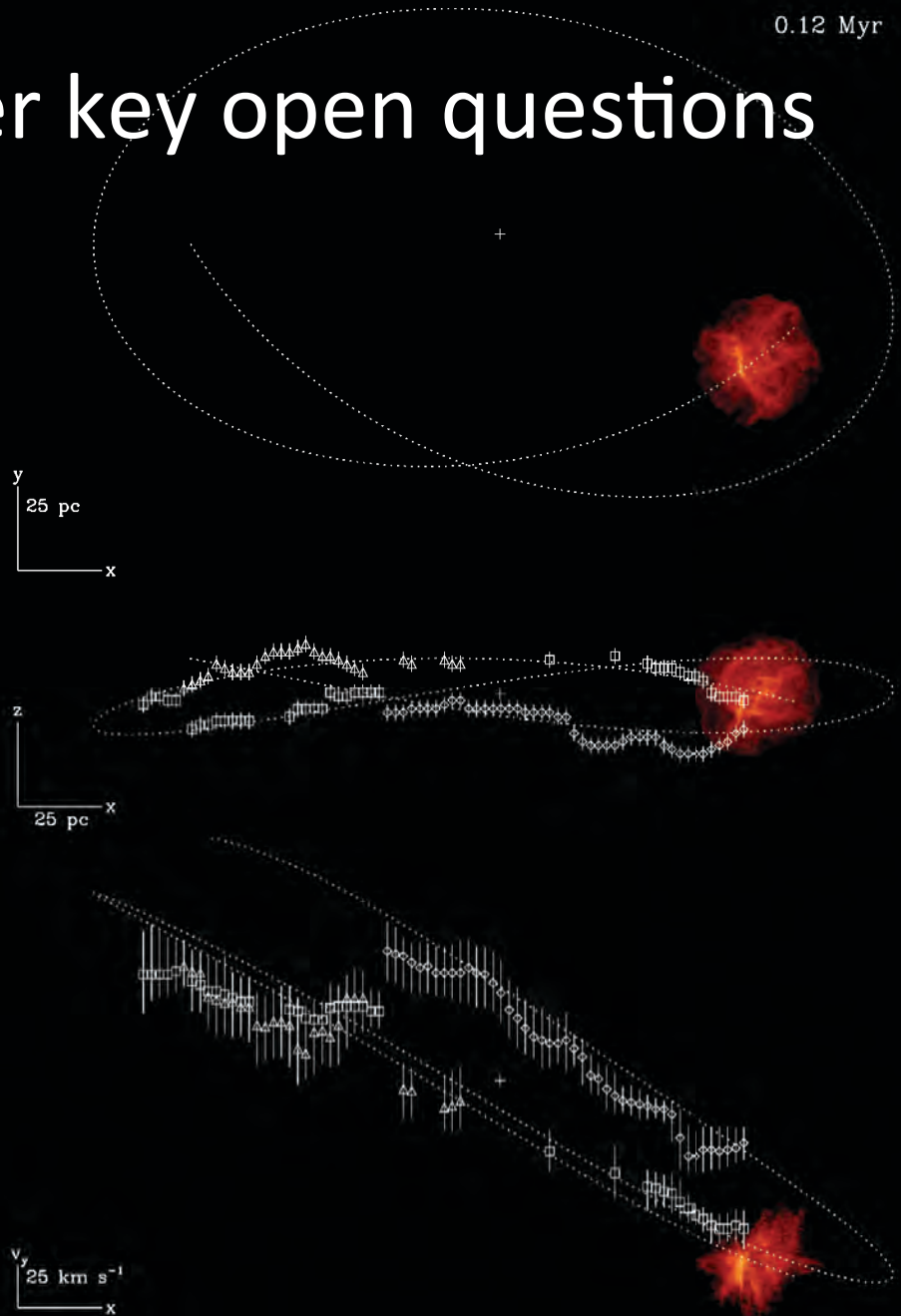
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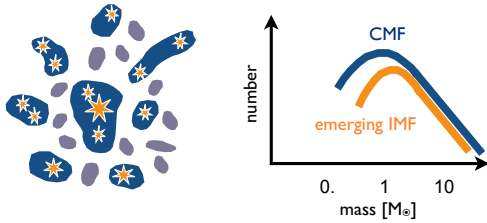
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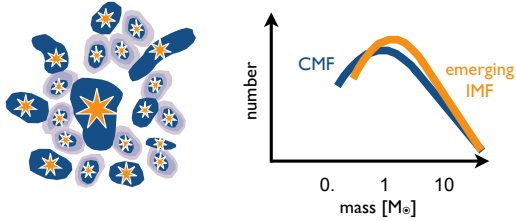
# Offner et al, 2014, PPVI Review

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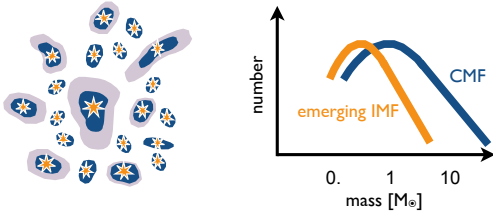
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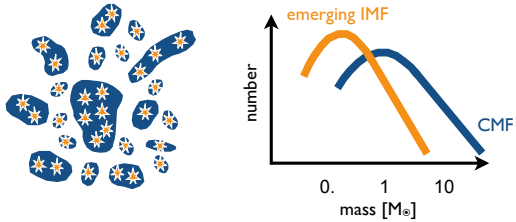
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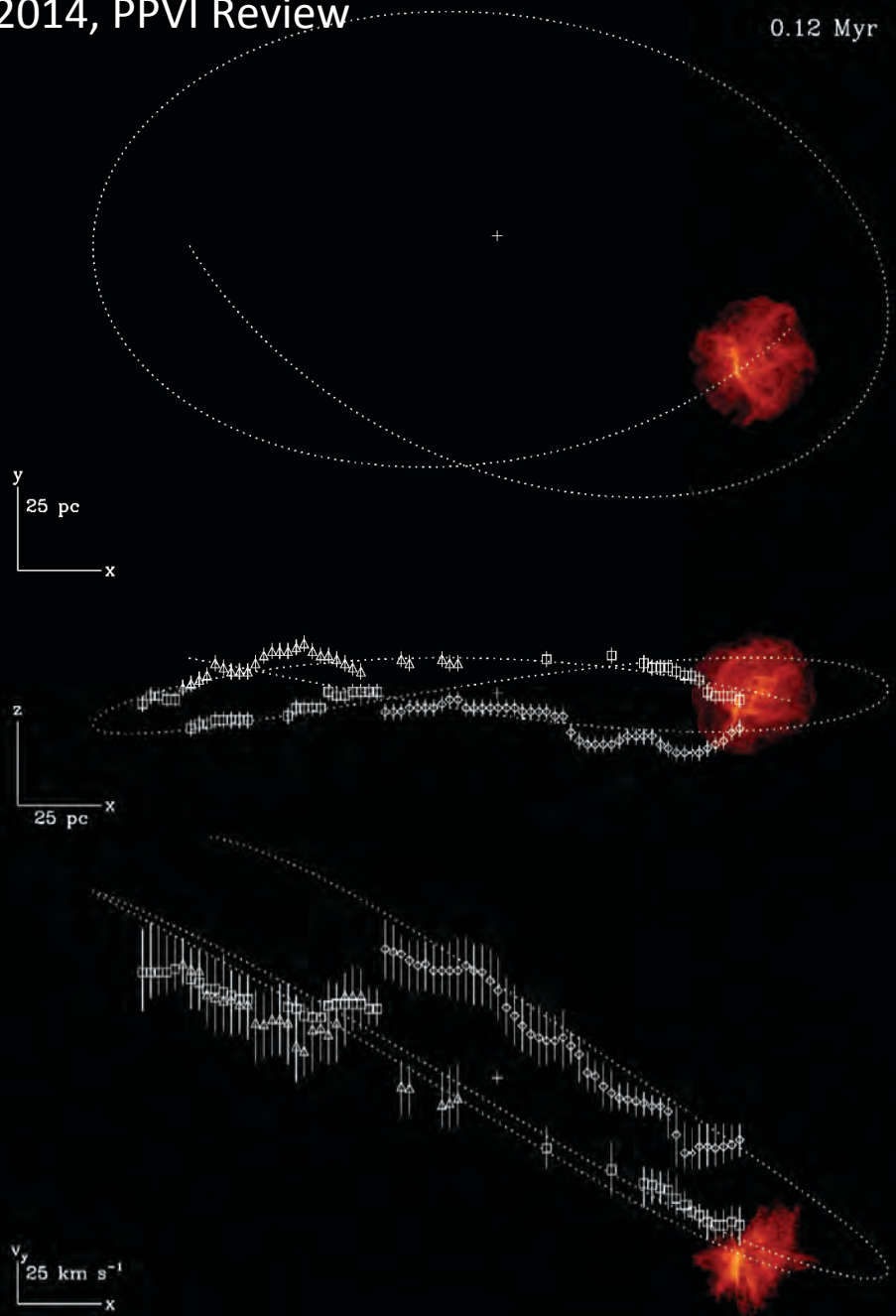
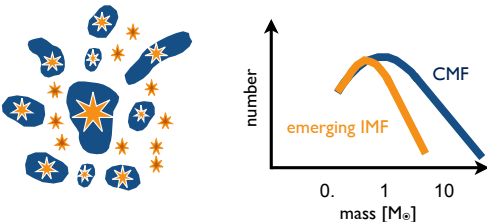
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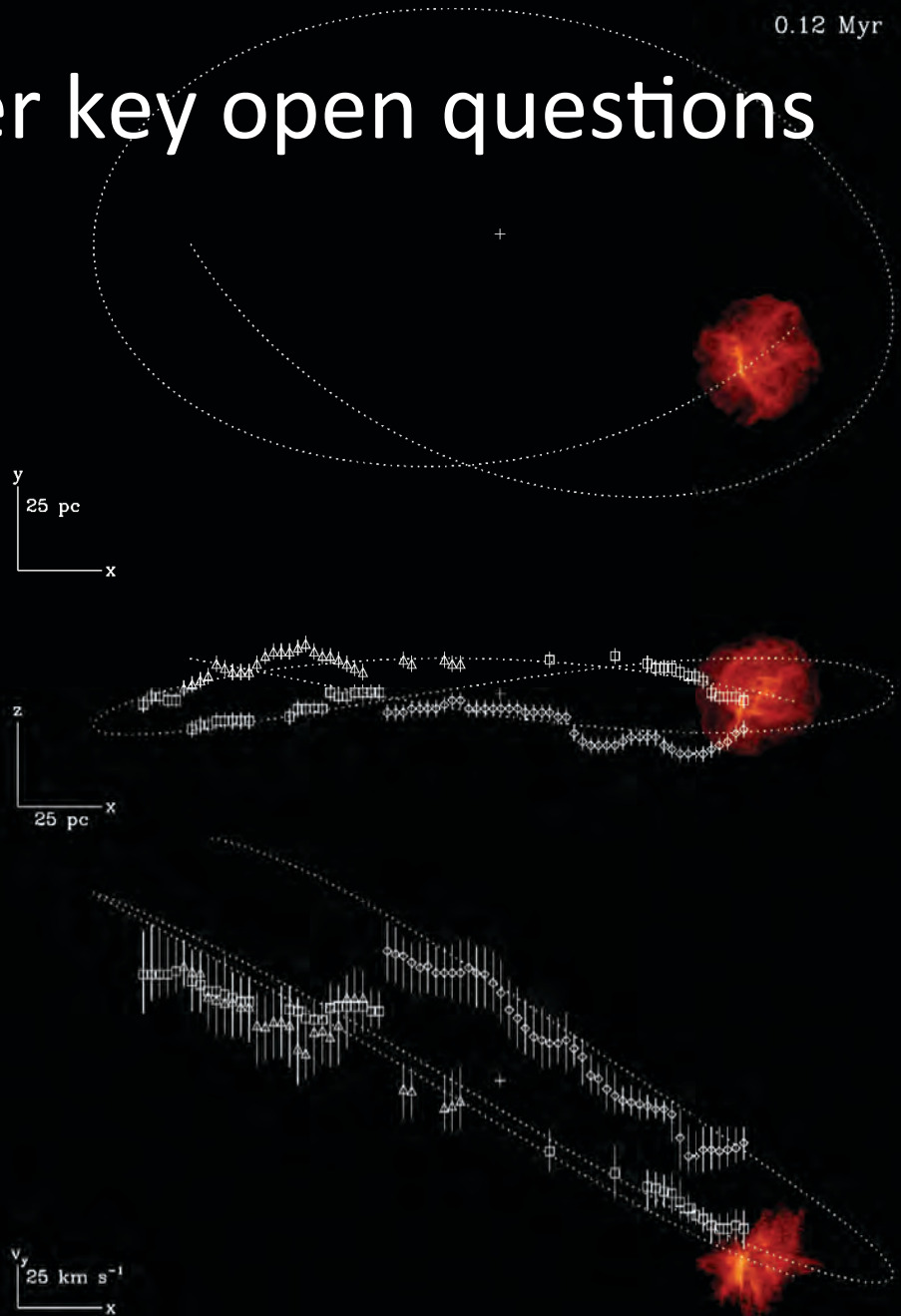


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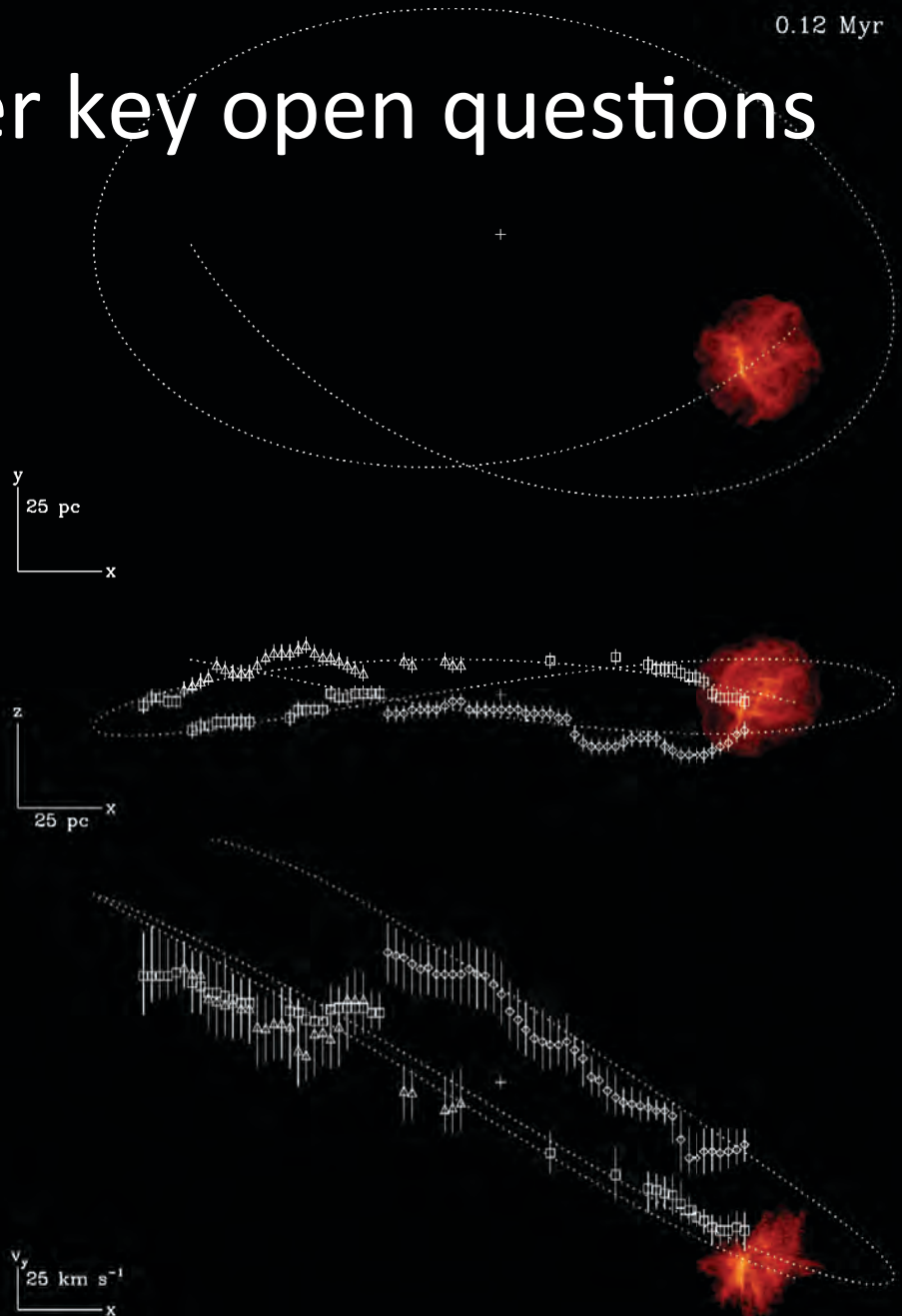
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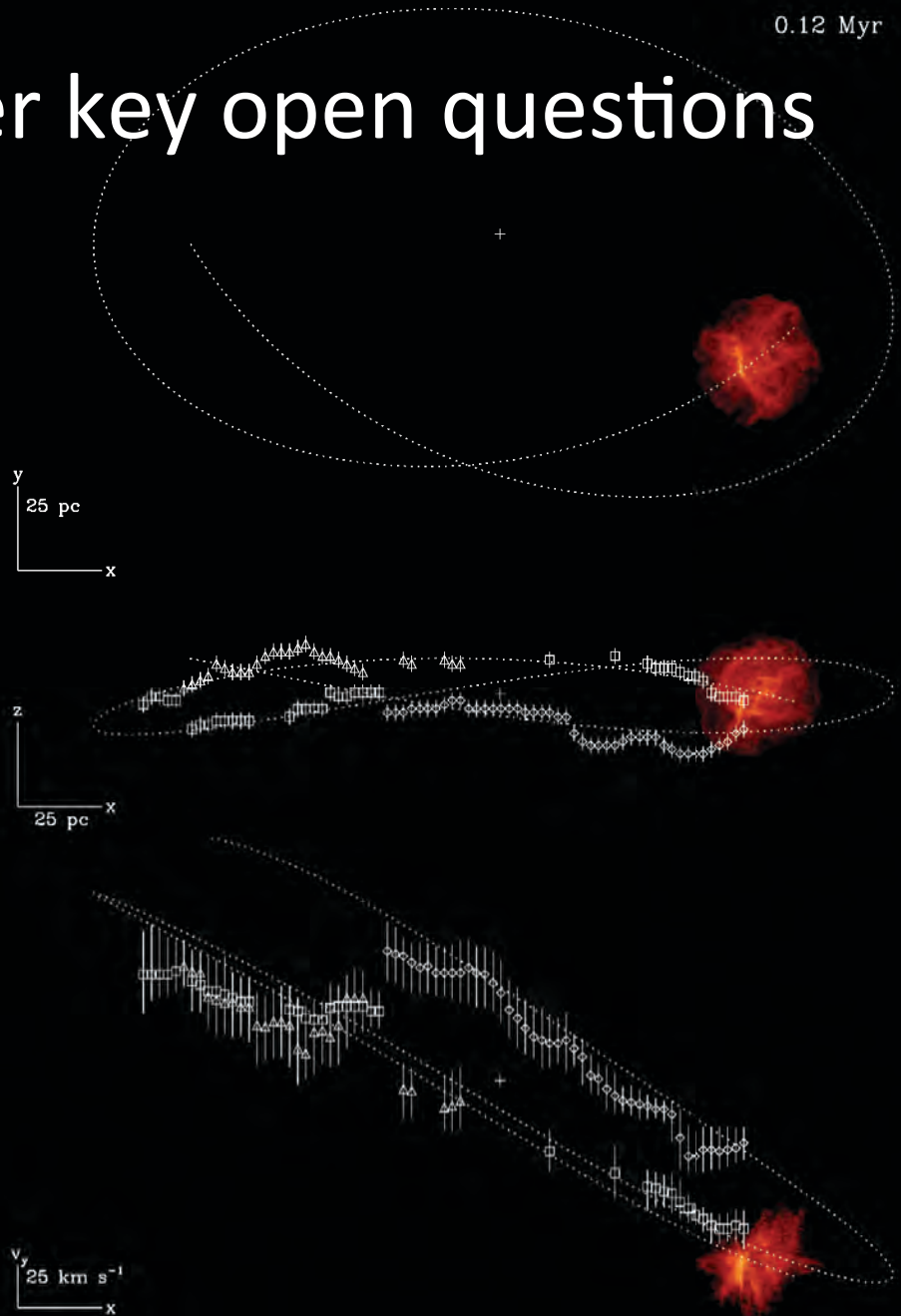
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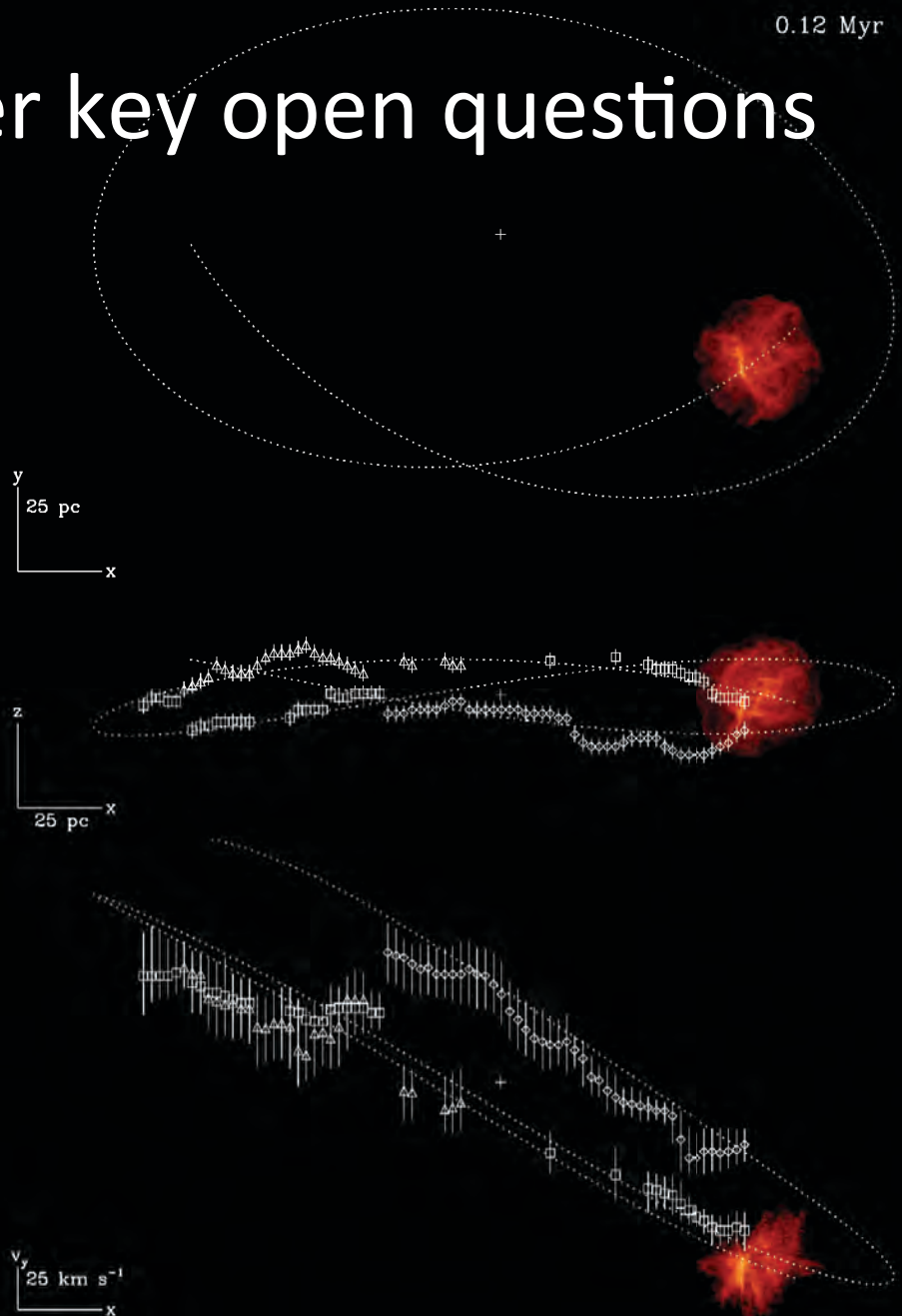
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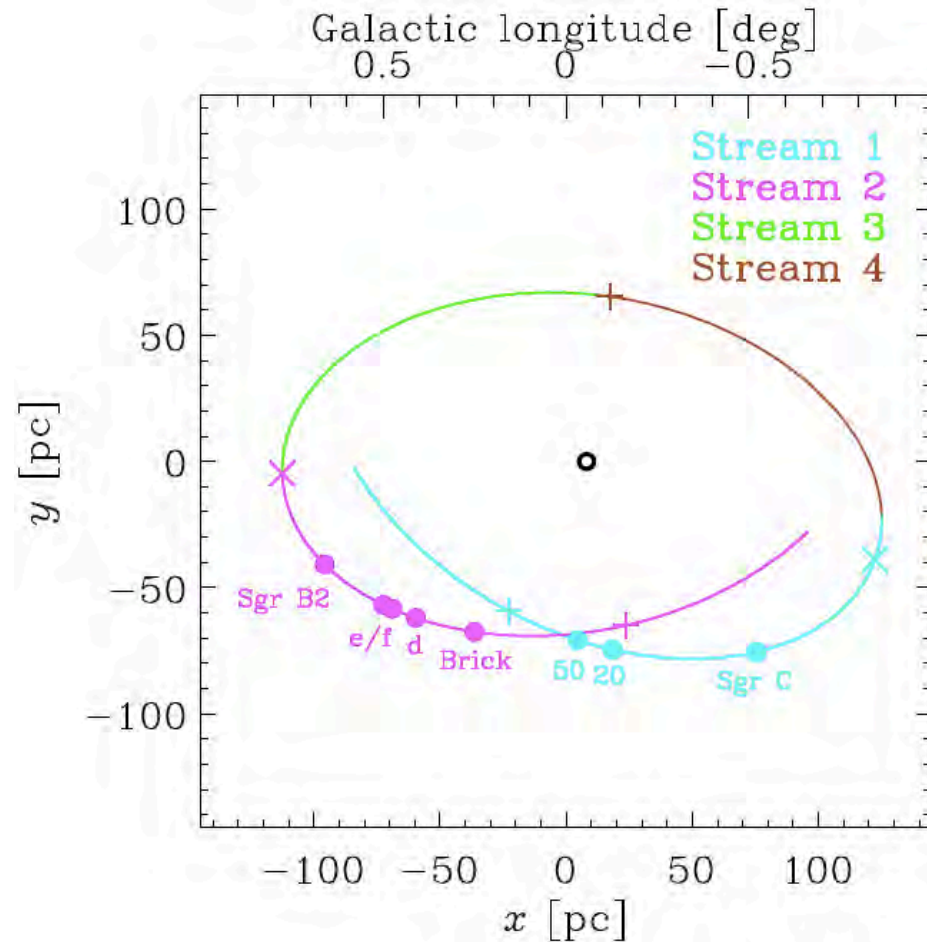
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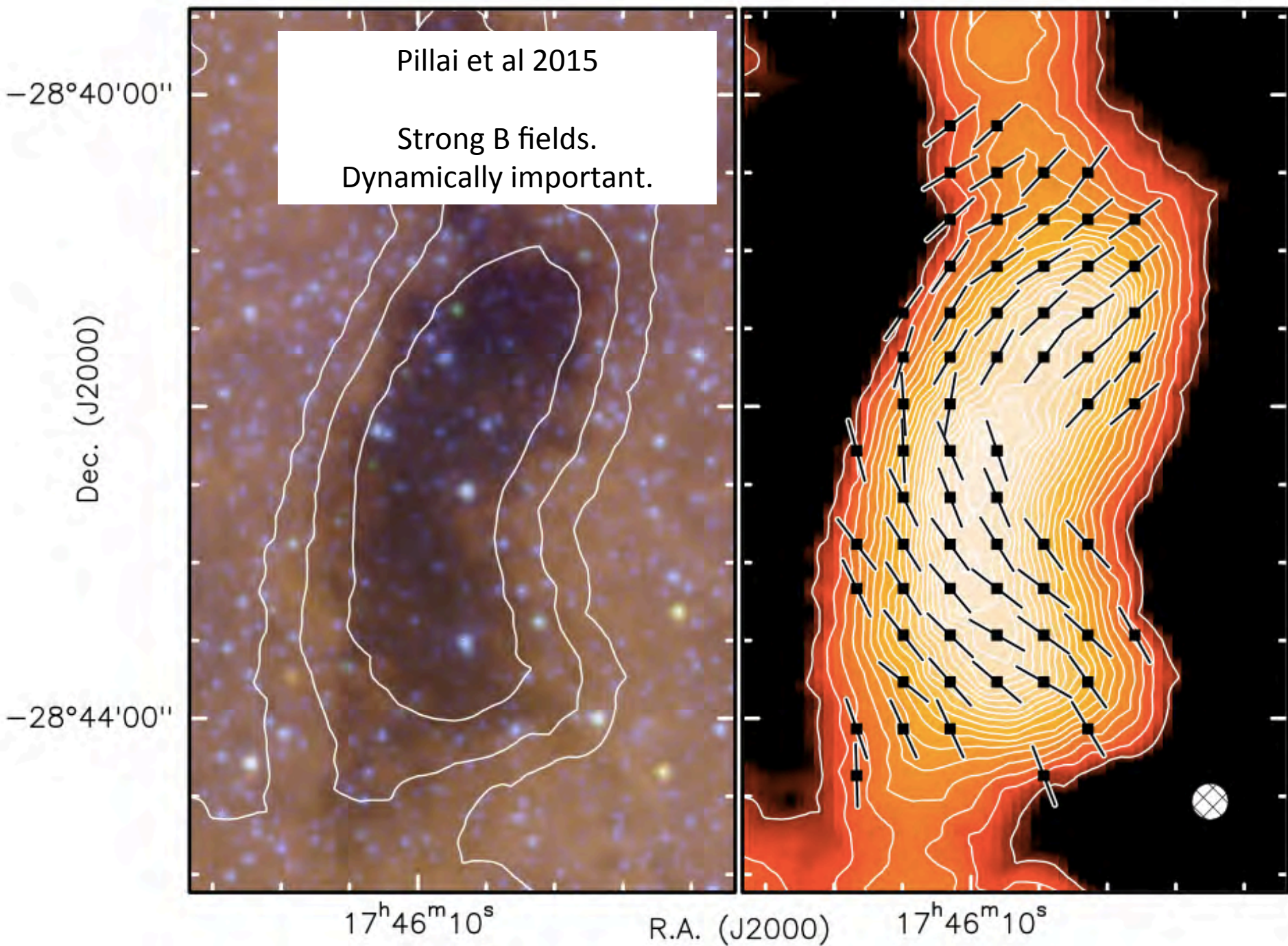
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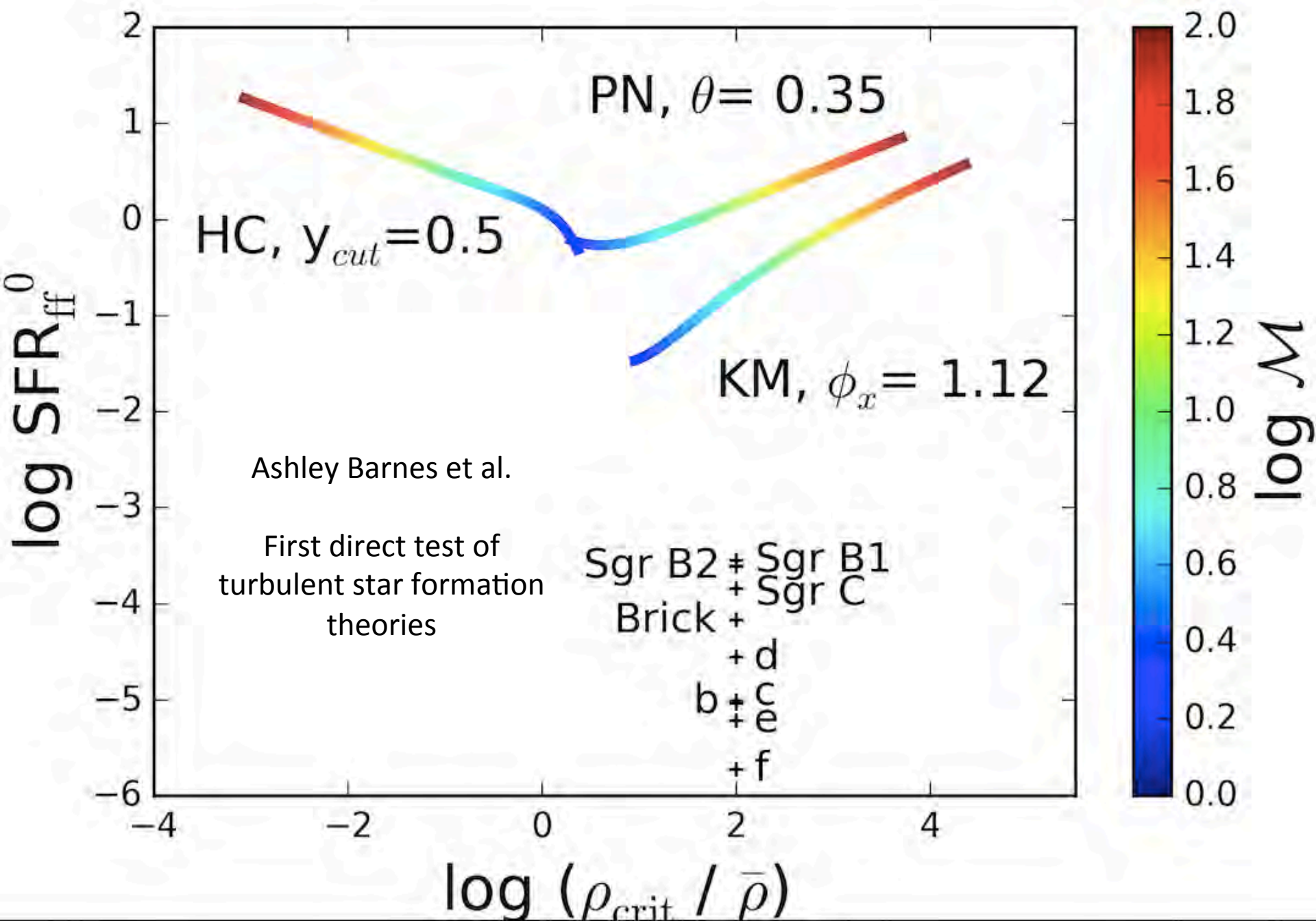
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# Conclusions

