

Multi-wavelength investigations of Star and Cluster Formation in the Rosette Molecular Complex

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Outlines

1. General views of MC and SF
2. Systematic search for Herbig-Haro flows in the Rosette Nebula
3. Clustered star formation in the RMC
4. An extensive survey of H₂ flows and the discovery of the Rosette Eye
5. Herschel view of massive SF in the RMC

仰望星空

温家宝

我仰望星空，
它是那样寥廓而深邃；
那无穷的真理，
让我苦苦地求索、追随。

我仰望星空，
它是那样庄严而圣洁；
那凛然的正义，
让我充满热爱、感到敬畏。

我仰望星空，
它是那样自由而宁静；
那博大的胸怀，
让我的心灵栖息、依偎。

我仰望星空，
它是那样壮丽而光辉；
那永恒的炽热，
让我心中燃起希望的烈焰、响起春雷。



形成类太阳恒星的摇篮 孤立的分子暗云 - Lynds 183



The Circinus Cloud





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鹰状星云



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Cone Nebula - 麒麟座 锥状星云

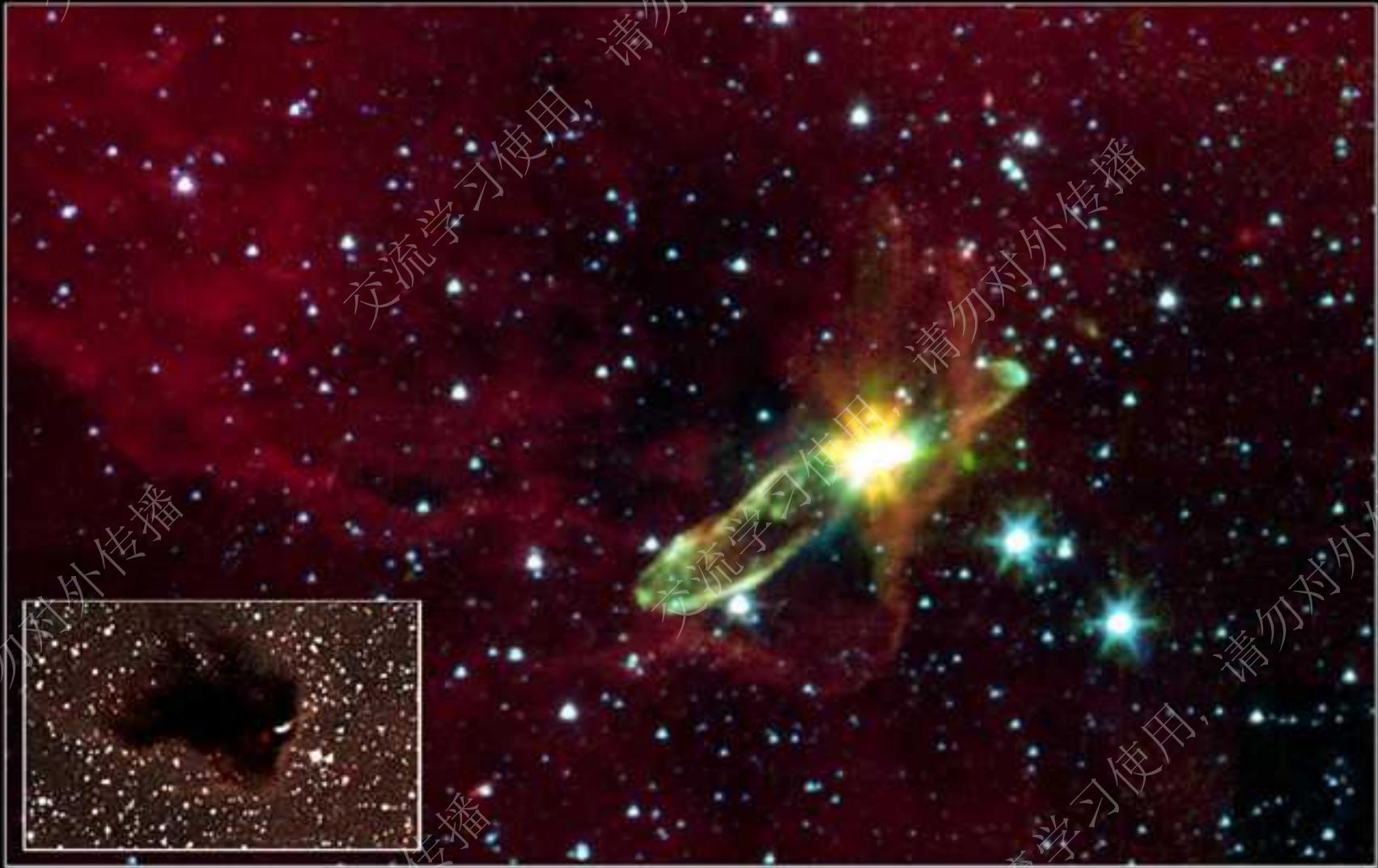
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Embedded Outflow in HH 46/47

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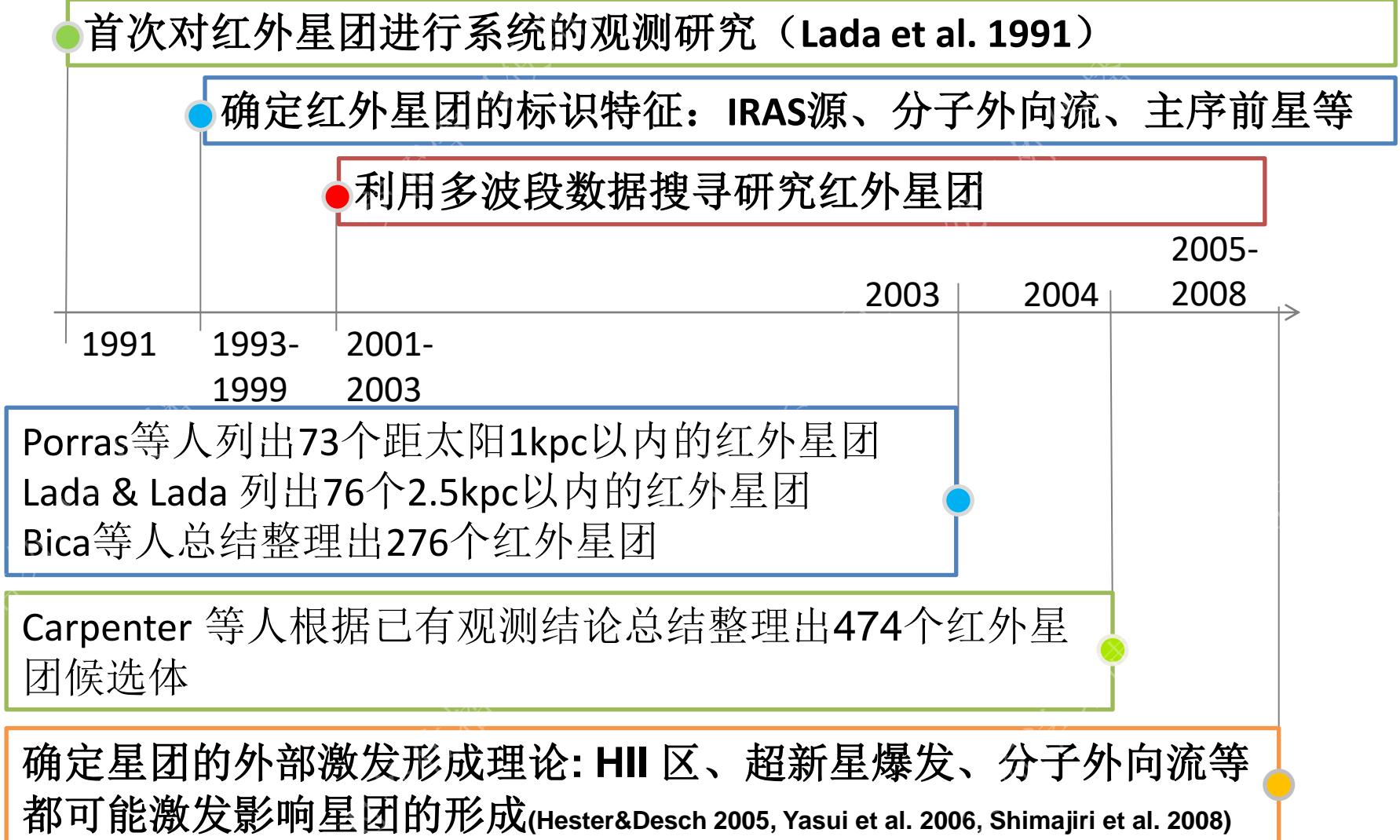
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恒星与星团形成

- ✓ 恒星诞生于分子云中，观测表明，绝大多数恒星以成团的模式形成。
- ✓ 红外星团代表着星团形成及演化的早期状态。对红外星团的观测研究是恒星形成领域的重要课题。
- ✓ 红外星团（**Infrared clusters**），又称嵌埋星团（**Embedded cluster**），由于嵌埋在冷暗浓厚的气尘物质之中，只能通过红外波段进行研究，因此得名。
- ✓ 随着观测技术的发展、全波段观测项目的顺利展开，让我们有能力瞻仰宇宙的全貌，揭开星团形成及早期演化的面纱！

恒星与星团形成——研究历史和进展



恒星与星团形成——研究意义

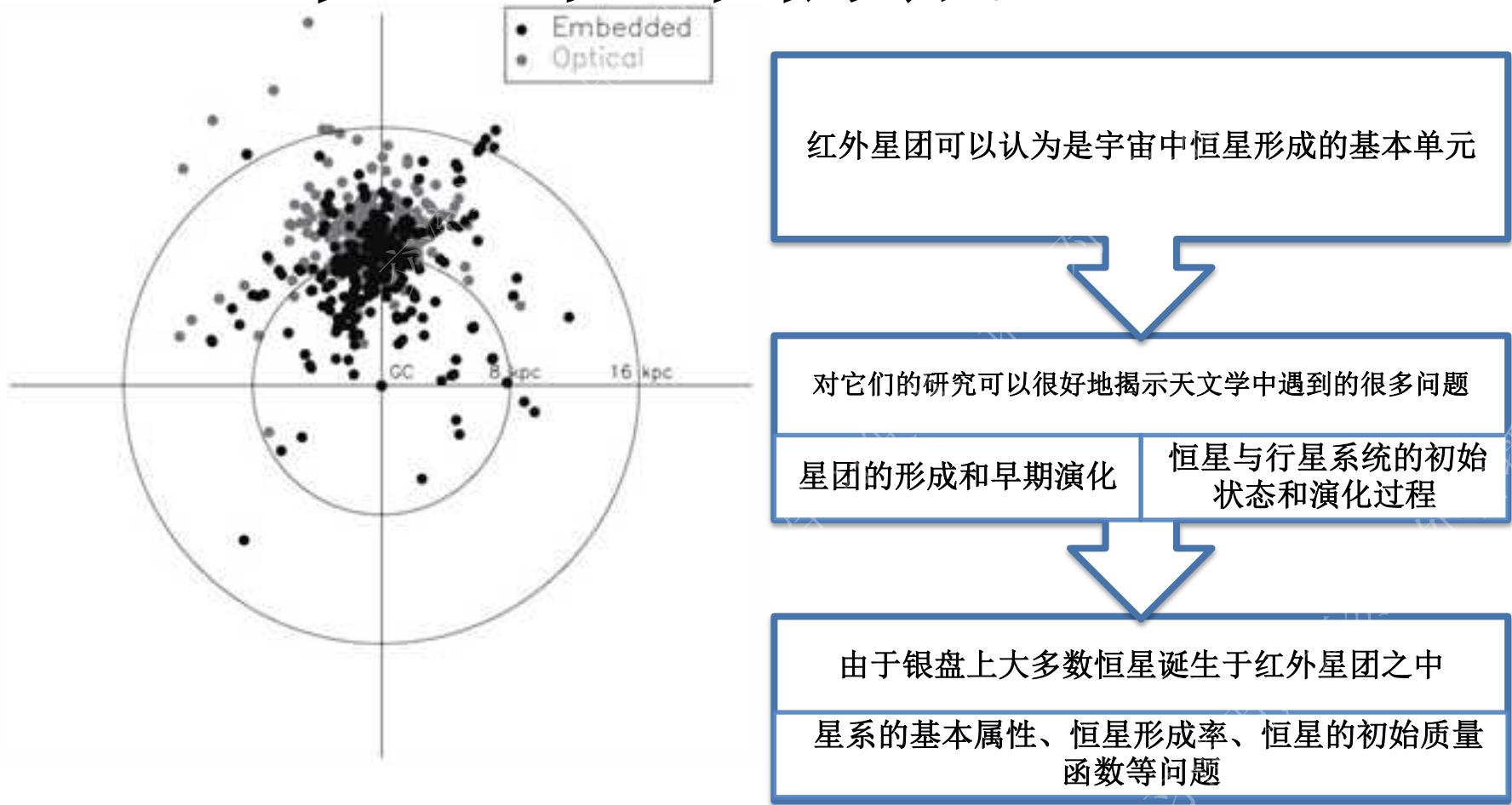
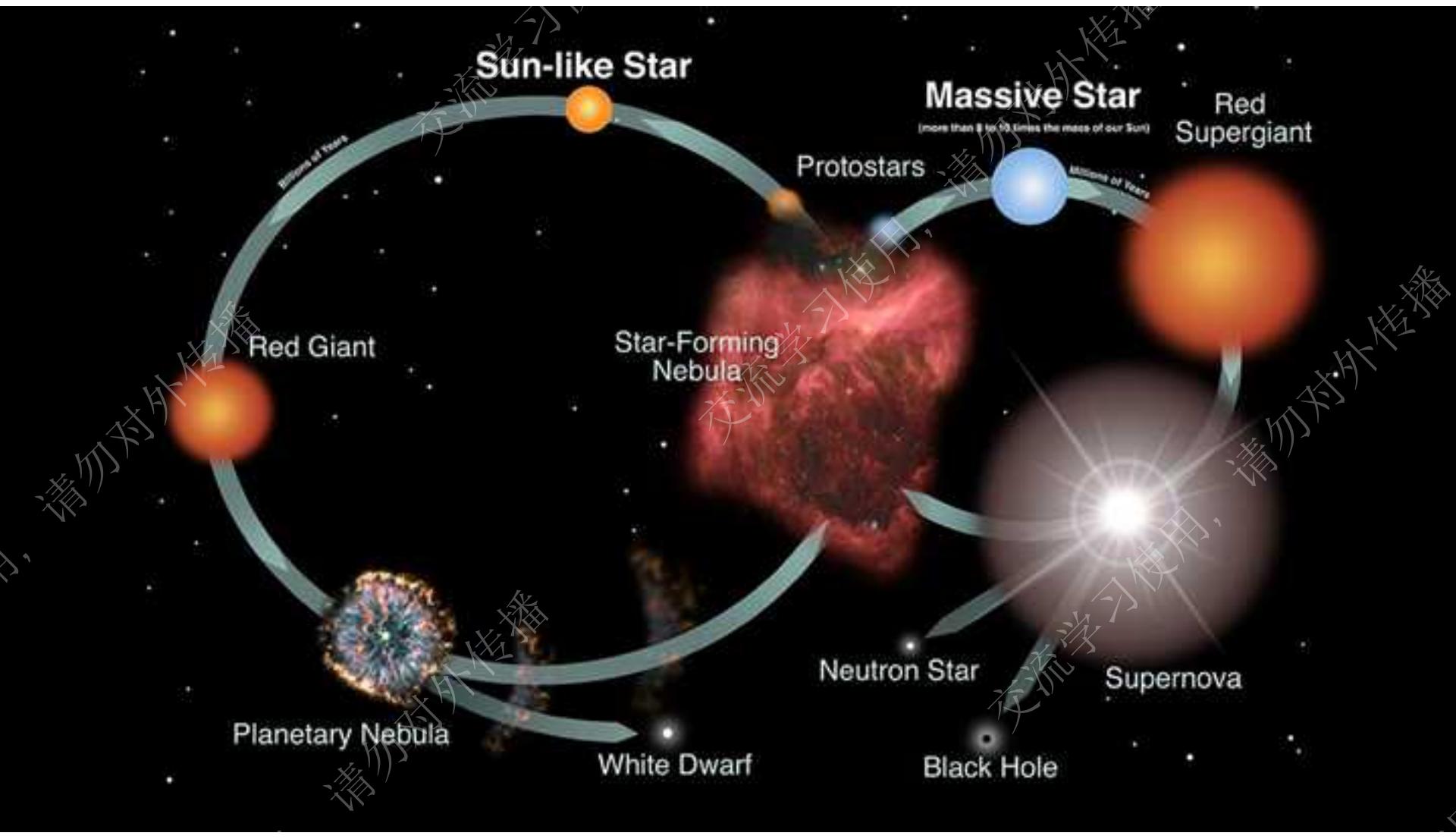
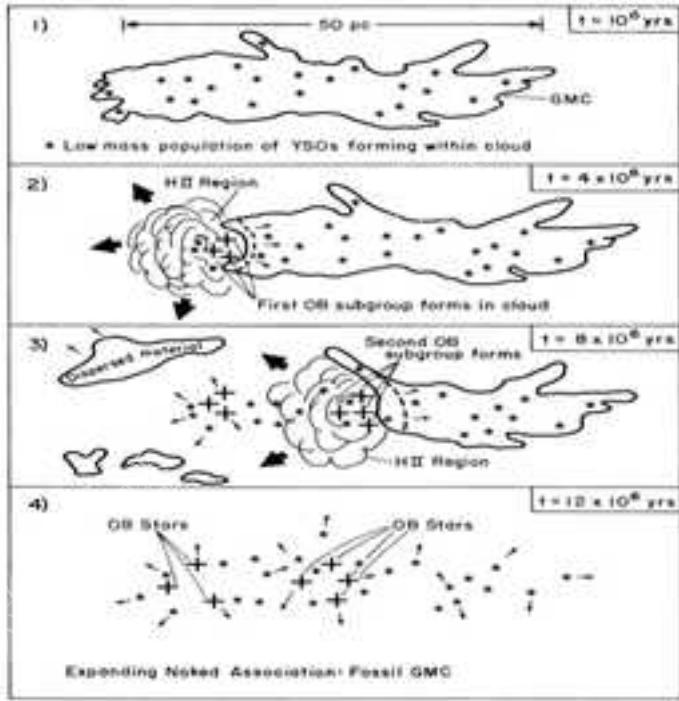


图1.6 已知光学和红外星团在银盘上的位置分布图（Carpenter 2004）。

SF and evolution



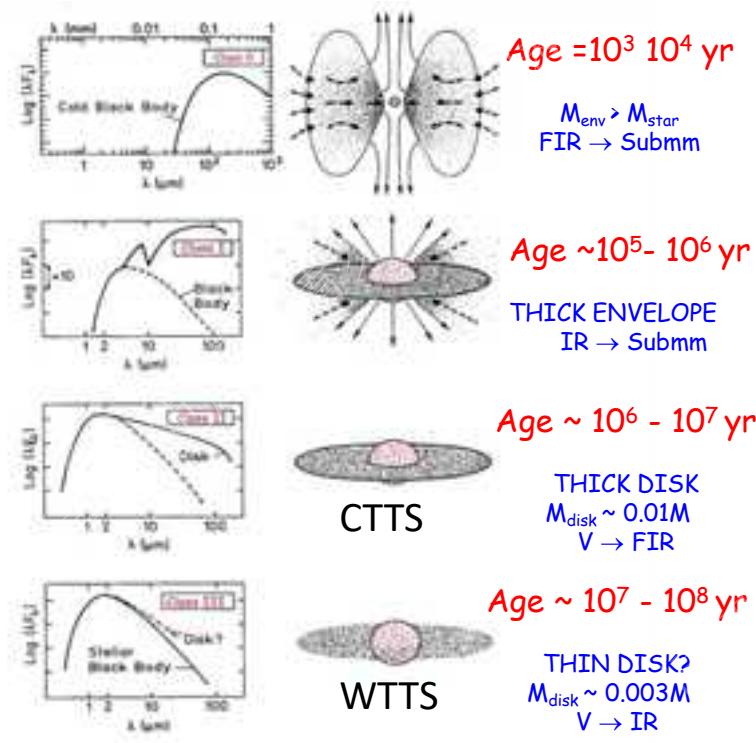
恒星形成及早期演化



分子云中大质量OB星恒星序列形成的图景
(Lada 1987)

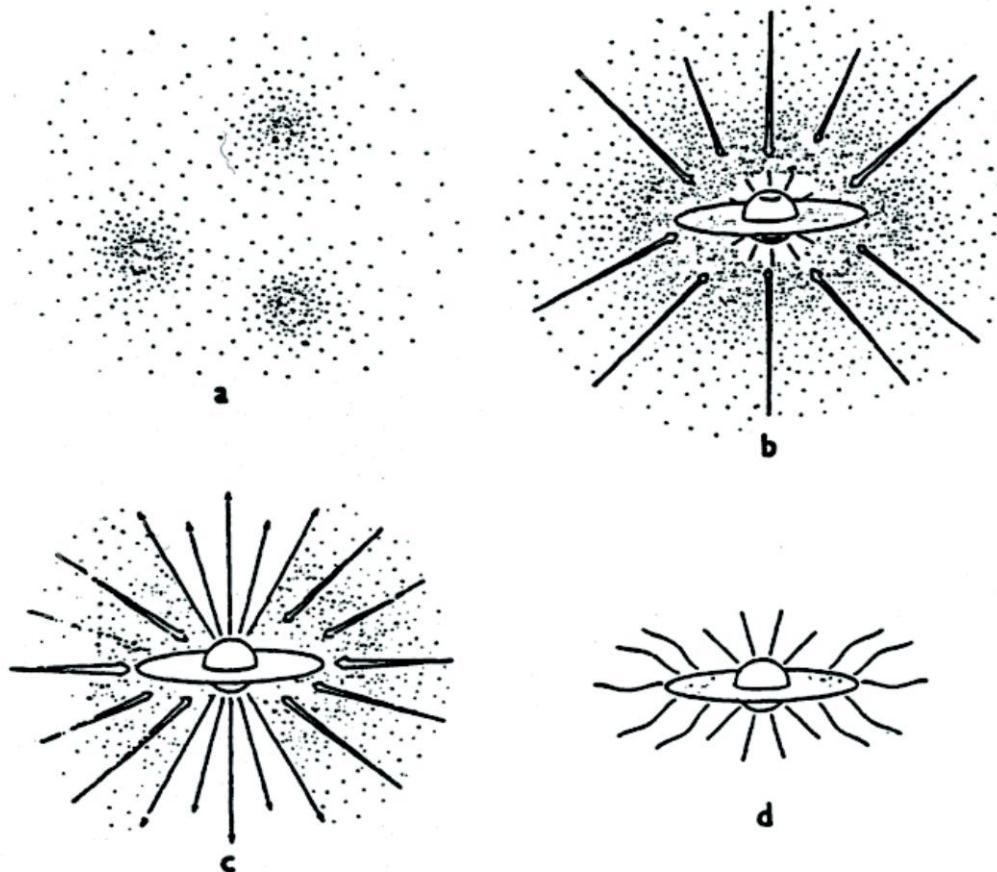
恒星诞生于分子云中，红外星团代表着星团形成的早期演化阶段，尘埃消光严重，其形成与早期演化研究只能在红外波段进行。

星团形成是当前天体物理学恒星形成研究领域富有挑战性的国际前沿课题。



低质量星形成图景
(Lada & Viking 1984, André et al. 1993)

恒星形成——中低质量恒星形成及演化



云核形成阶段

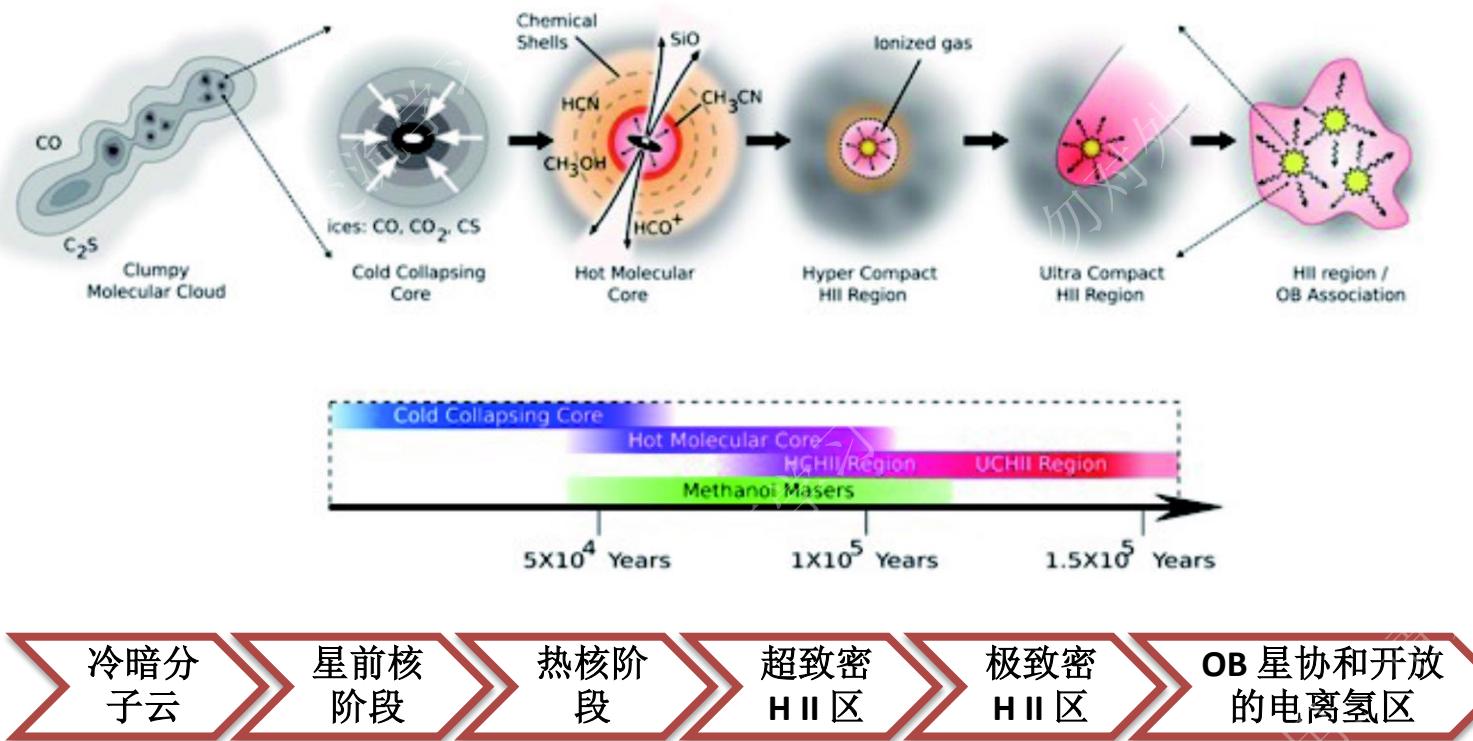
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外向流阶段

主序前星演化阶段

孤立分子云中低质量恒星形成“标准模型” (Shu et al. 1987)

恒星形成——大质量恒星形成及演化



大质量恒星形成演化各阶段特征

恒星形成——年轻恒星的分类

○ 根据质量的分类

● $2 M_{\odot} \sim 8 M_{\odot}$

□ Herbig Ae/Be stars

- ◆ 光谱型早于F0且有巴尔末发射；
- ◆ 光度分类属于III-V型；
- ◆ 具有较强的由星周气尘物质引起的红外色余。

(George Herbig 1960,
Waters & Waelkens 1998)

● $< 2 M_{\odot}$

□ T Tauri stars

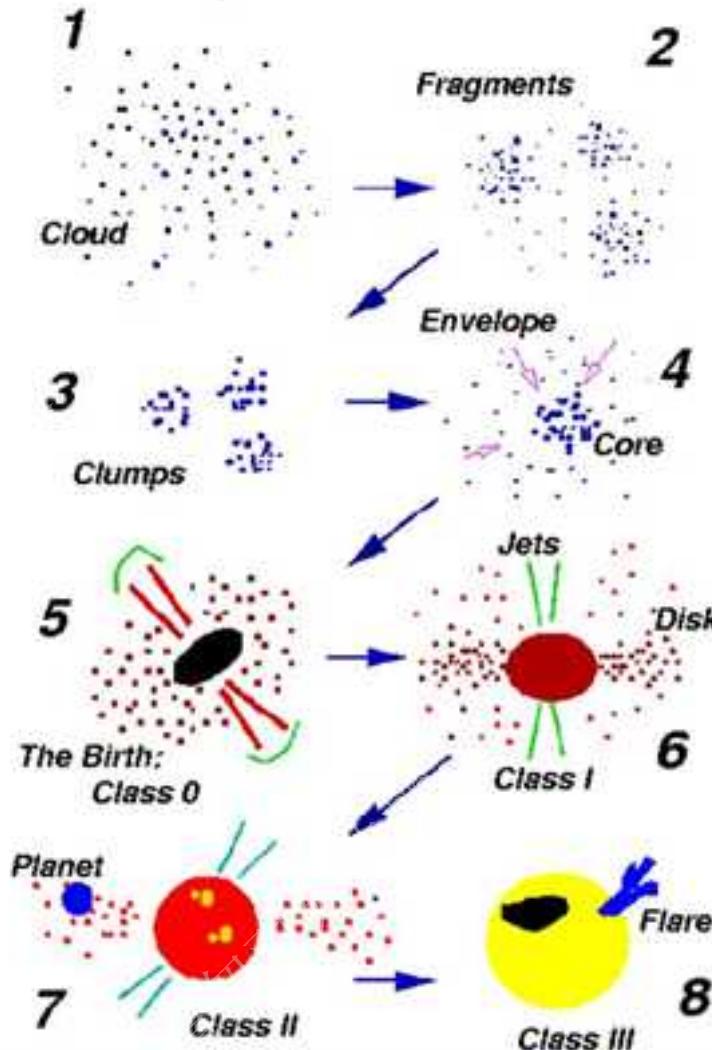
- ◆ Classical T Tauri stars(CTTS)
- ◆ Weak-line T Tauri stars(WTTS)