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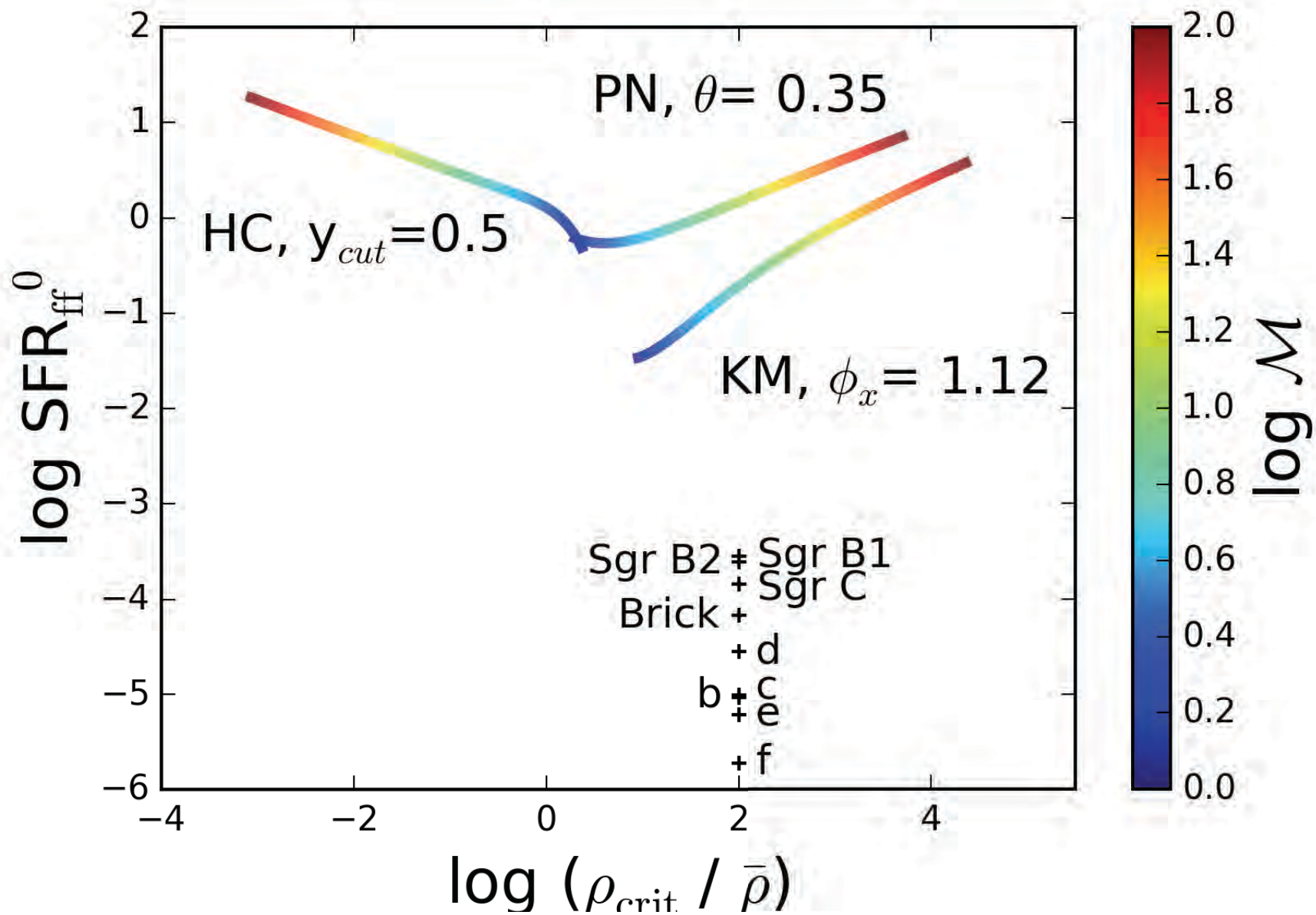
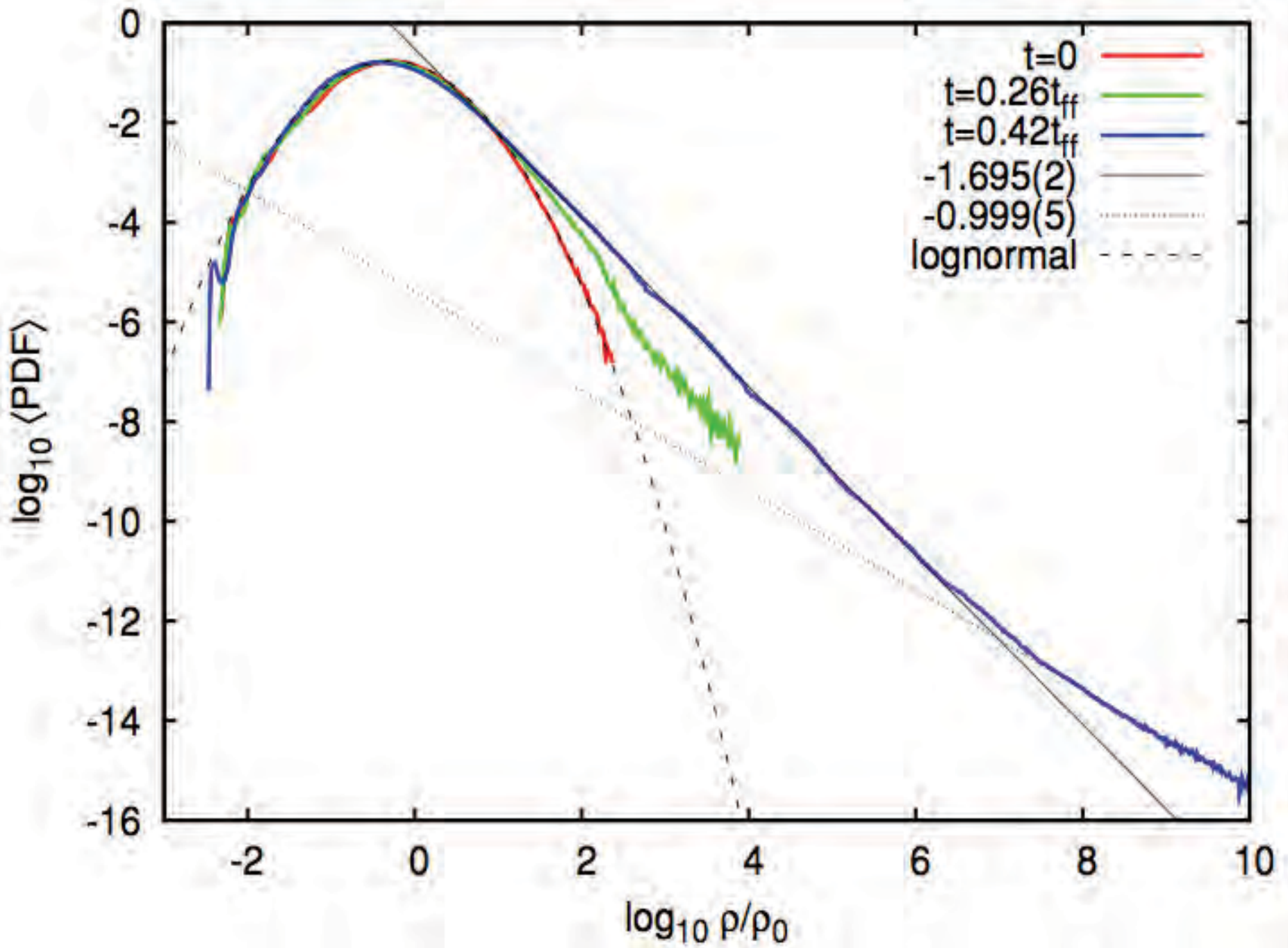




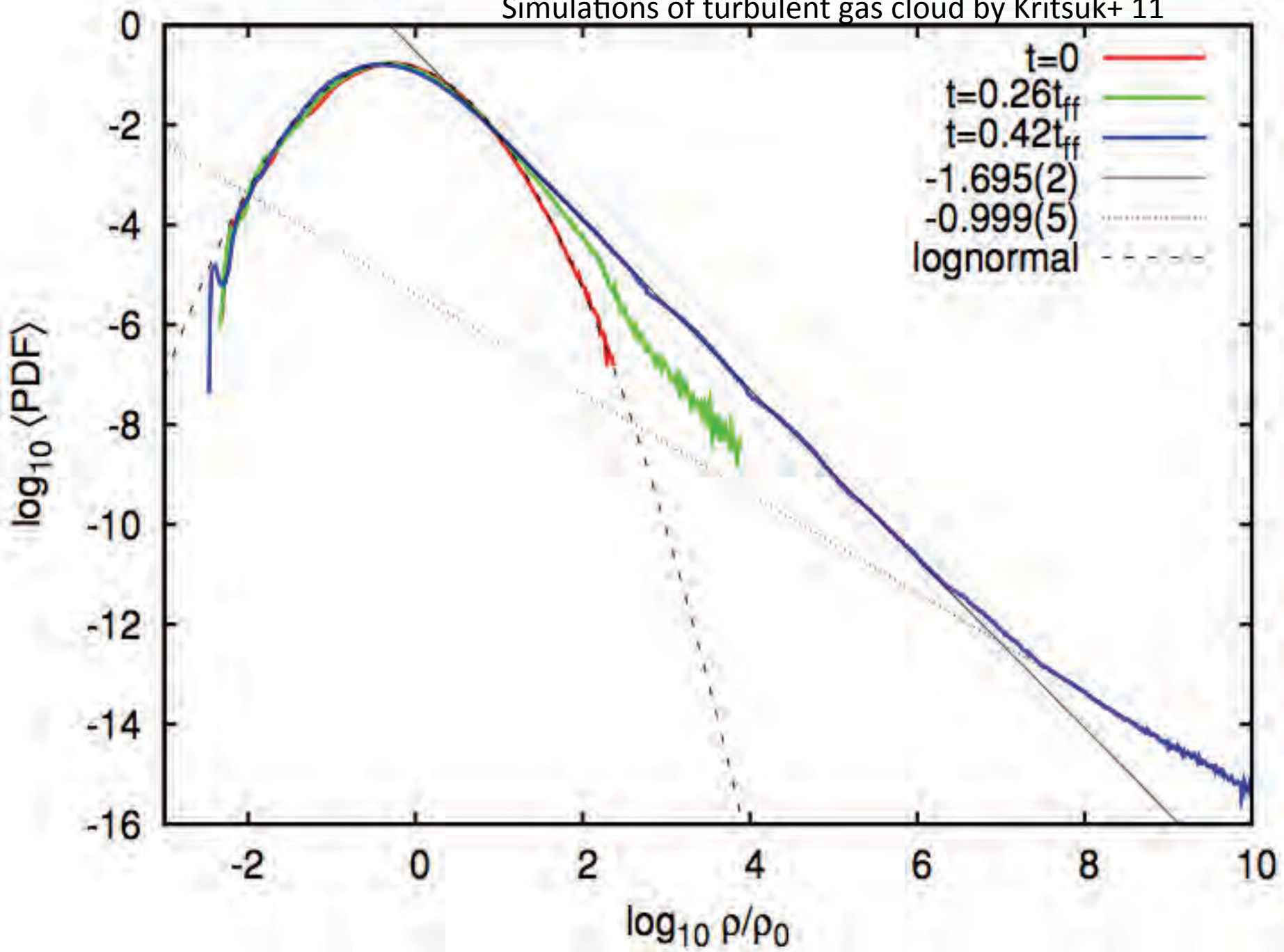
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multi-ff PN	$t_{\text{ff}}(\rho_0)/t_{\text{ff}}(\rho)$	$(0.067) \theta^{-2} \times \alpha_{\text{cl}} \mathcal{M}_s^2 f(\beta)$	$\epsilon/(2\phi_t) \left\{ 1 + \text{erf} \left[ (\sigma_s^2 - s_{\text{crit}})/(2\sigma_s^2)^{1/2} \right] \right\} \exp [(3/8)\sigma_s^2]$
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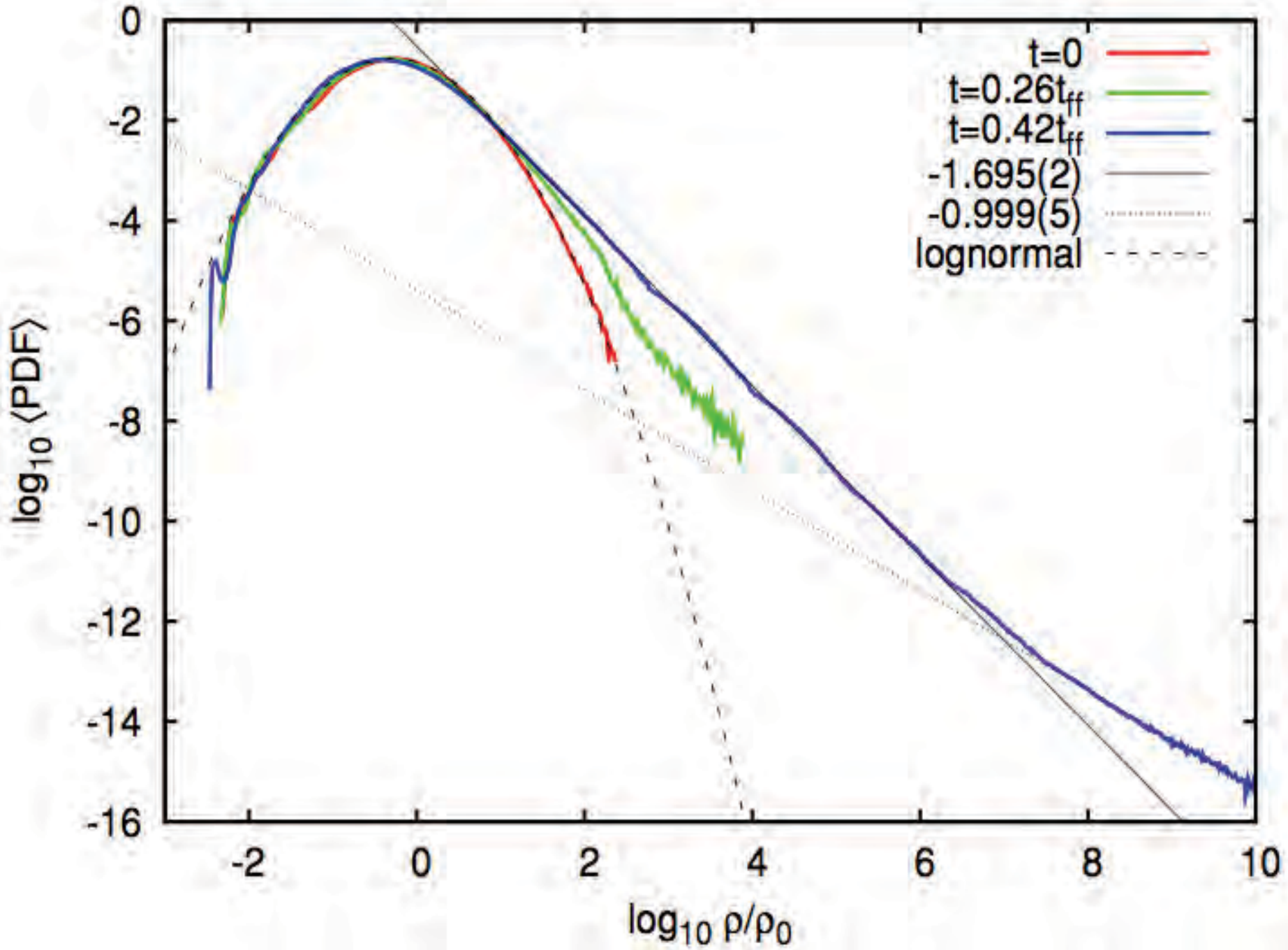