	CTTS	WTTS
光谱型	EW[H α]	
K0 – K5	> 3 Å	< 3 Å
K6 – M2.5	> 10 Å	< 10 Å
M3 – M5.5	> 20 Å	< 20 Å
M6 – M7.5	> 40 Å	< 40 Å

(White & Basri 2003)

恒星形成：全阶段

根据演化状态的分类



1. Cloud of atoms
2. Fragments
3. Clumps
4. Cores
5. Class 0
6. Class 1
7. Class 2
8. Class 3

Systematic investigations of SF in the RMC

(HH and H₂ flows, clustered SF)



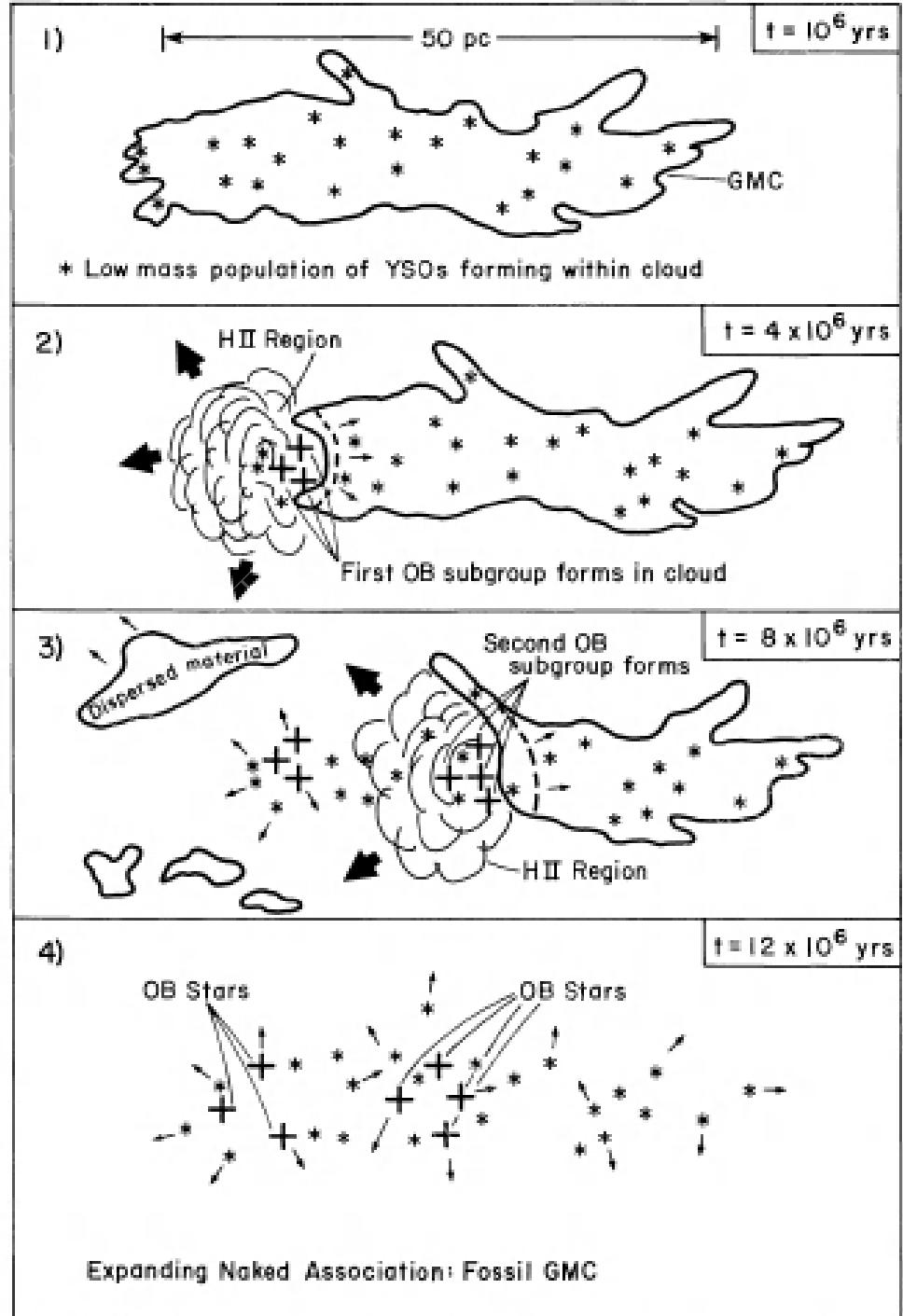
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Spitzer IRAC obs. of Rosette

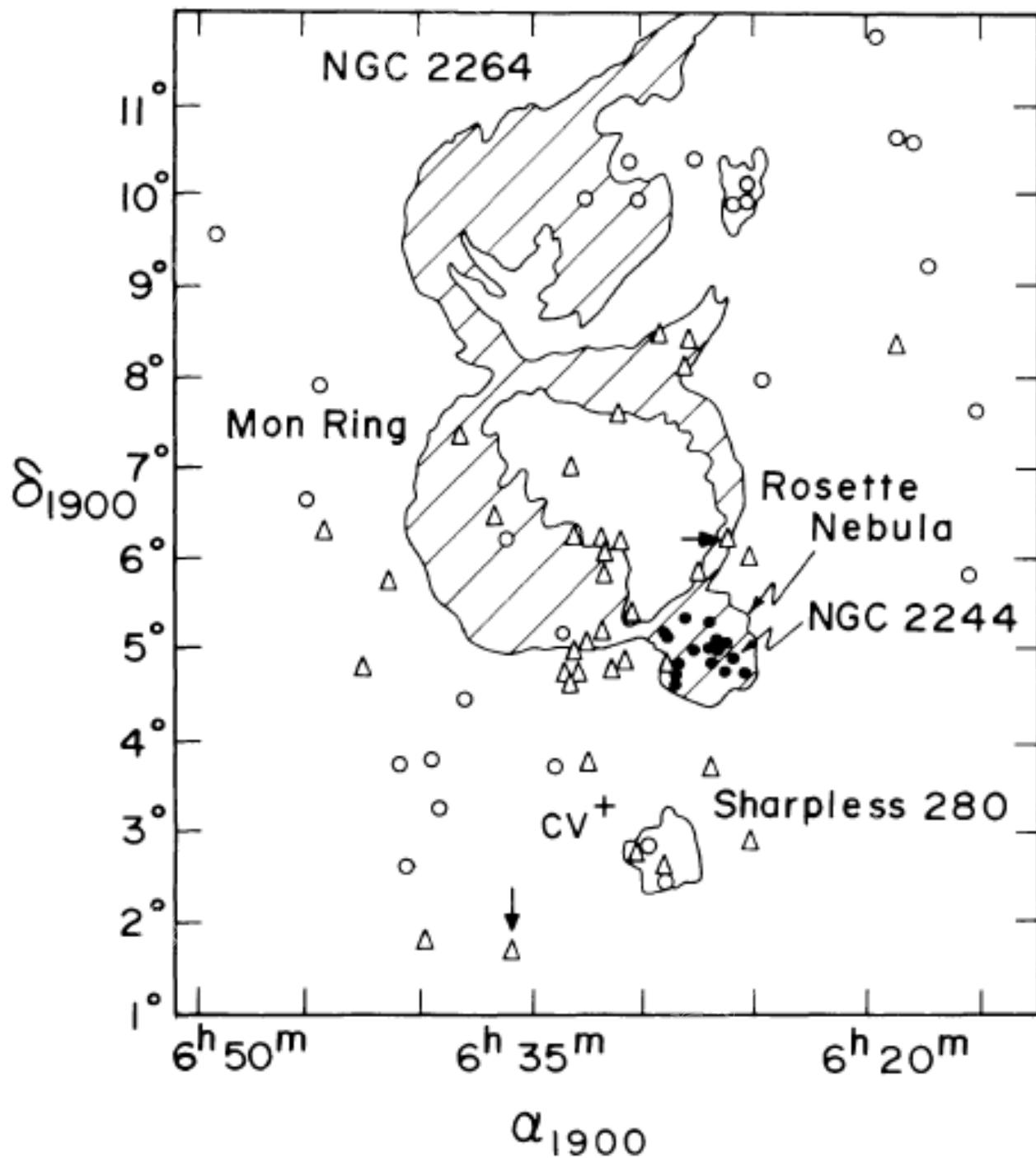
Why the Rosette Complex?

- Most stars originate in OB associations (Roberts 1957) and are formed out of GMCs (Blitz 1980)
- 70-90% of stars in nearby GMCs are in embedded clusters (Lada et al. 1991, etc.)
- An isolated massive SFR.
 $D \sim 1.39 \text{ kpc}$; $M_{\text{gas}} \sim 10^5 M_{\odot}$; Scale $\sim 100 \text{ pc}$
- Region of sequential OB clusters formation
Mon OB2: 280 pc; $\sim 10 \text{ Myrs} \rightarrow 5 \text{ Myr} \rightarrow 1.9 \text{ Myr}$

Sequential formation of OB star clusters in GMCs (Lada 1987)



(Turner 1976)



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- Among the most active SFRs
- The occurrence of OB cluster formation is common in the Galaxy
- The solar system could well have been formed in such environments (though in peripheral and comparatively isolated regions).

Why Rosette?

- **Rosette Nebula: a giant HII region excavated by dozens of OB stars (<B4V)**
- **Would any HHOs and jets survive the harsh UV ionization and dissipation from massive OB stars at the center of NGC 2244**
- **Favorable orientation – low extinction**

Search for HH flows in the Rosette Nebula

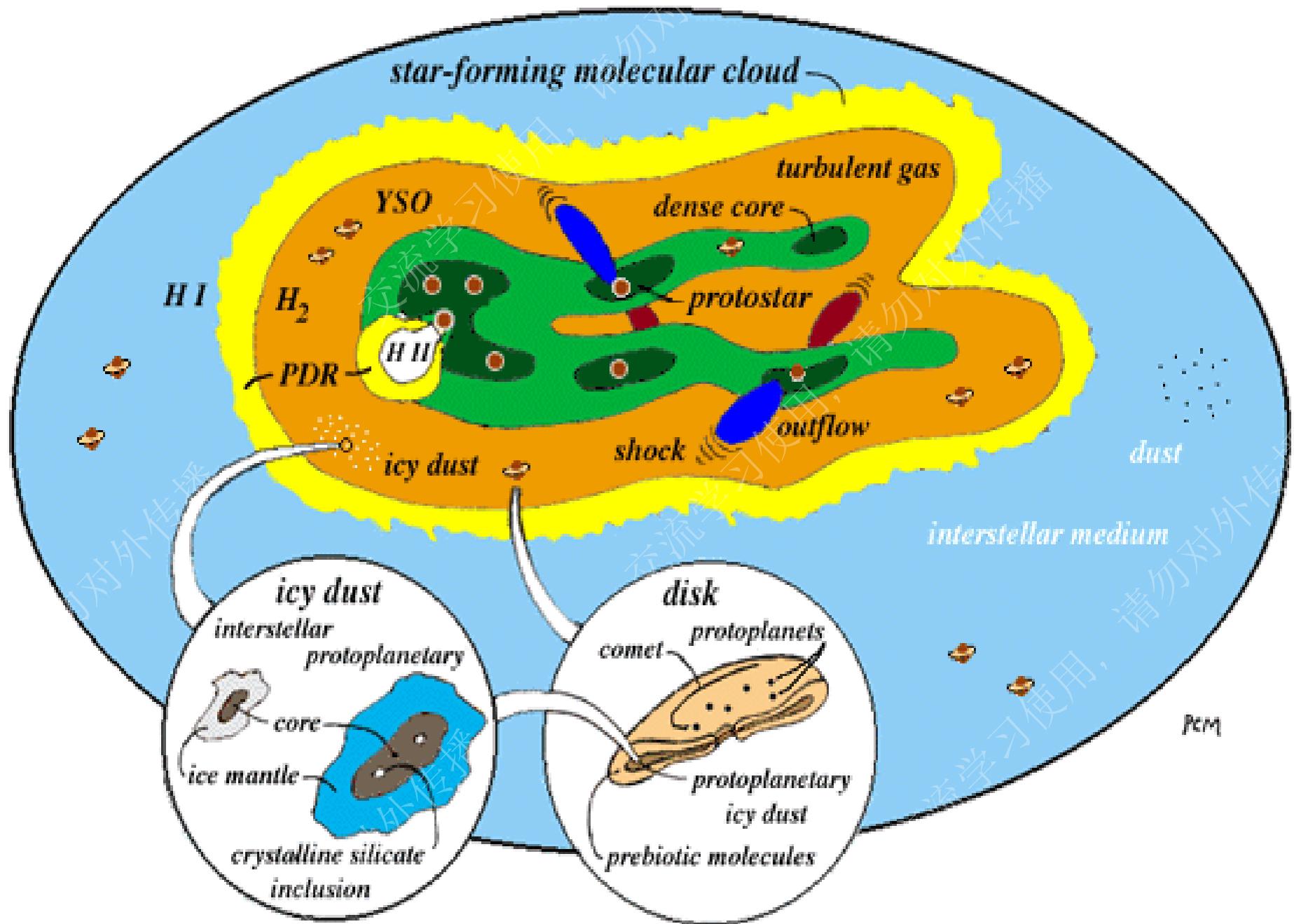
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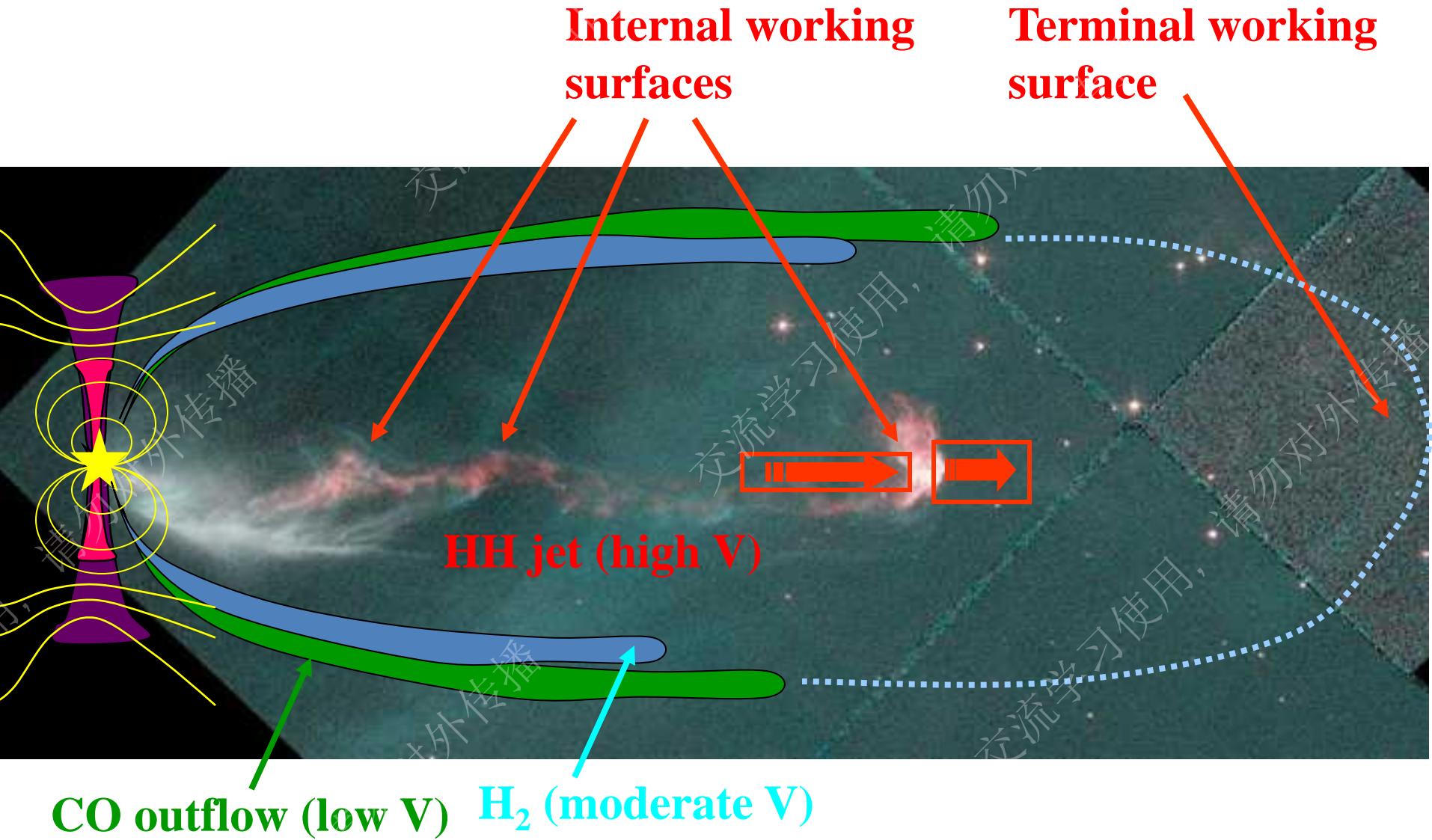
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Outflows: HH objects, H₂, CO



HH 111

[Fe III] + K

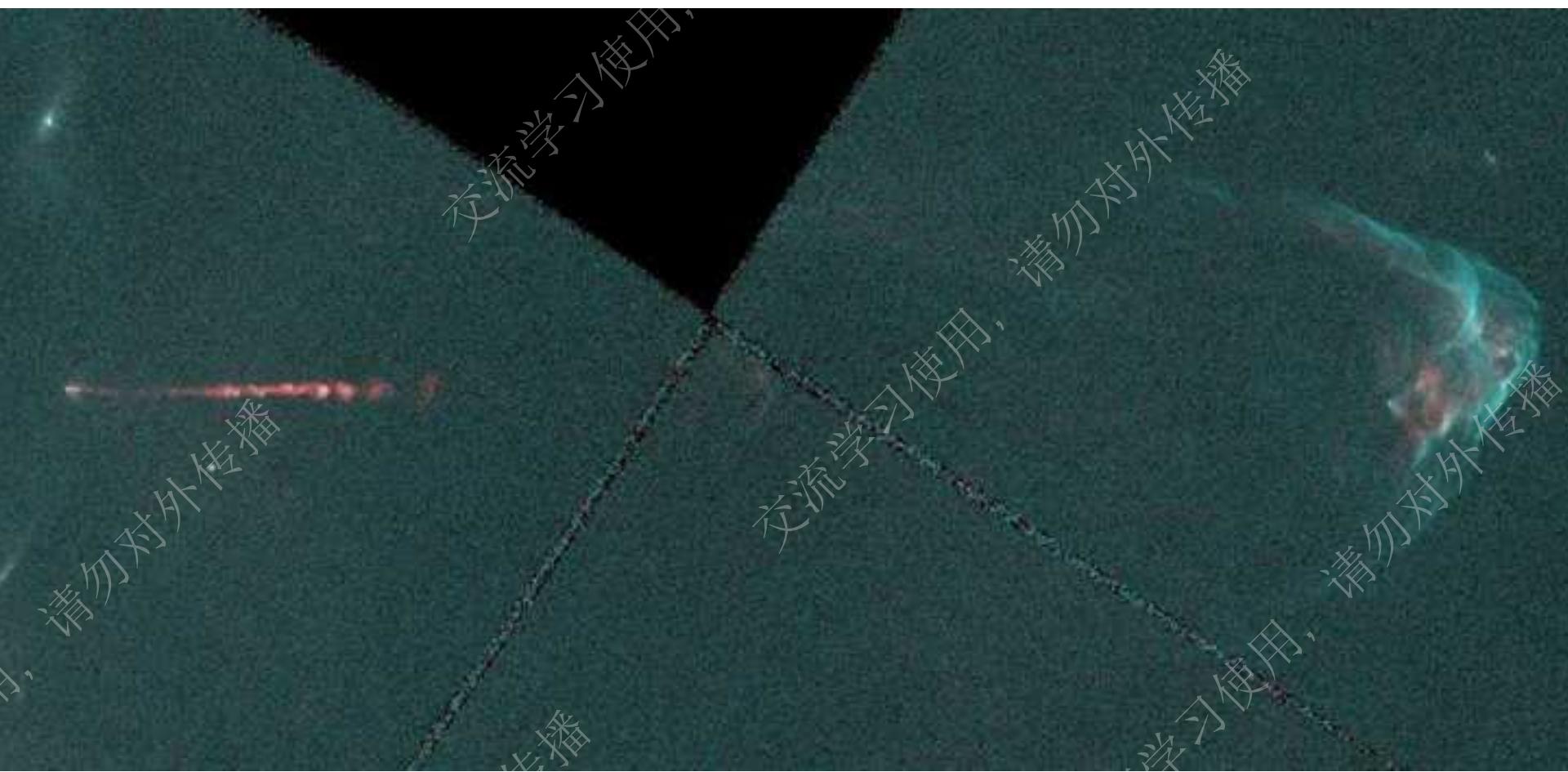
Ha + [SII]



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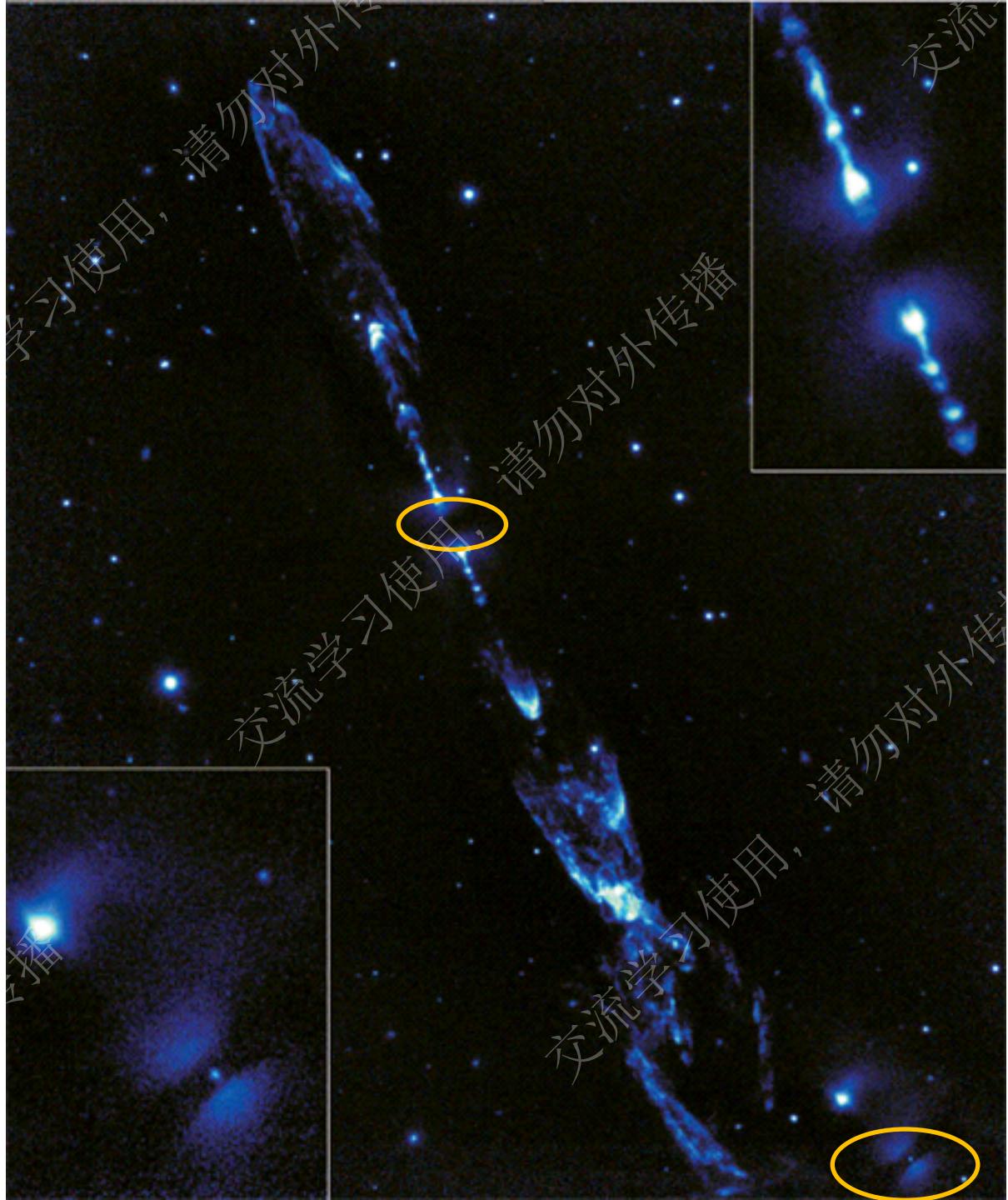
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HH 34



HST 1997 - 1994

HH 212



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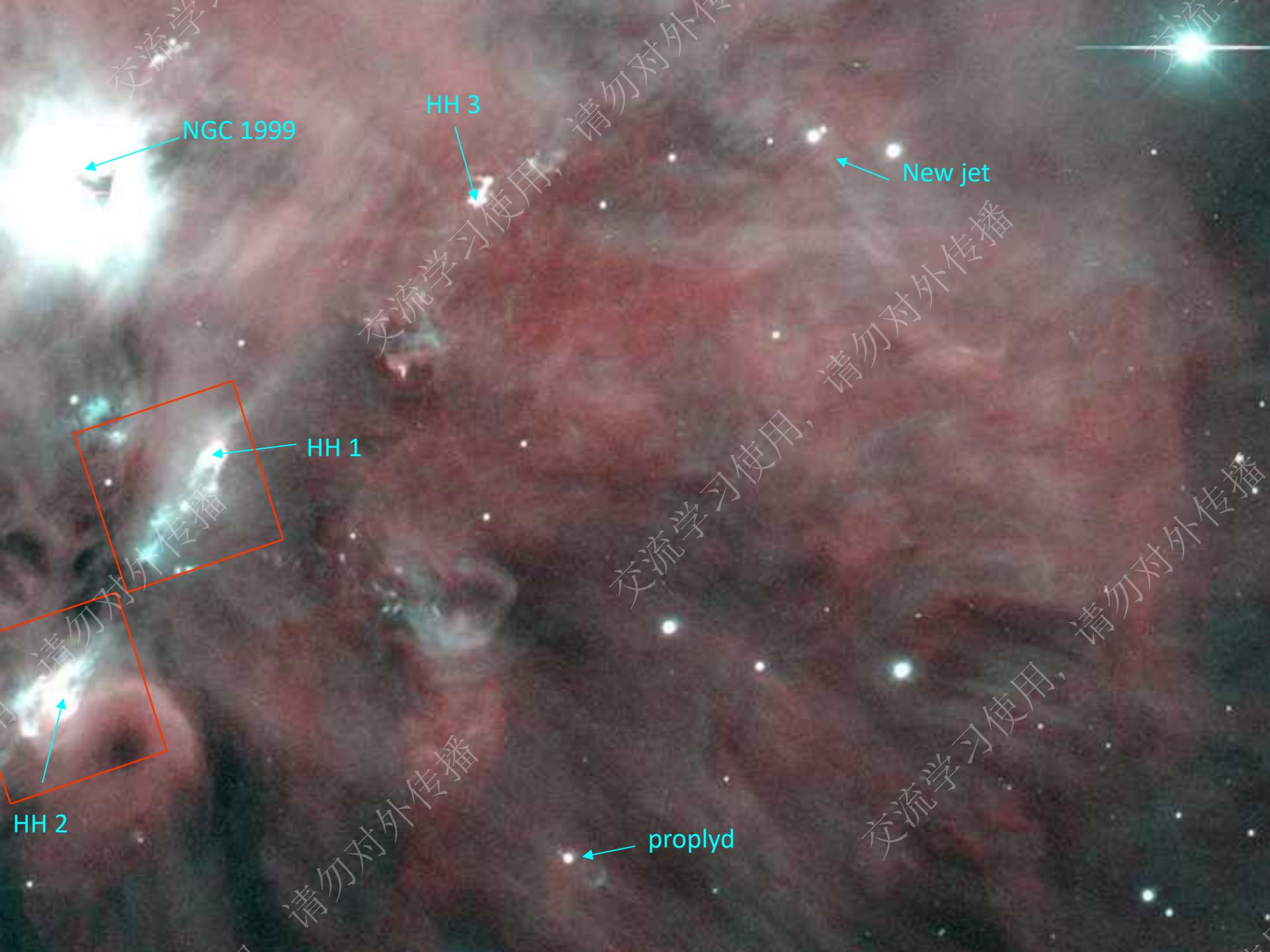


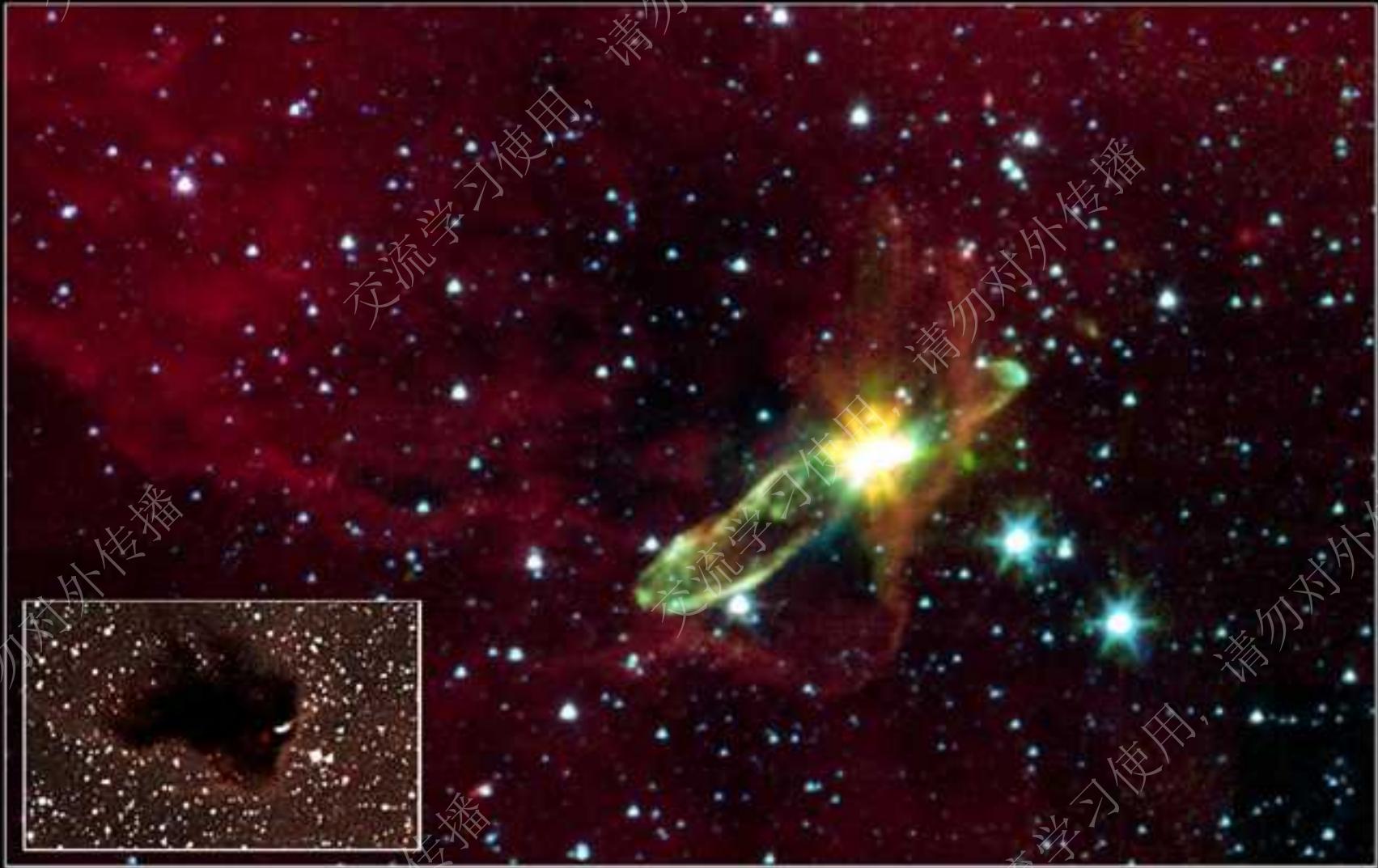


HH 34 parsec-scale flow

S-shaped symmetry

2.5 pc





Embedded Outflow in HH 46/47

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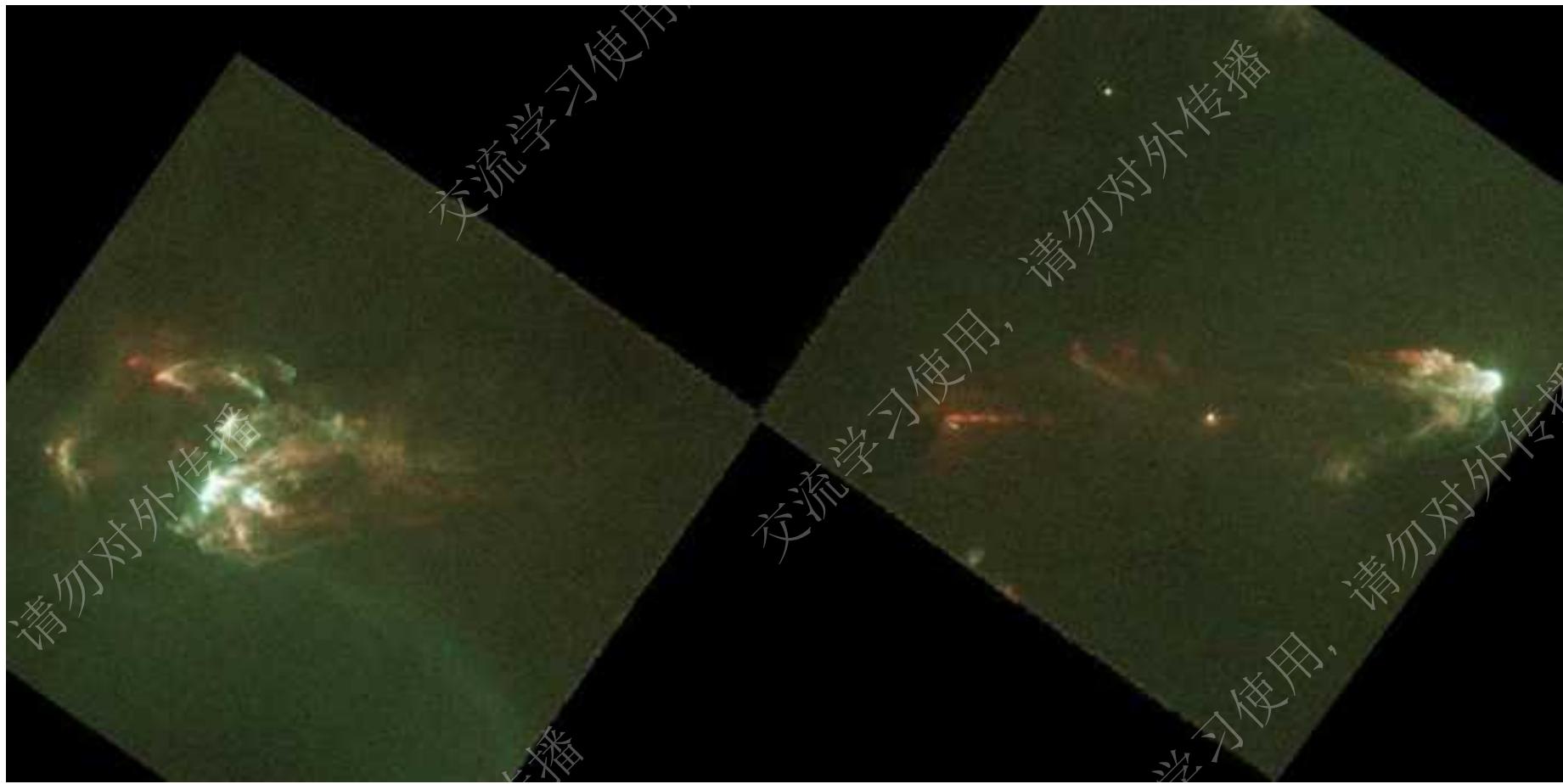
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NGC 1333 in Perseus: 150 young stars



HH 2

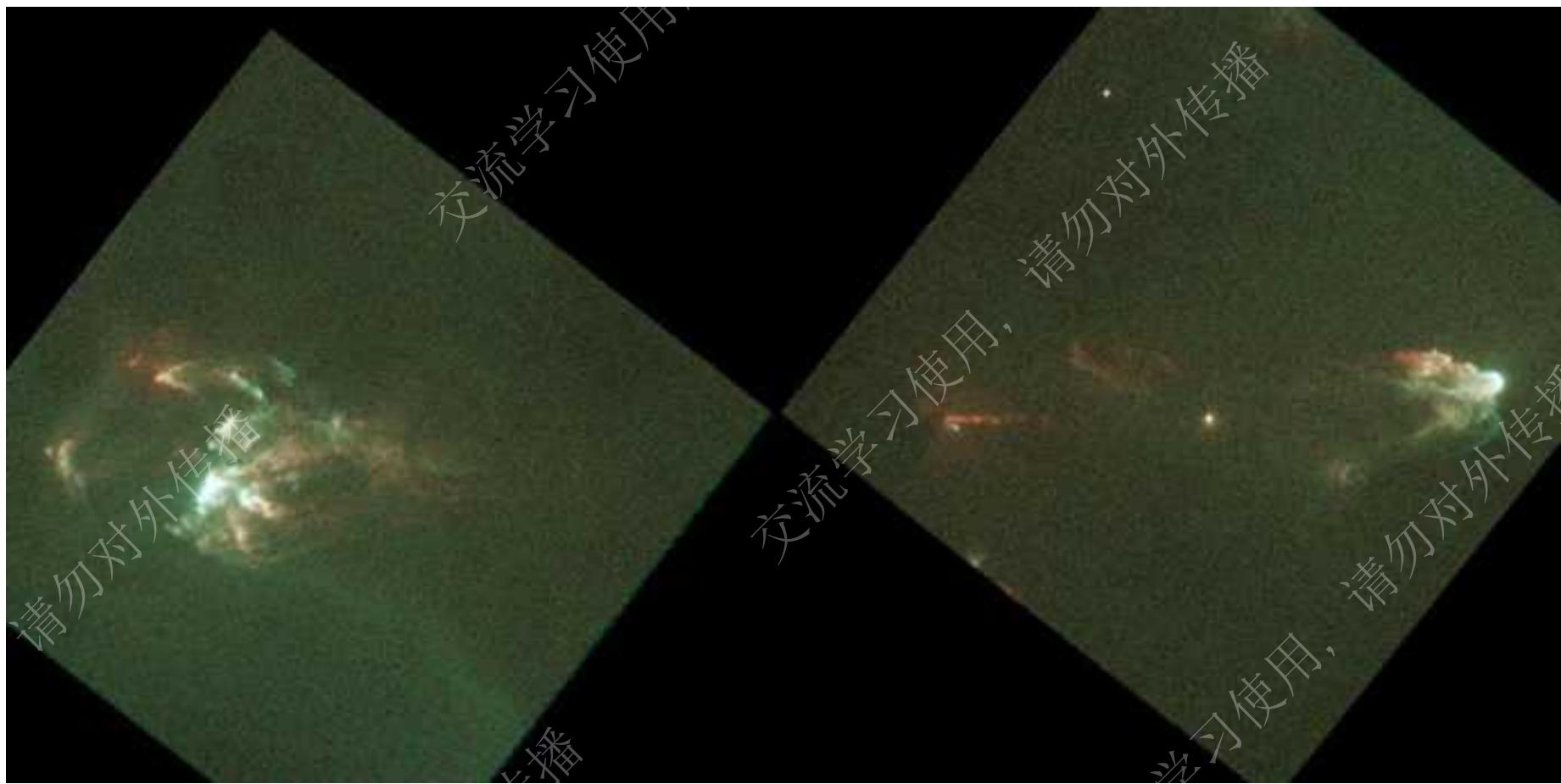
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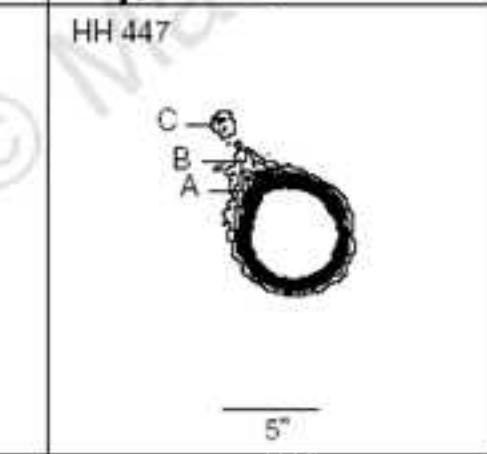
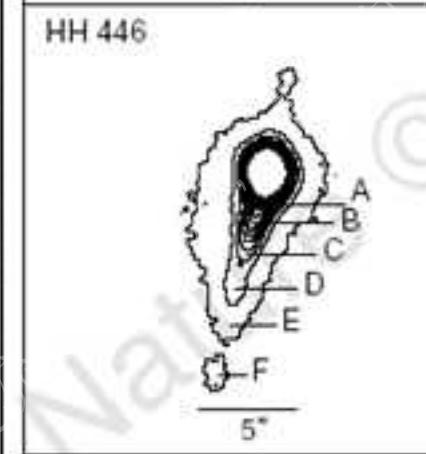
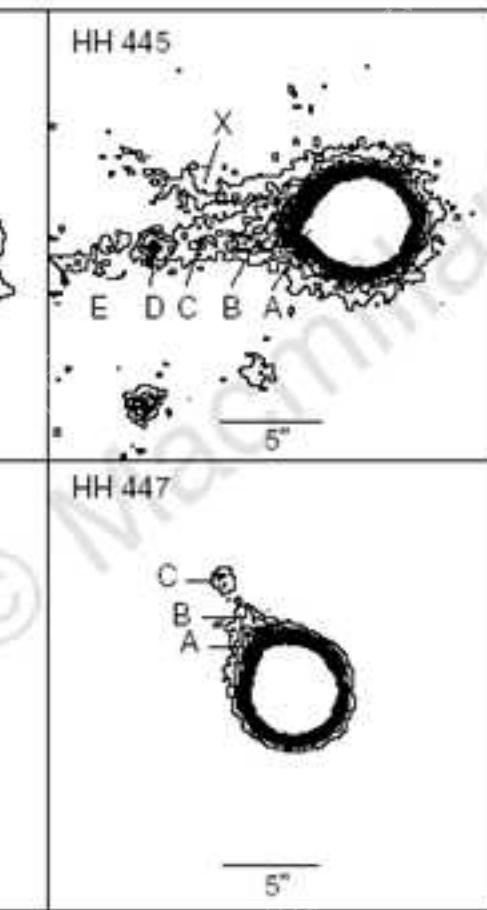
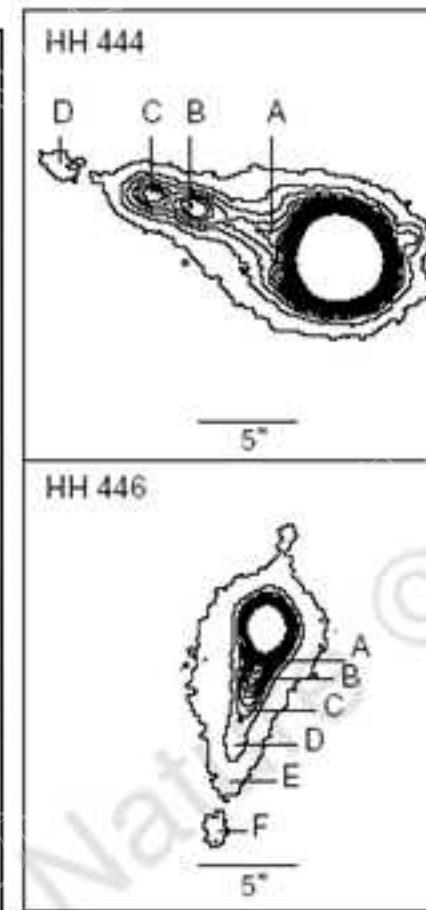
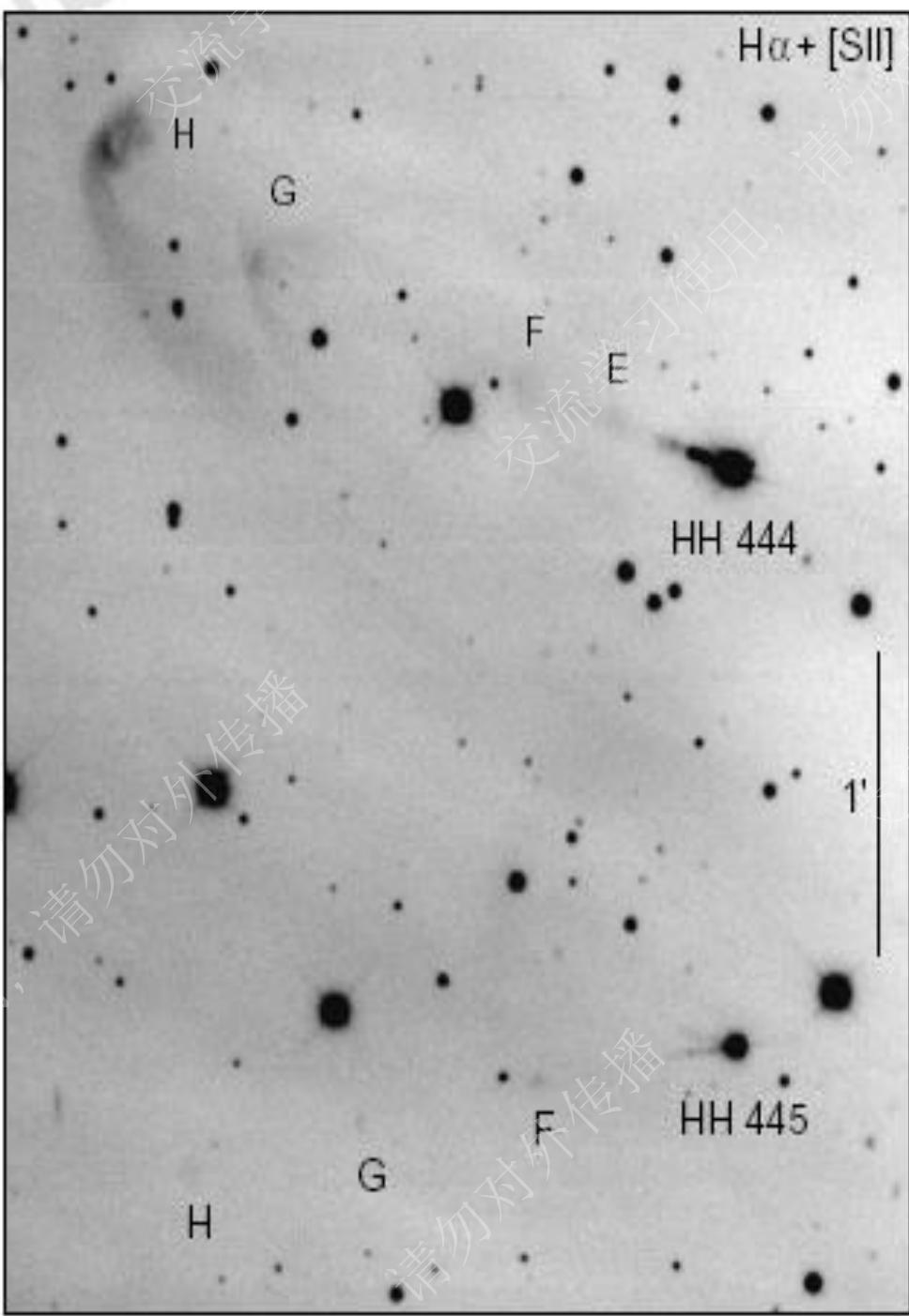
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HST 1997 - 1994



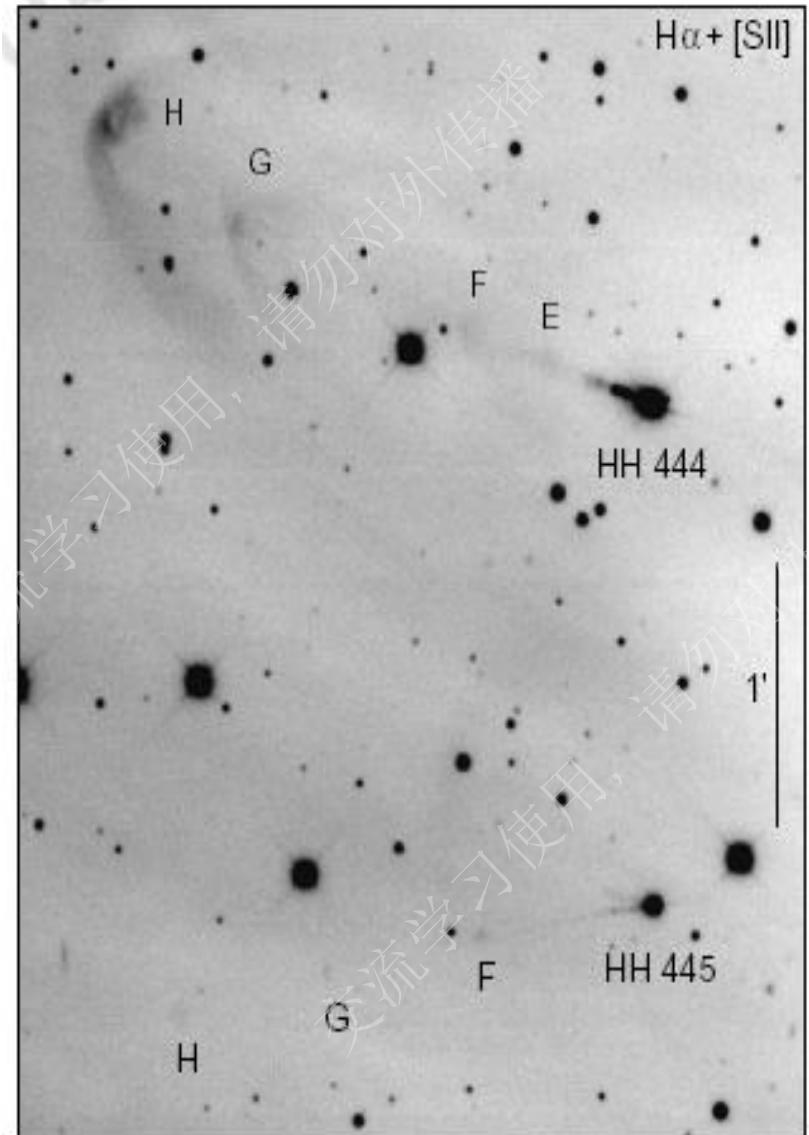
Exciting sources of HH jets used to be embedded in dense molecular cloud cores or extended envelopes of dust and gas, which severely impeded efforts for investigations in the optical regime and makes our view of early stages of star formation remain quite as a puzzle.



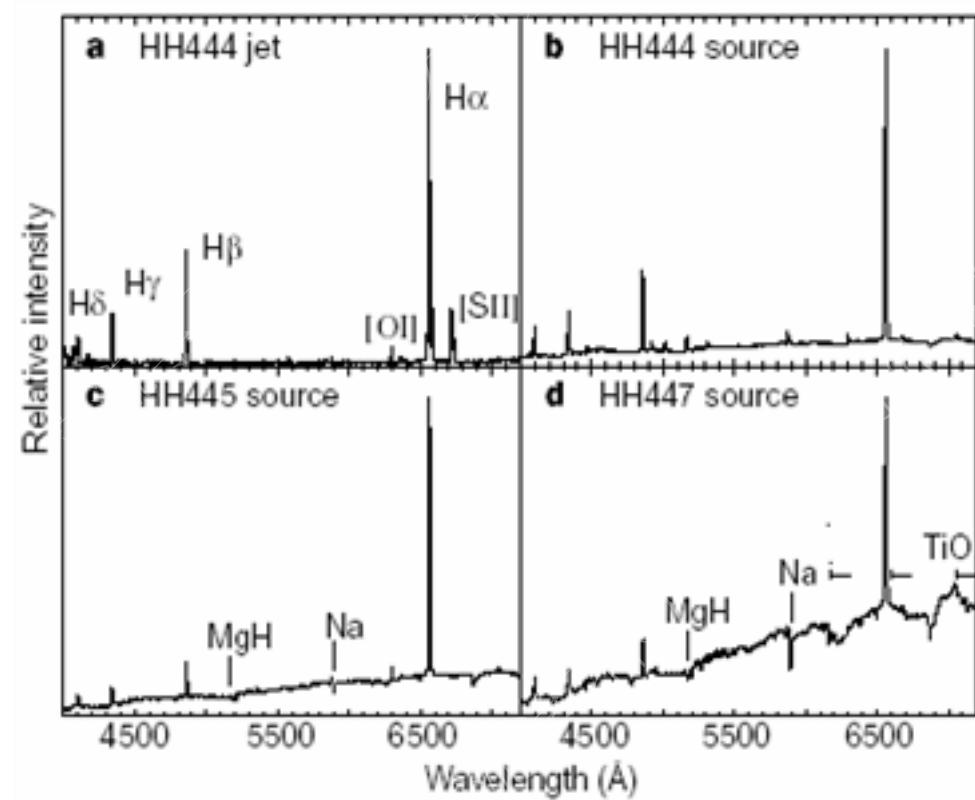
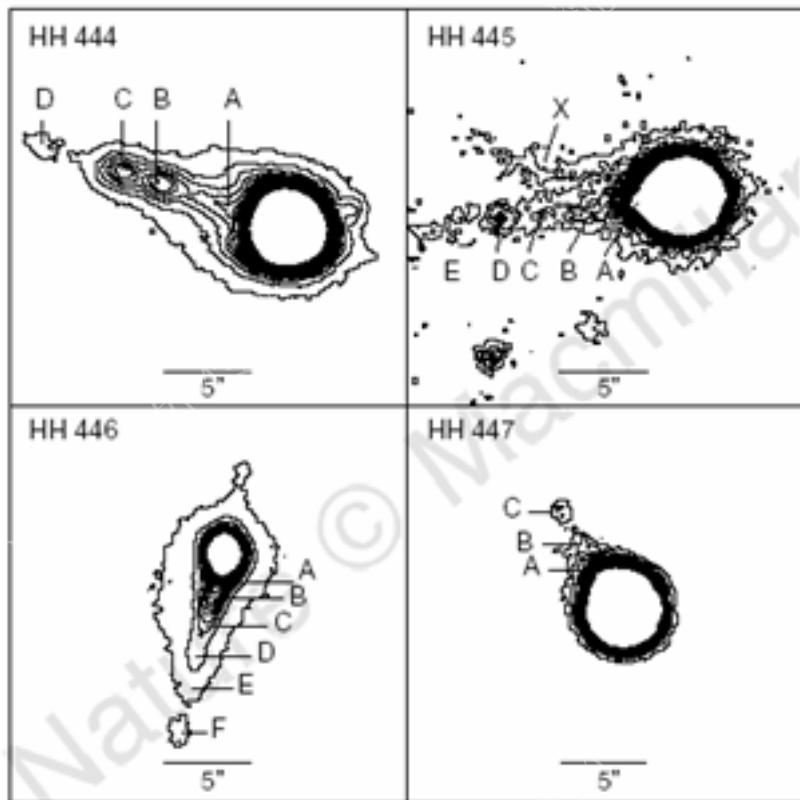
Irradiated Jets in Orion
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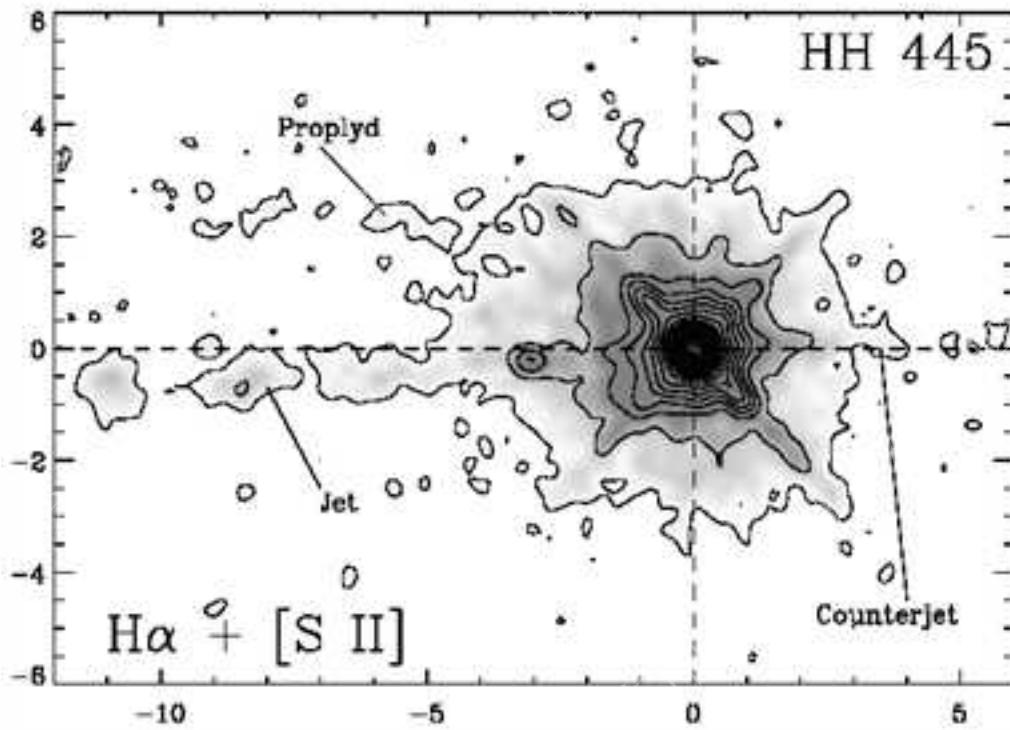
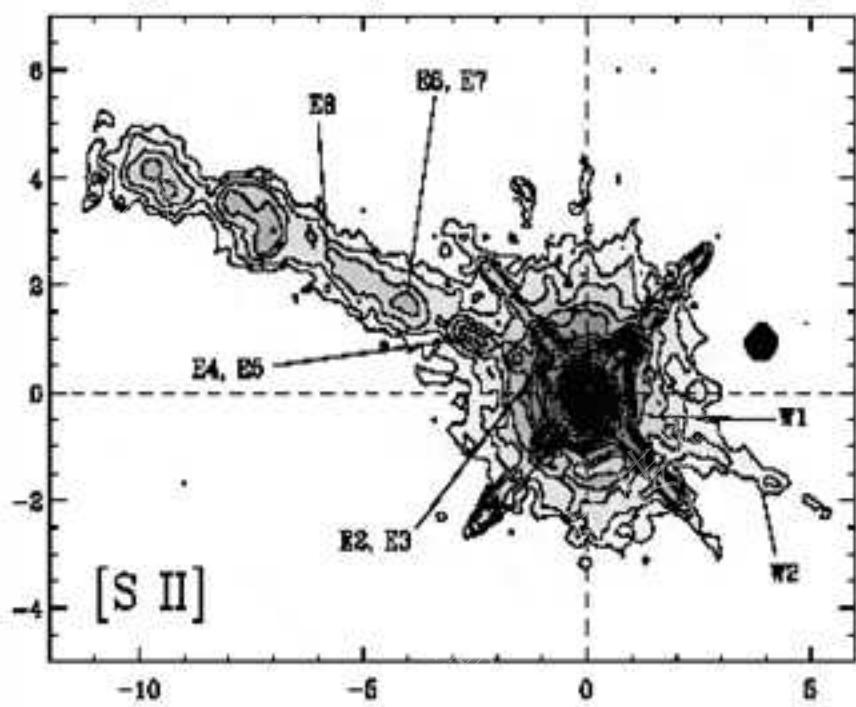
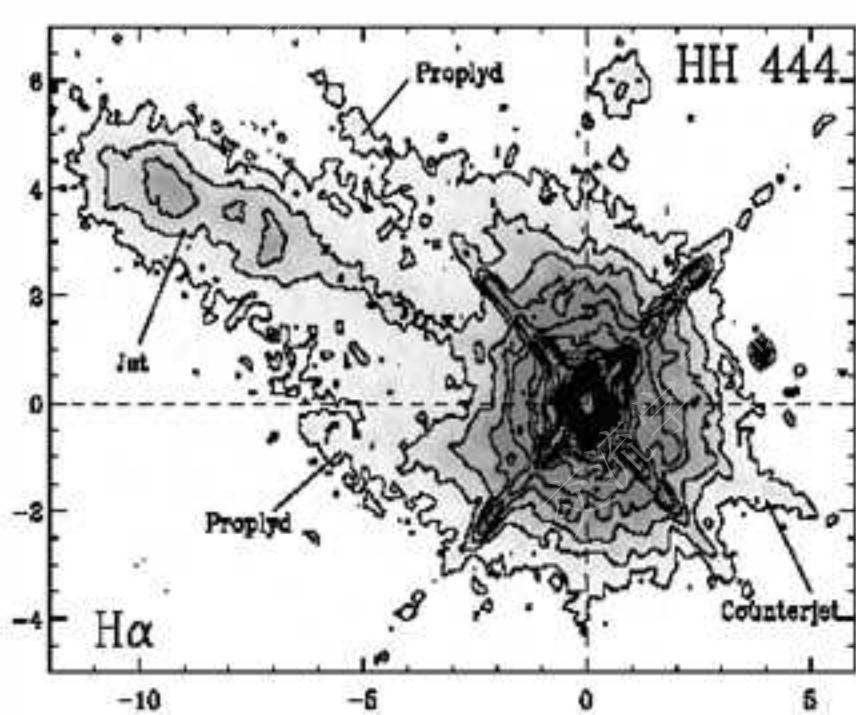
Properties of externally irradiated Jets