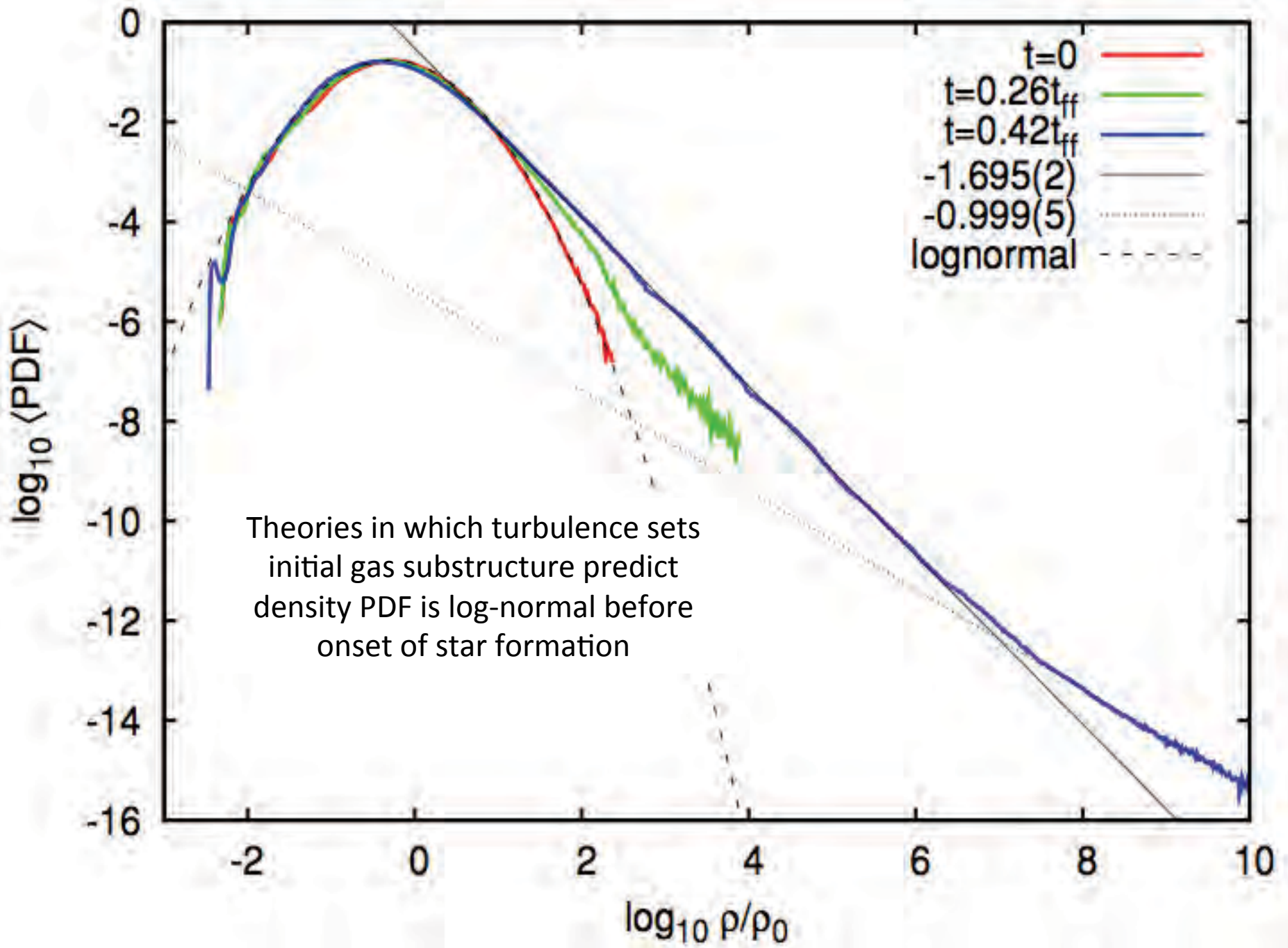


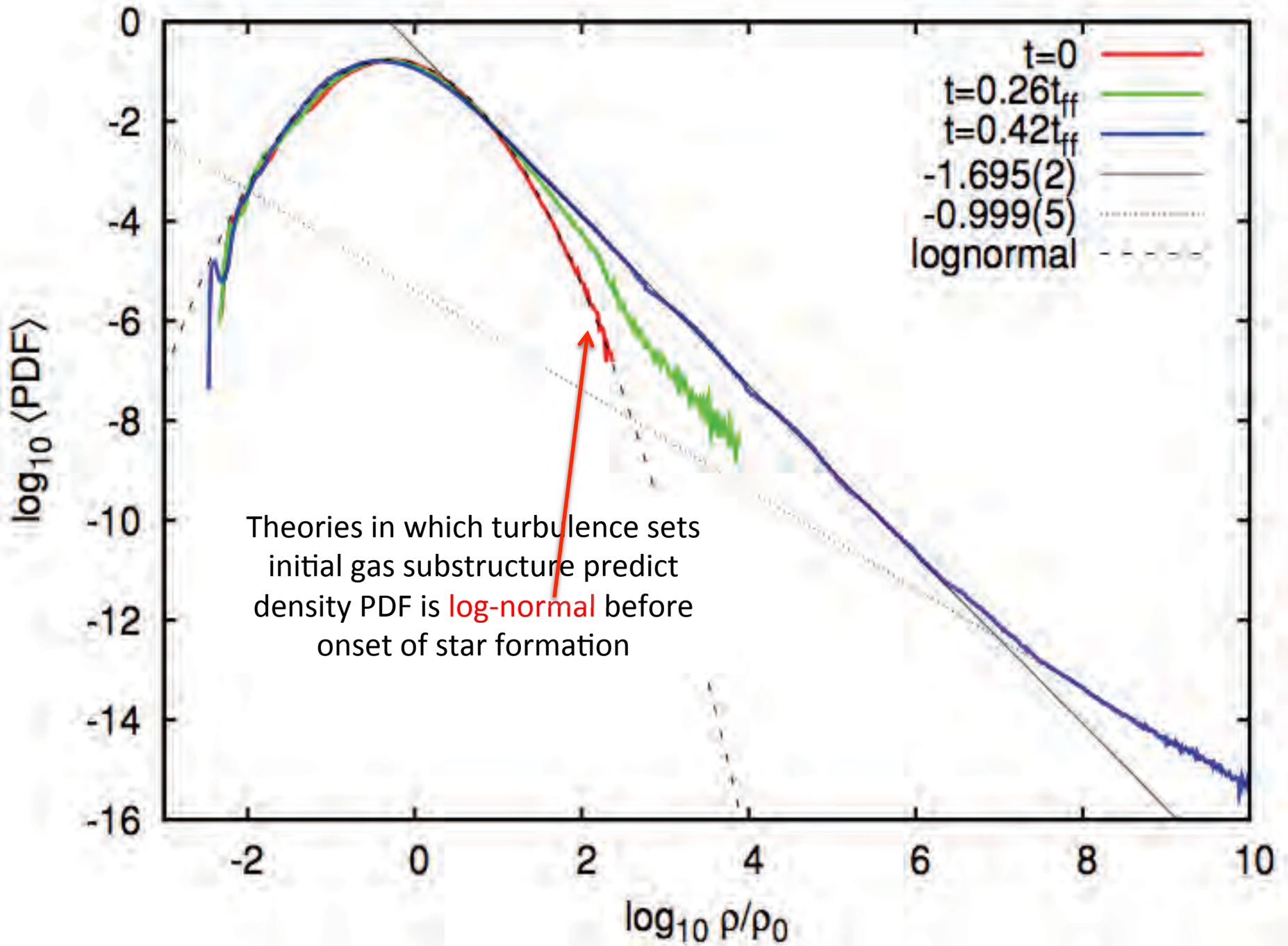
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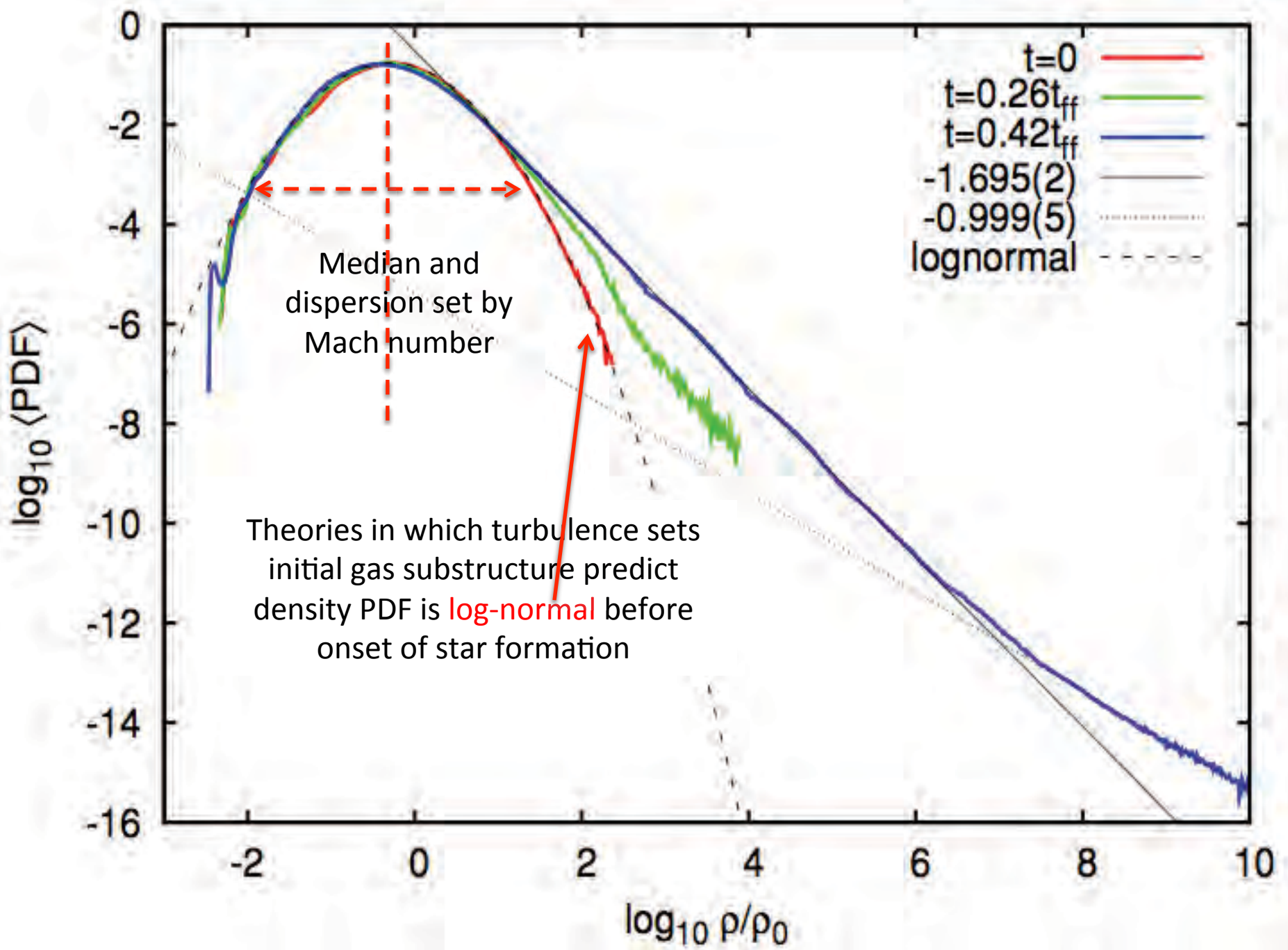


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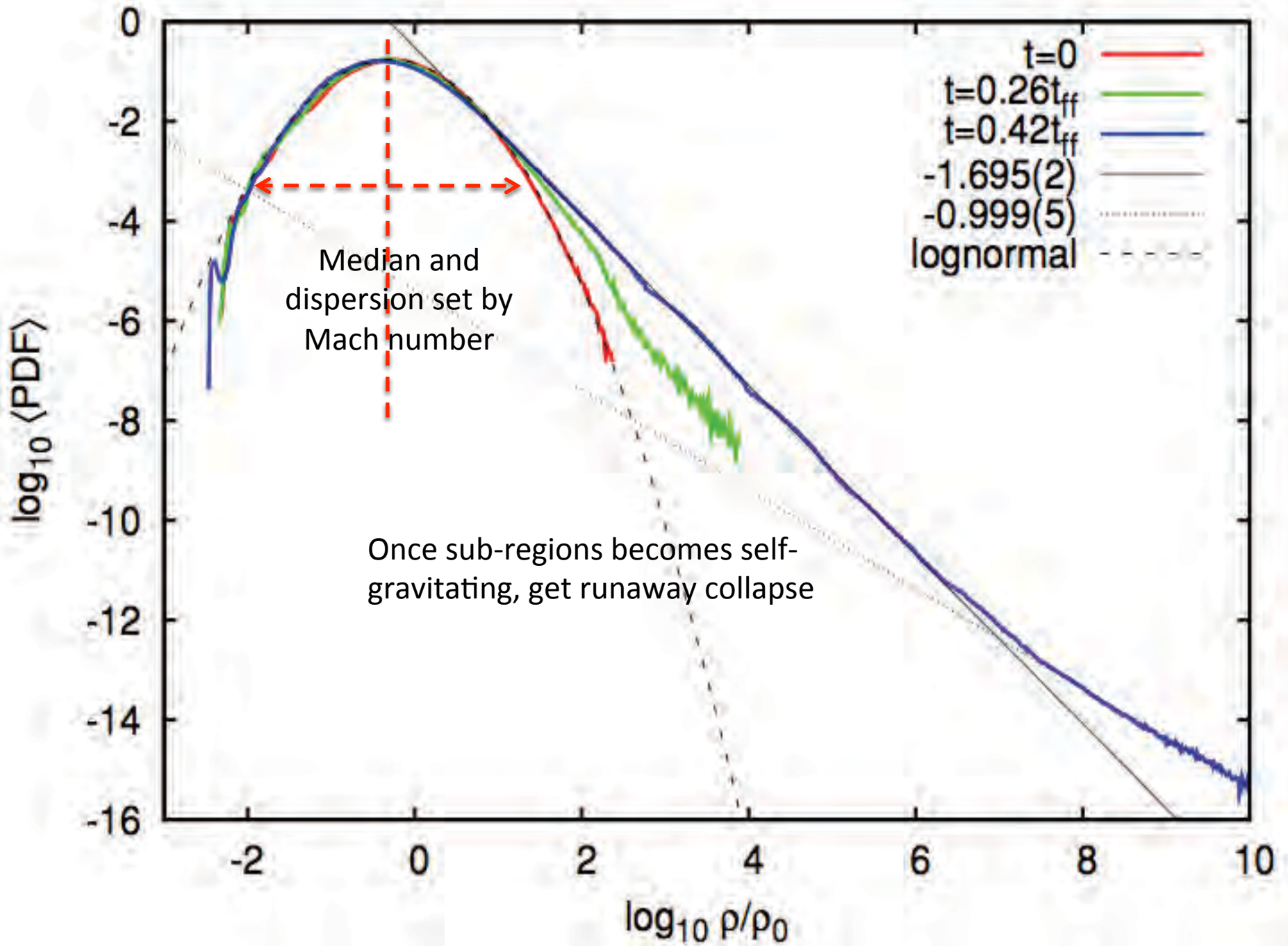