- Located in the close vicinity of an O9 star in the Orion Nebula
--- Externally irradiated origin
- [SII]/H α ratio decreases rapidly from the base of the jet.
Shock → Photoionized origin
- Highly asymmetric or unipolar in morphology → different conditions of jet formation
- **Low excitation**

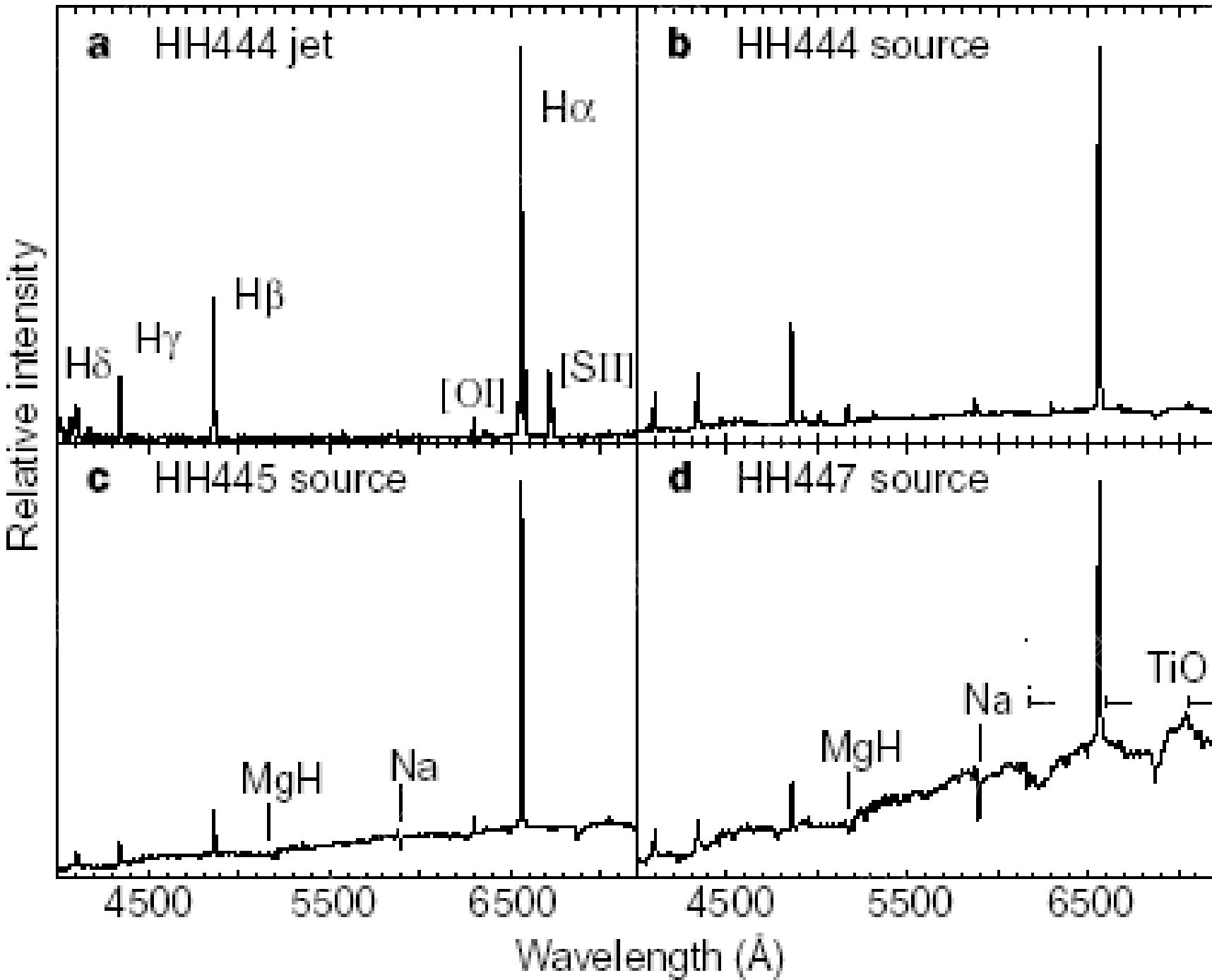


- The jet sources are visible, with spectral characteristics of typical TTS
- **None was detected by IRAS**, indicating the lack of circumstellar materials/envelopes





Andrews, S. M. et al. 2004, ApJ 606, 353



[SII]

Orion Nebula

N3

H α

N2

A

N1

jet

S₁
S₂
S₃

S₄

S₅

S₆

S₇

f

C

B

[SII]

Orion Nebula

W1

W2

jet

E1

H α

N4

N3

N2
N1

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[SIII]

NGC 1333

H α

E3

E2

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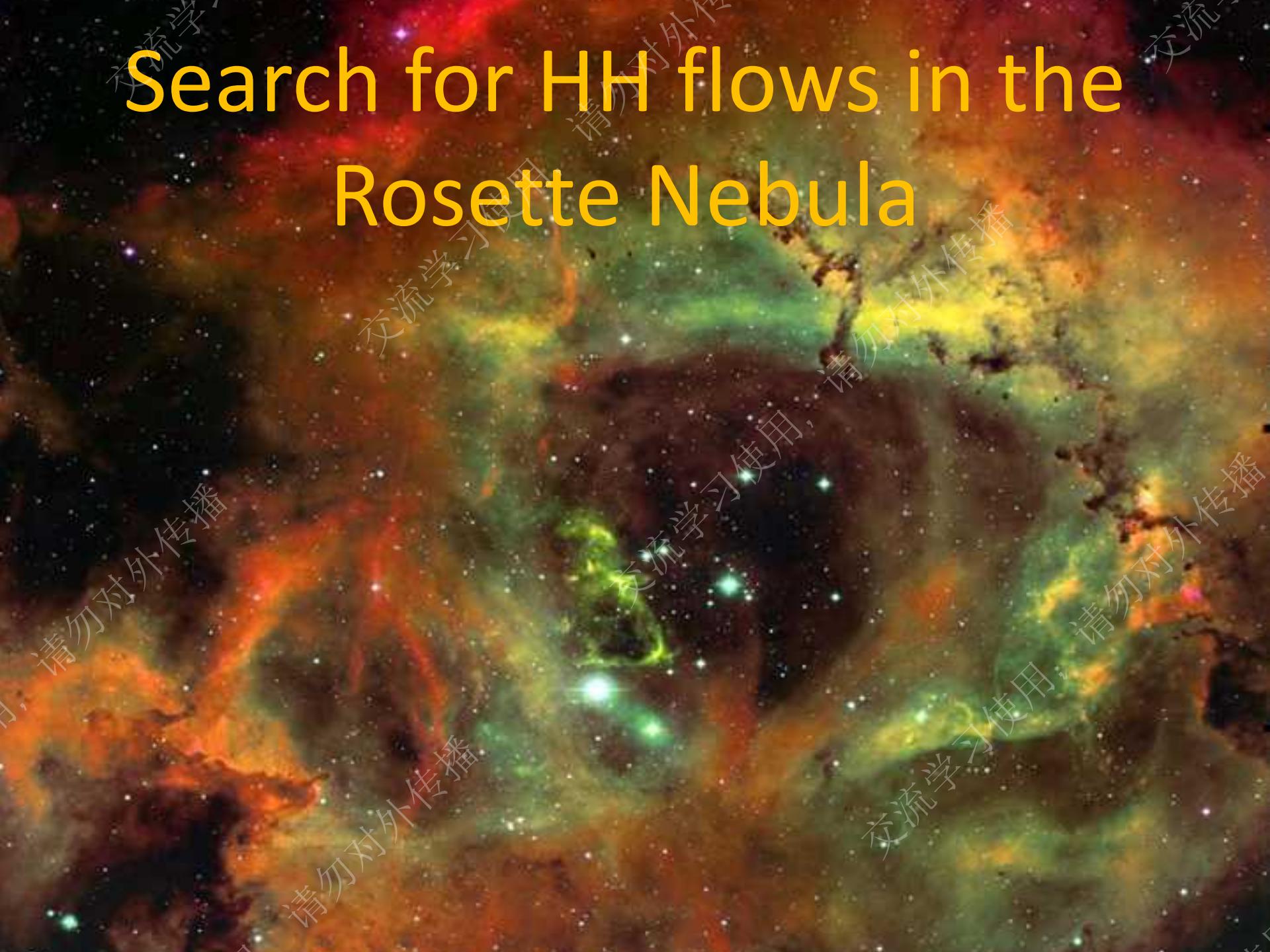
W2

W3 - W4

W5

[SII]

Search for HH flows in the Rosette Nebula



Data Acquisition

- KPNO 0.9m + MOSAIC I camera.
- H α 、[SII]、[OIII] (Travis Rector)
- Credit: You-Hua Chu & IoA of NCU
- NAOC 2.16m, low resolution spectroscopy
- KPNO 4m + MOSAIC camera (John Bally)
- Blanco 4m + SITe2K #6 CCD (Echelle spectroscopy, You-Hua Chu)

Photoionized jets and flows in Rosette



Li J. Z., 2009, RAA, 9, 577

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Fitful Young Star Sputters to Maturity in the Rosette Nebula

Images

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[The Rosette Nebula](#)

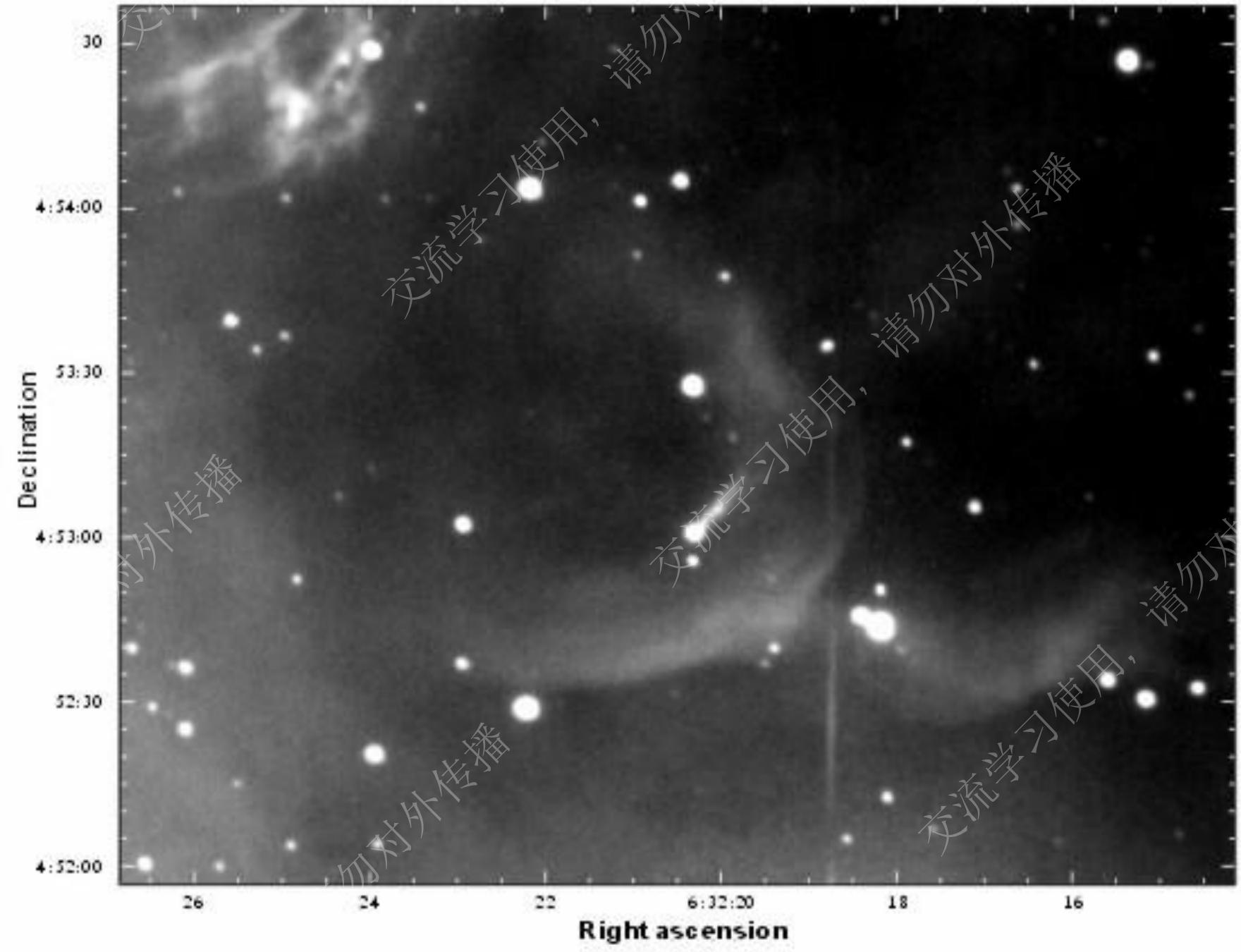
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A duo of Chinese and American astronomers have discovered a young star in the fierce environs of the Rosette Nebula that is ejecting a complex jet of material riddled with knots and bow shocks.

Stripped of its normally opaque surroundings by the intense ultraviolet radiation produced by nearby massive stars, this young stellar object is likely one of the last of its generation in this region of space. Its tenuous state of existence exposes the limitations that young stars—and perhaps even sub-stellar objects such as brown dwarfs and large planets—face in attempting to form in such a violent environment.

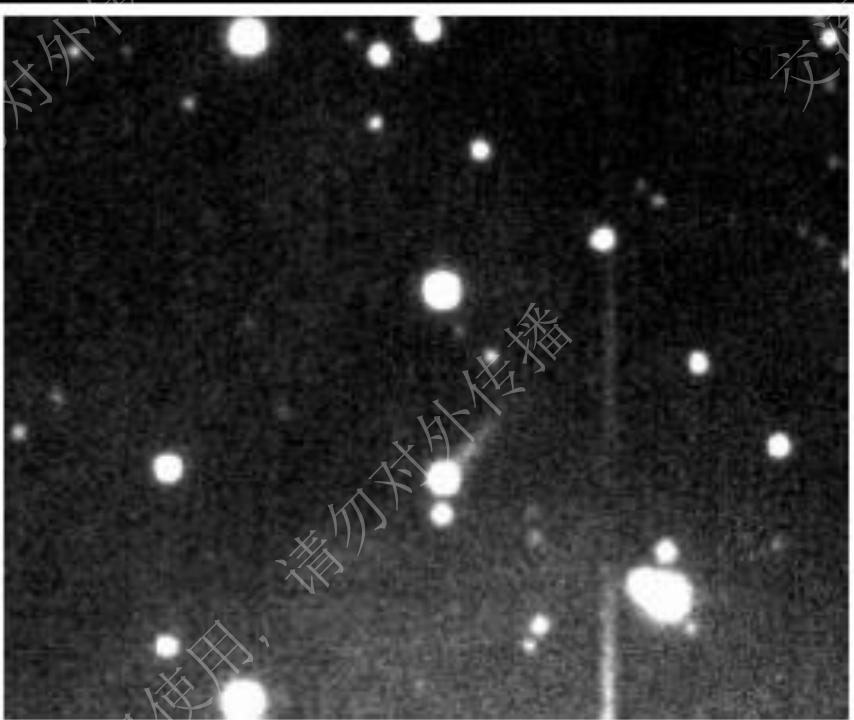
A close-up image from this study of the young star, and a striking, newly reprocessed wide-field image of the colorful Rosette Nebula, are available [above](#).

"Most young stars are embedded in very dense molecular clouds, which makes our view of the early stages of star formation normally impossible with optical telescopes," says Travis Rector of the University of Alaska Anchorage, co-author of a paper on the young stellar object (YSO) in the



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H α



[OIII]



Properties of the jets in Rosette

- Bathed in harsh UV radiation of the OB stars that excited the Rosette Neubla
- Visible jet sources with spectral characteristics of Weak-line TTS and Herbig Ae/Be
- None was detected by IRAS, indicating the lack of circumstellar disks/envelopes
- $[\text{SII}]/\text{H}\alpha$ ratio decreases rapidly from the base.
Shock → Photoionized origin
- Highly asymmetric or unipolar morphology → different conditions of jet formation
- Diffuse [OIII] emission → photoionized origin





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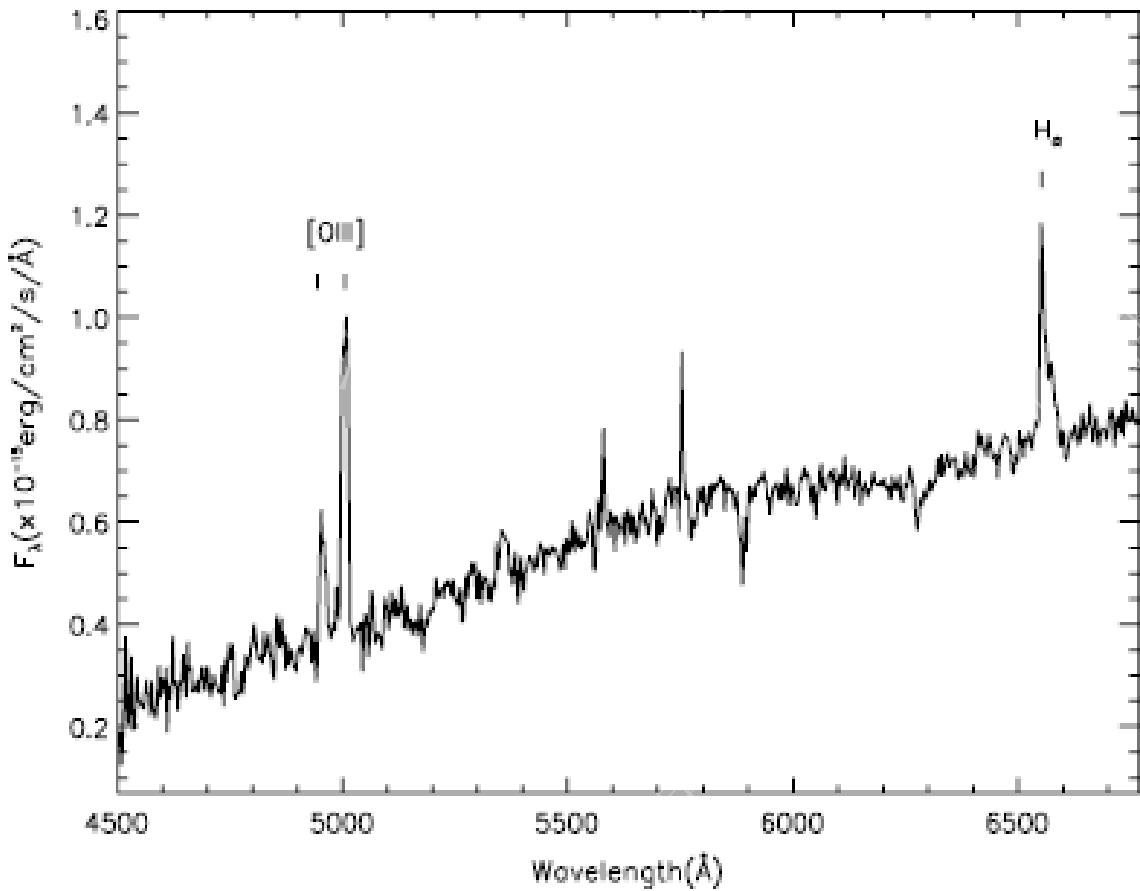
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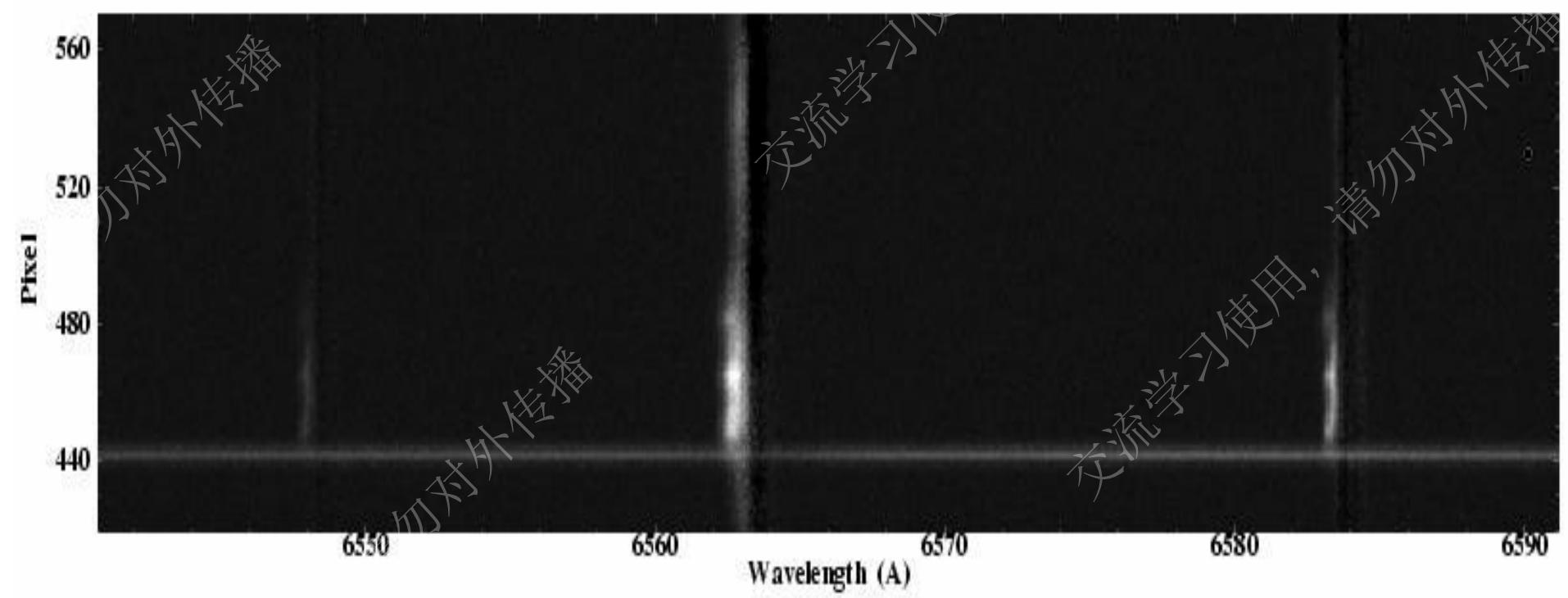
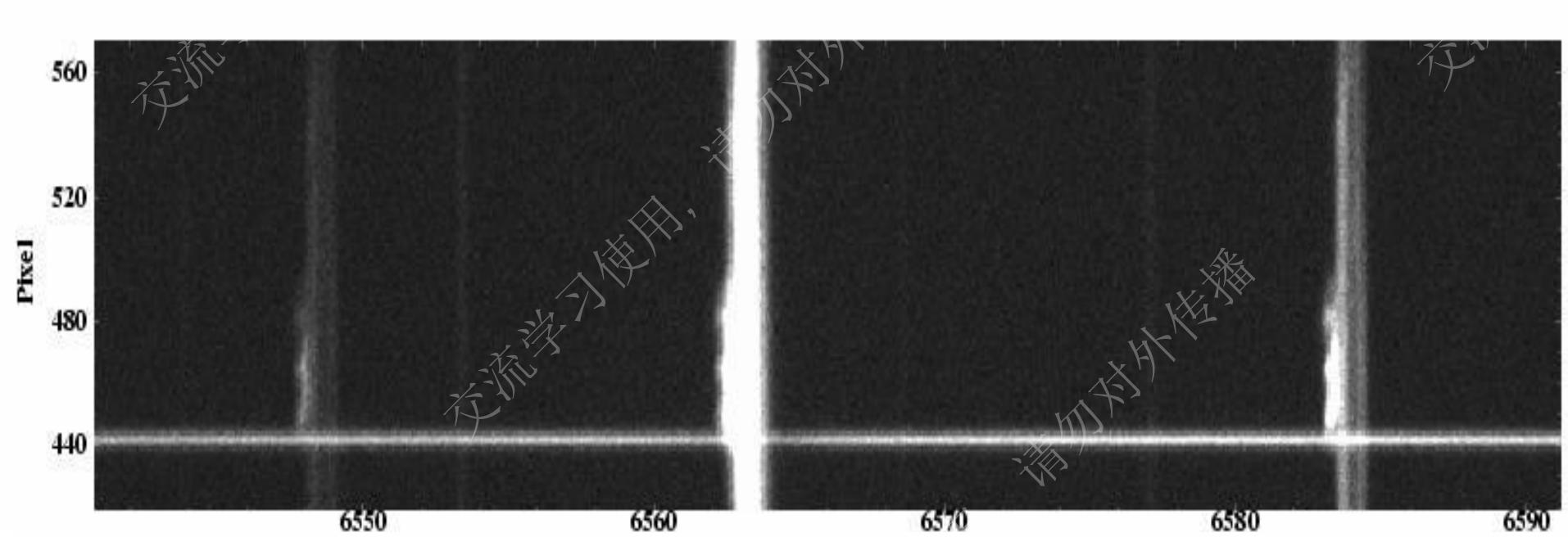
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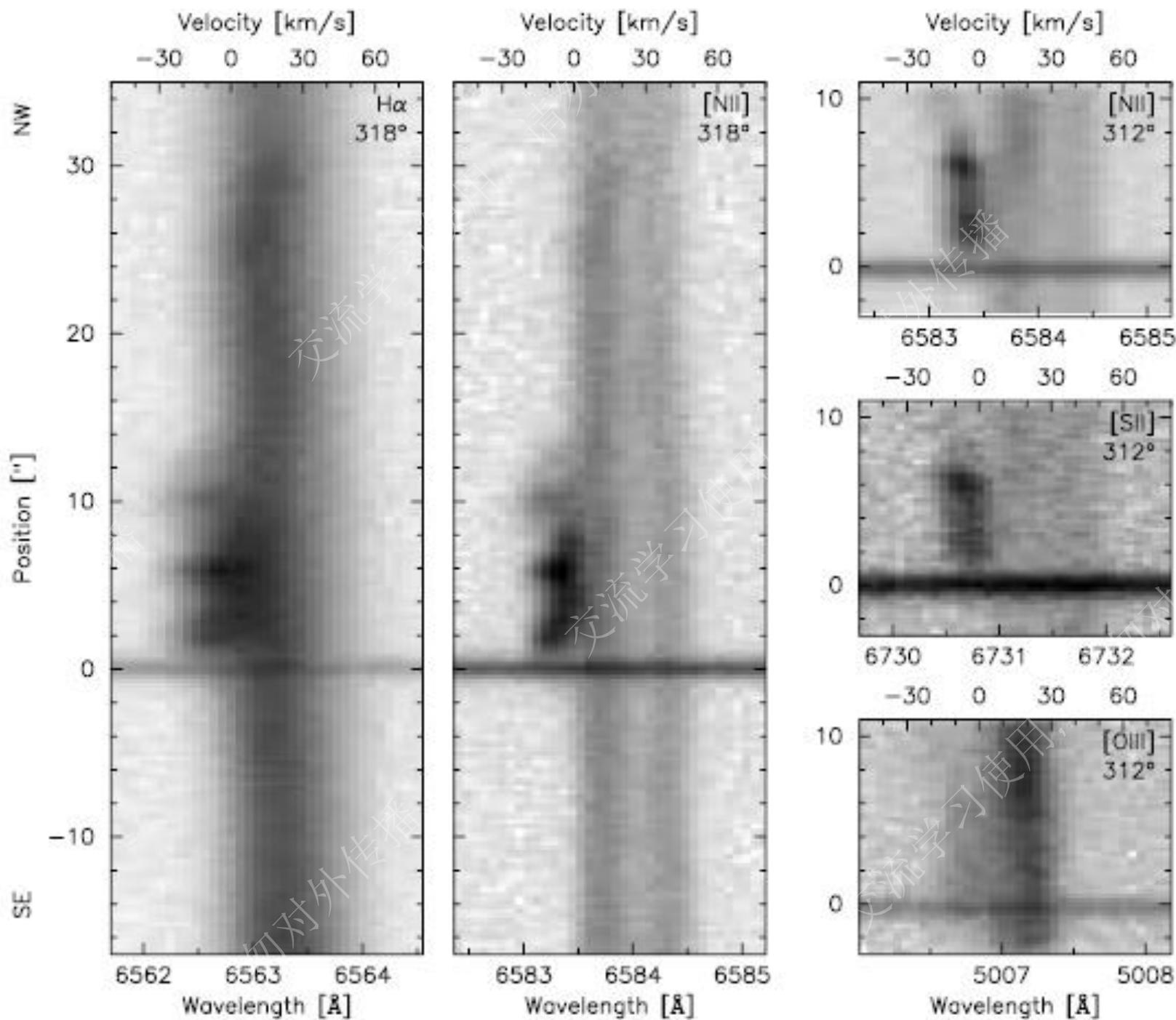
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Low-resolution Spectroscopy of HH889

- High excitation status of the jet systems





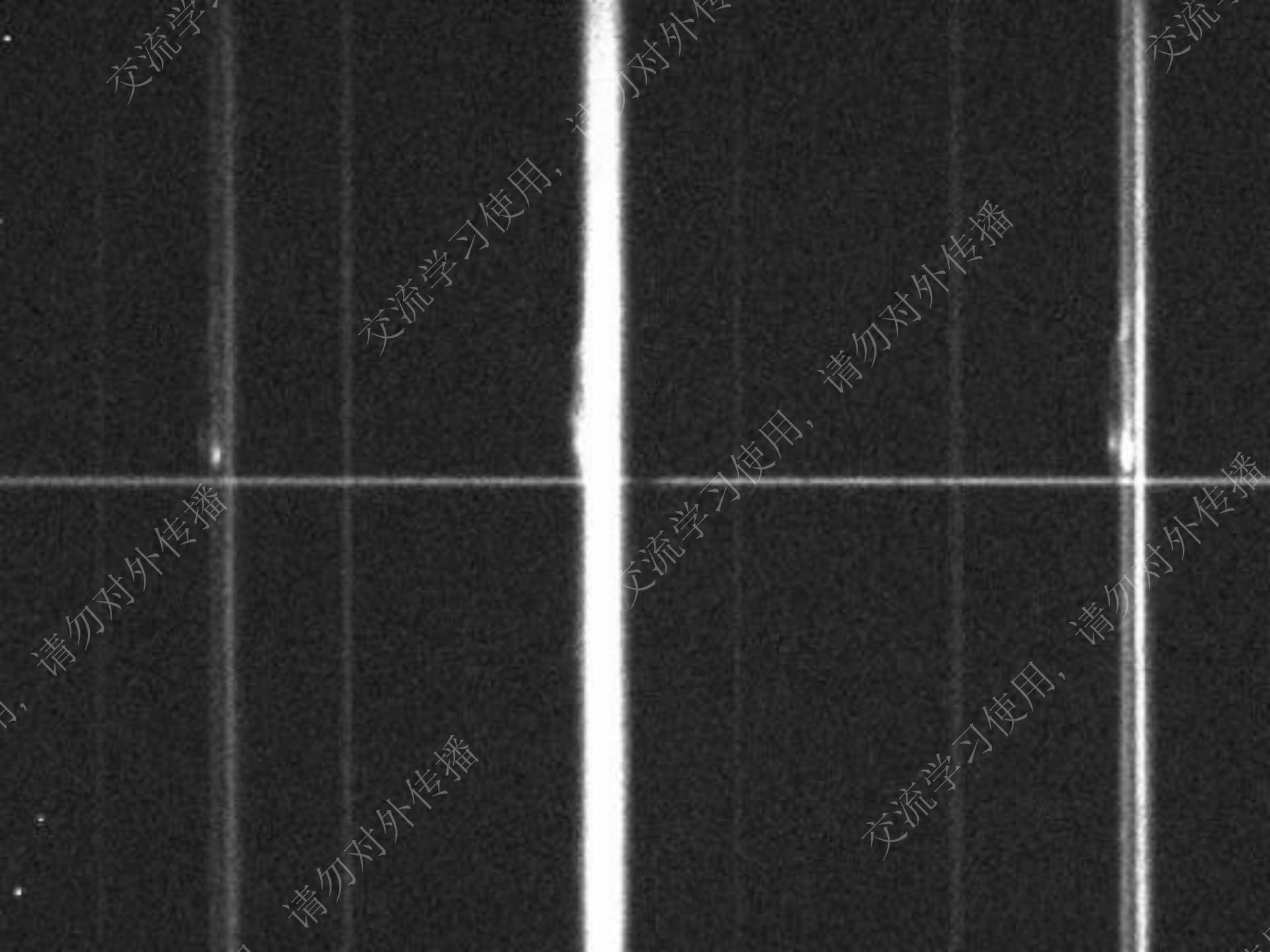


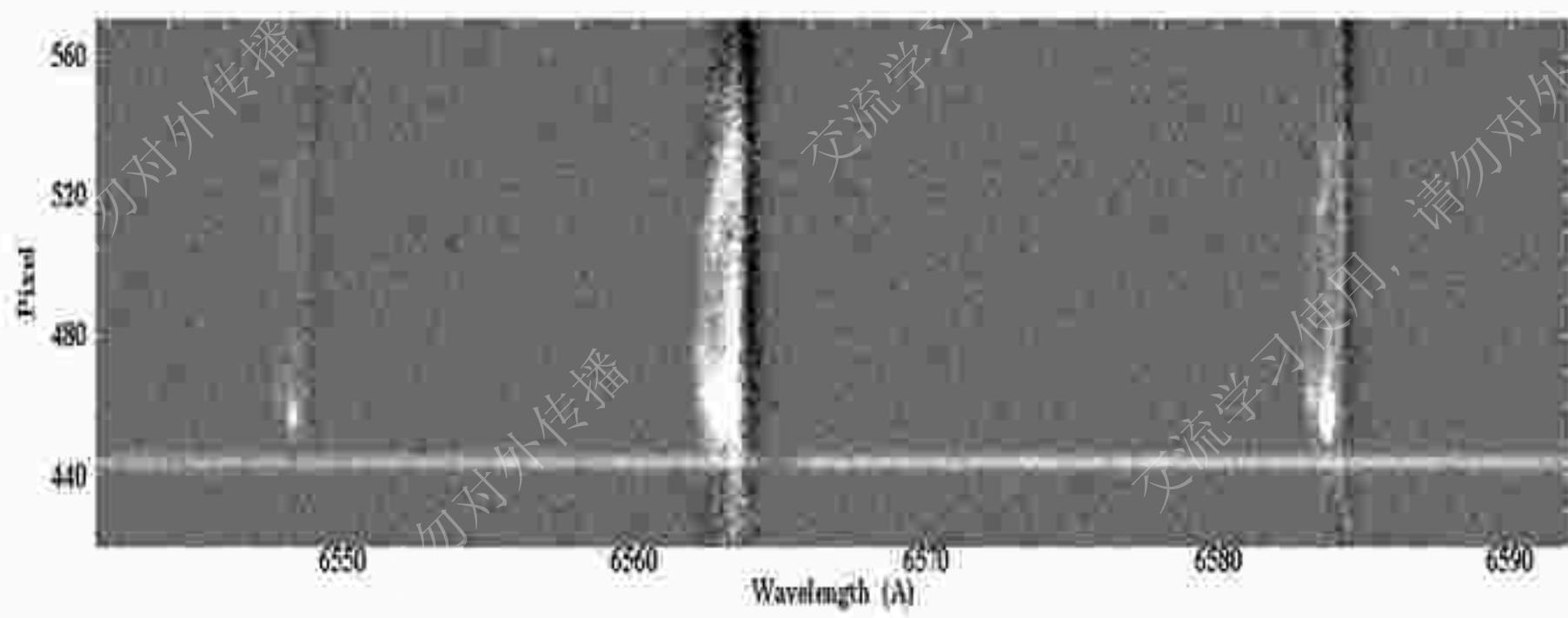
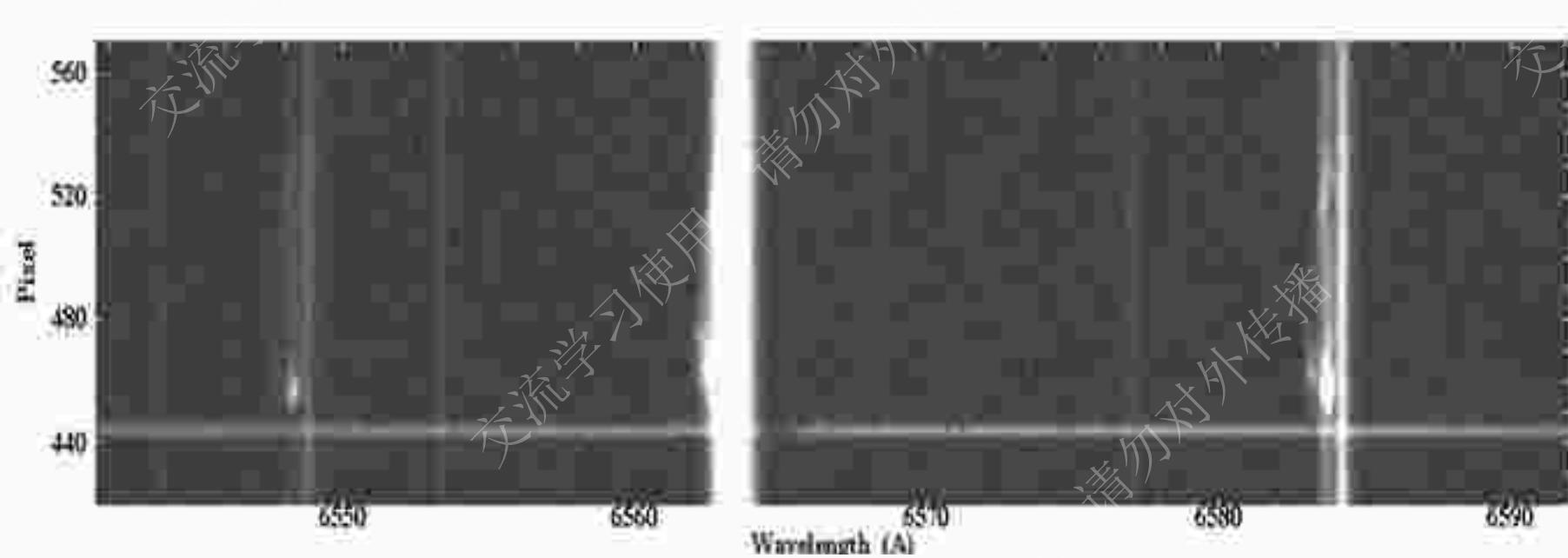
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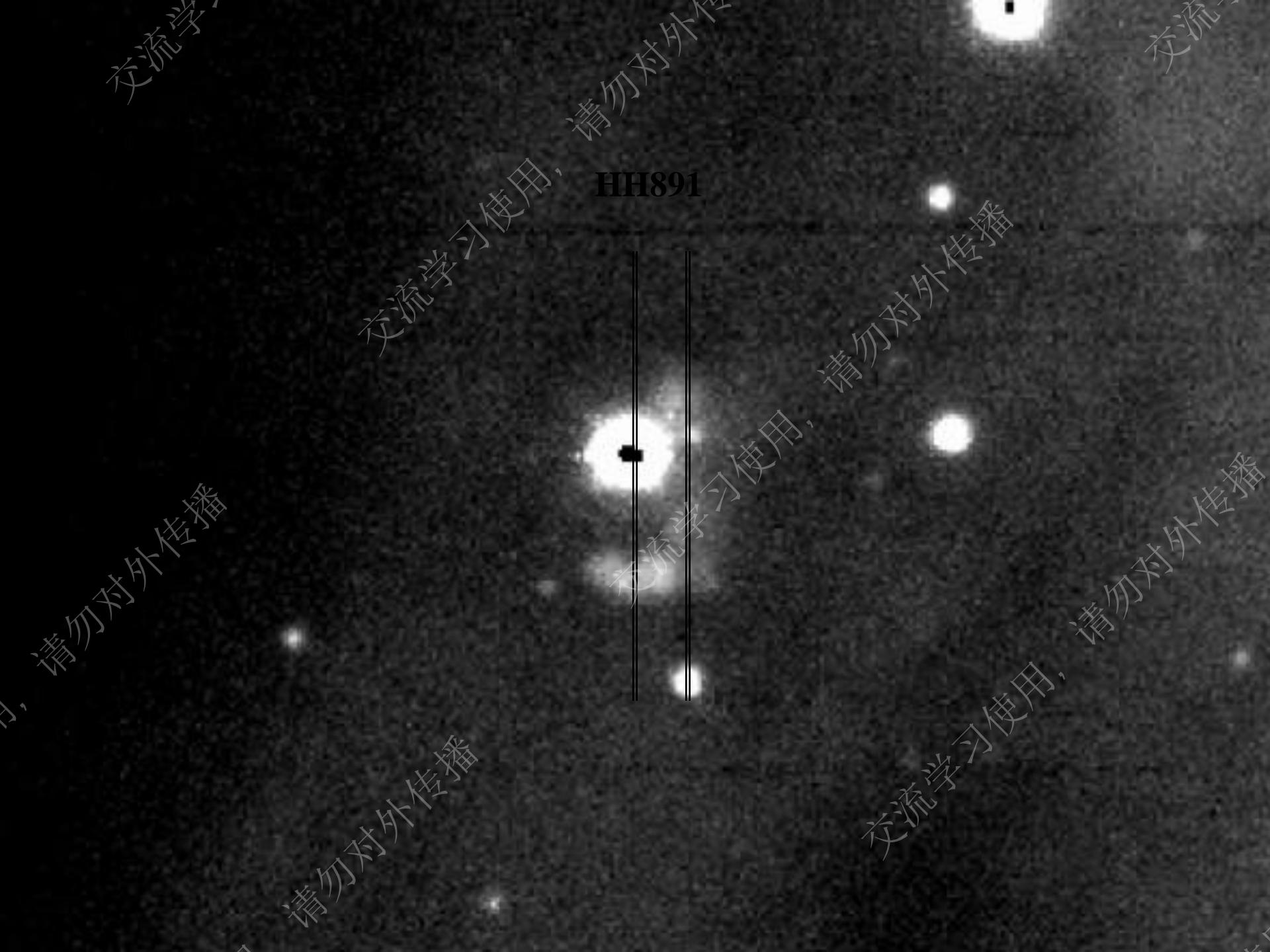
- Expanding shells of the Rosette Nebula: 13 & 40 km/s
→ systematic velocity: 27 km/s
- Relative velocity of the jet along the line of sight: 57 km/s
- n_e in the jet: $\sim 1000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, HII region: $< 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- No detection of H_2 1-0 S(1) emission.
- Evaporation timescale of the relic disk: $10^3 - 10^4 \text{ yr}$

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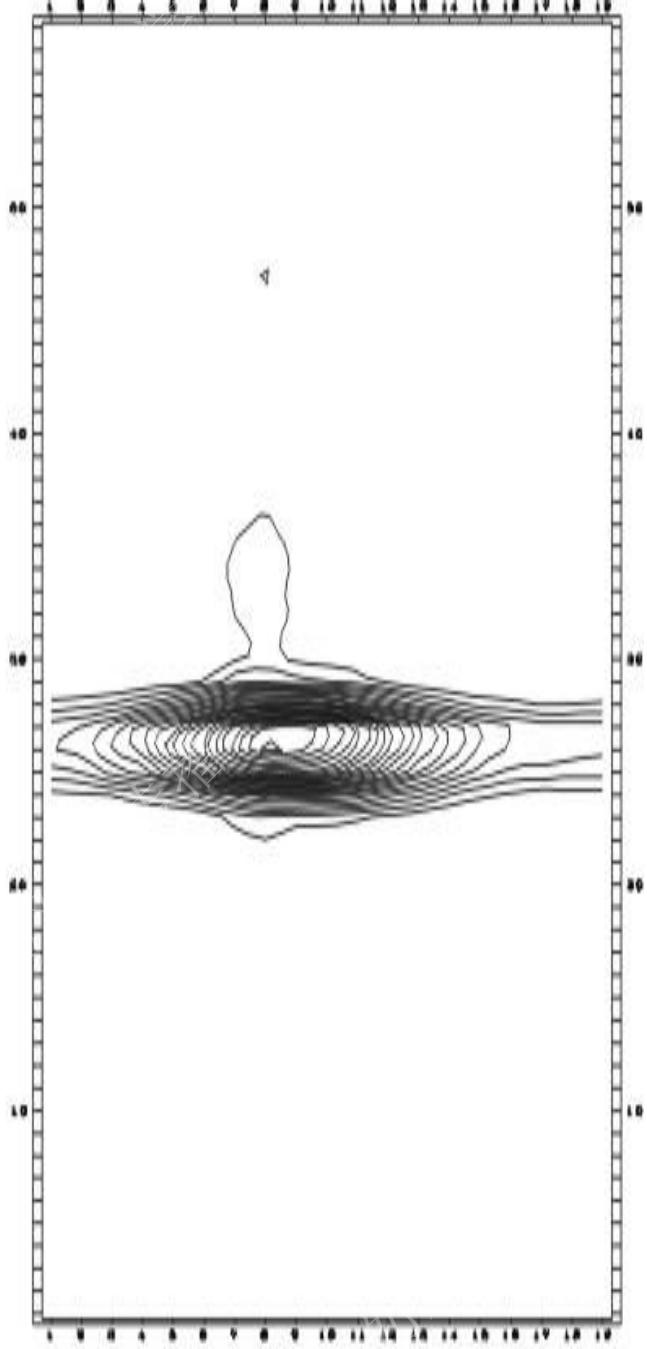




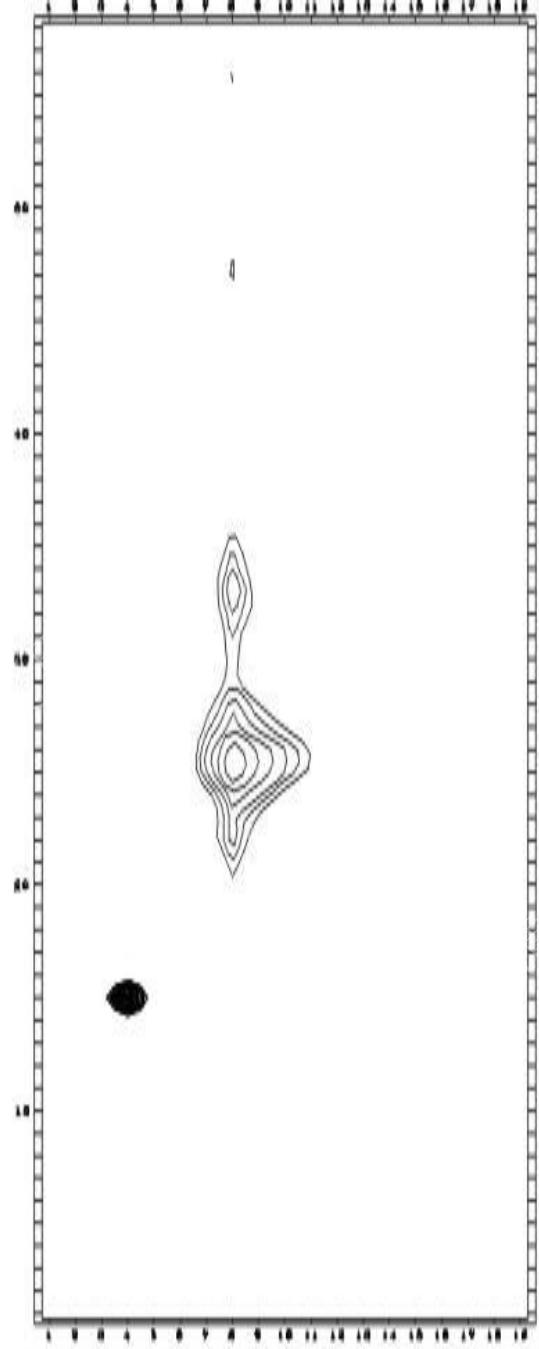




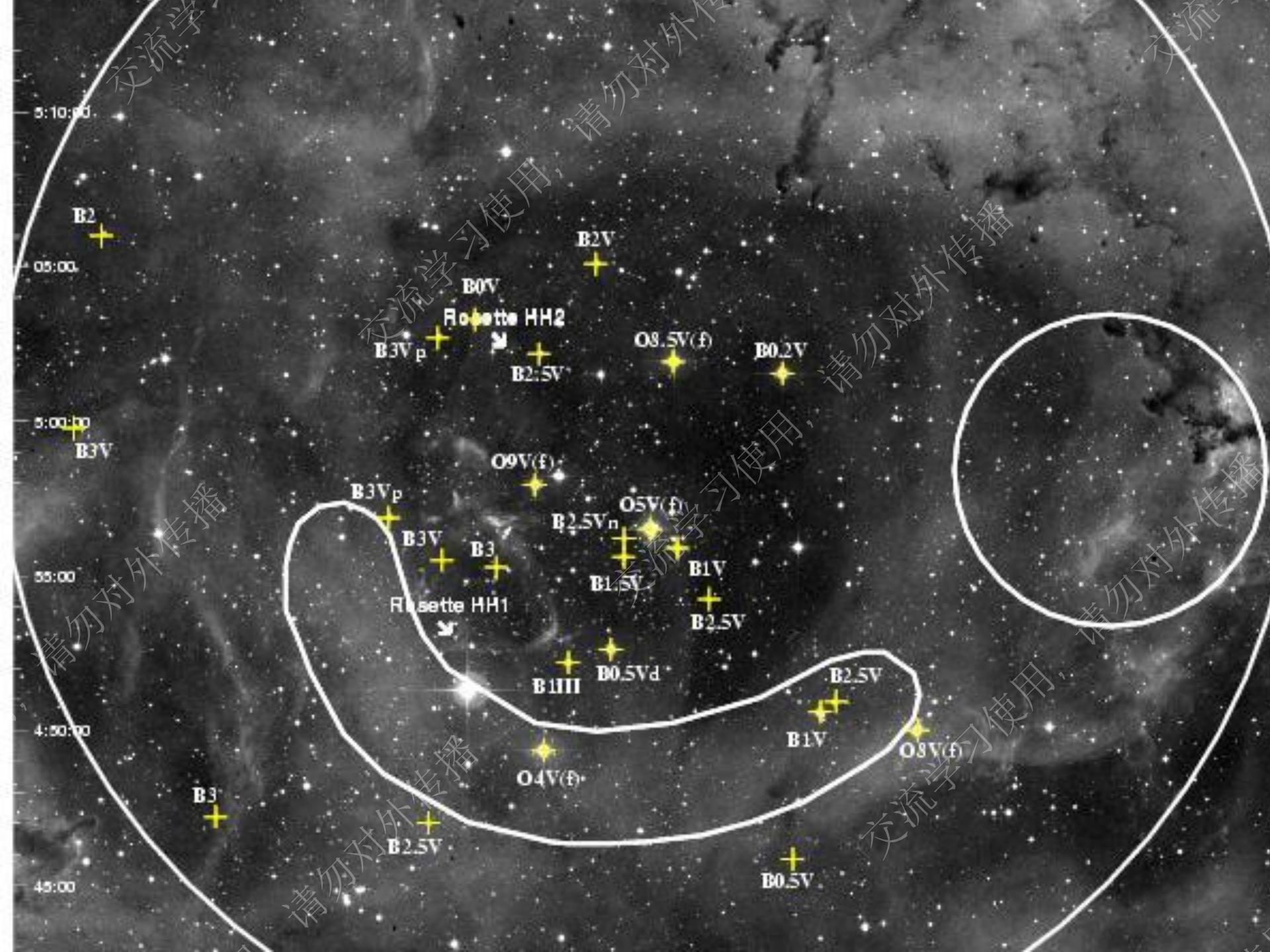
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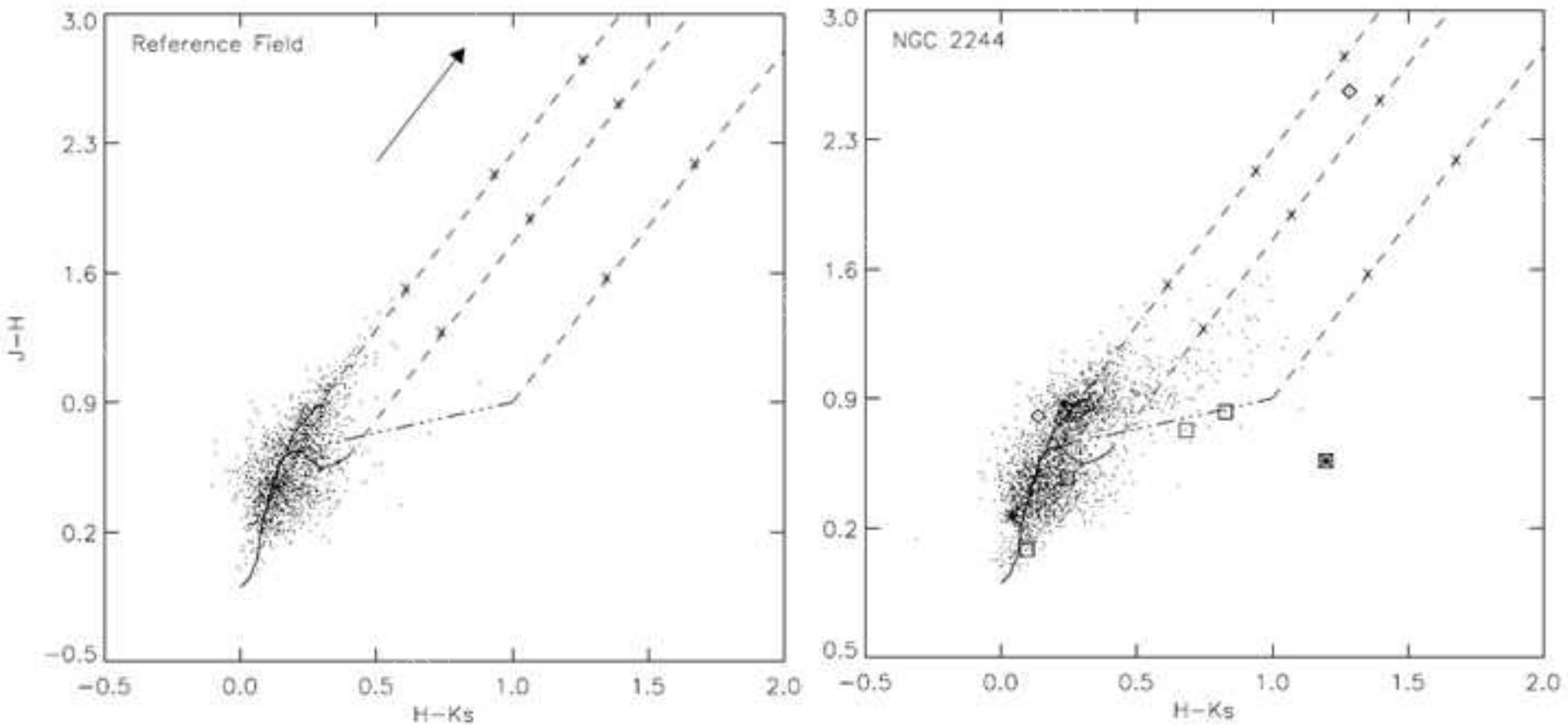
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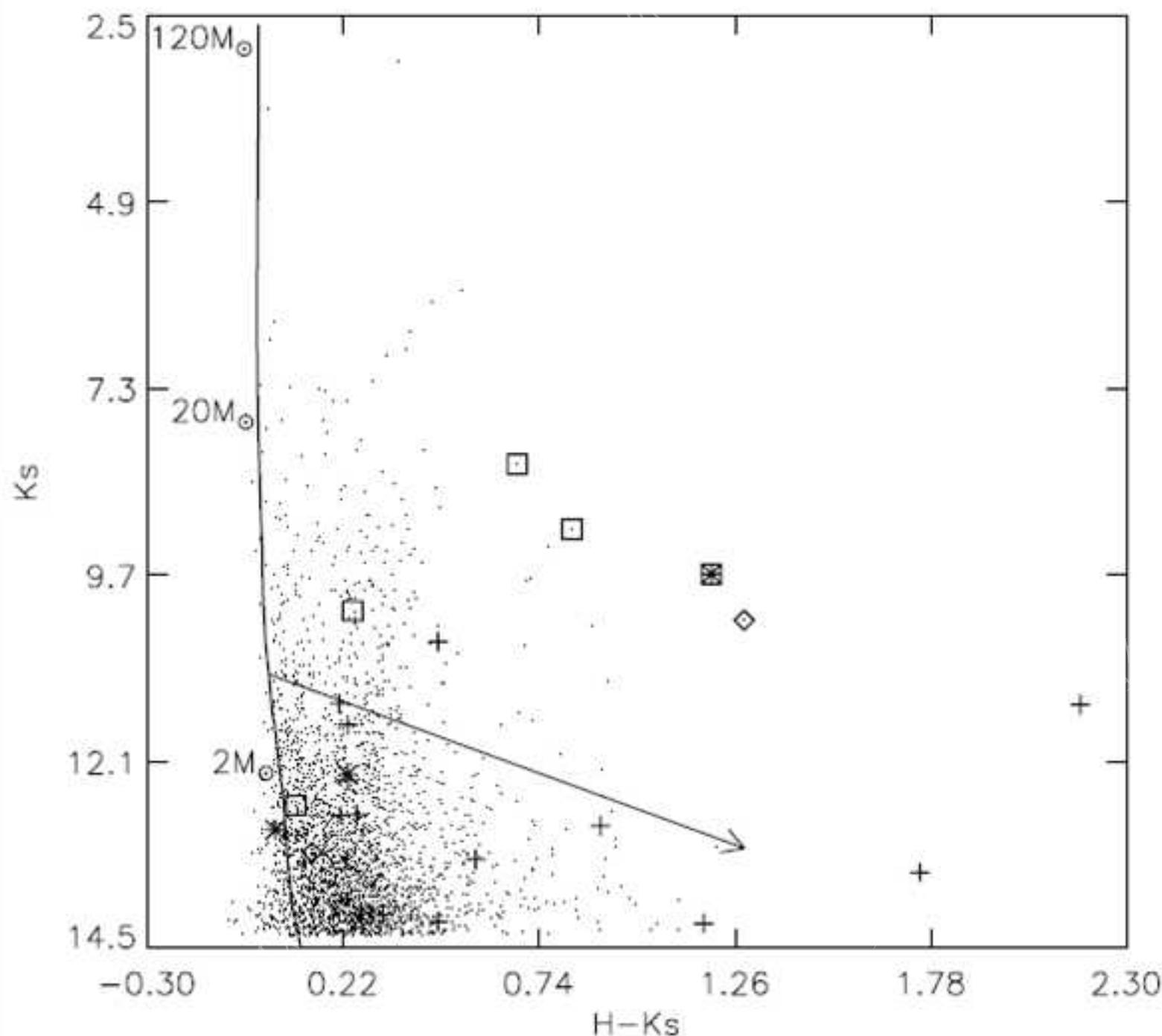