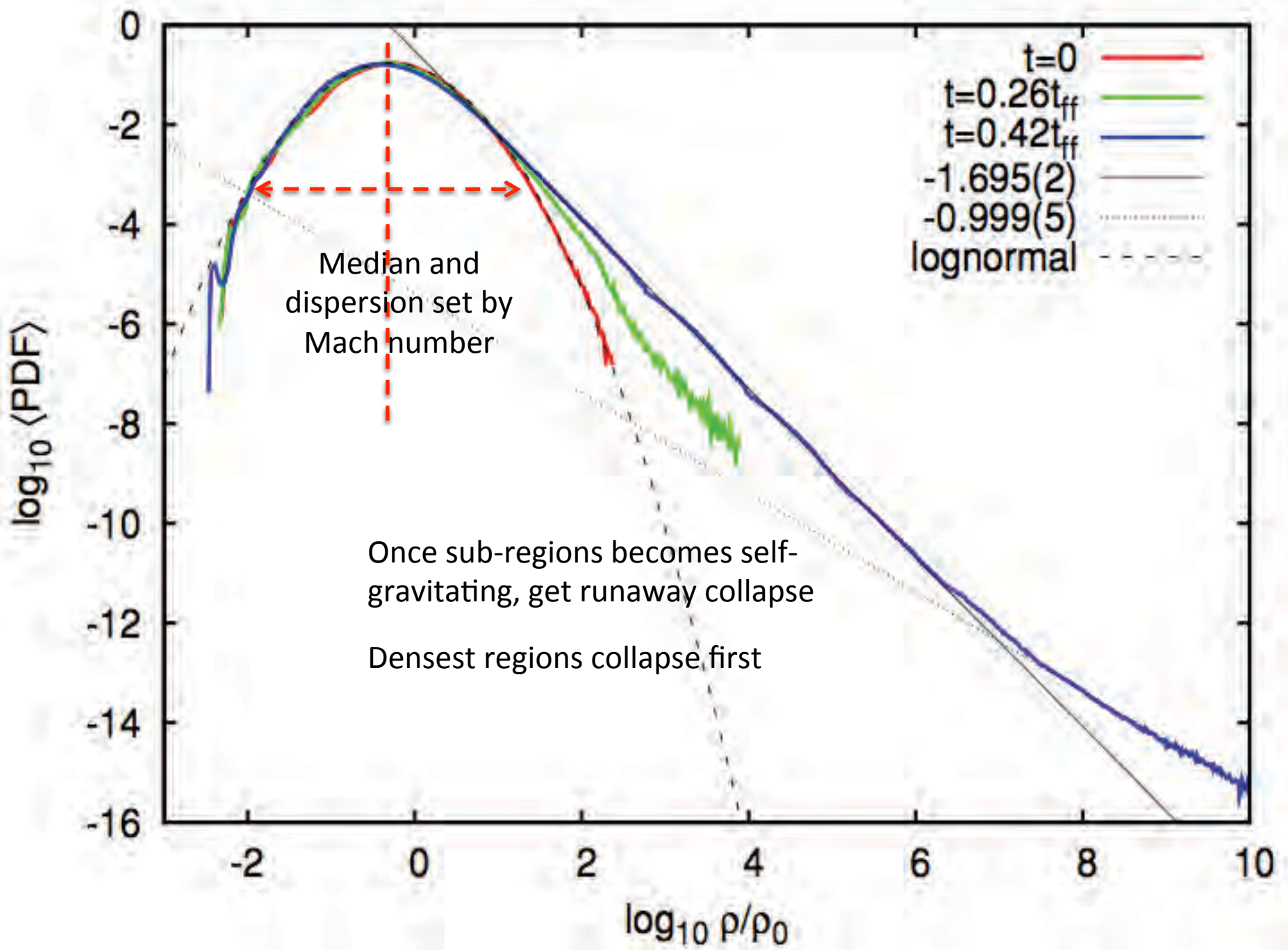


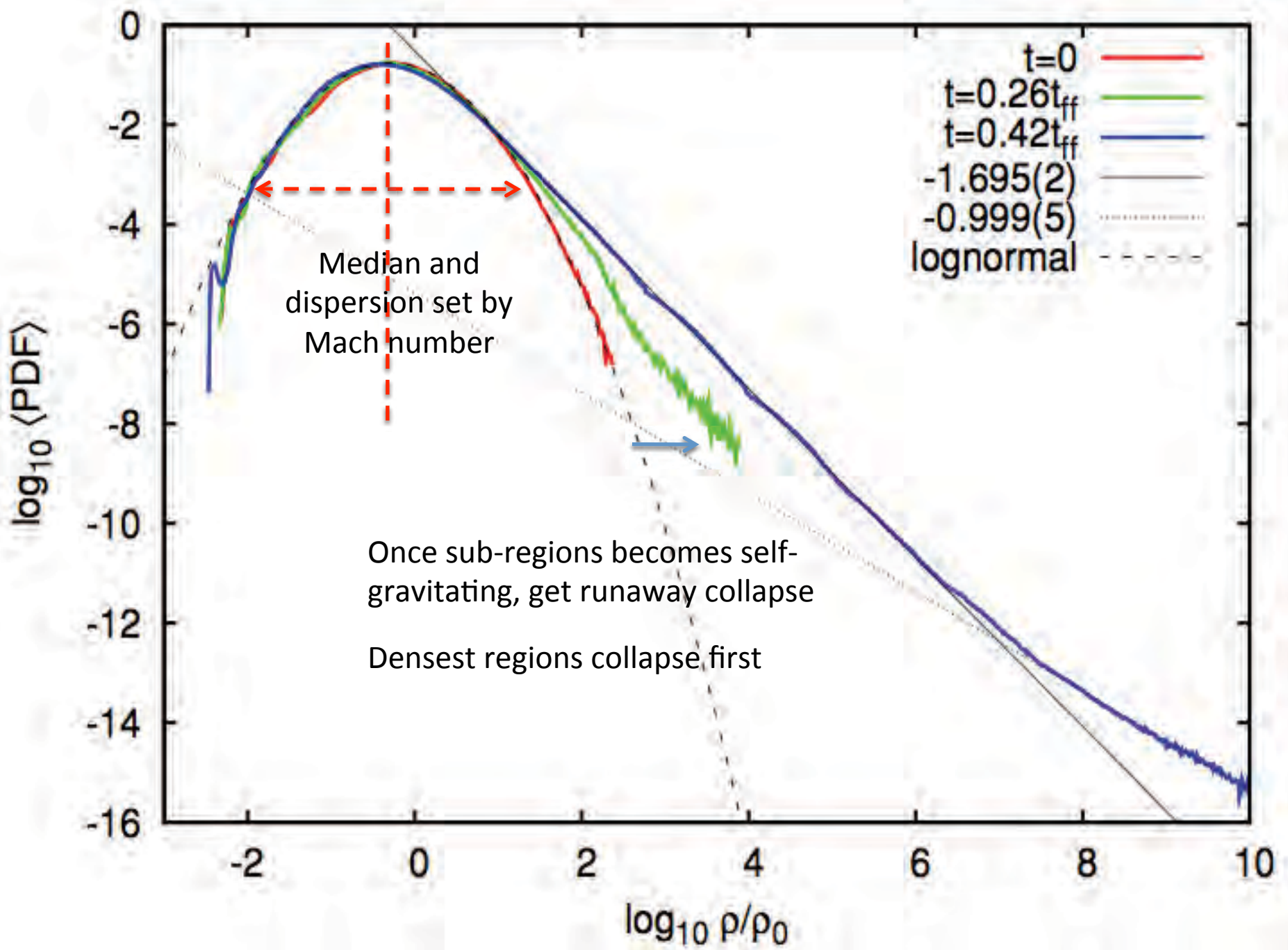


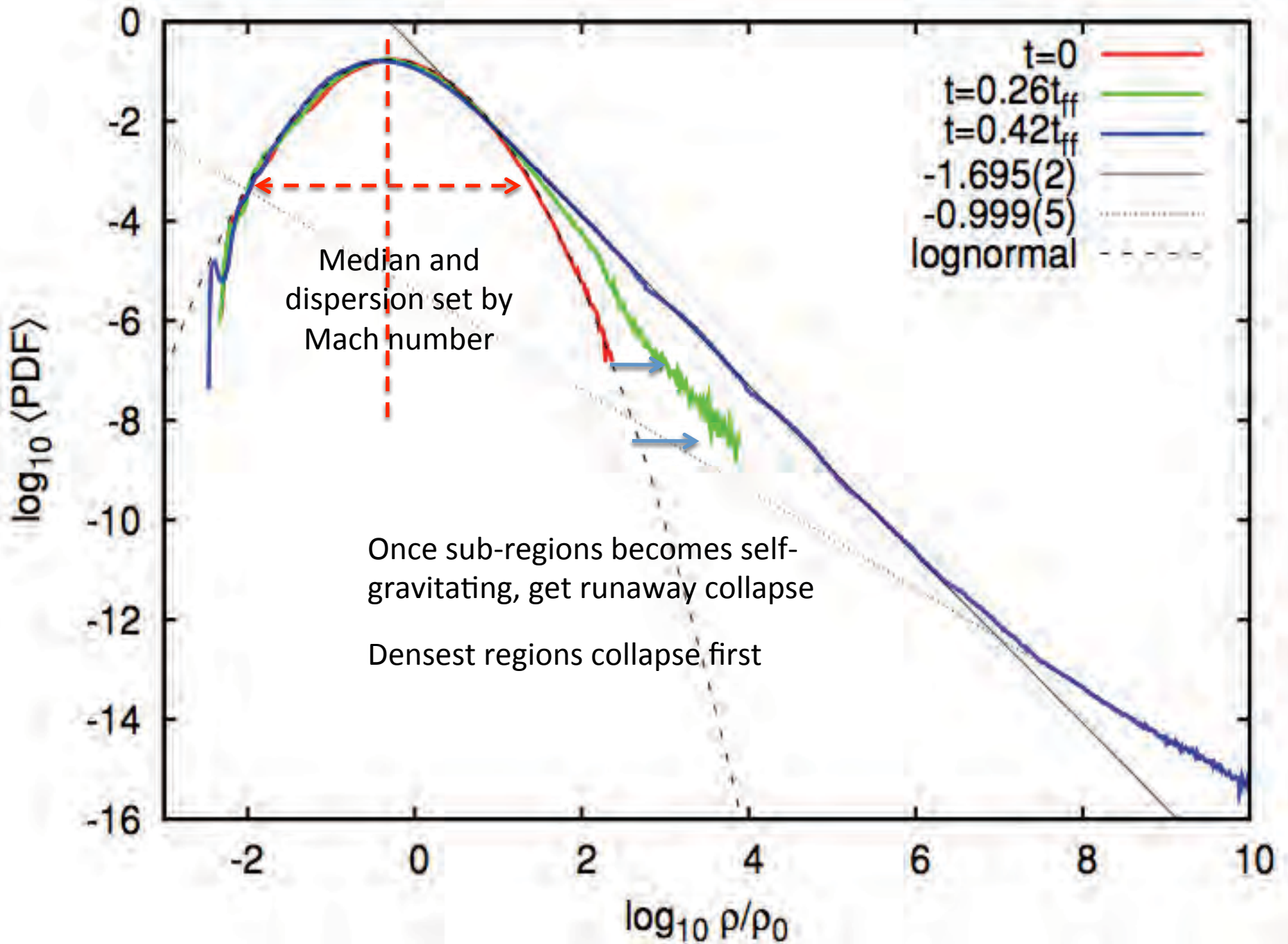


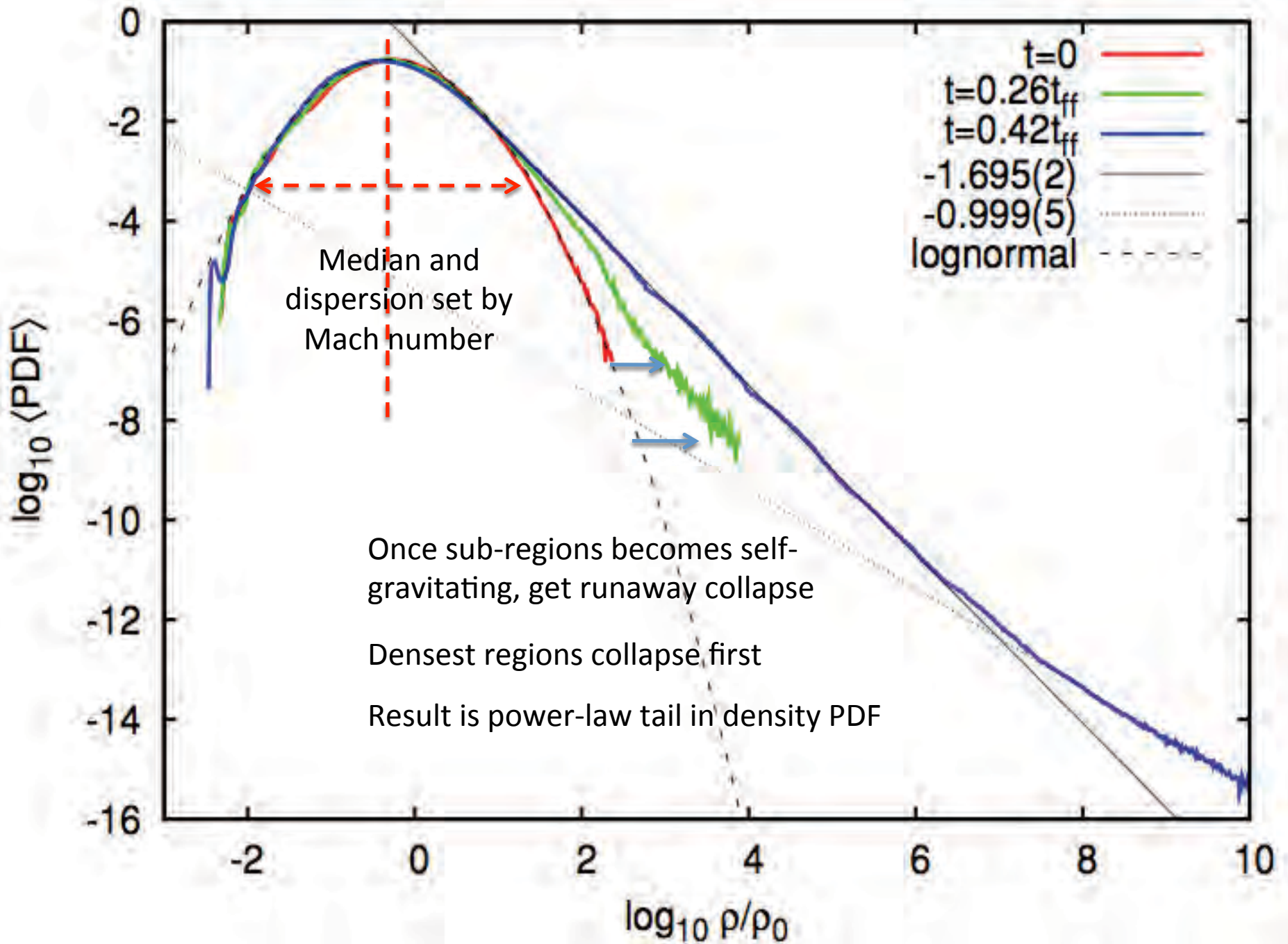


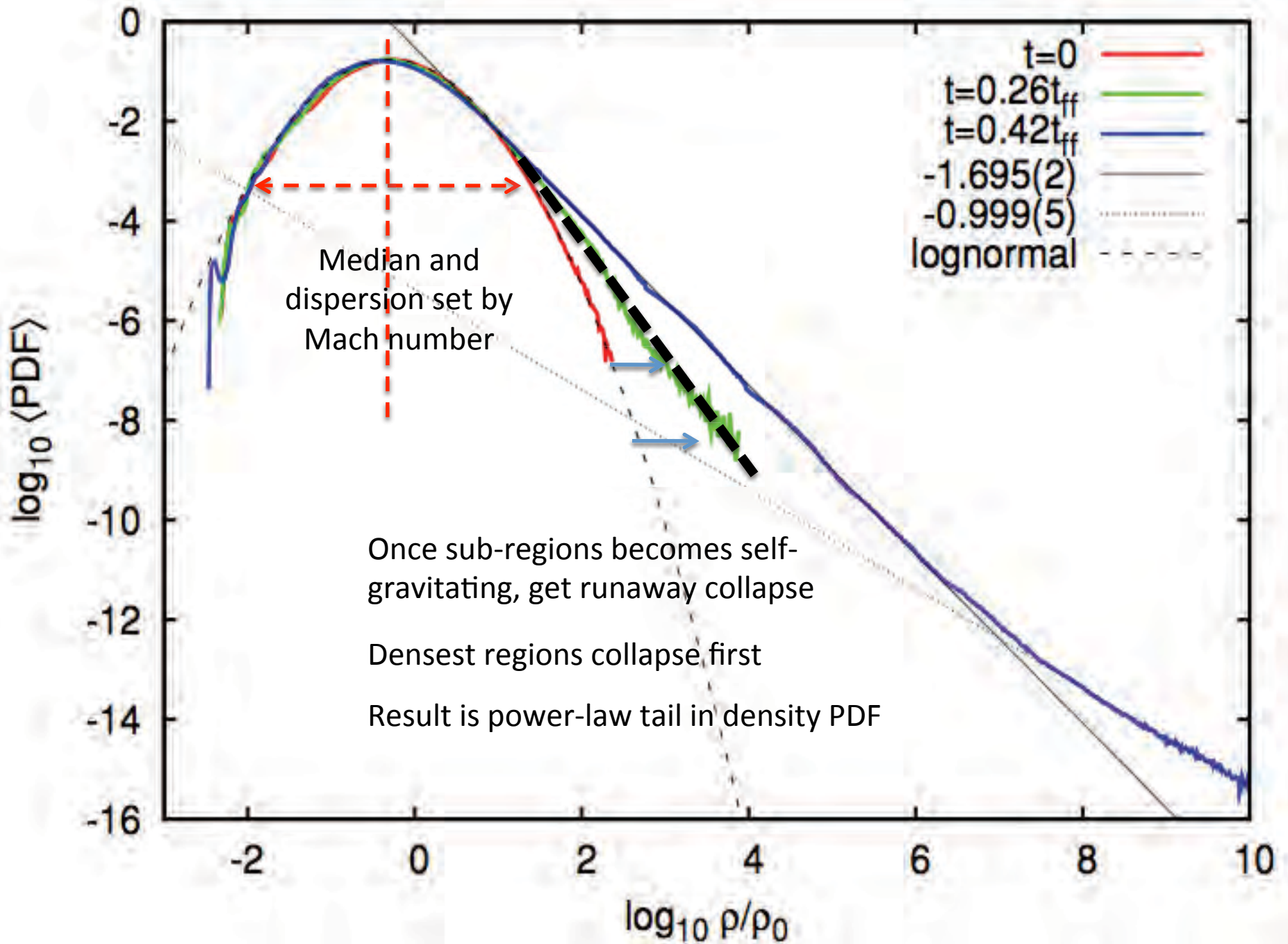


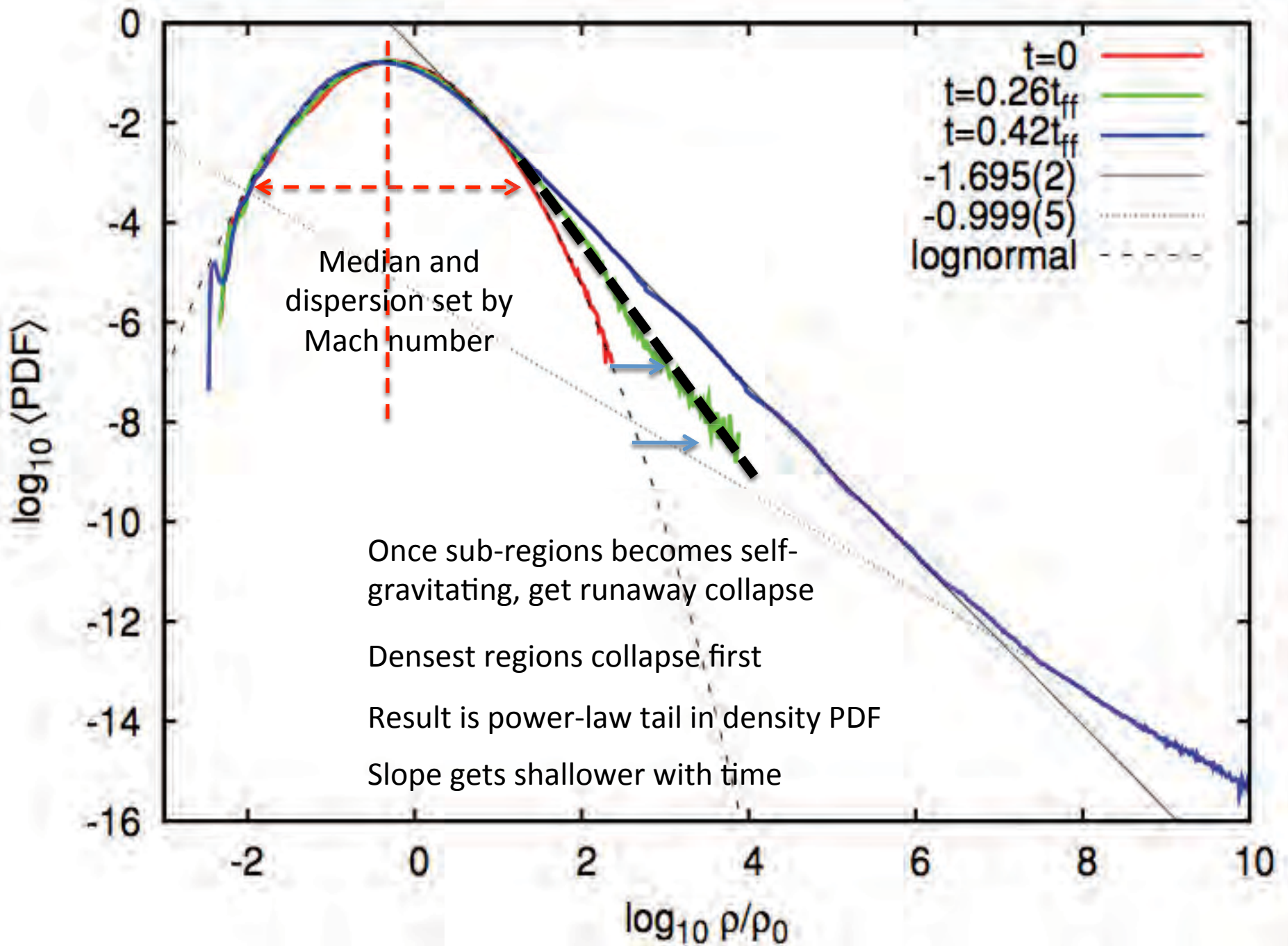


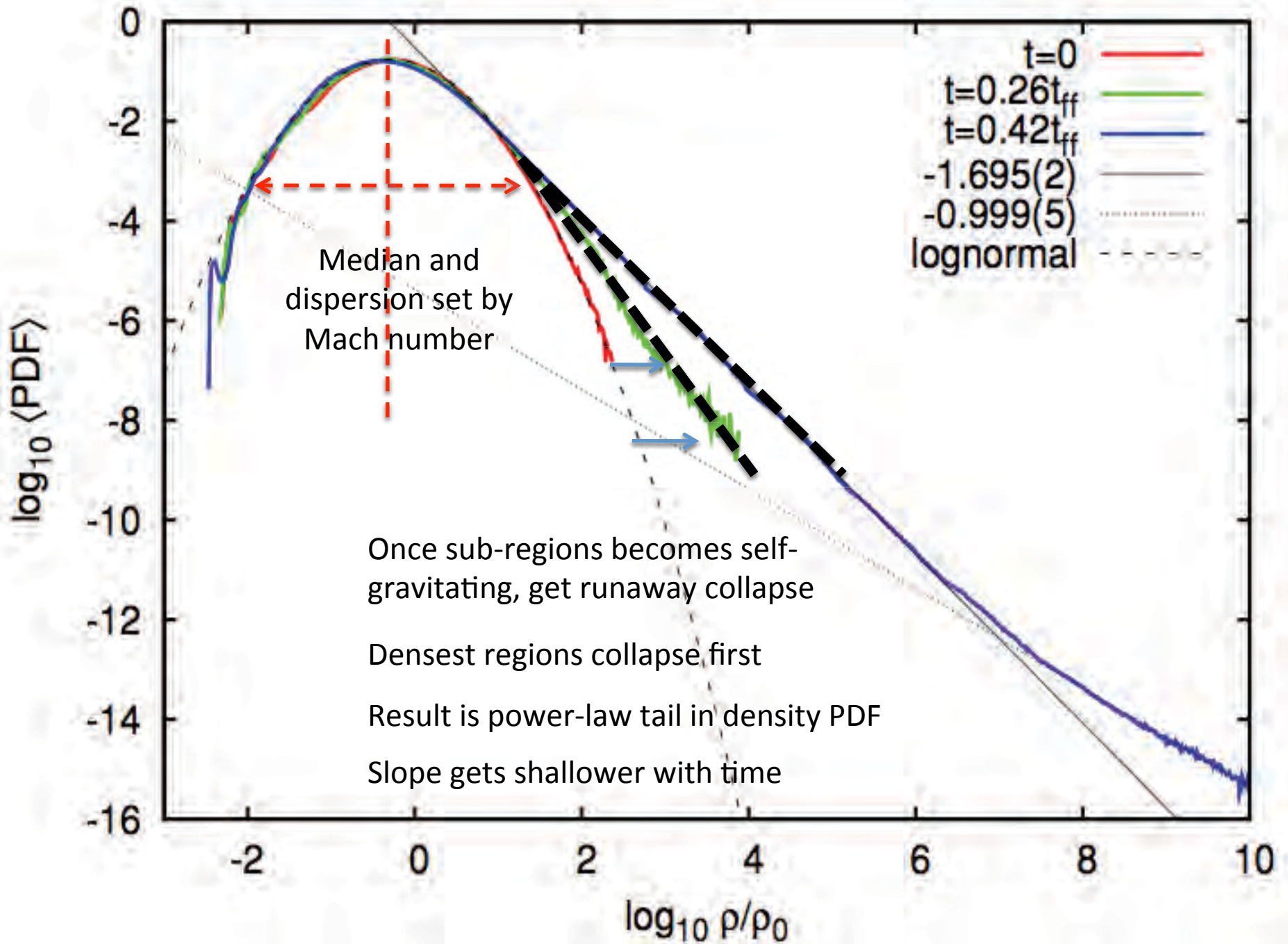




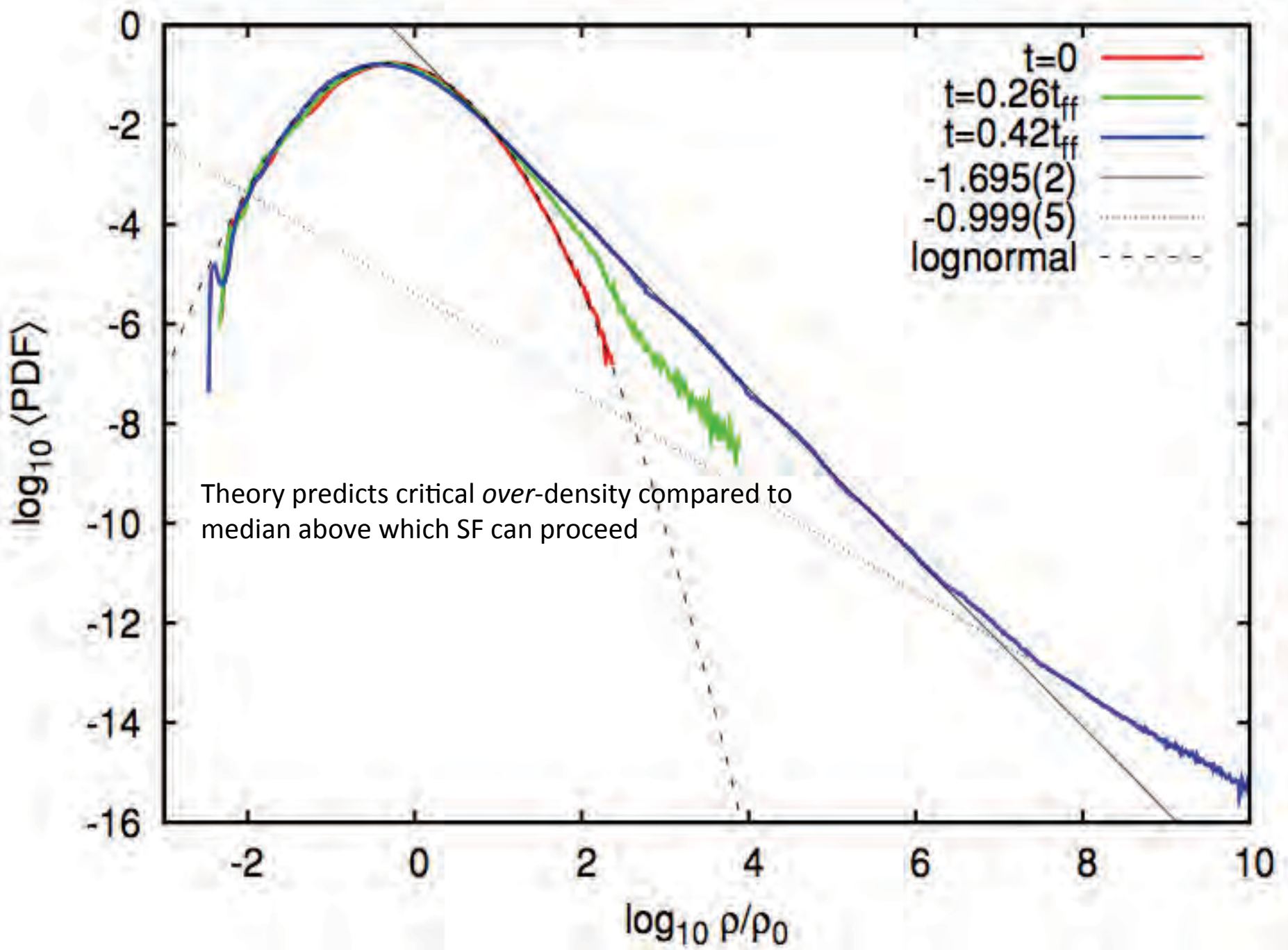


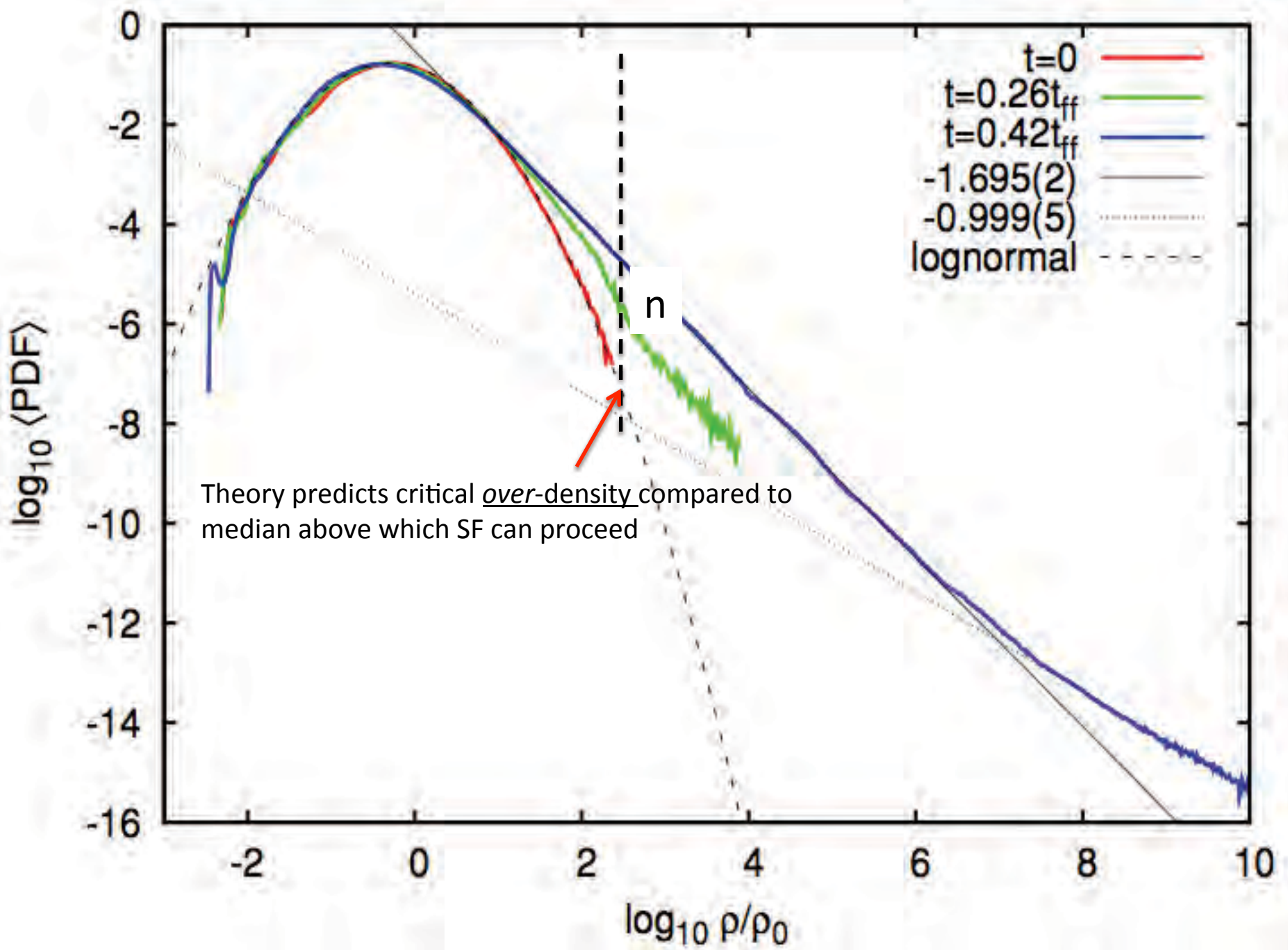


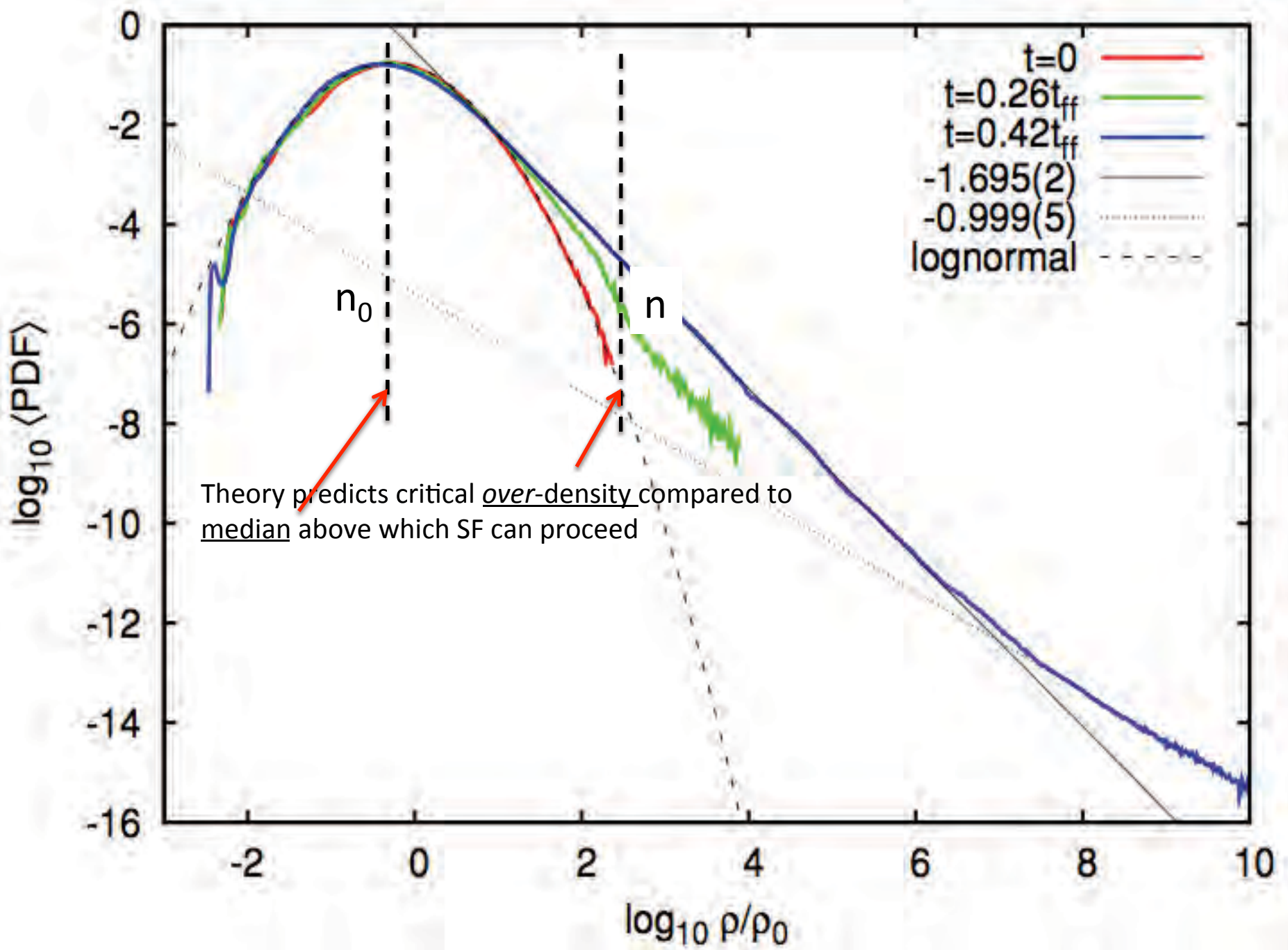


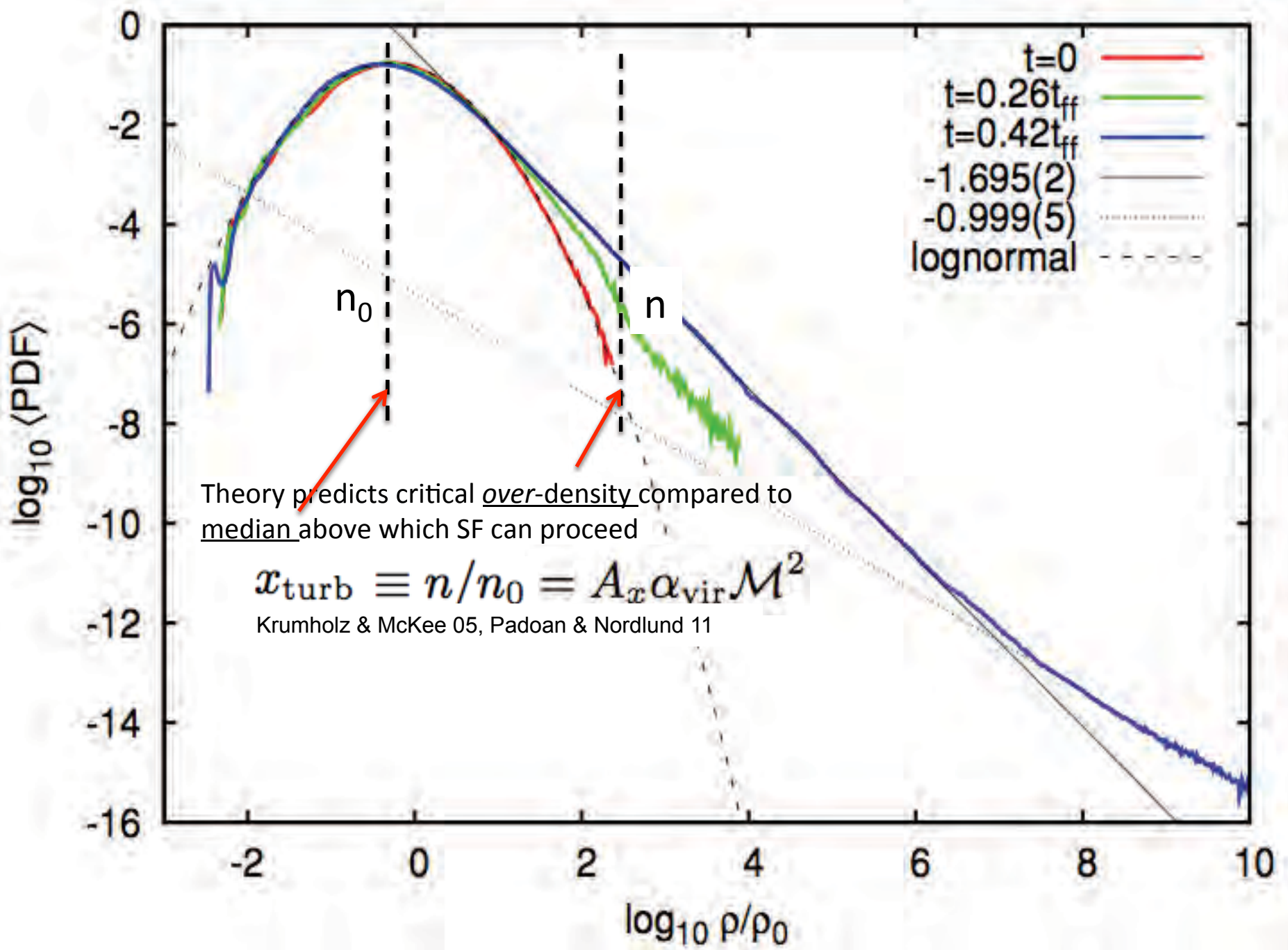


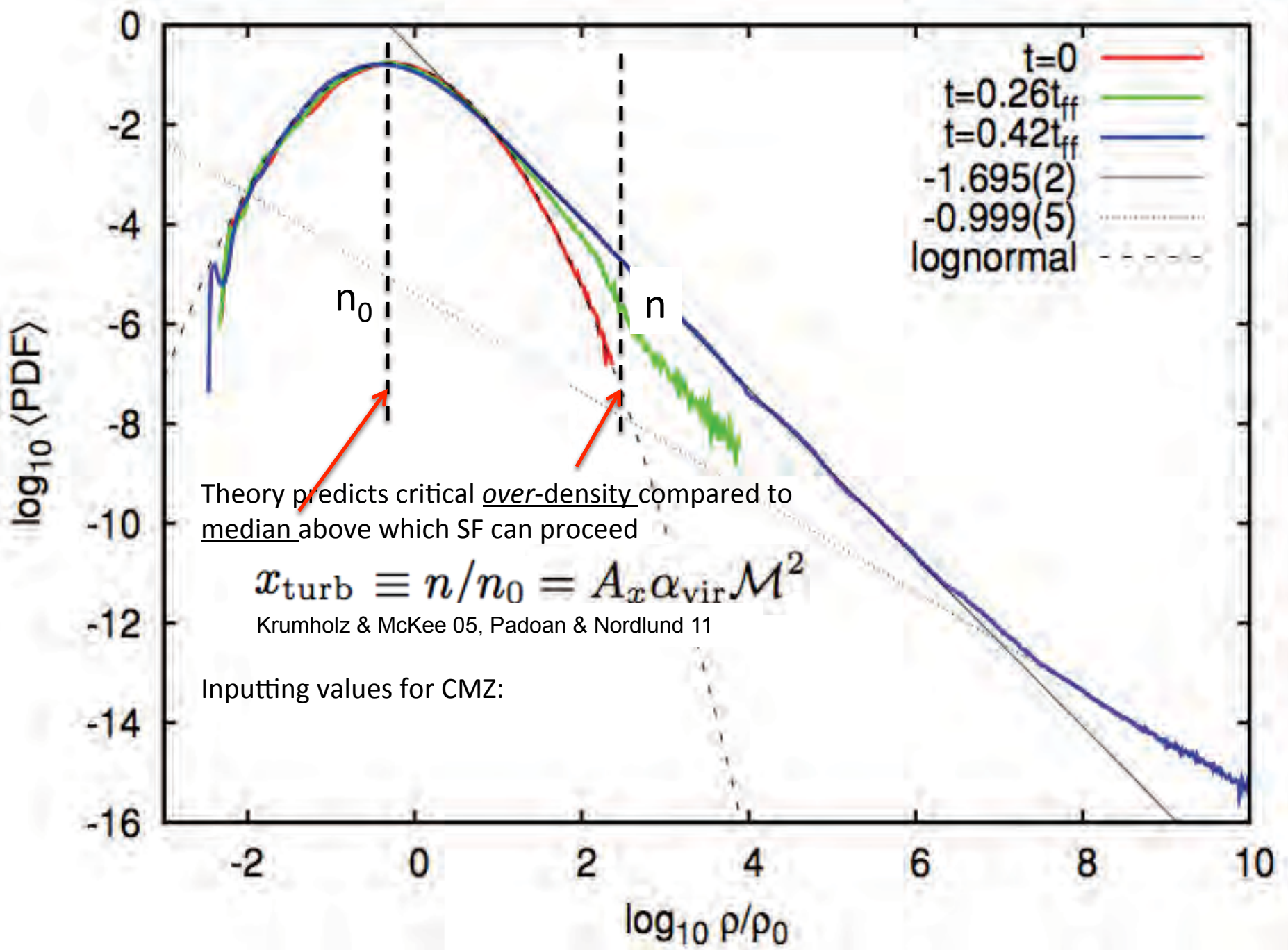