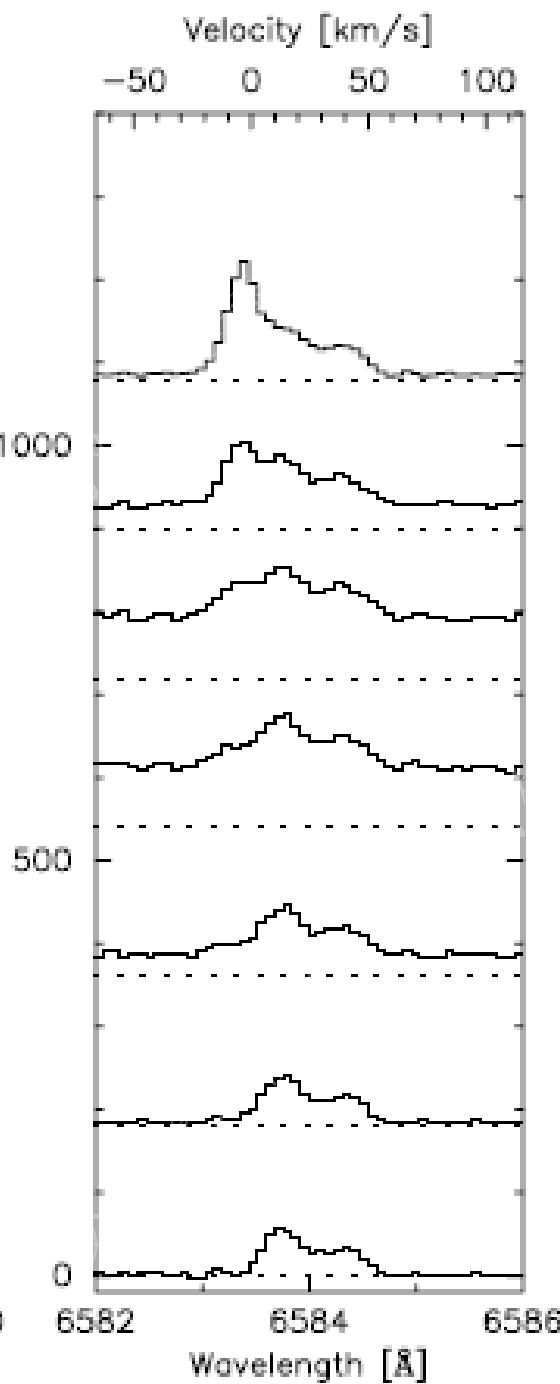
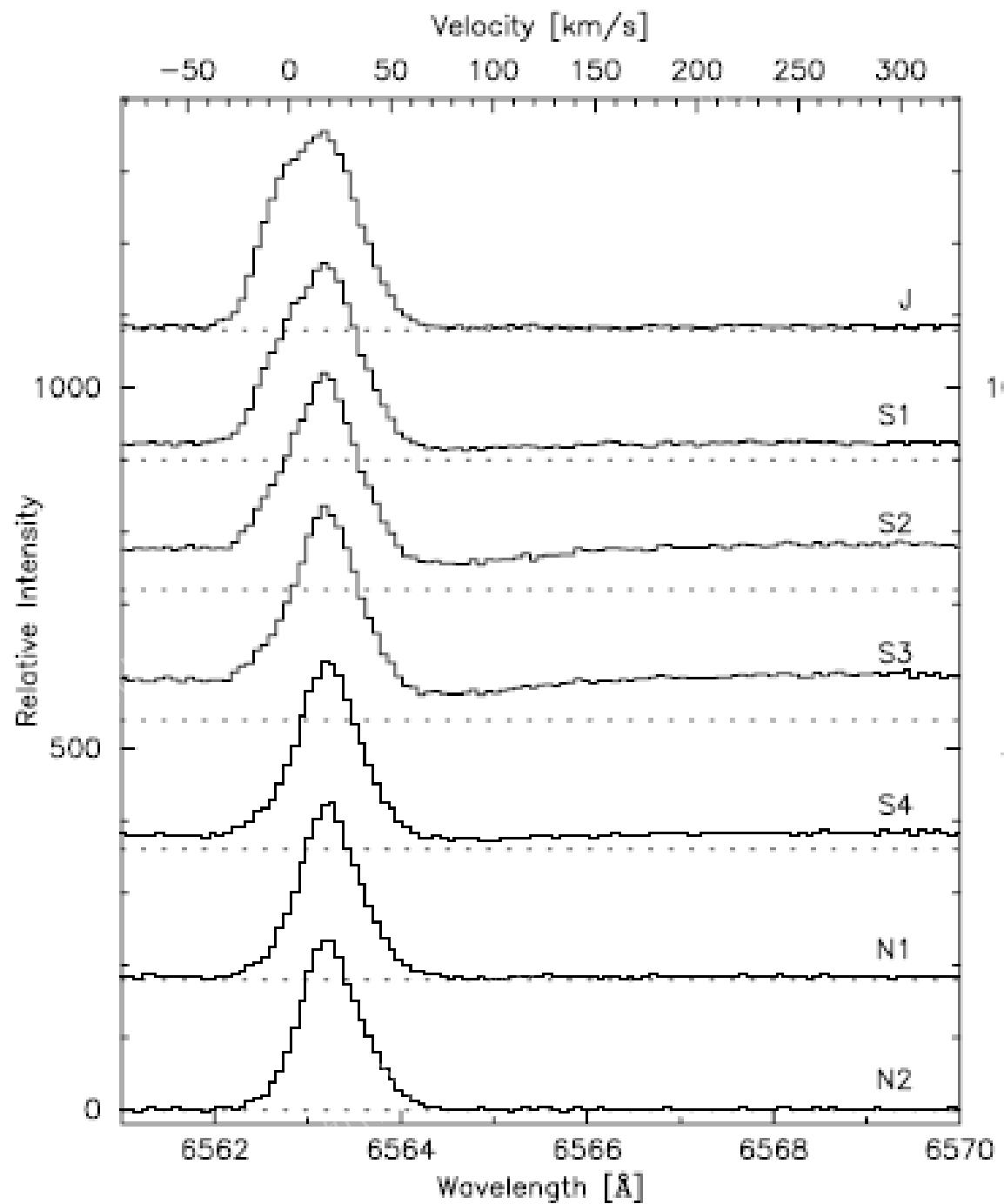
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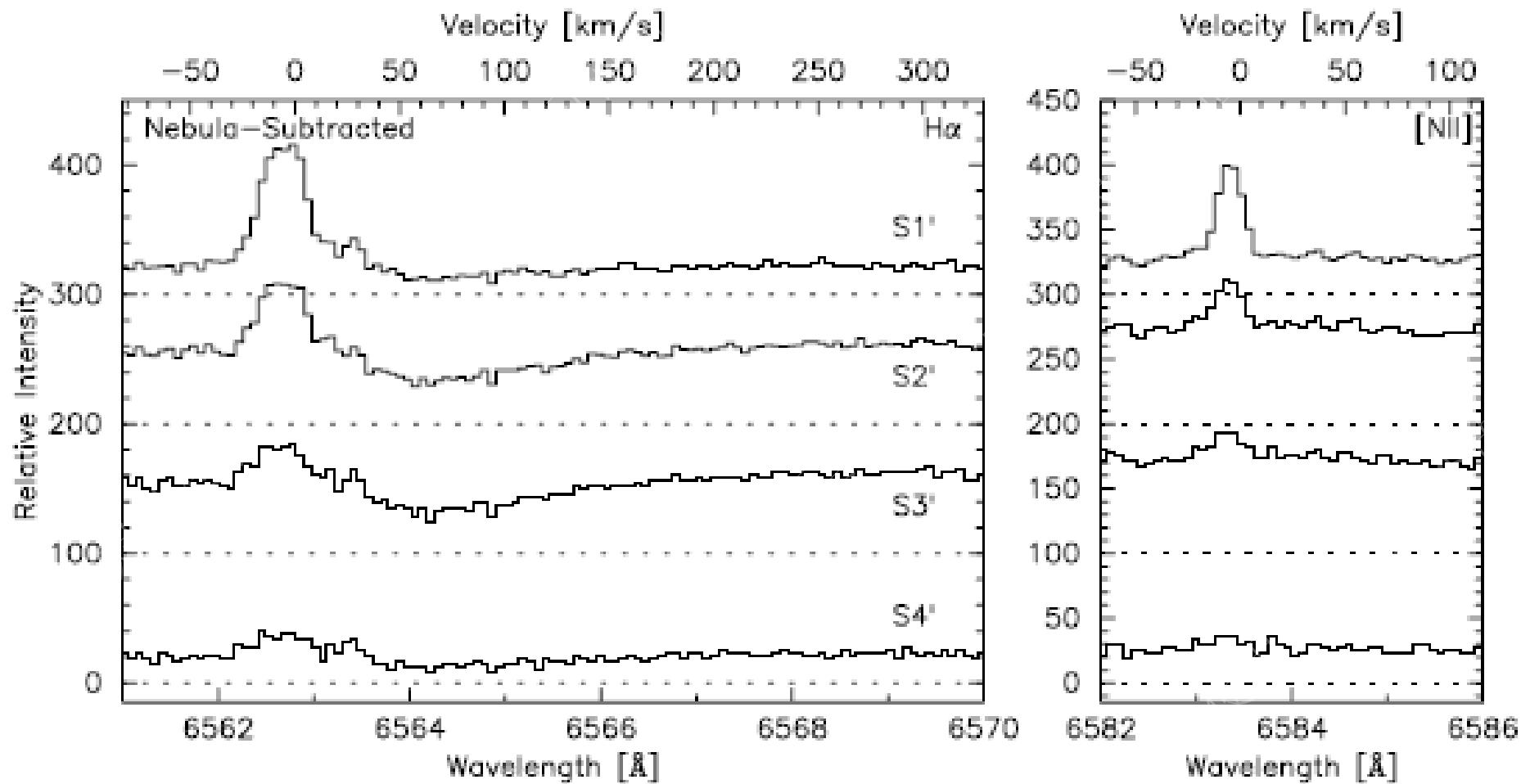


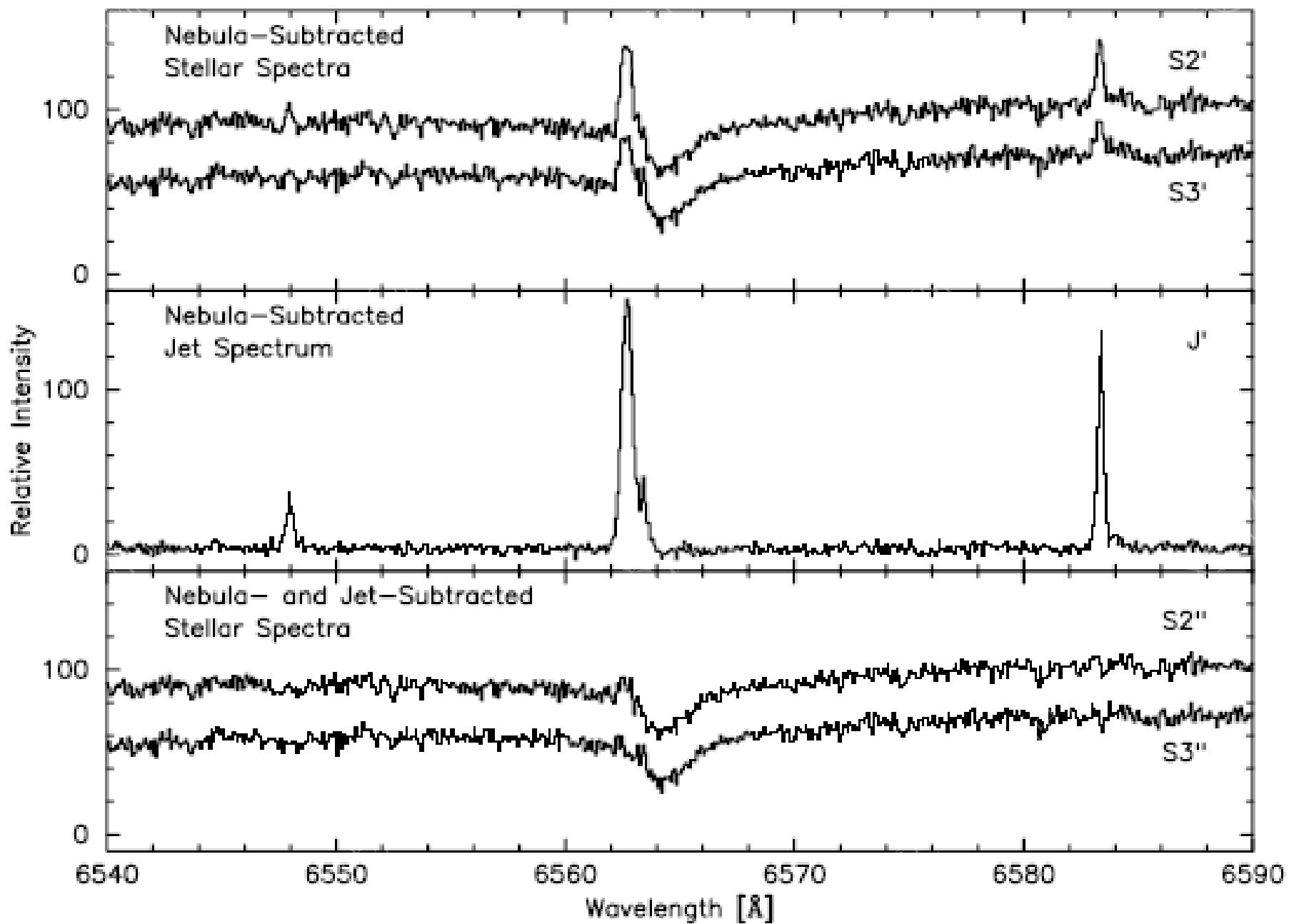
WTTS spectra, jets + no IR excess!
=> Fast disk dissipation
=> Transient Objects



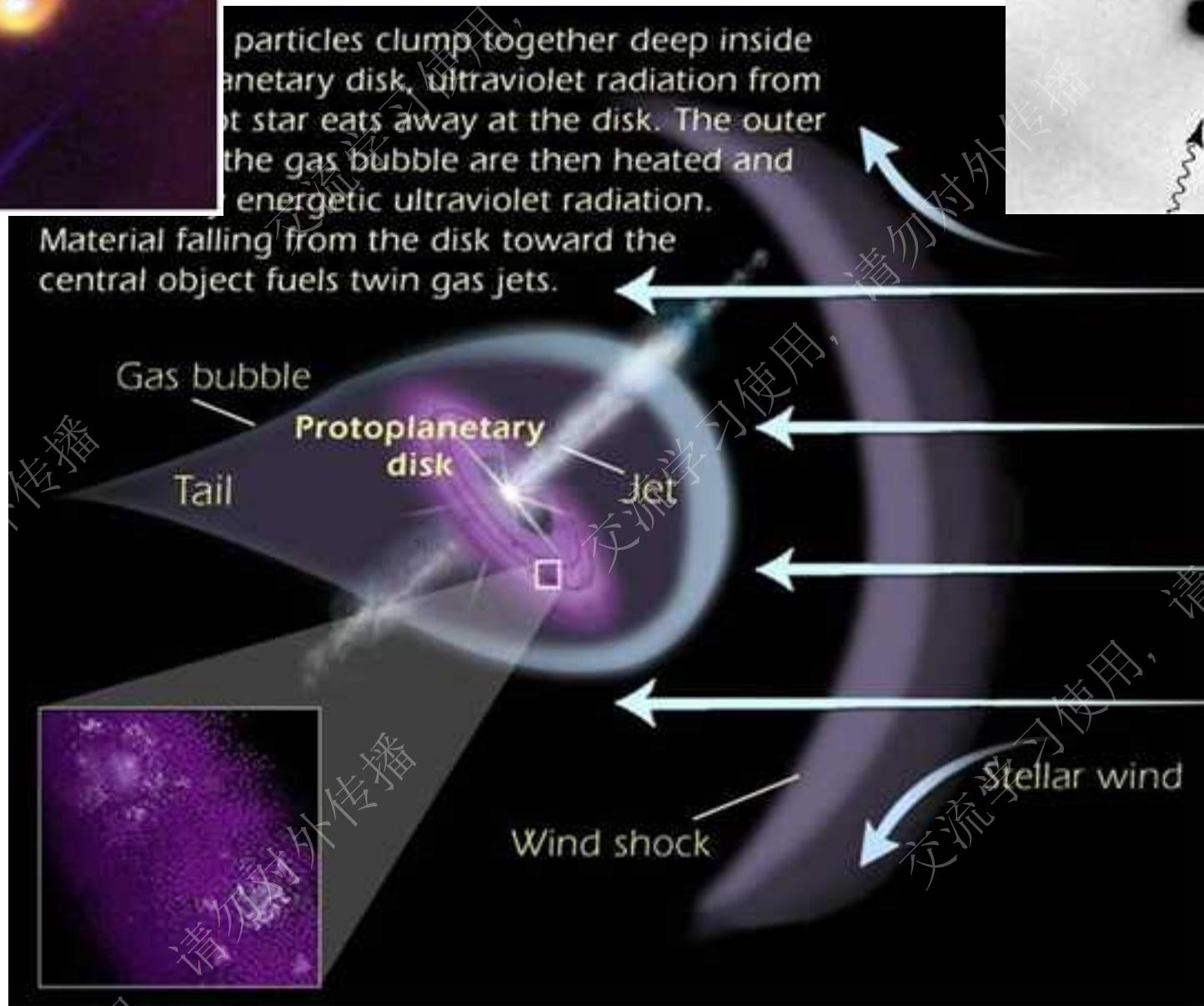








Anatomy of a Proplyd



What can we learn from the discovery of the extreme jet systems?

- Fast transition status of the exciting sources of the extreme jets between CTTS and WTTS due to fierce external UV dissipation.
- As we discovered only monopolar jets bathed in strong UV dissipation of the Rosette Nebula.
- This provides clues on how bipolar jets evolved into monopolar or highly asymmetric jets, which is quite a puzzle in our understanding of jet formation and evolution.

What can we learn from the discovery of the extreme jet systems?

- The exciting sources of the extreme jets has been long starved of material as its accretion disk is being evaporated, leaving a very low-mass star or most likely a failed star.
- In some cases, this process will result in an isolated brown dwarf or planetary mass object. This, however, offers an evolutionary solution for the lonely floating objects that have been spotted in the Orion Nebula (Zapatero Osorio, et al. 2000, Science 290, 103) and other nearby hotspots of active SF in the Milky Way.

The formation of free-floating brown dwarves and planetary-mass objects by photo-erosion of prestellar cores

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Abstract. We explore the possibility that, in the vicinity of an OB star, a prestellar core which would otherwise have formed an intermediate or low-mass star may form a free-floating brown dwarf or planetary-mass object, because the outer layers of the core are eroded by the ionizing radiation from the OB star before they can accrete onto the protostar at the centre of the core. The masses of objects formed in this way are given approximately by $\sim 0.010 M_{\odot} (a_1/0.3 \text{ km s}^{-1})^6 (\dot{N}_{\text{LyC}}/10^{50} \text{ s}^{-1})^{-1/3} (n_0/10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3})^{-1/3}$, where a_1 is the isothermal sound speed in the neutral gas of the core, \dot{N}_{LyC} is the rate of emission of Lyman continuum photons from the OB star (or stars), and n_0 is the number-density of protons in the HII region surrounding the core. We conclude that the formation of low-mass objects by this mechanism should be quite routine, because the mechanism operates over a wide range of conditions ($10^{30} \text{ s}^{-1} \lesssim \dot{N}_{\text{LyC}} \lesssim 10^{32} \text{ s}^{-1}$, $10 \text{ cm}^{-3} \lesssim n_0 \lesssim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $0.2 \text{ km s}^{-1} \lesssim a_1 \lesssim 0.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) and is very effective. However, it is also a rather wasteful way of forming low-mass objects, in the sense that it requires a relatively massive initial core to form a single low-mass object. The effectiveness of photo-erosion also implies that that any intermediate-mass protostars which have formed in the vicinity of a group of OB stars must already have been well on the way to formation before the OB stars switched on their ionizing radiation; otherwise these protostars would have been stripped down to extremely low mass.

Key words. stars: formation – stars: low-mass, brown dwarfs – ISM: HII regions

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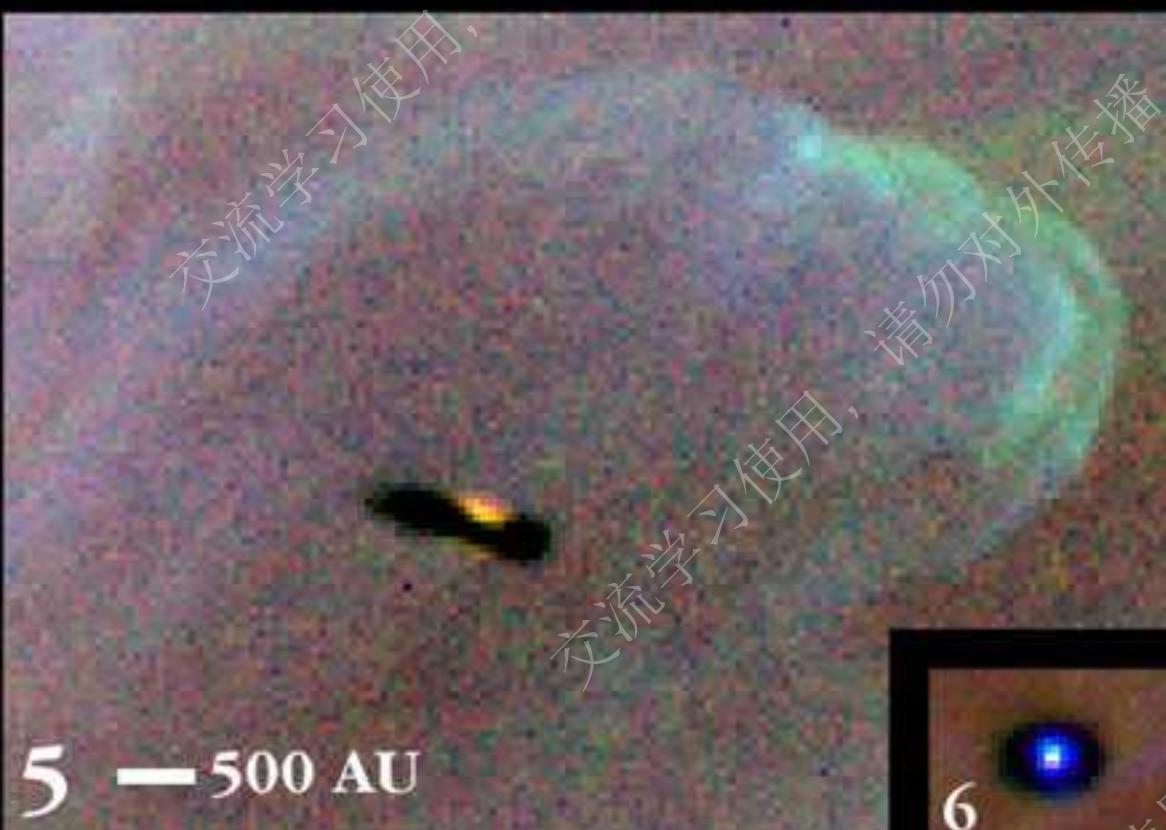
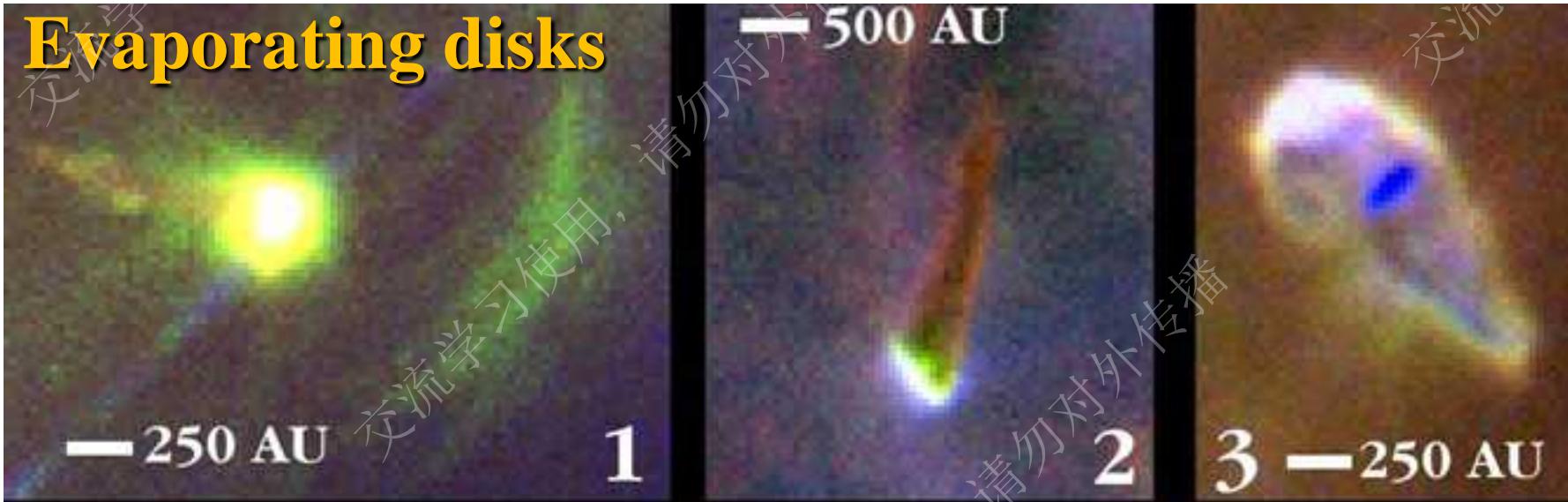
- The discovery of the extreme jet systems in active high-mass star forming regions indicates explicitly how the incipience of high mass stars inhibits further generations of low mass stars from formation in their immediate vicinity.
- On the other hand, it's likely that the formation of the OB stars triggers new generations of massive star formation at a distance of tens of pcs as the HII region propagates.