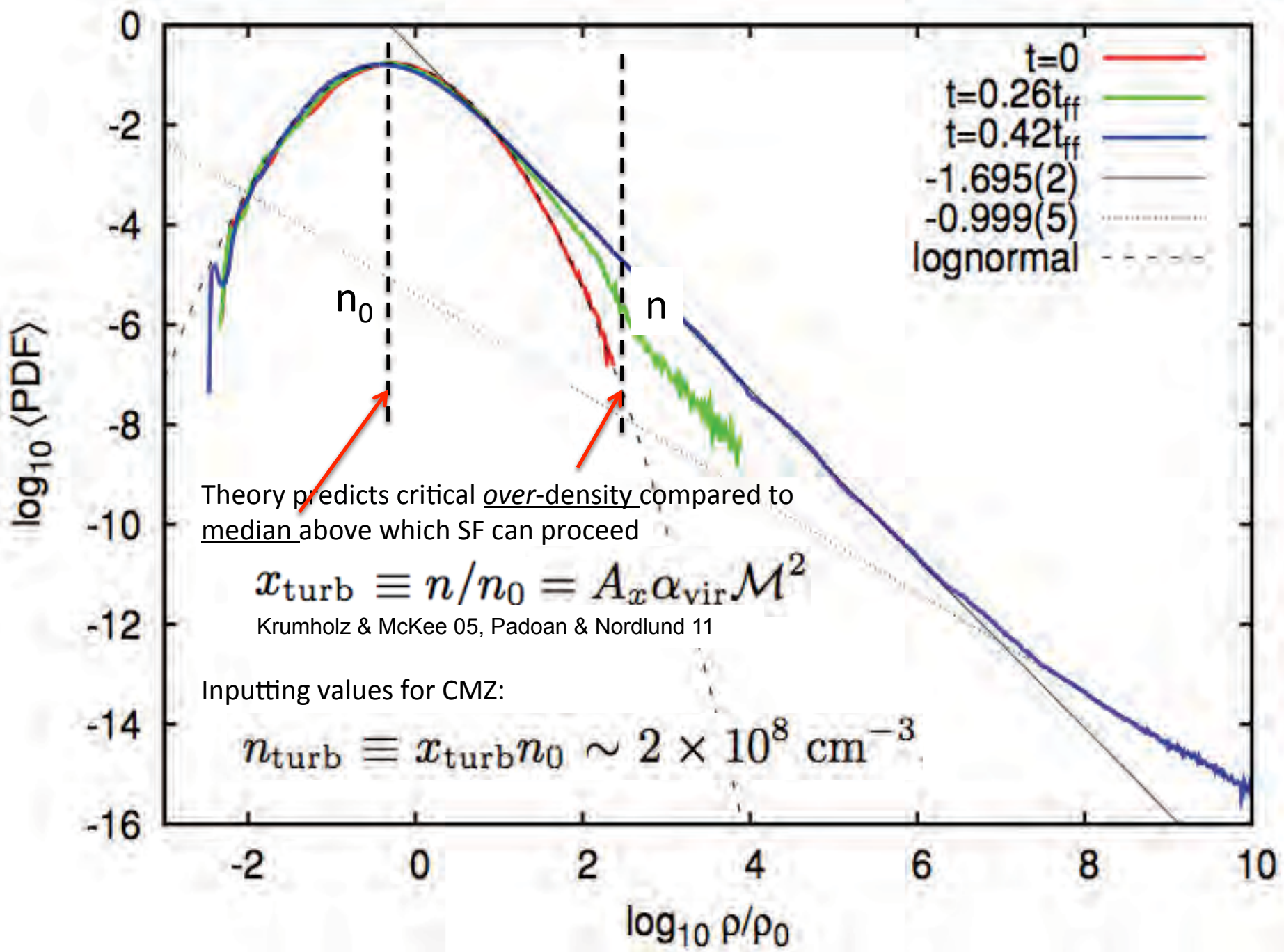


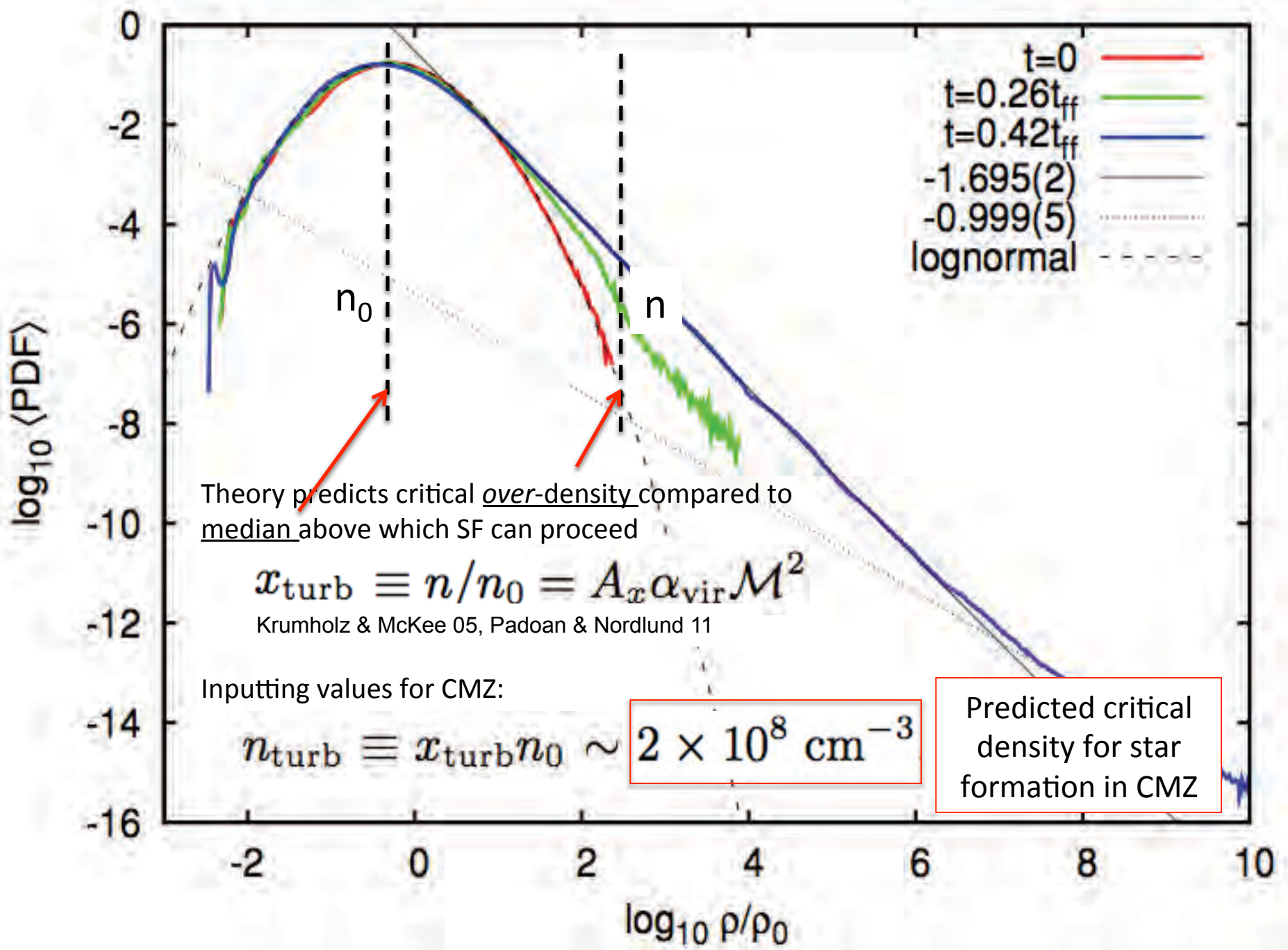


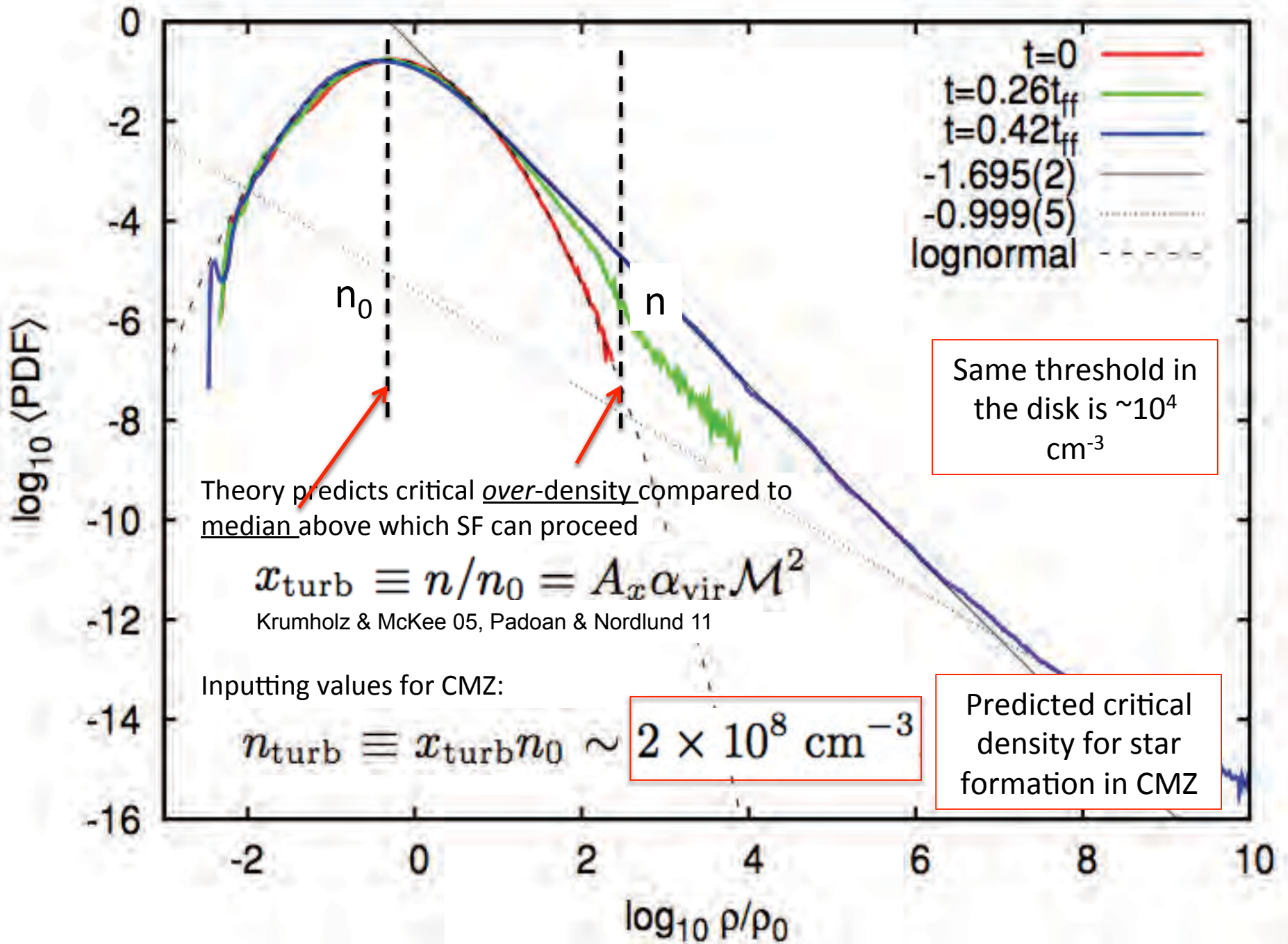






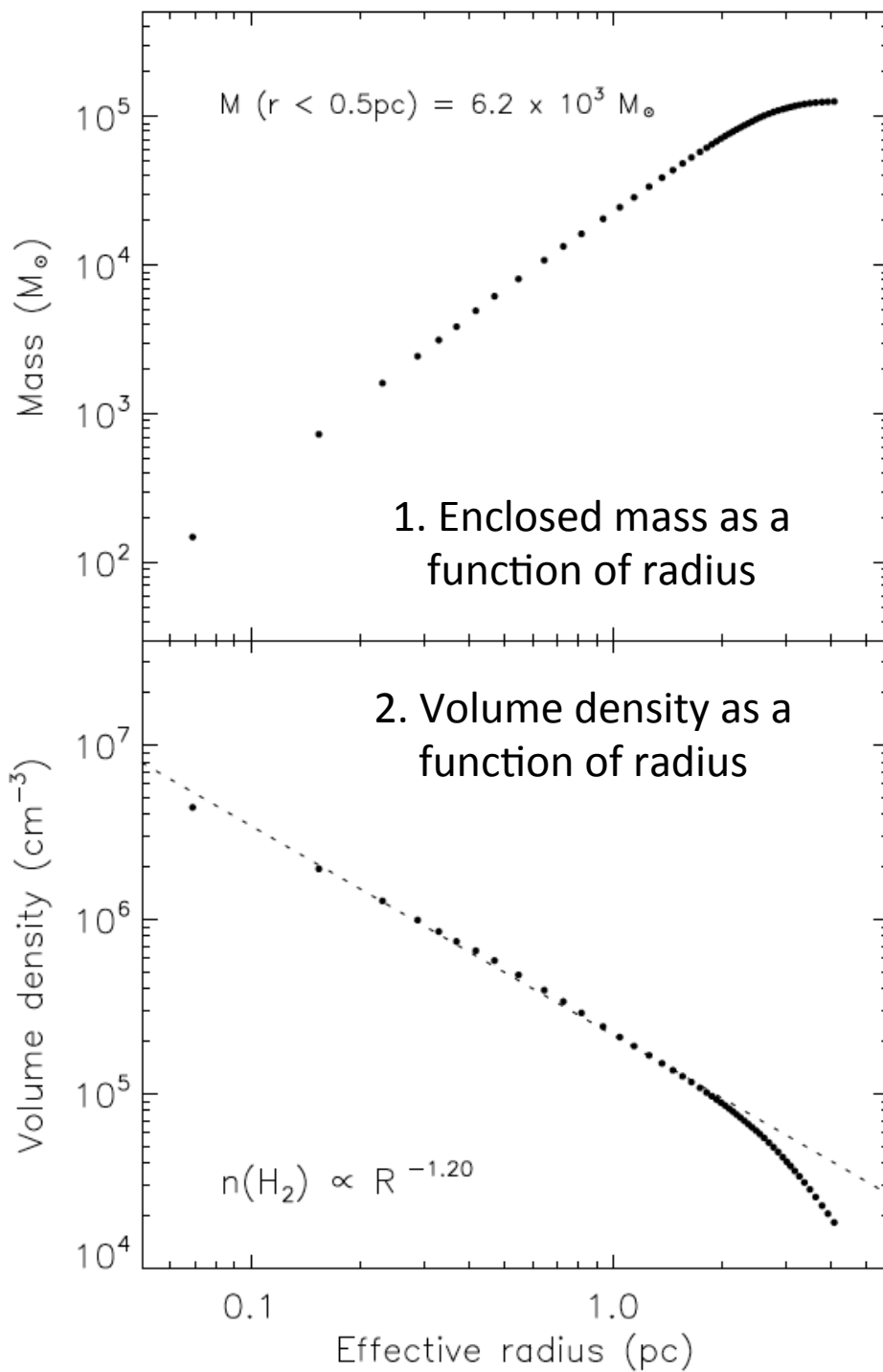






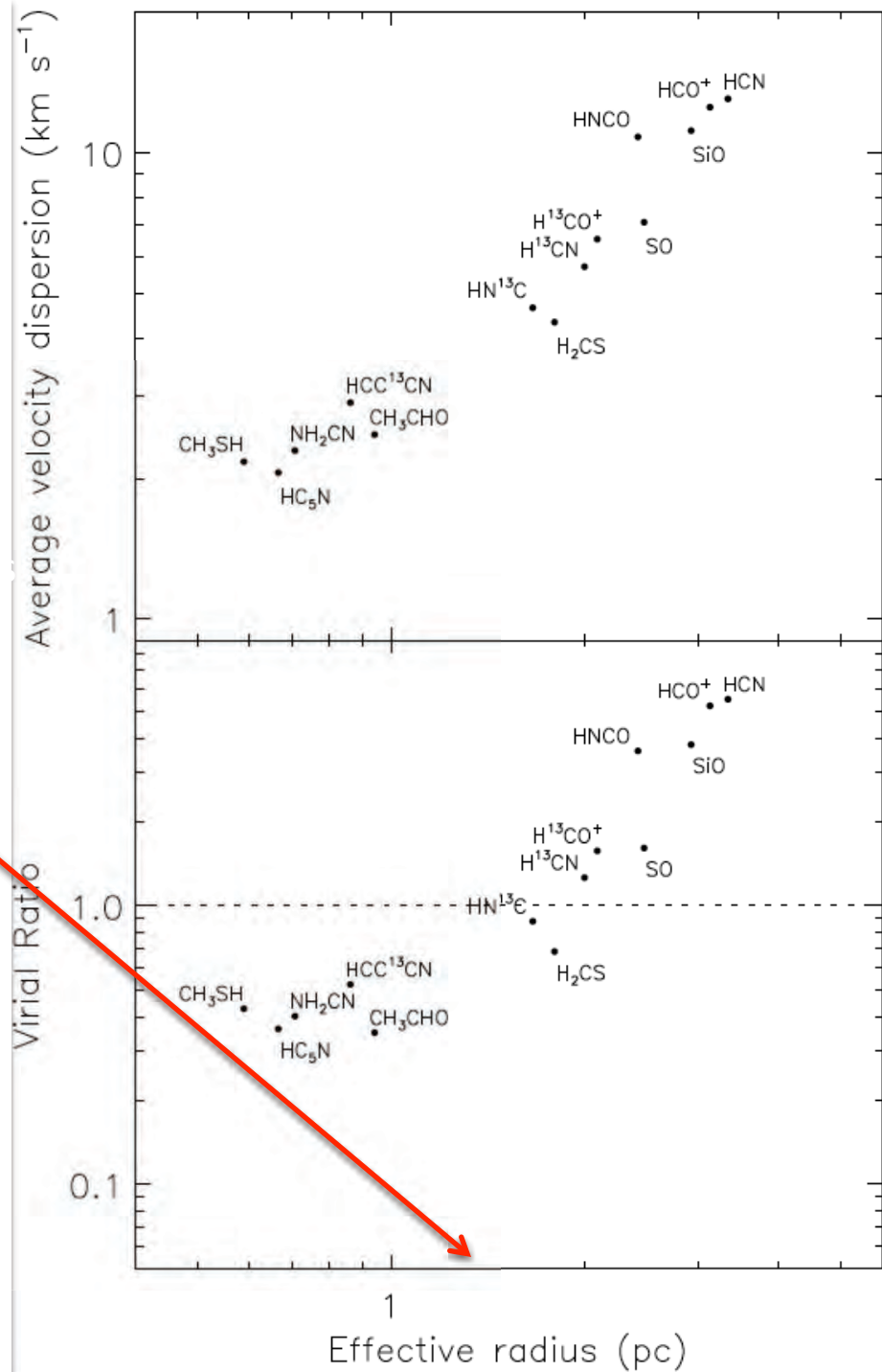
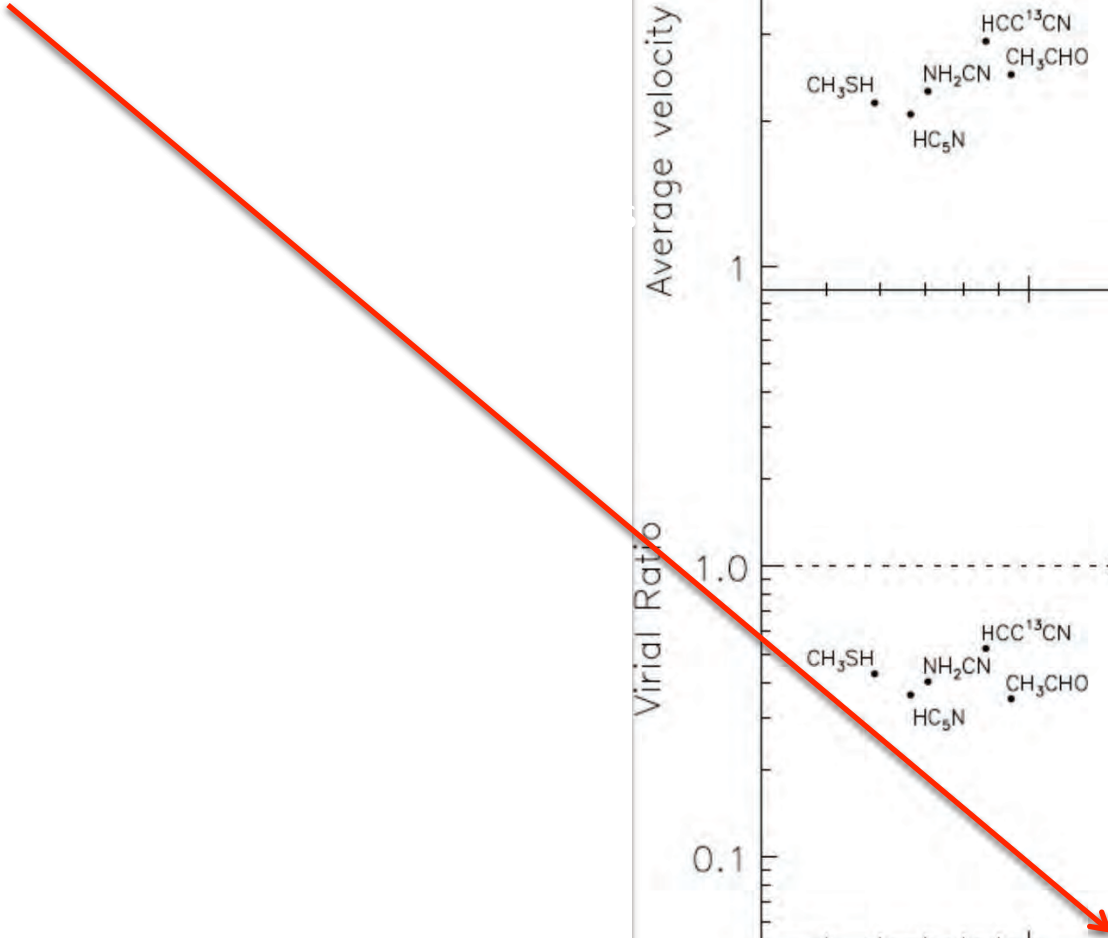


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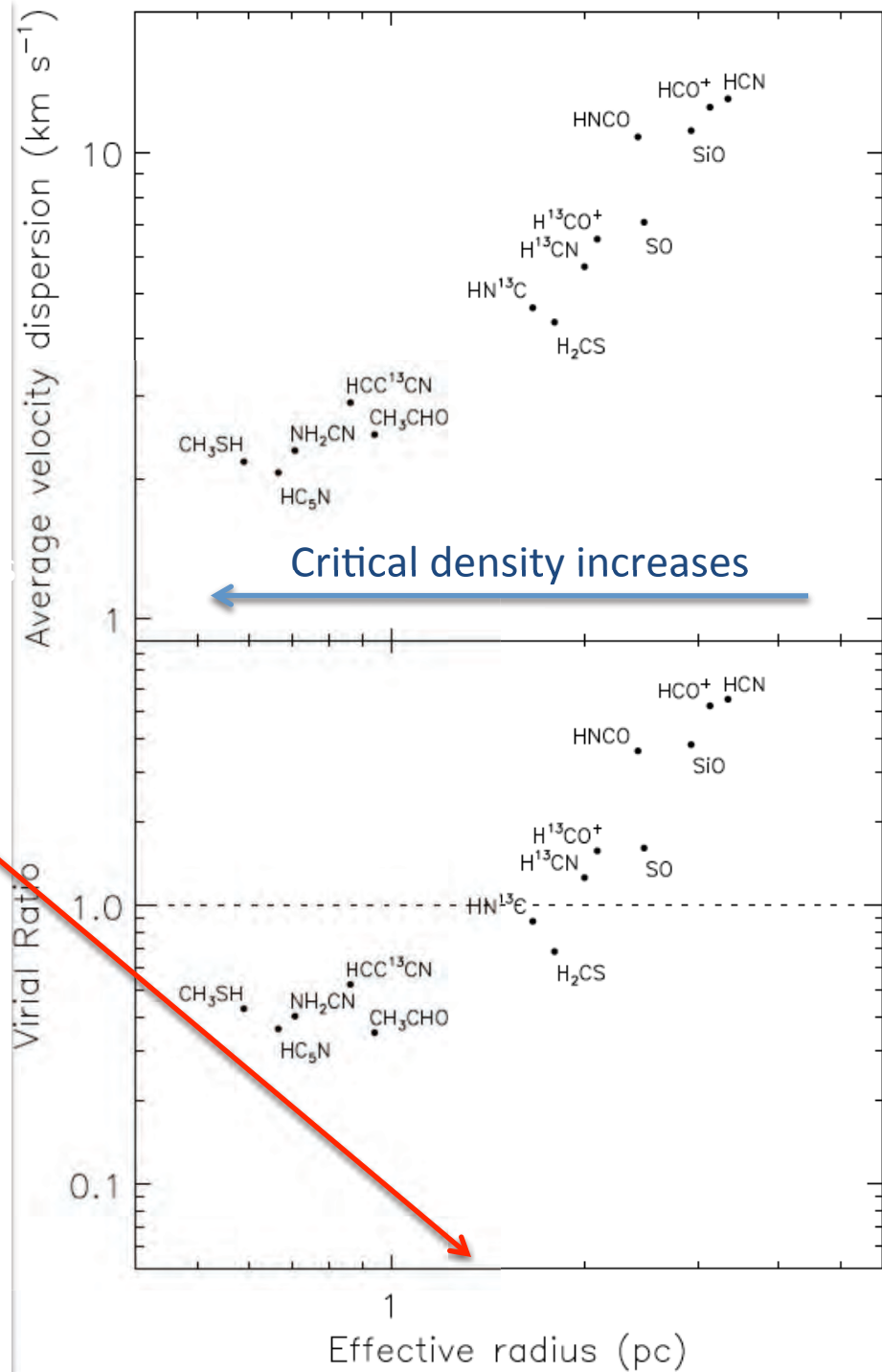
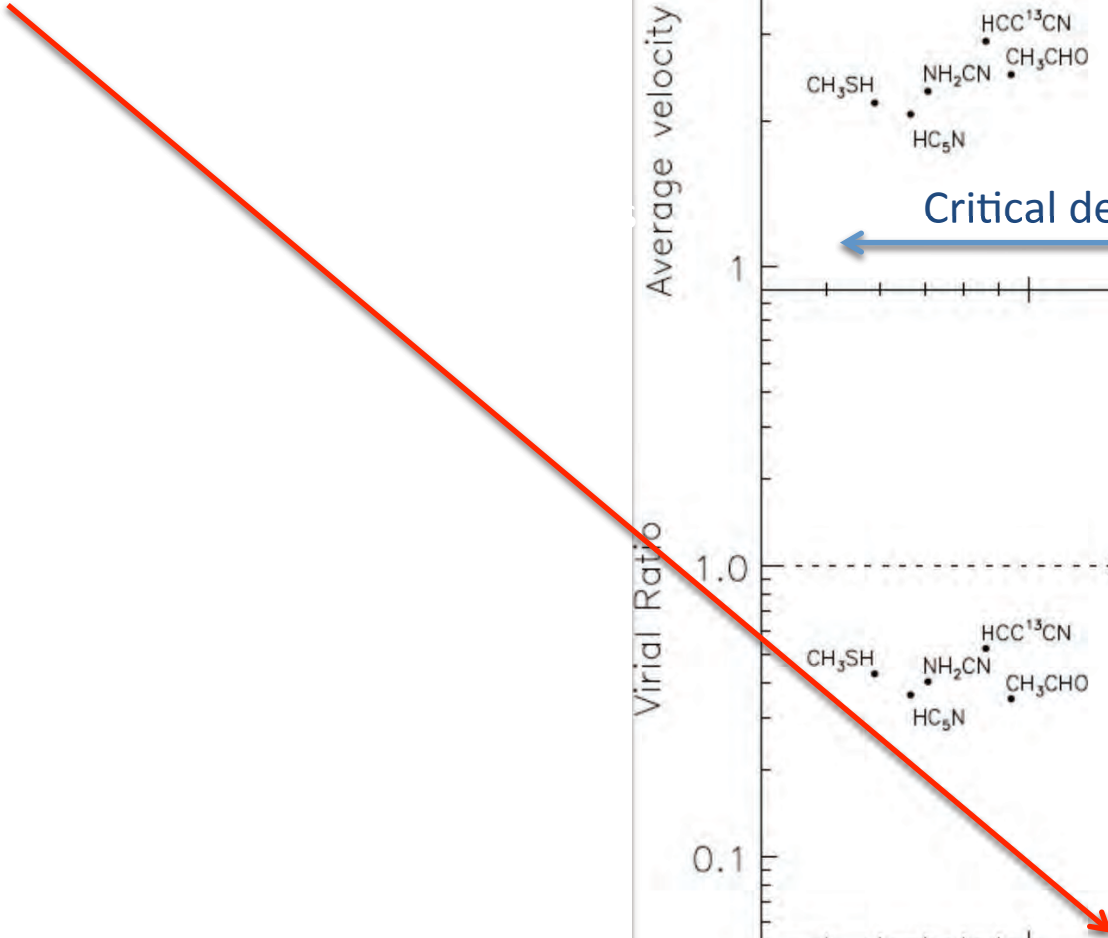
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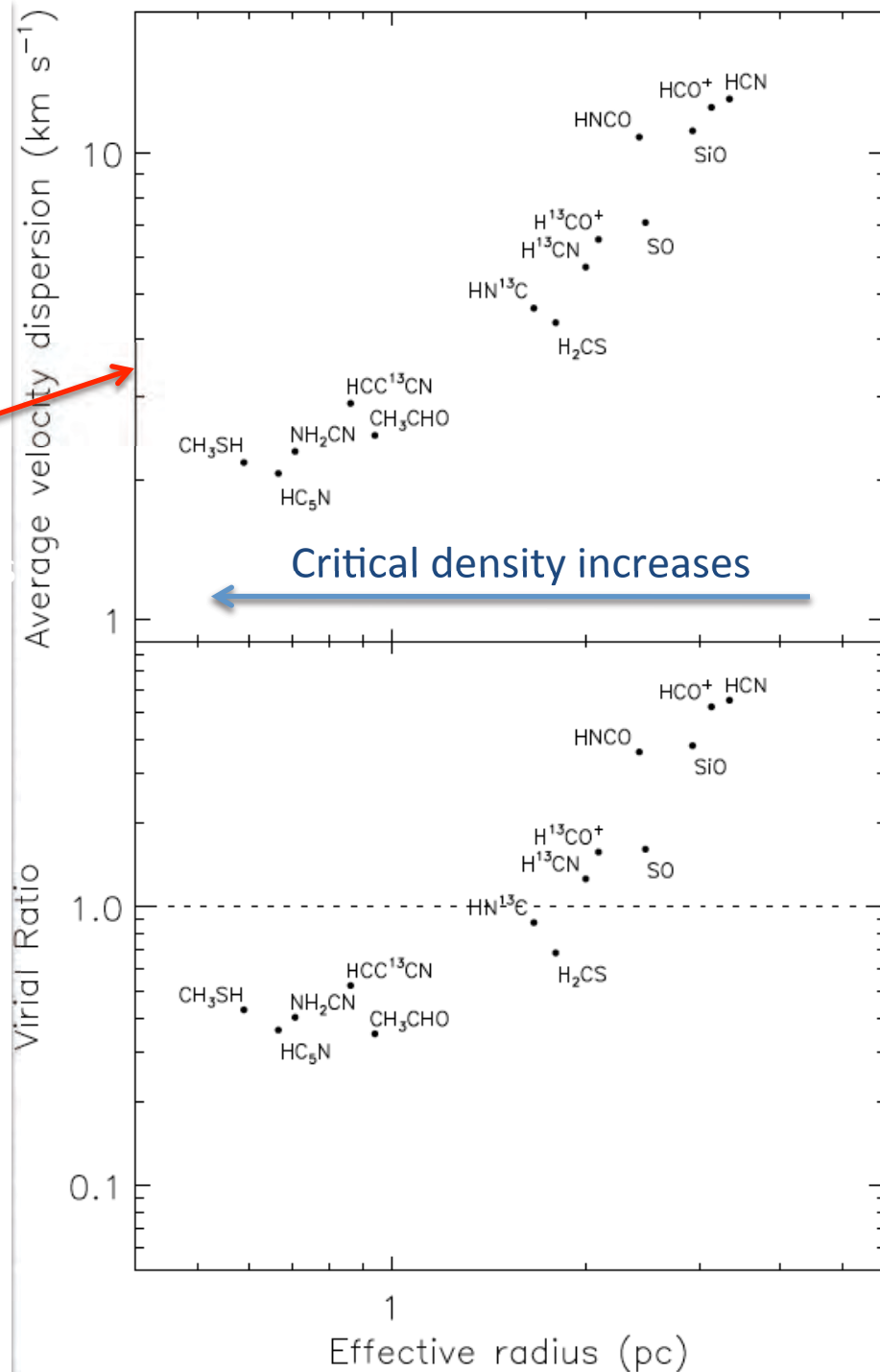
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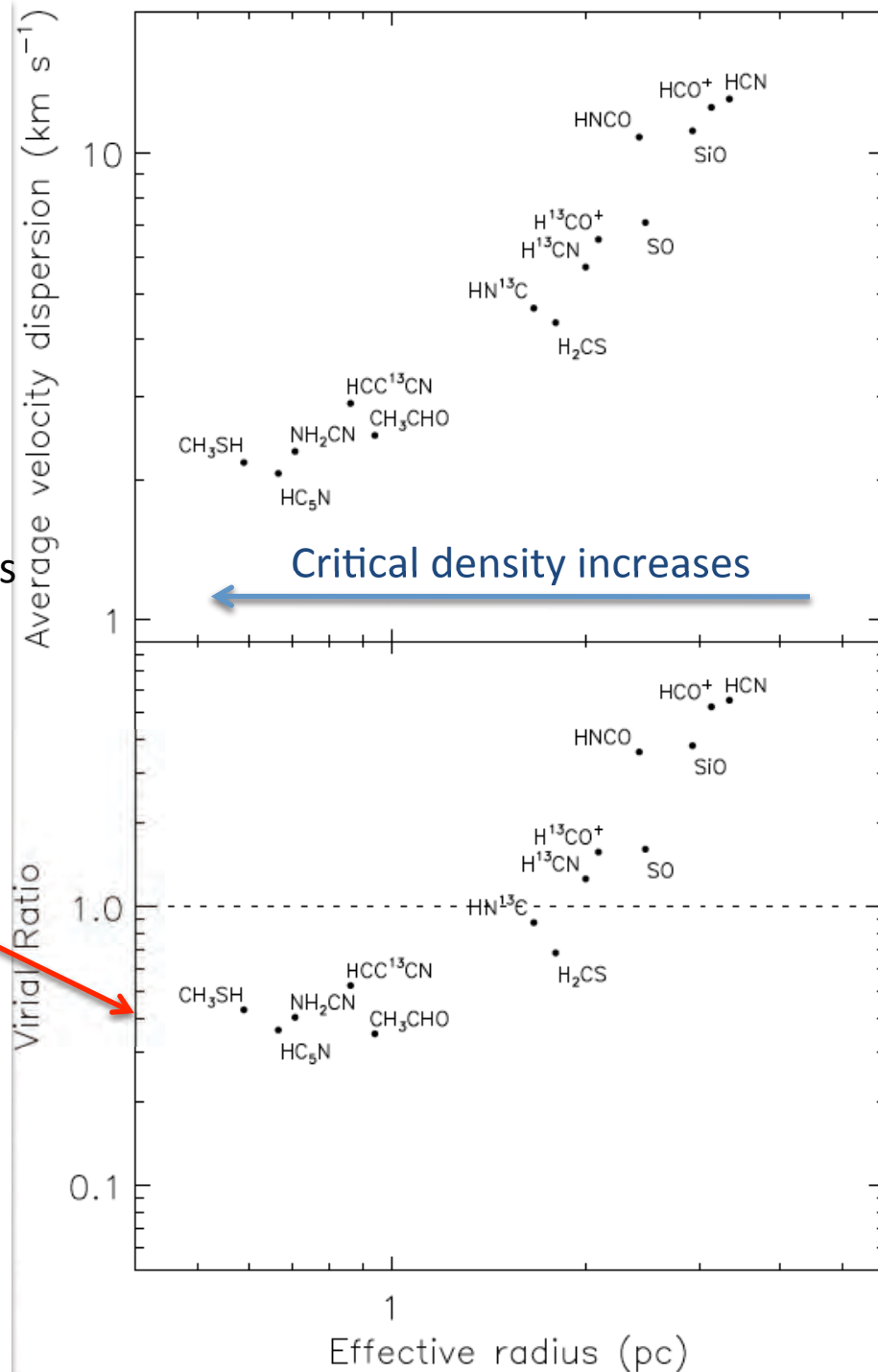
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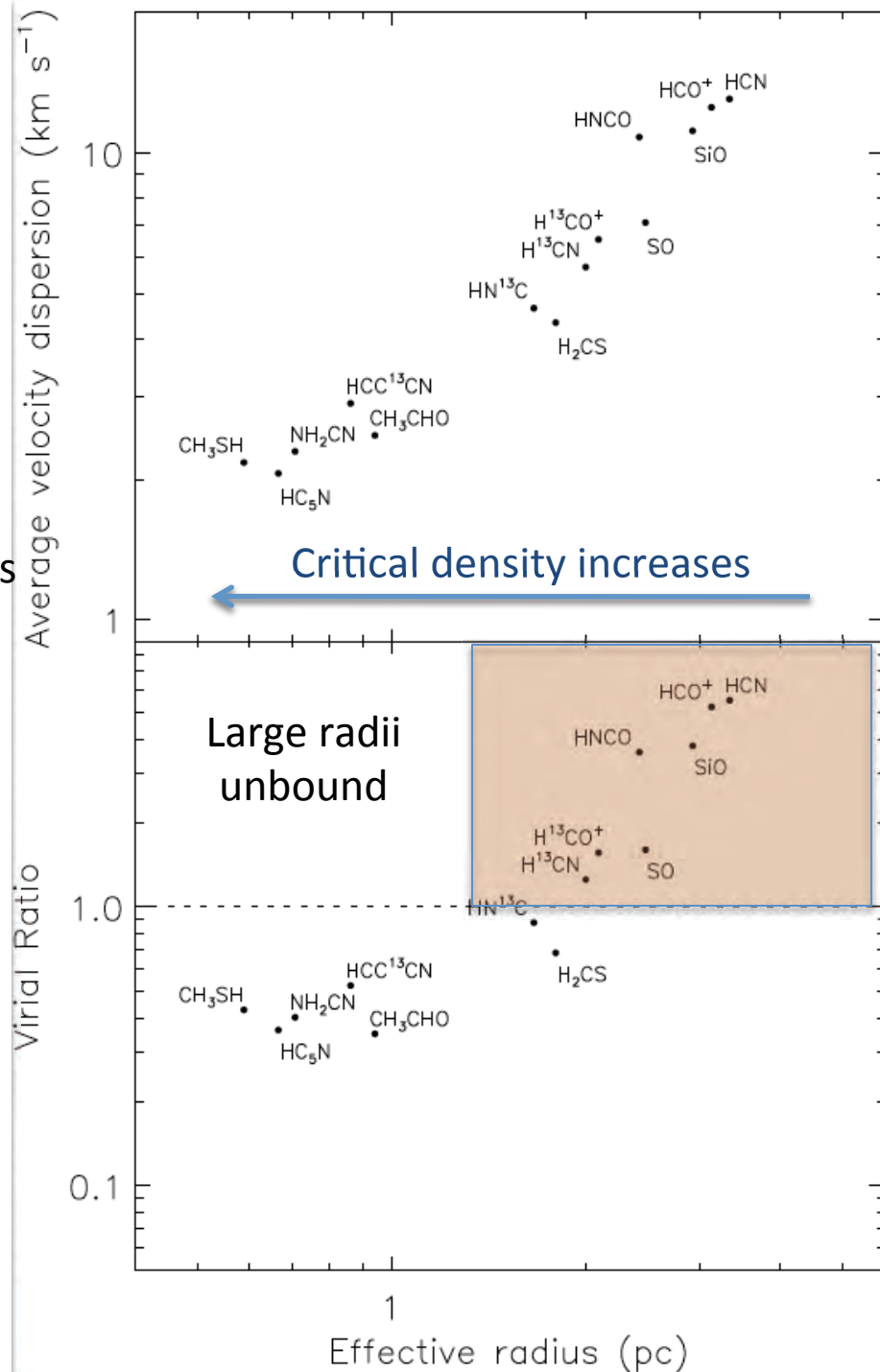
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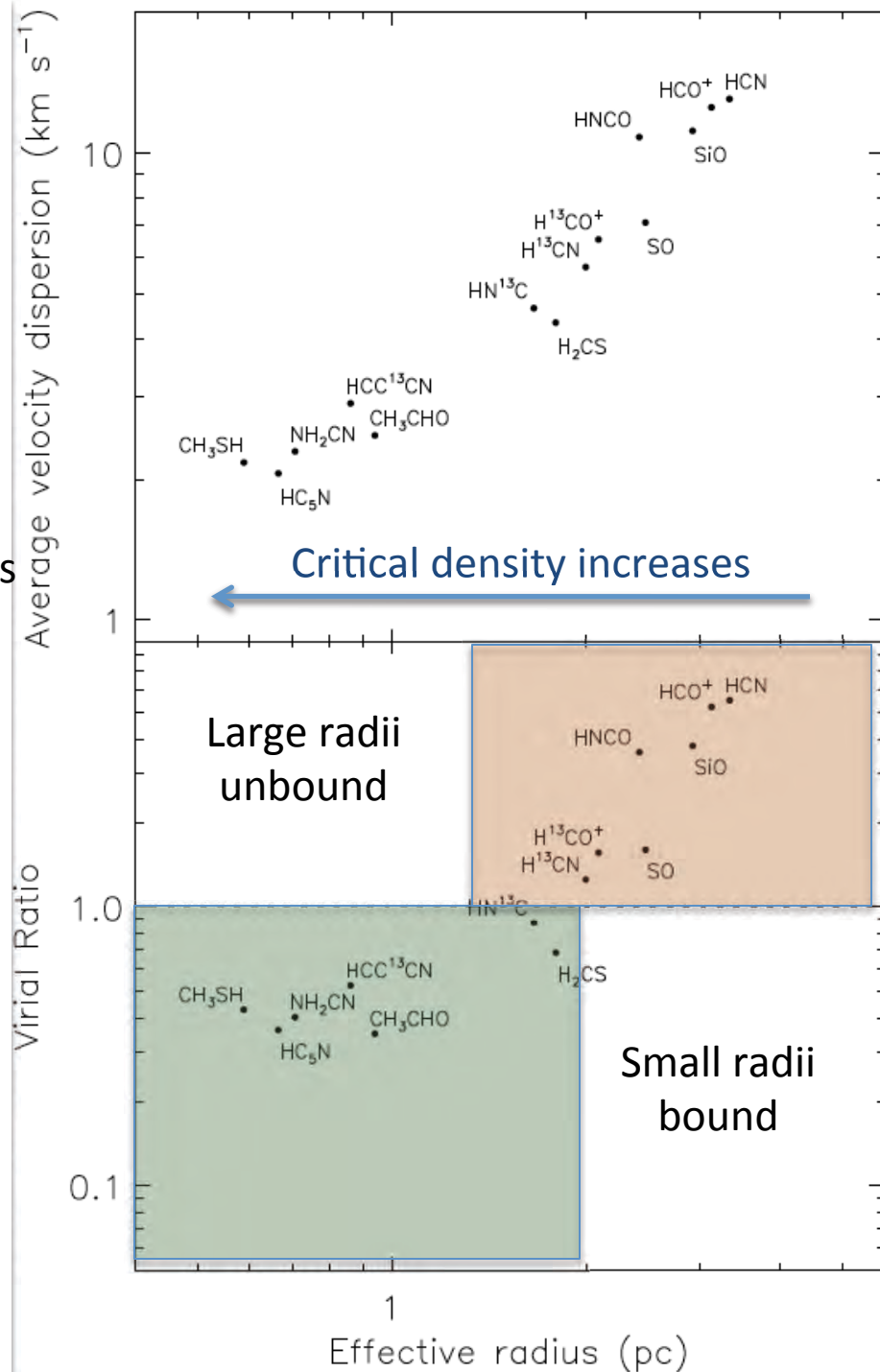
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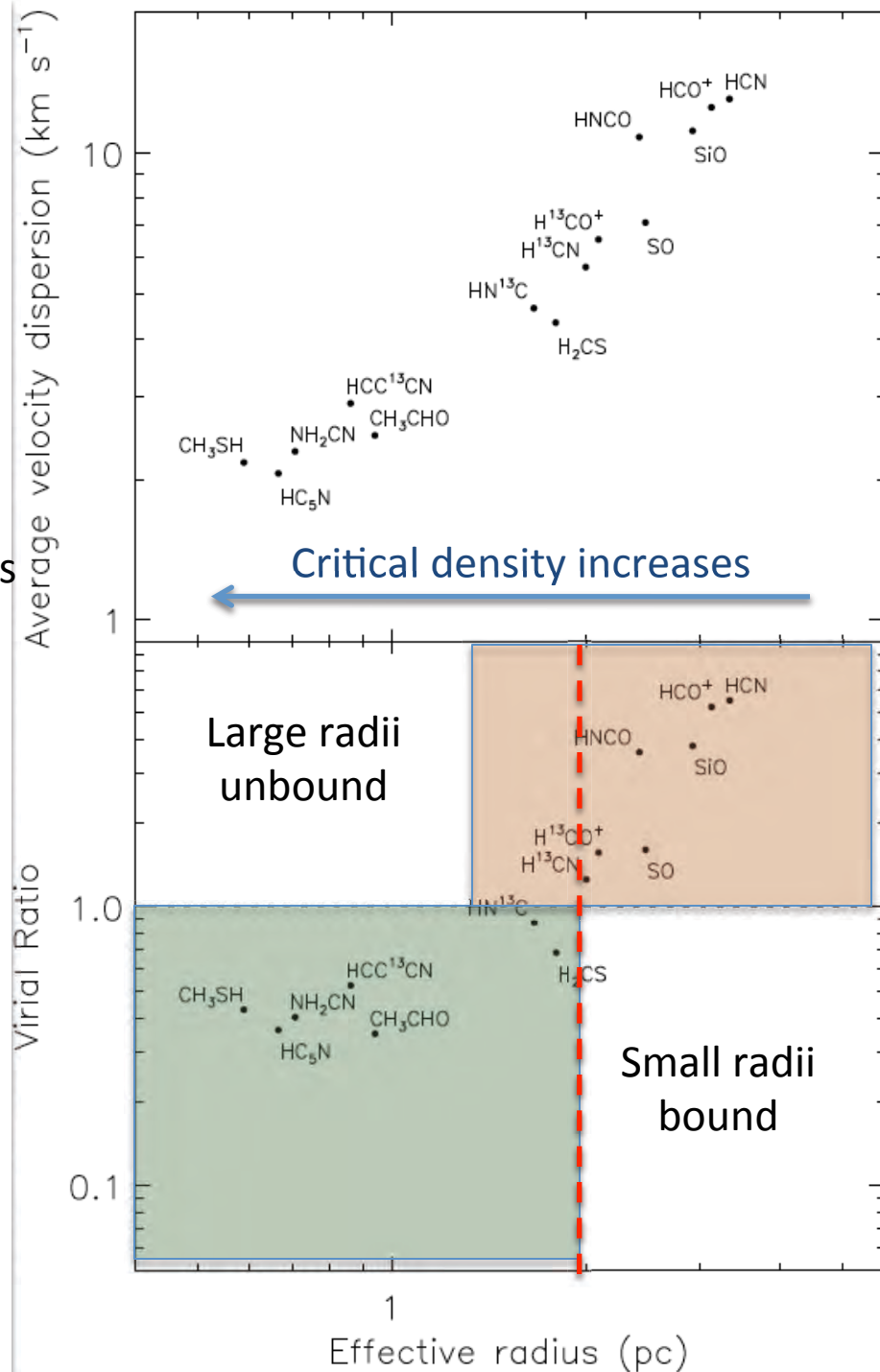
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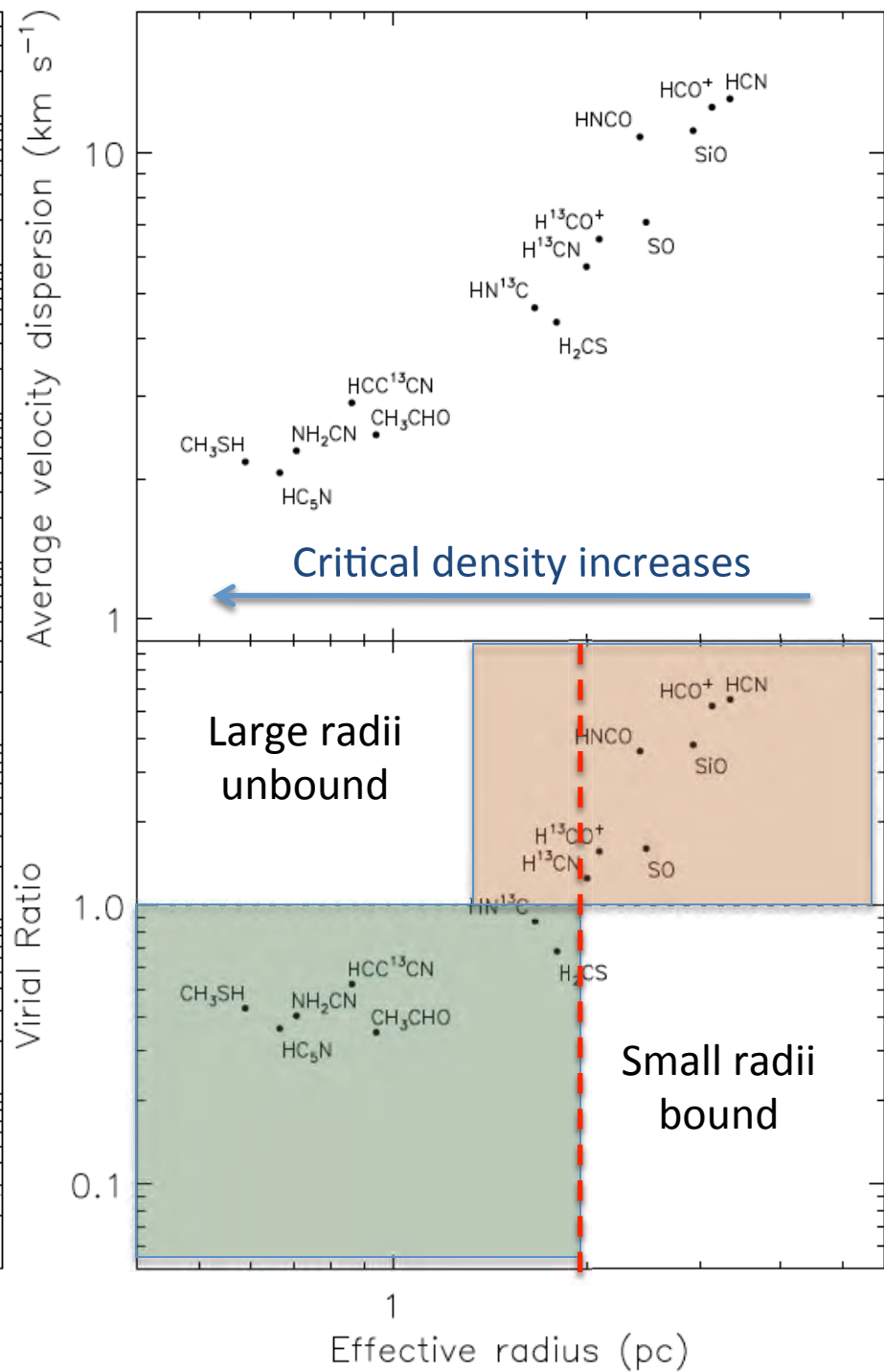
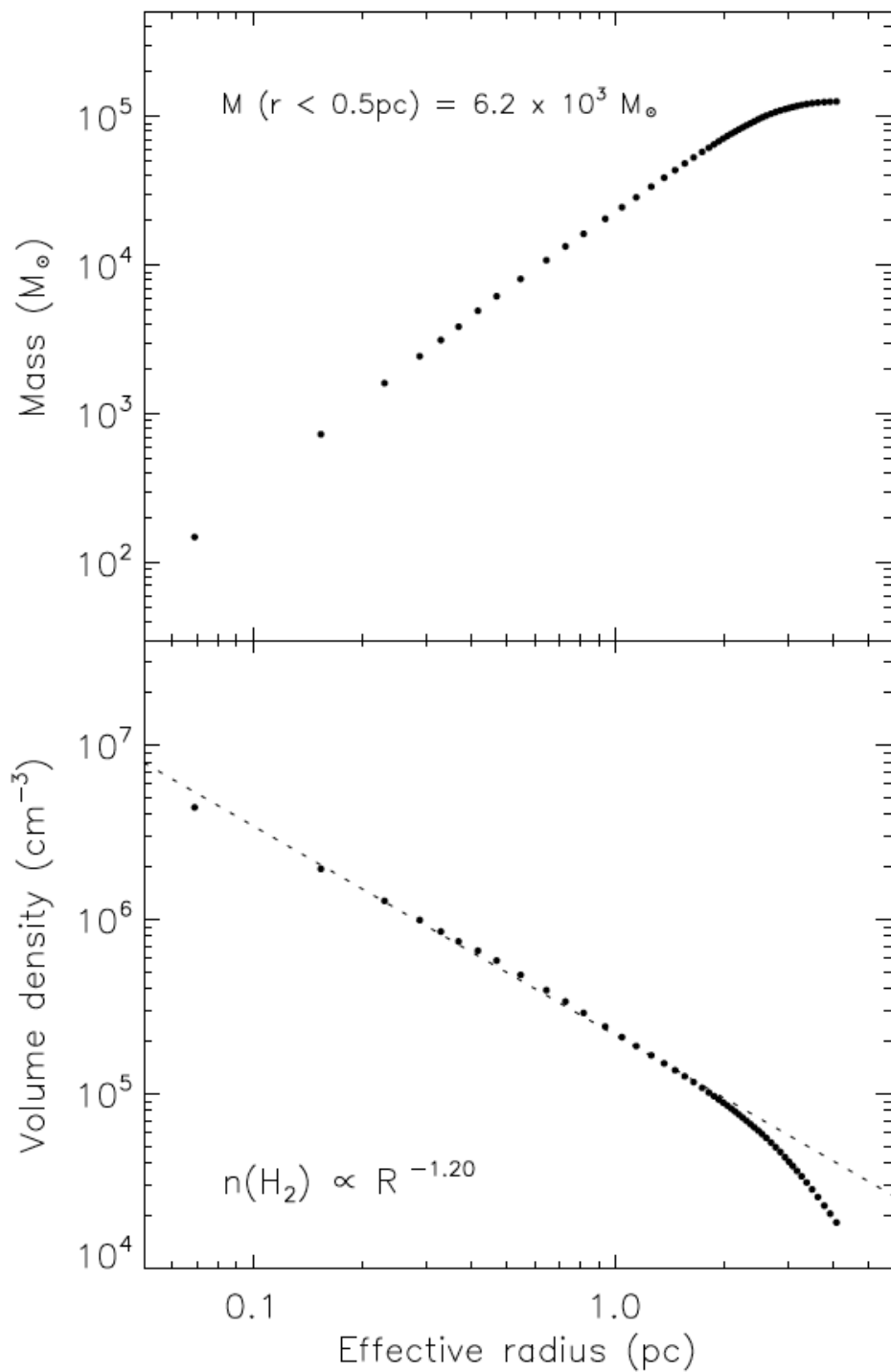