Irradiated Microjets in the Orion Nebula





Evaporating disks



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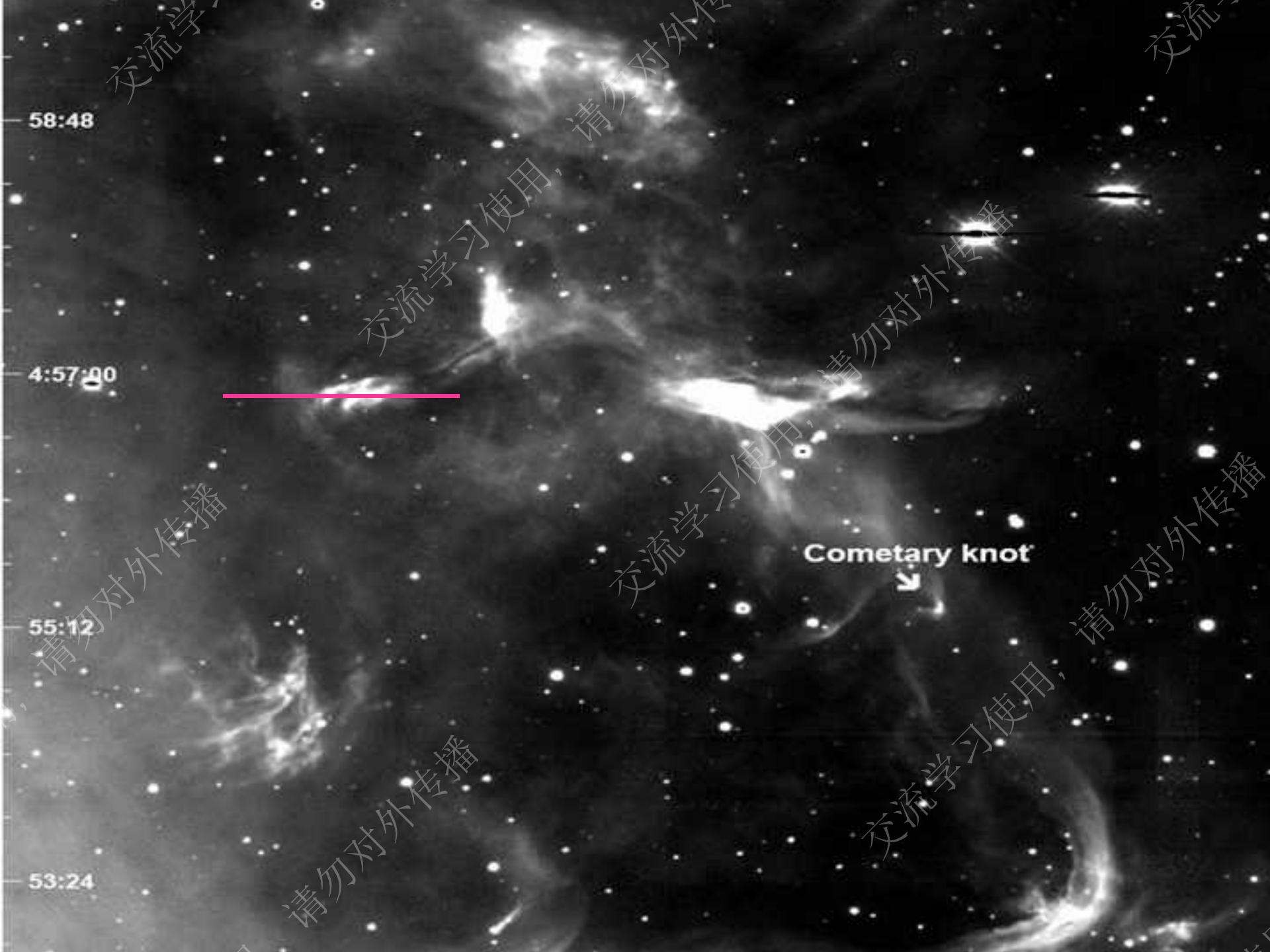




M20 irradiated jet
Hester et al.

**Could the jets and the large bow shock
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photoionized origin?**

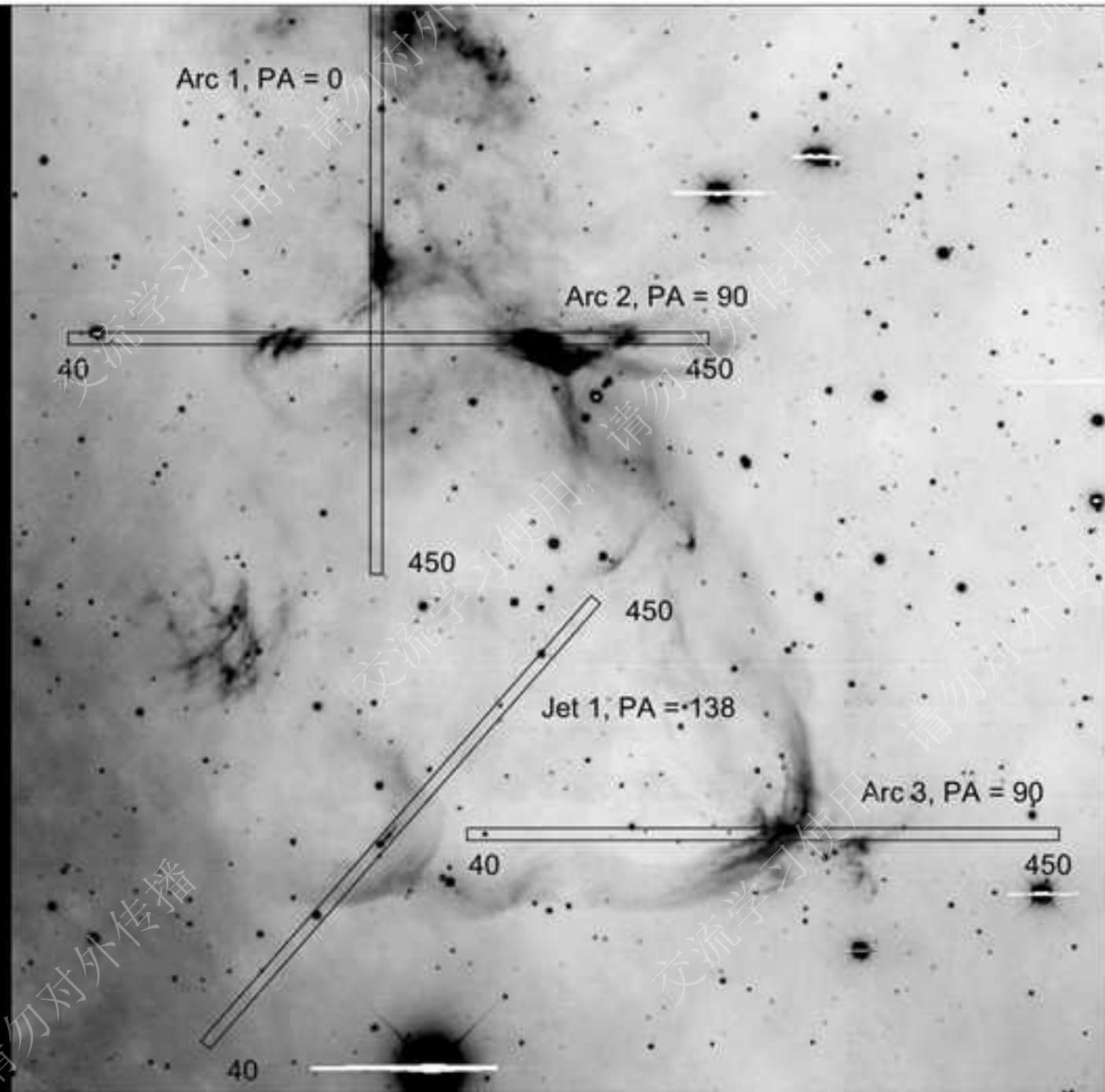




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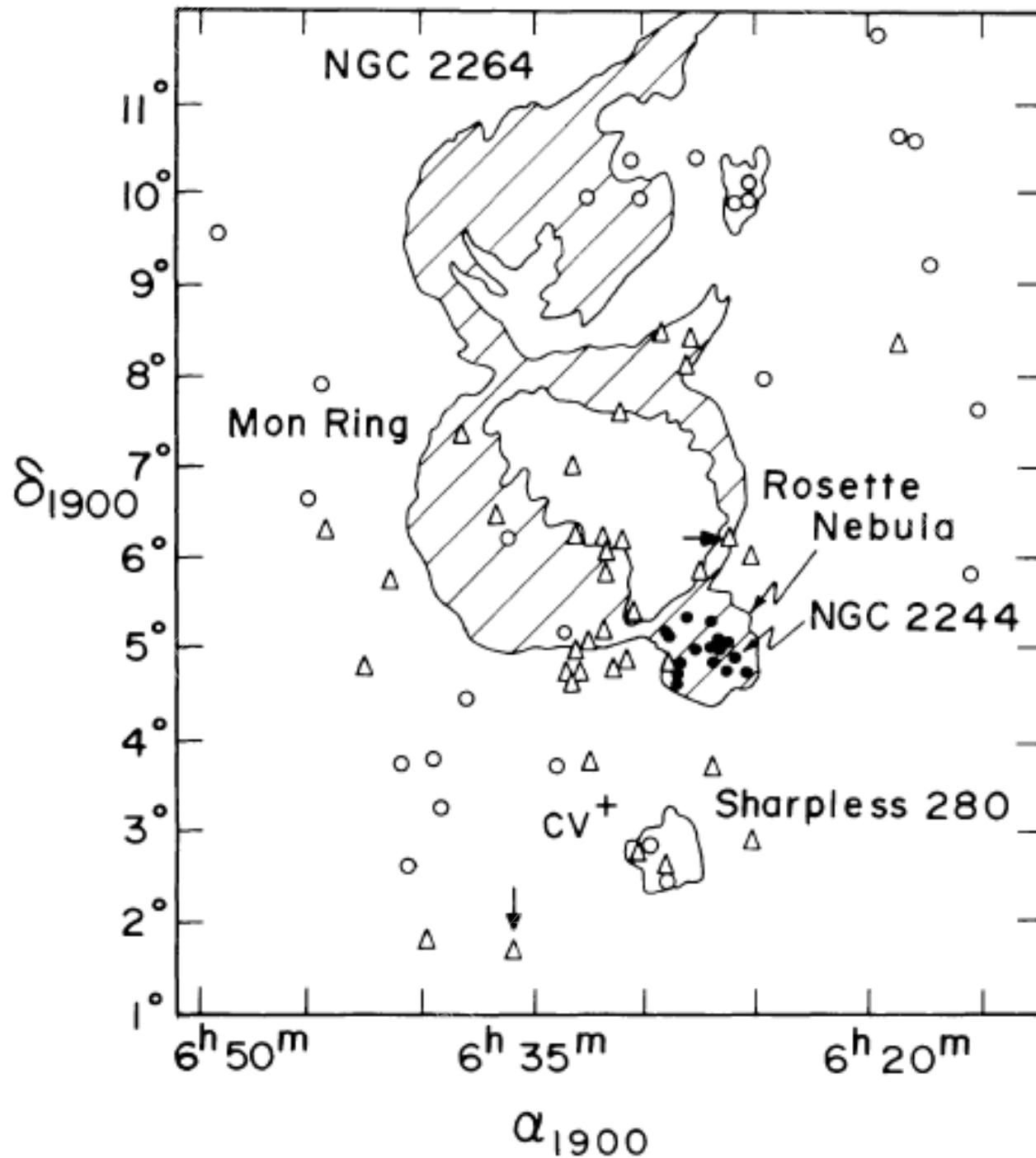
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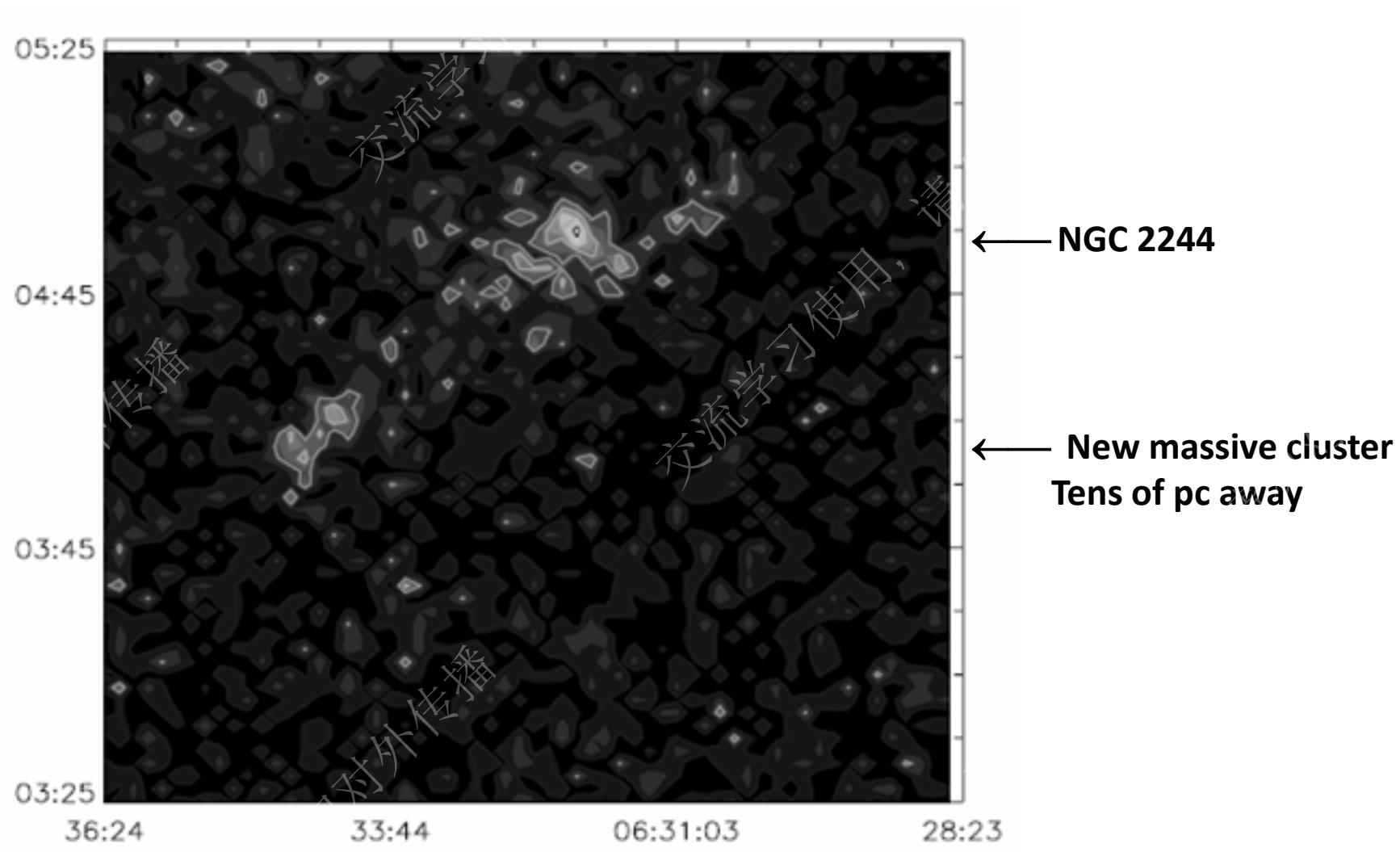


Modes of star and cluster formation in the RMC

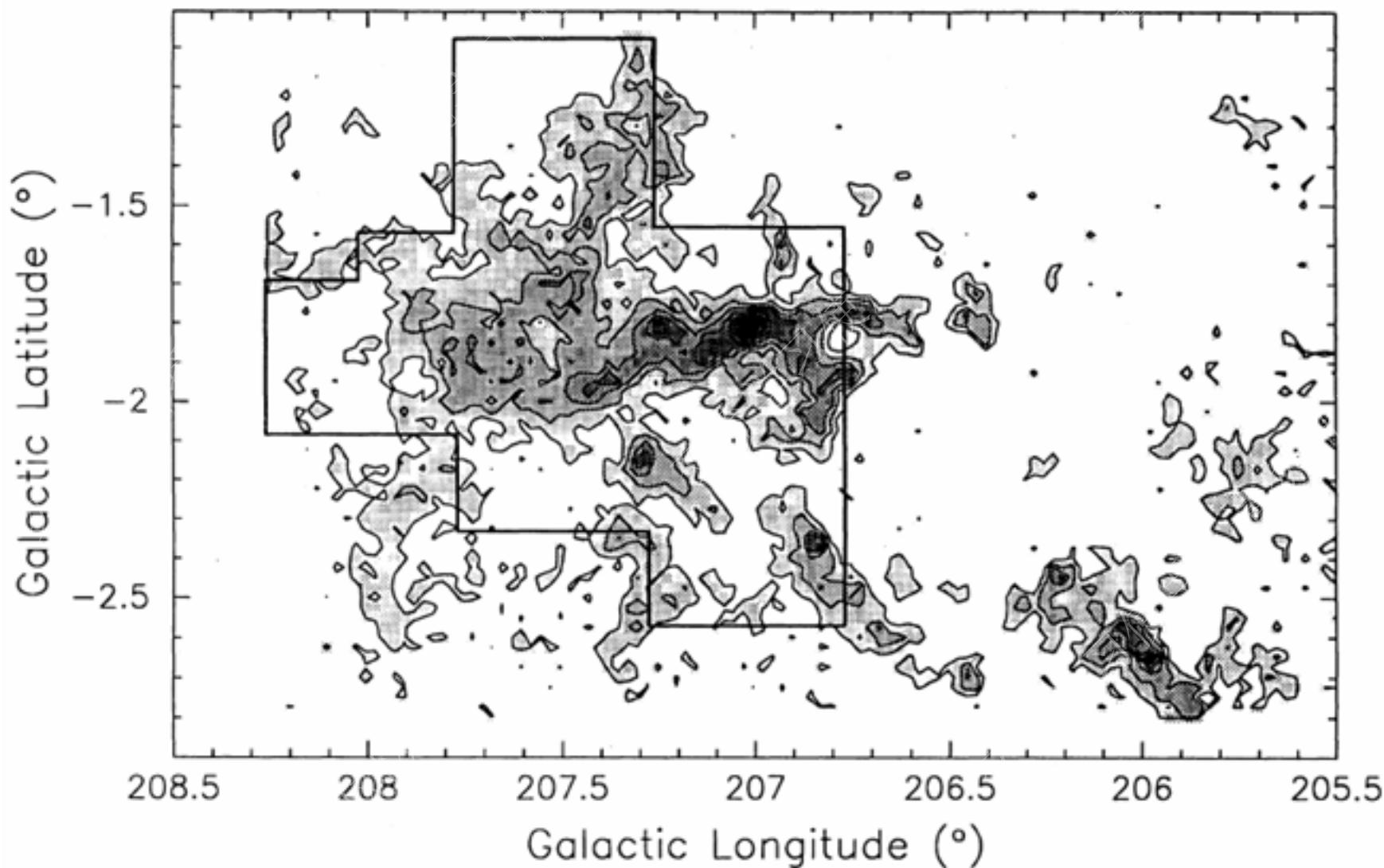
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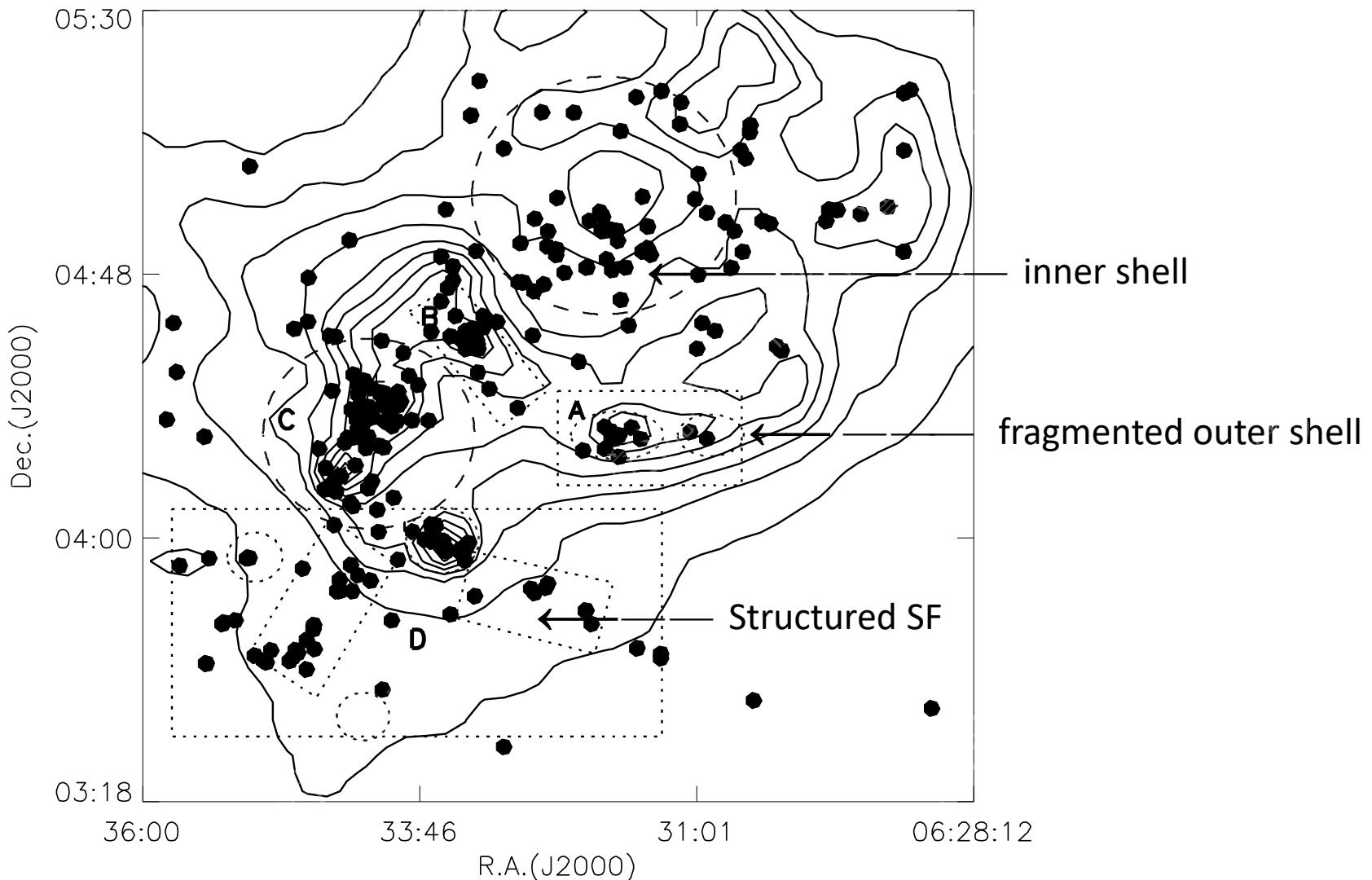
The Formation of New Generation OB clusters in the RMC



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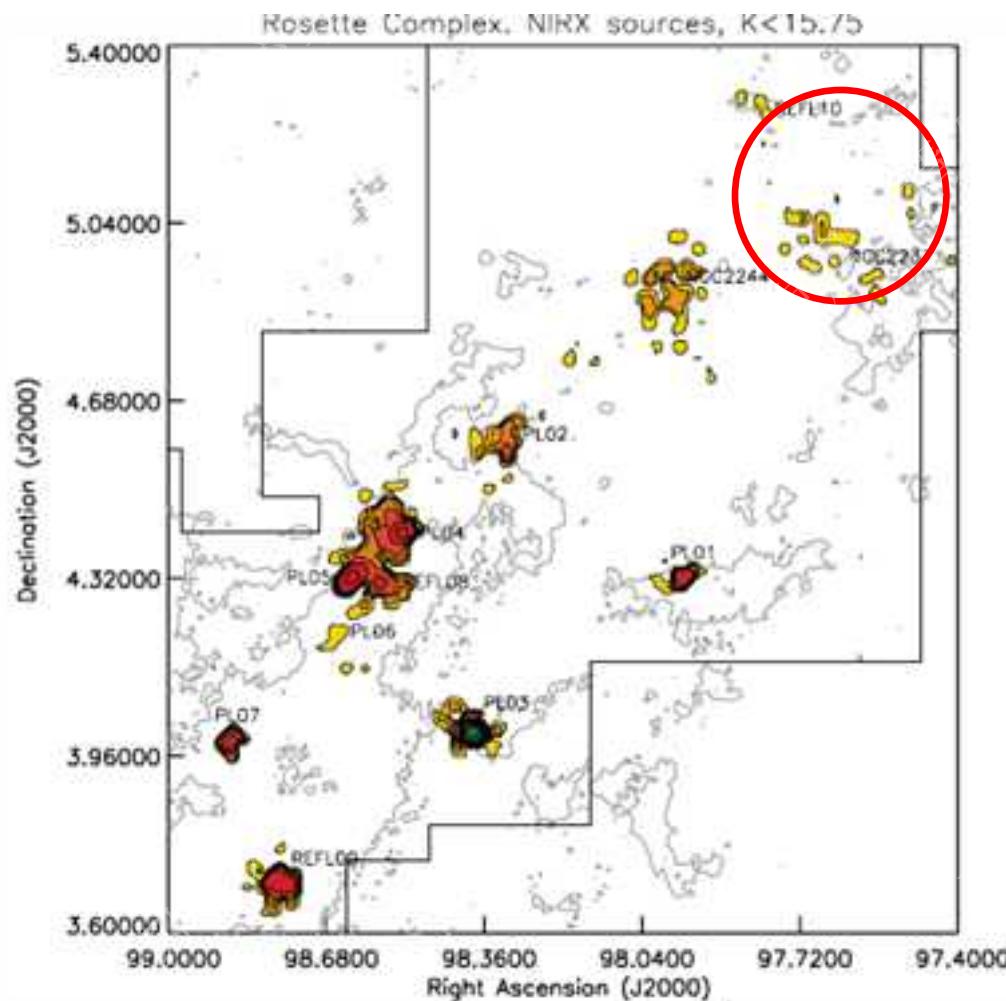