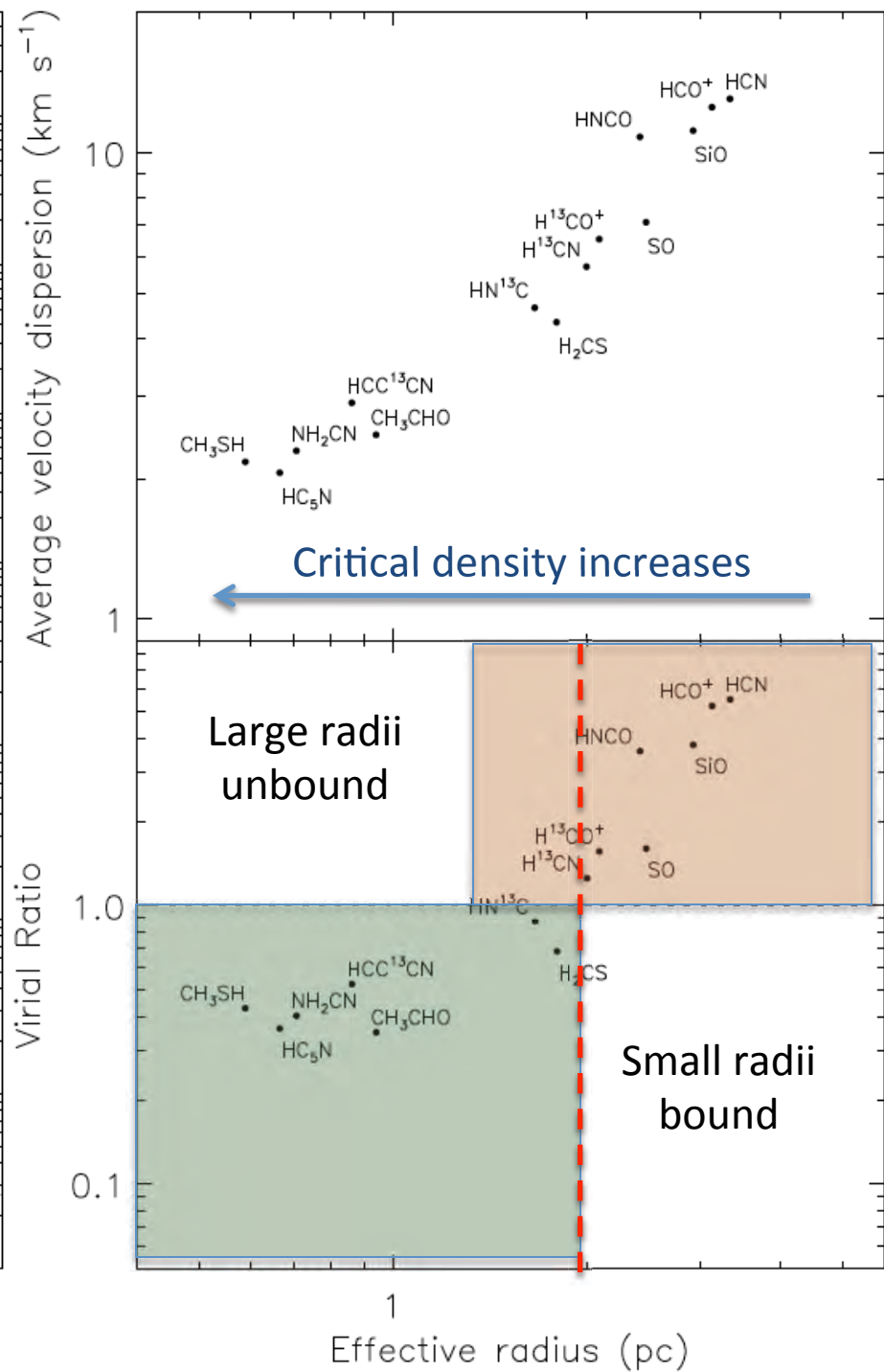
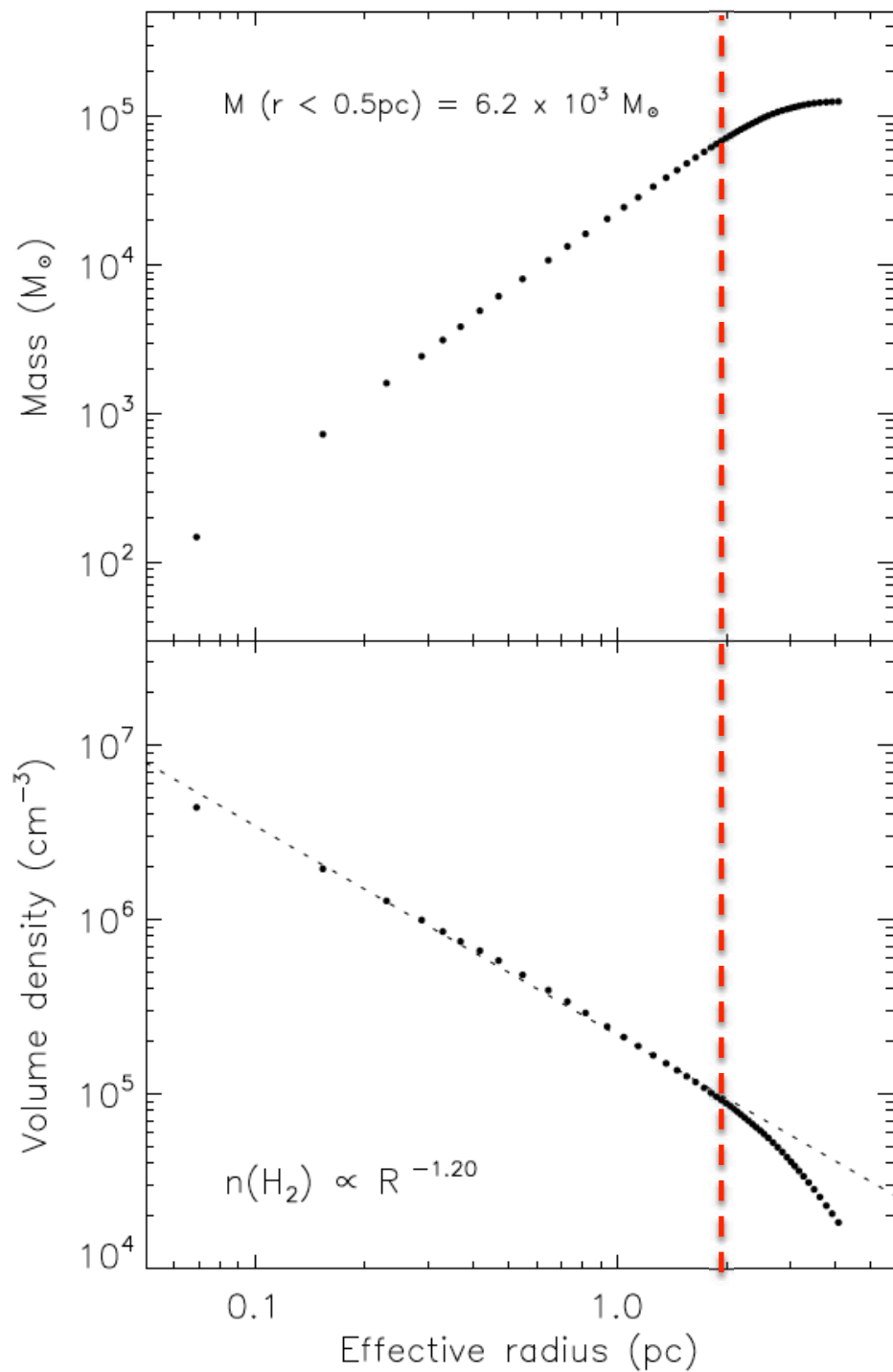
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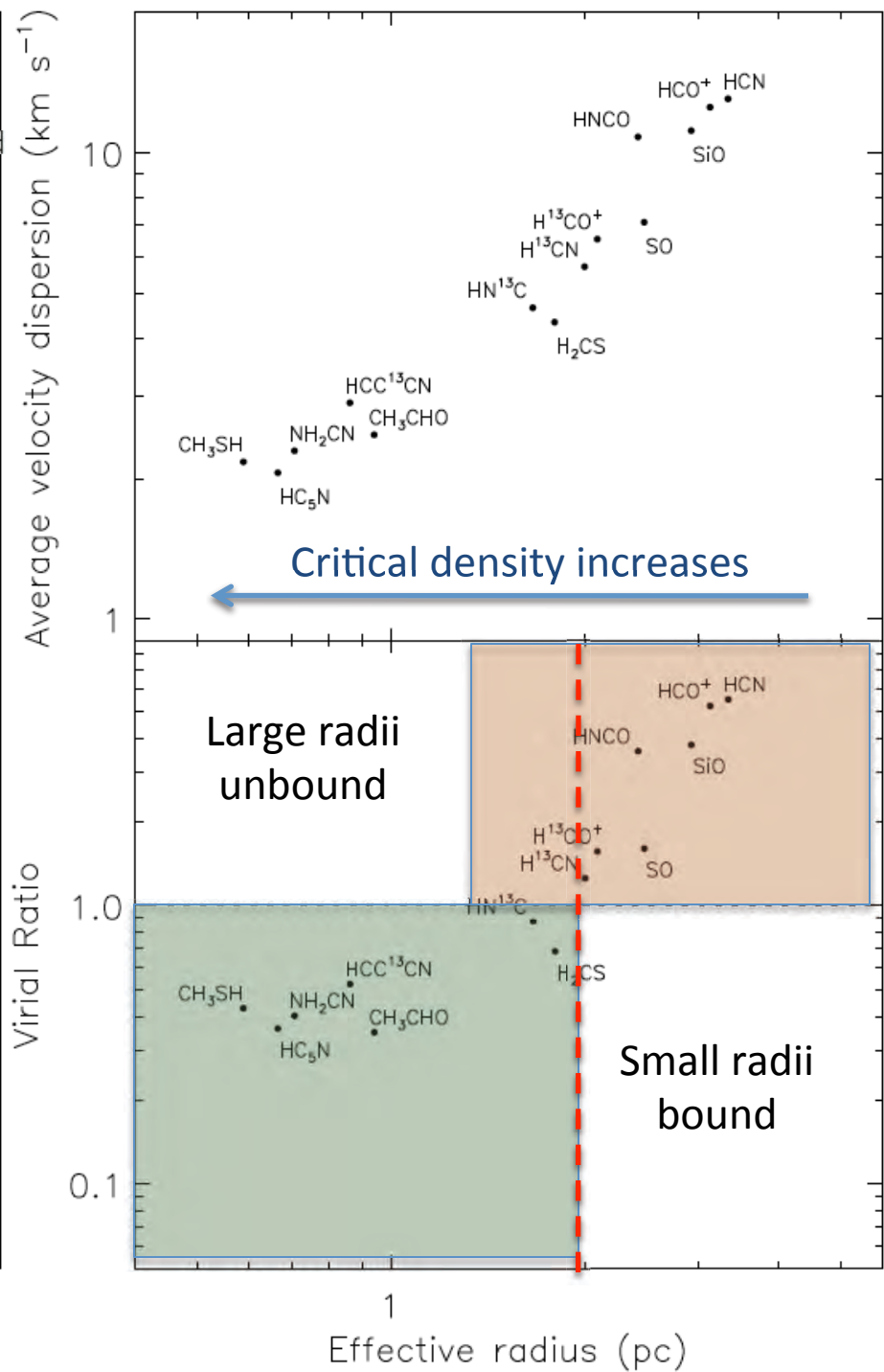
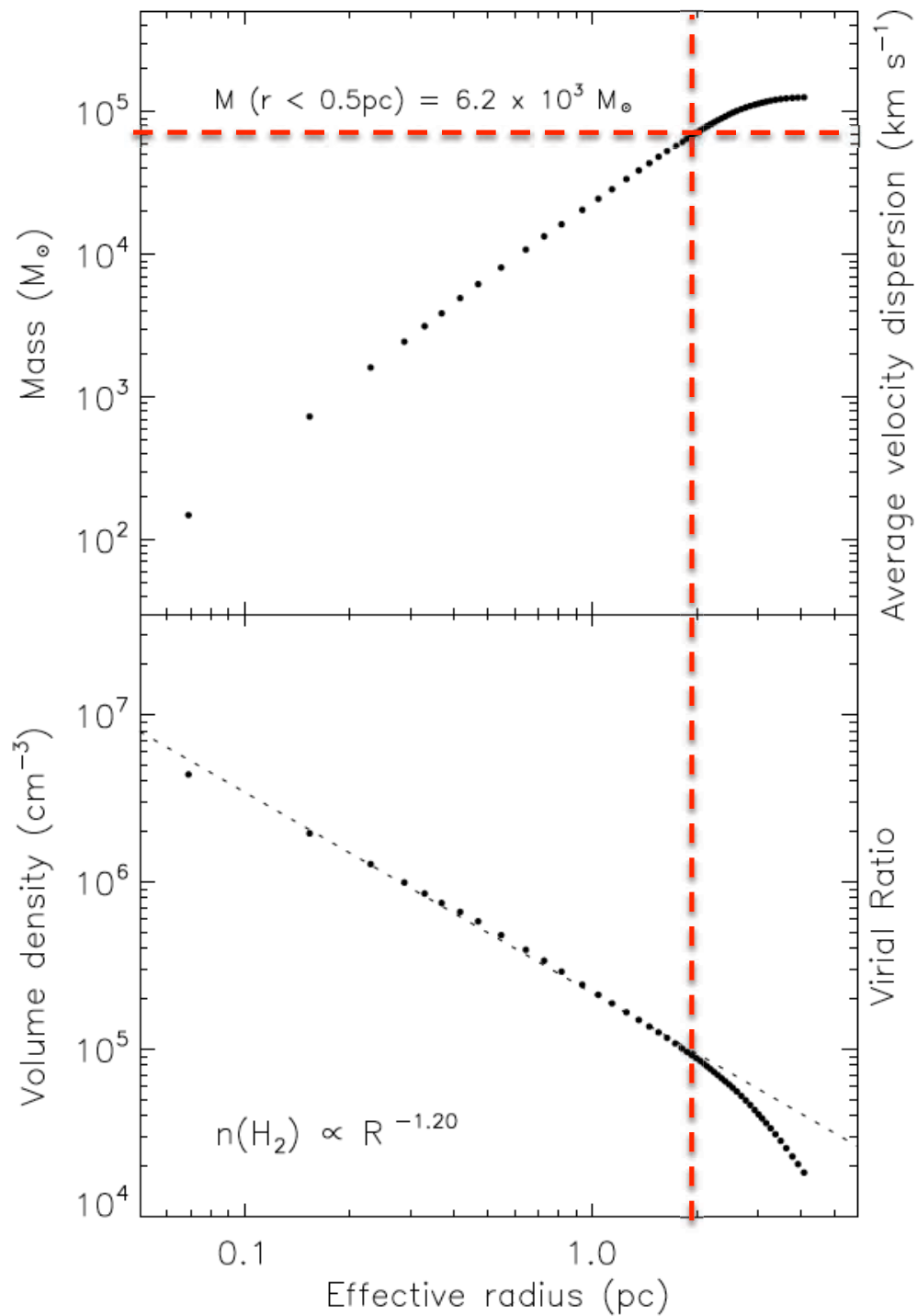
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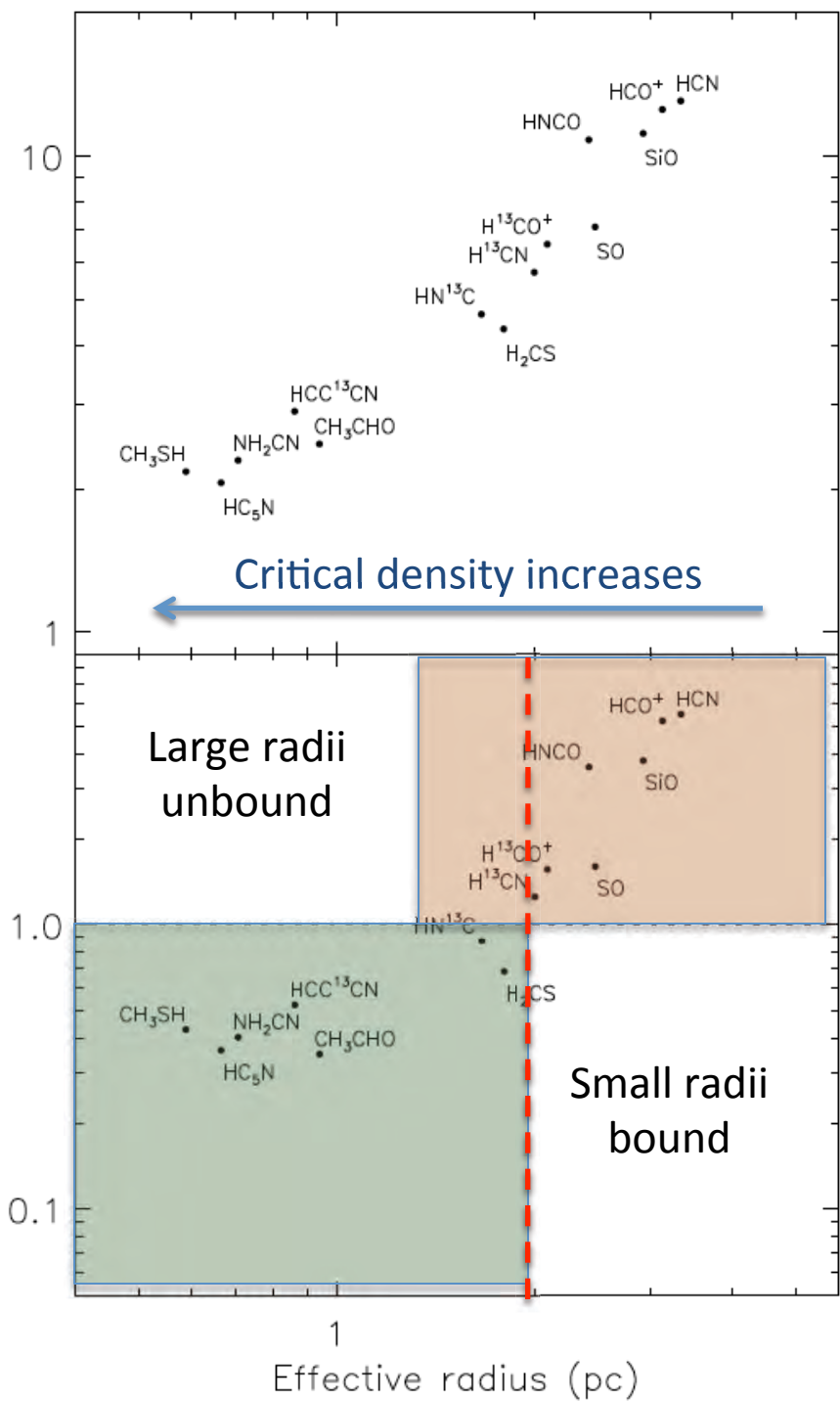
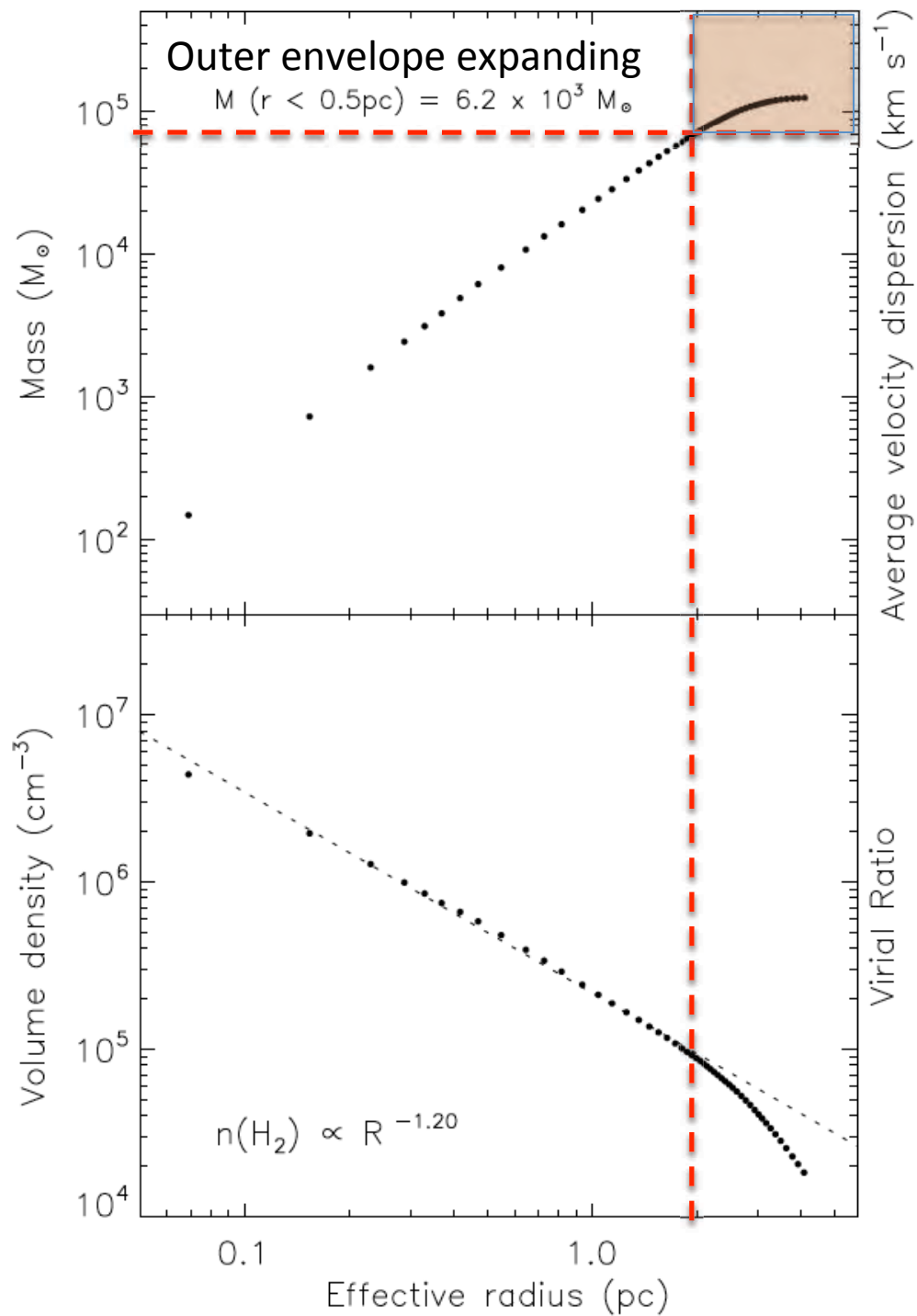


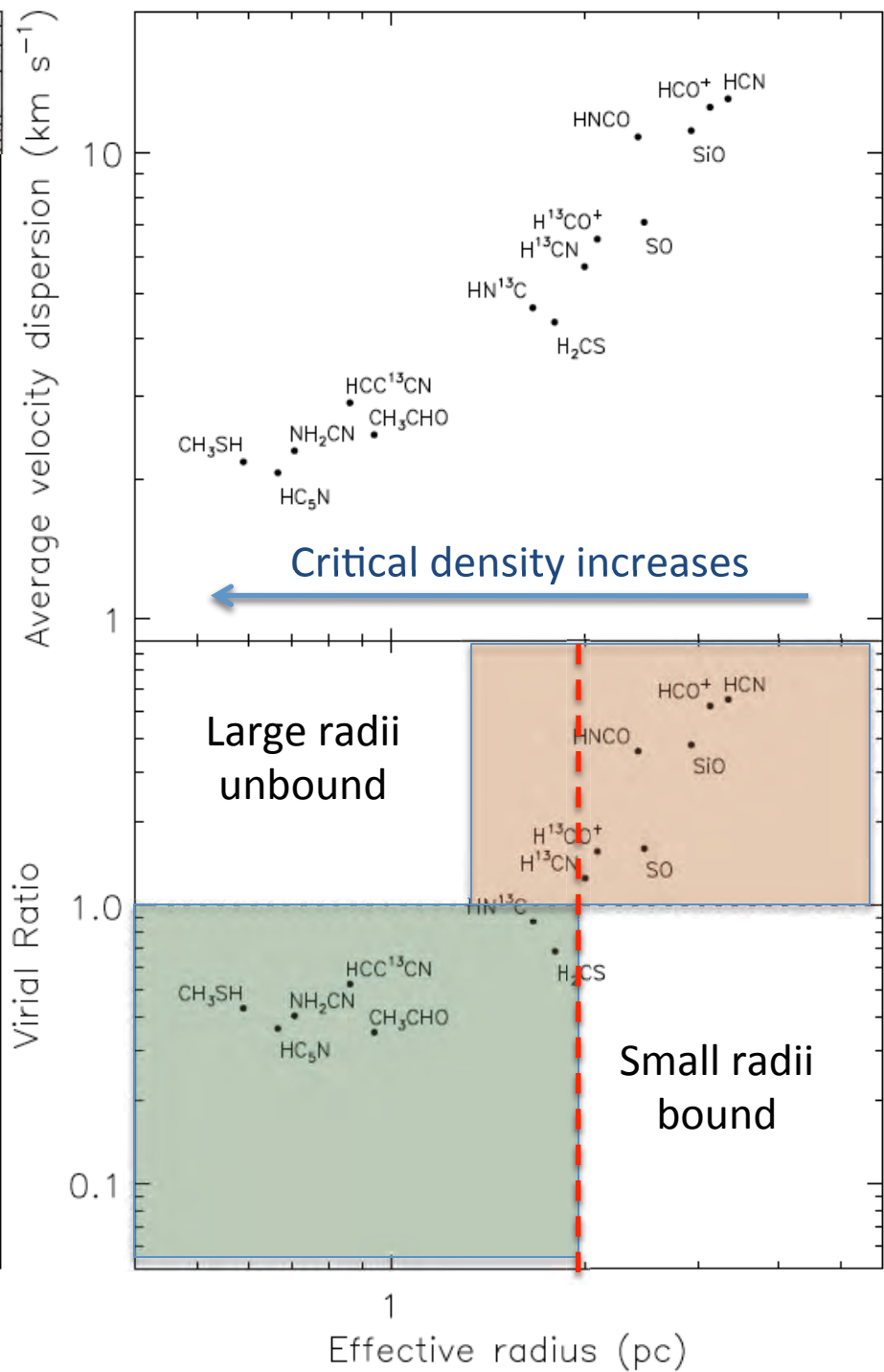
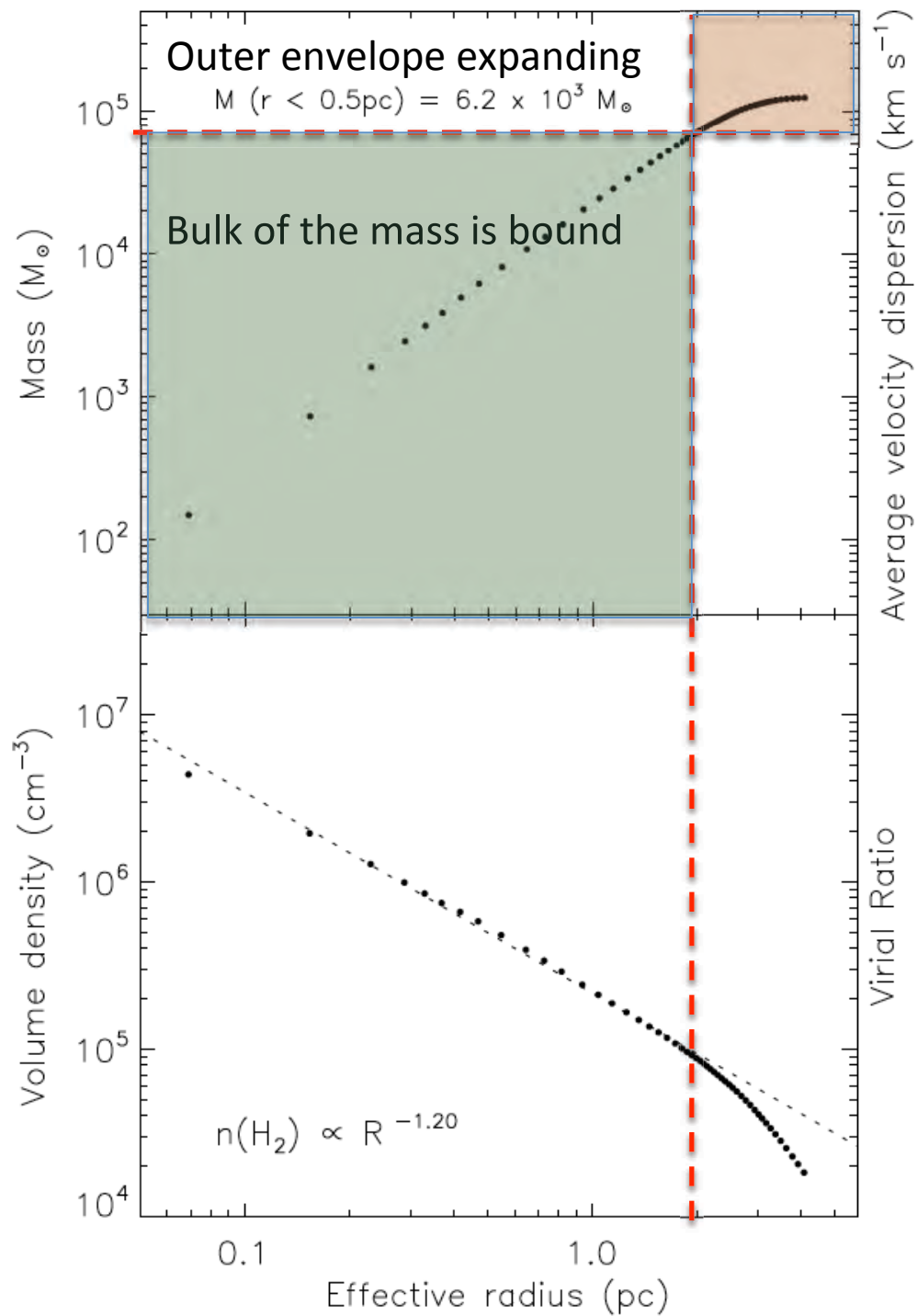












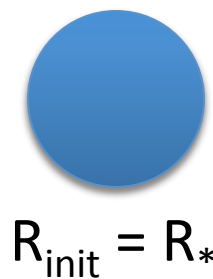


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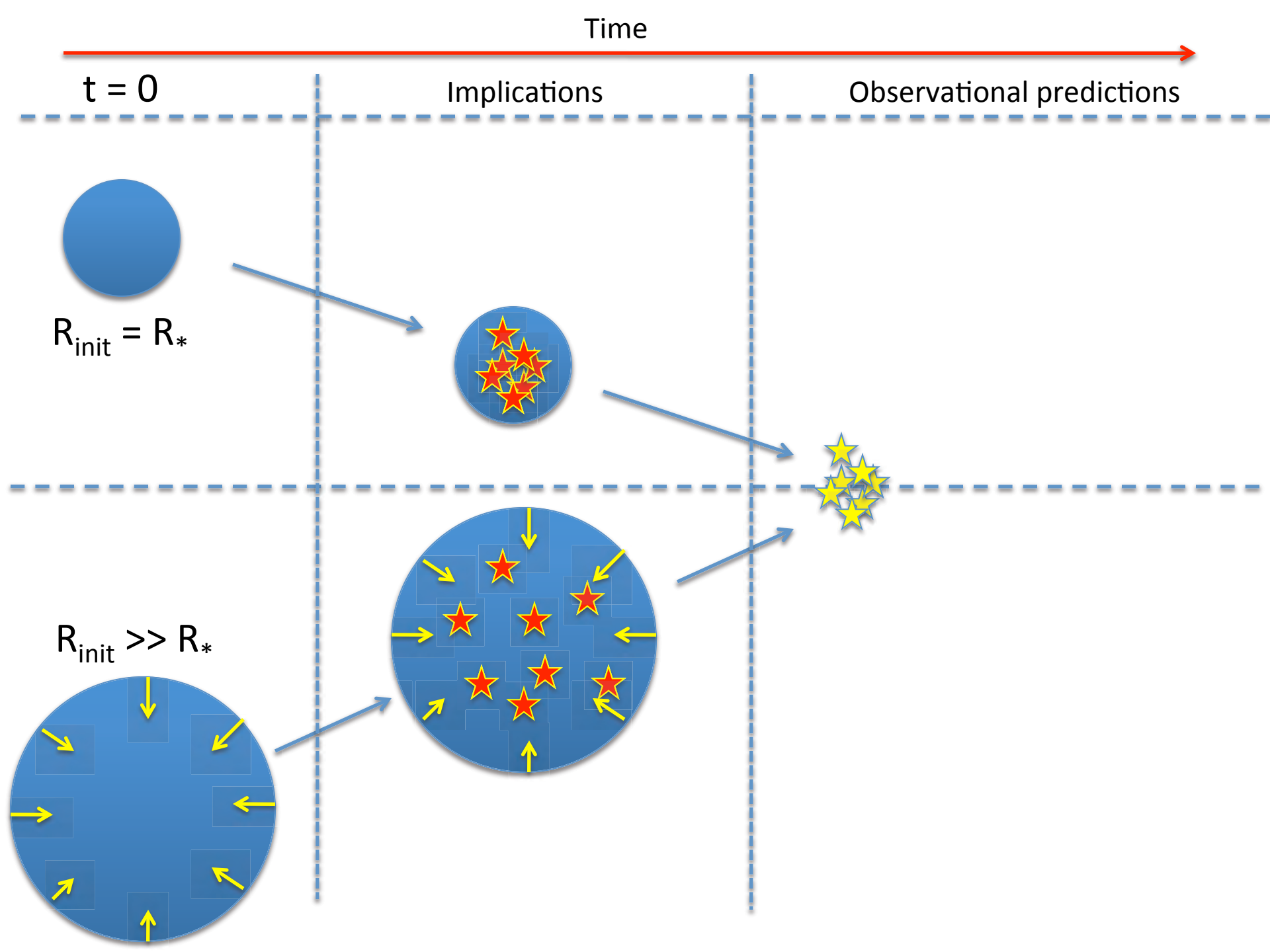
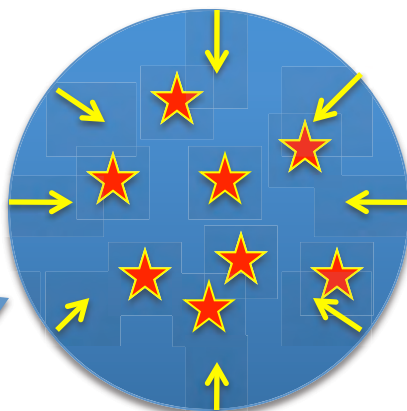
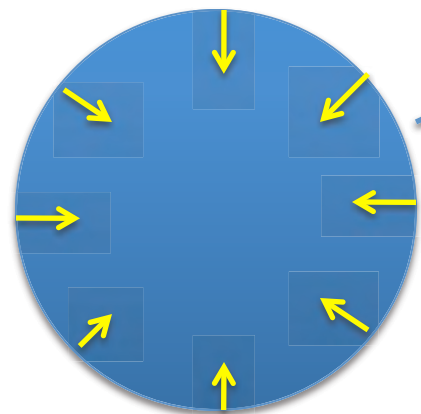
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Implications

Observational predictions



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