Excessive emission stars with $(H-K_s) > 0.7$

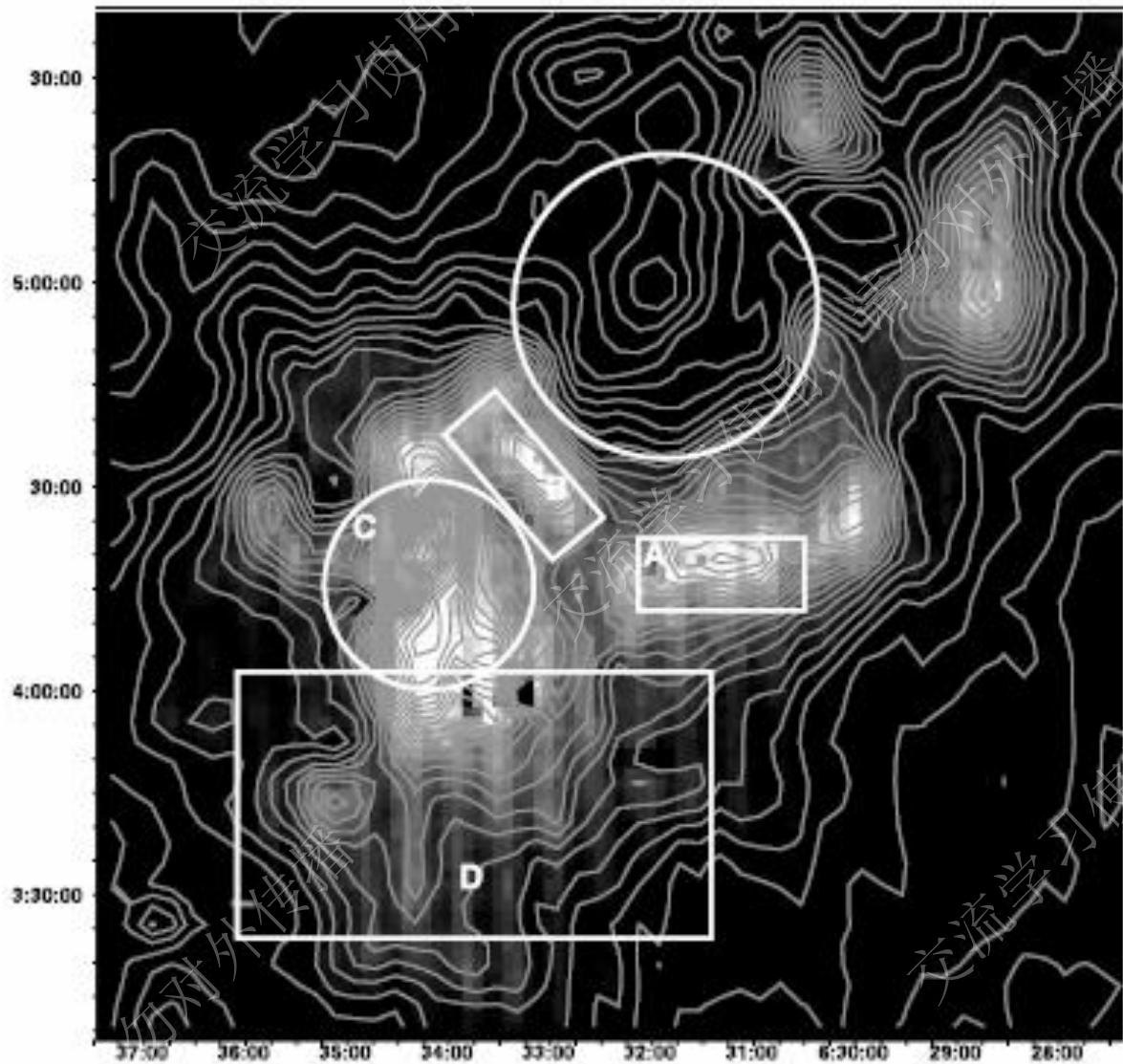


Clustered SF in the RMC

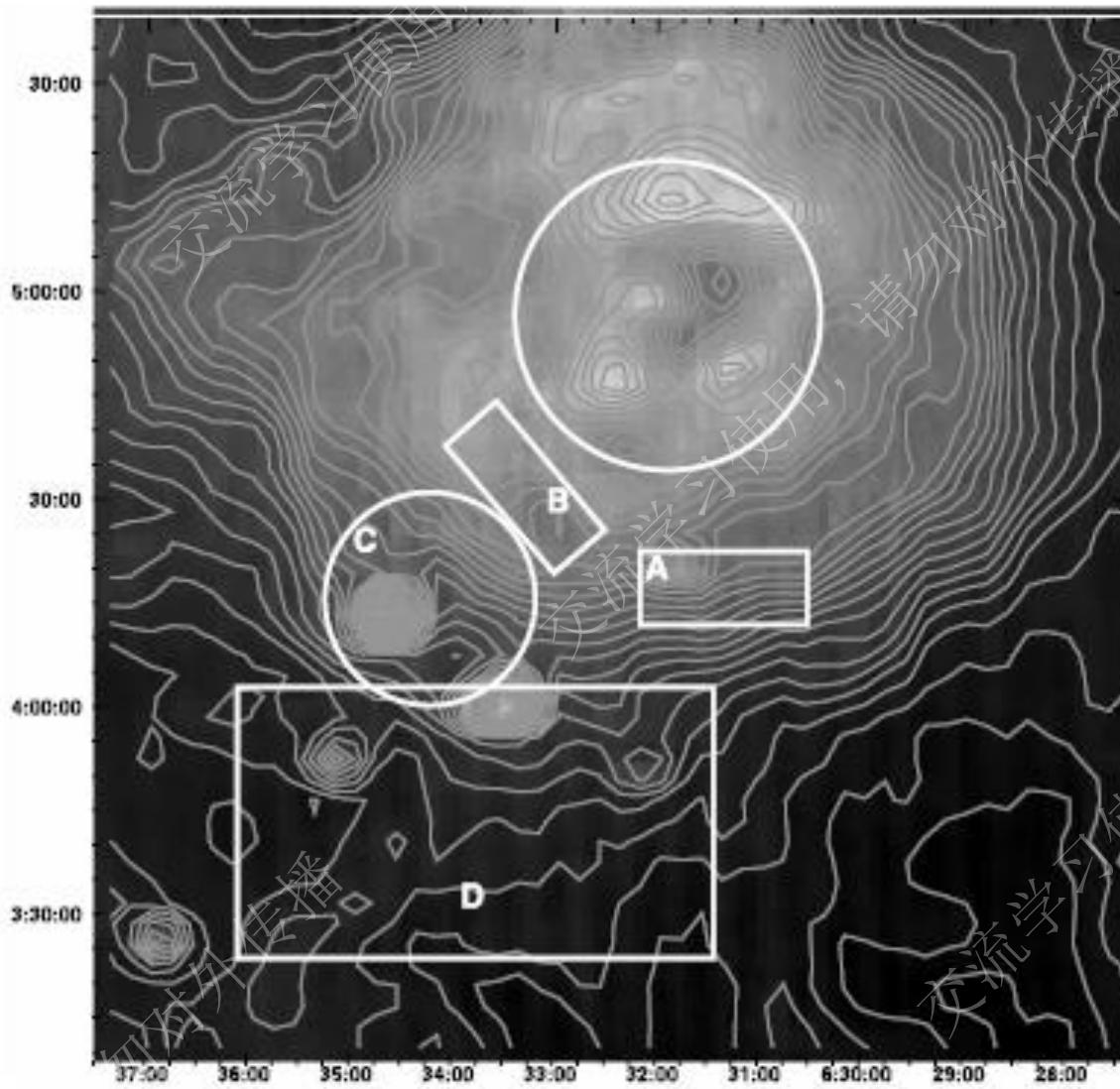
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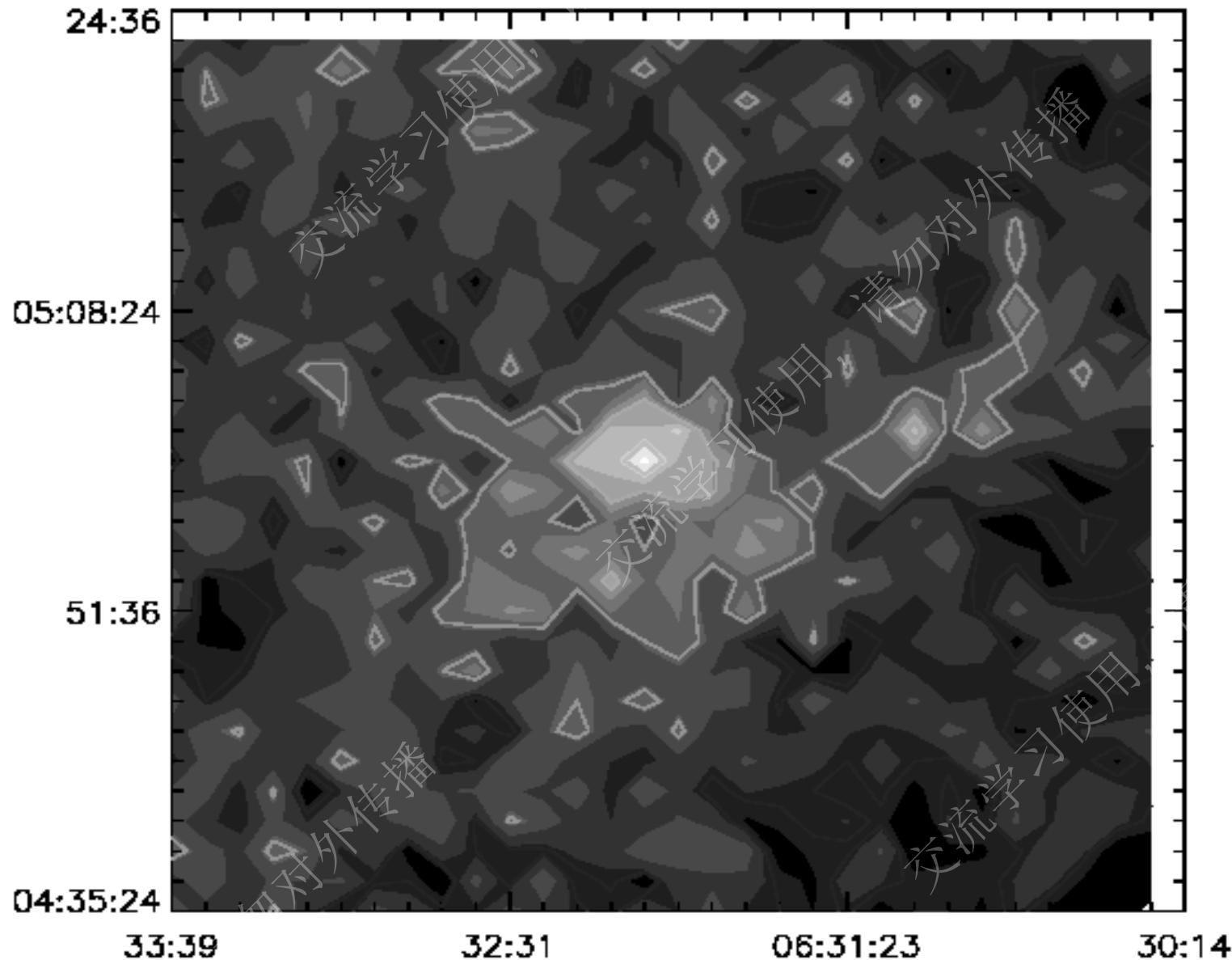
Possible constraints on clustered SF



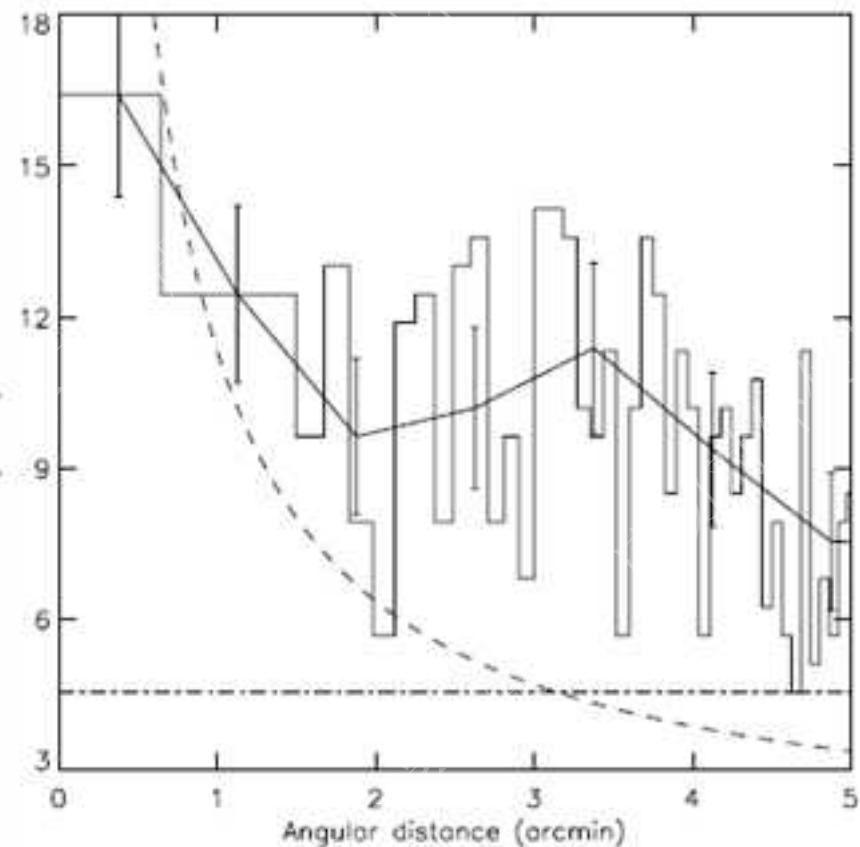
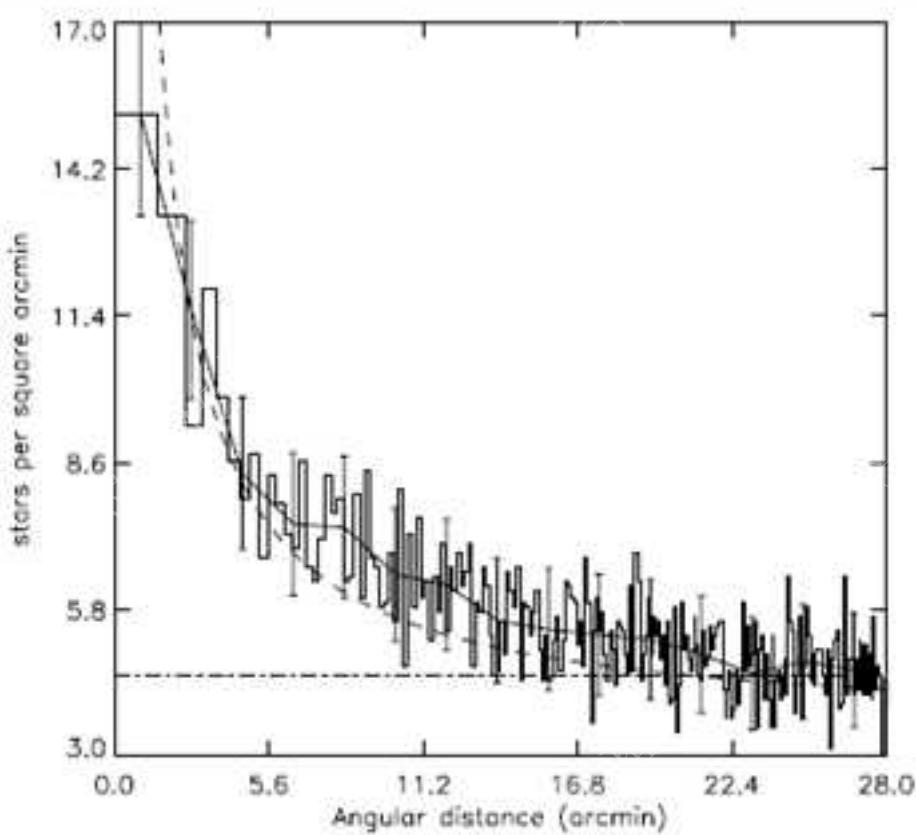
Dust temperature distribution

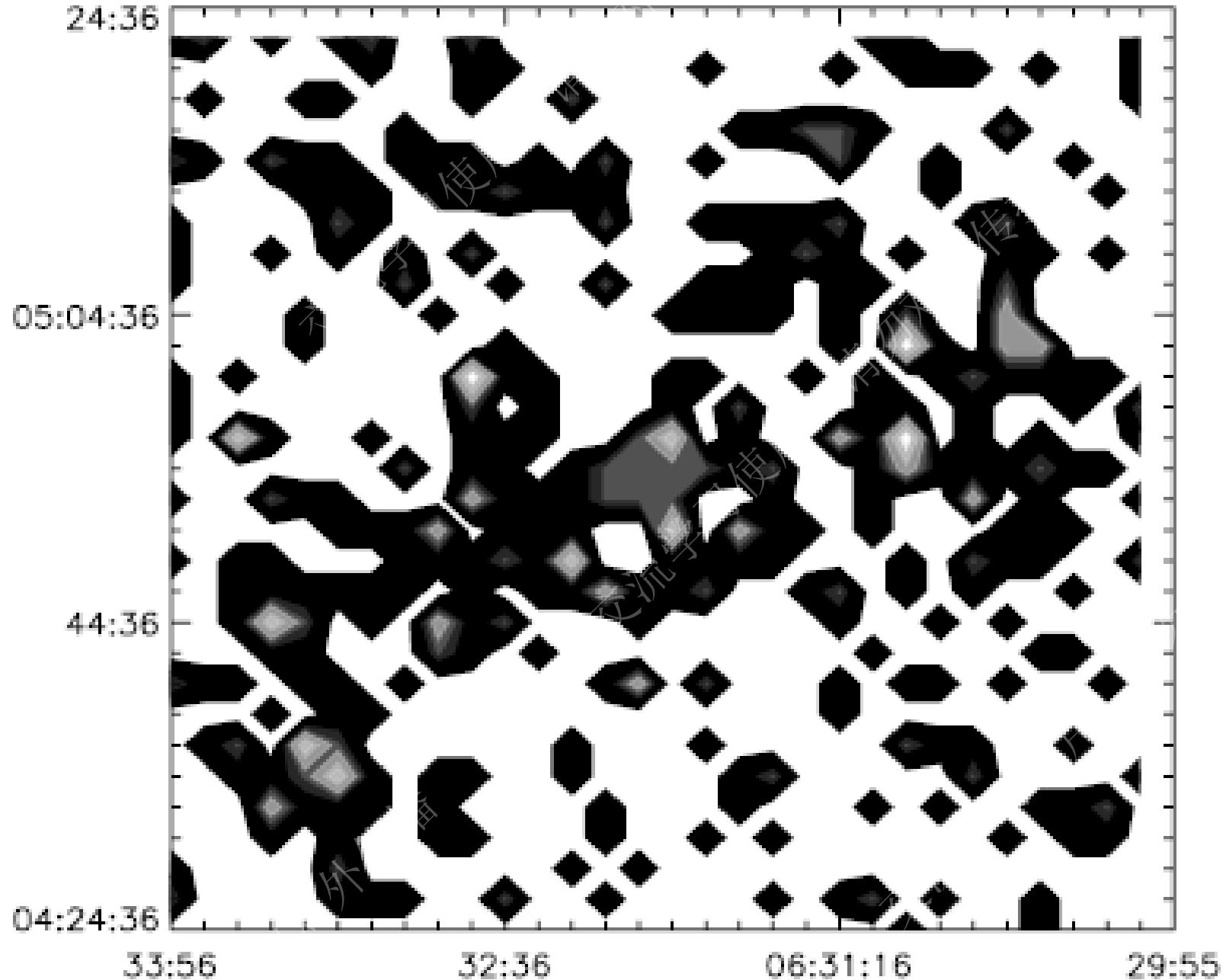


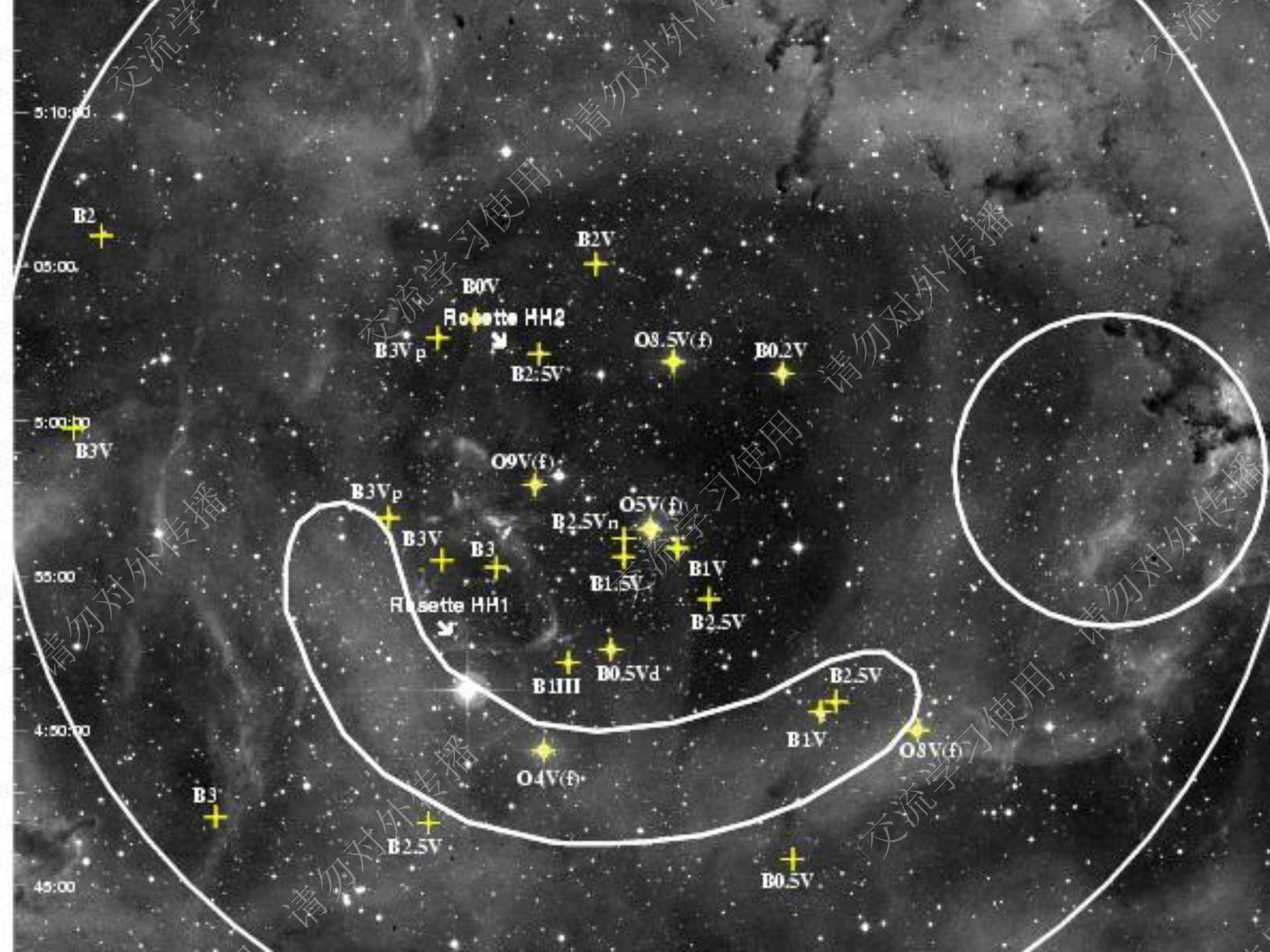
Is NGC 2244 a *twin* cluster ?



Radial profile of the subclusters



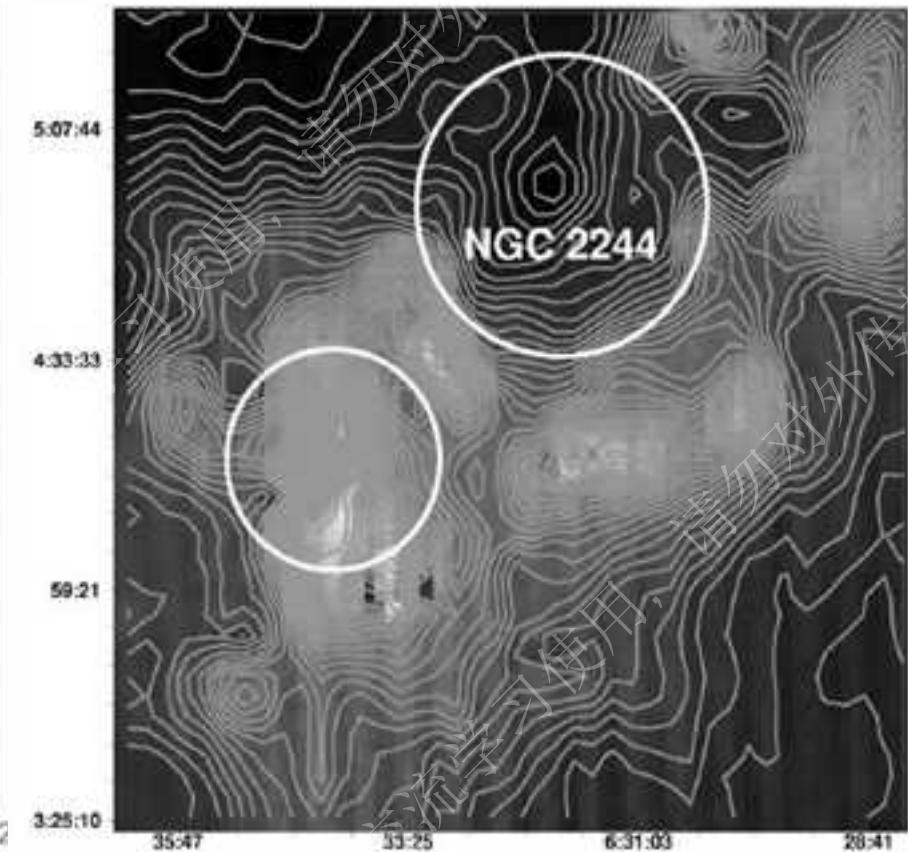
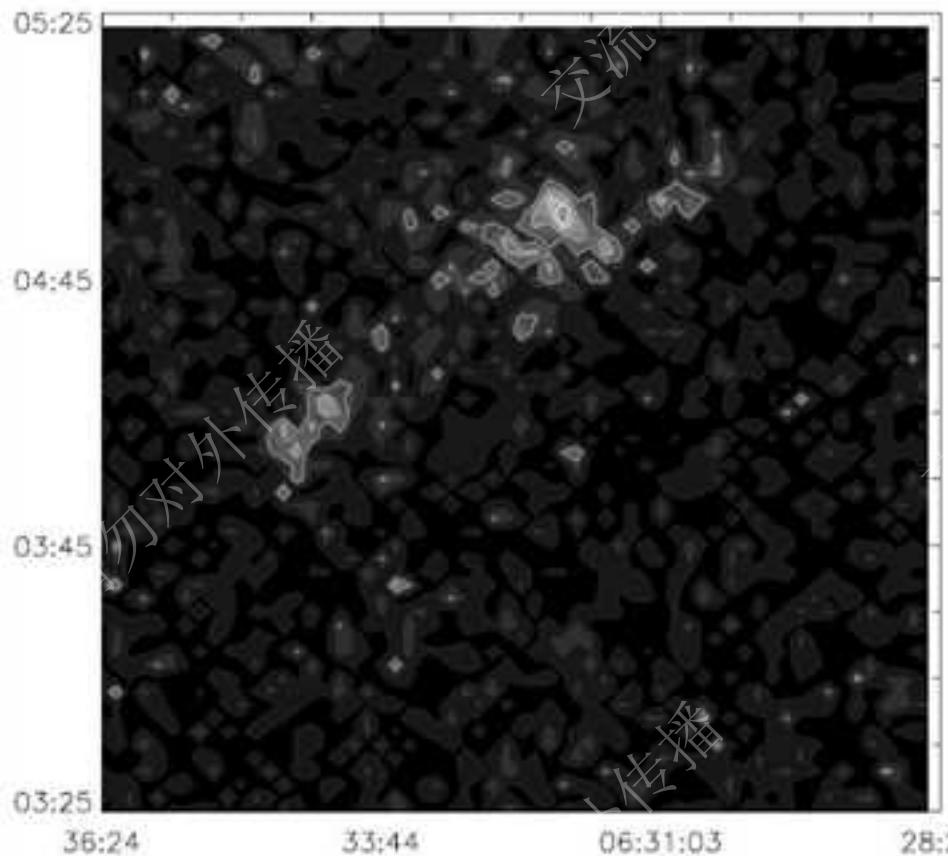






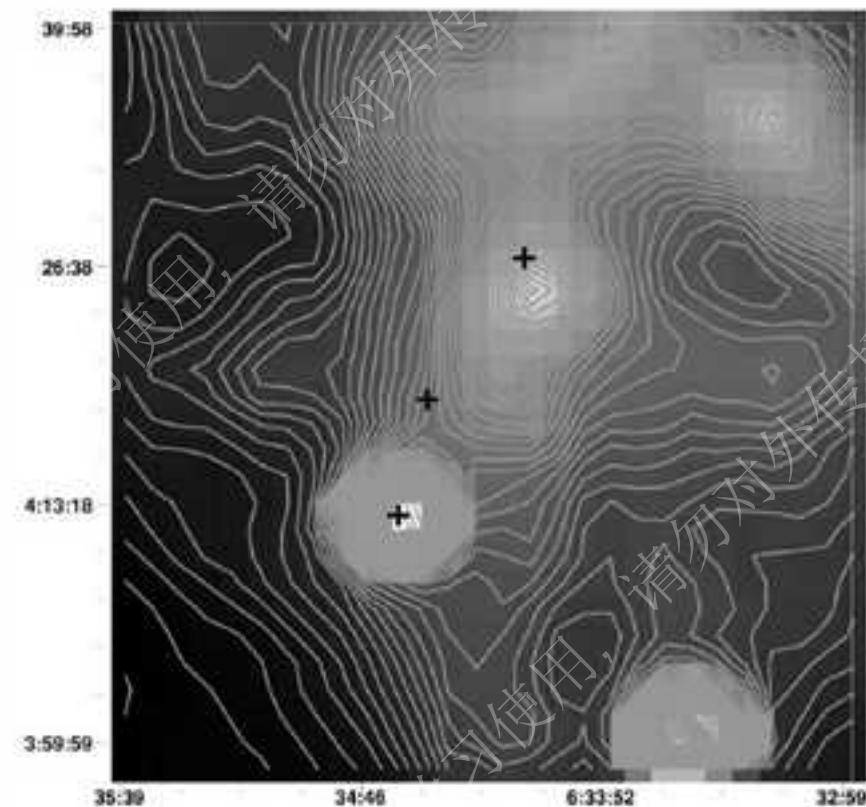
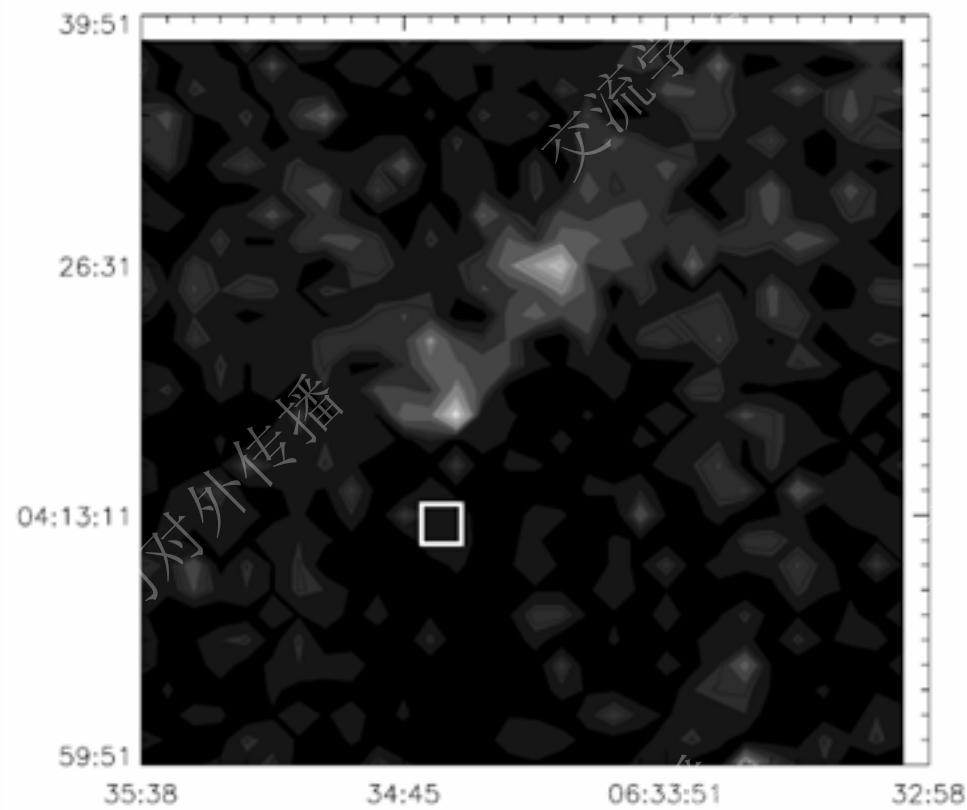
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Clustered Star Formation in the Densest Ridge of the RMC

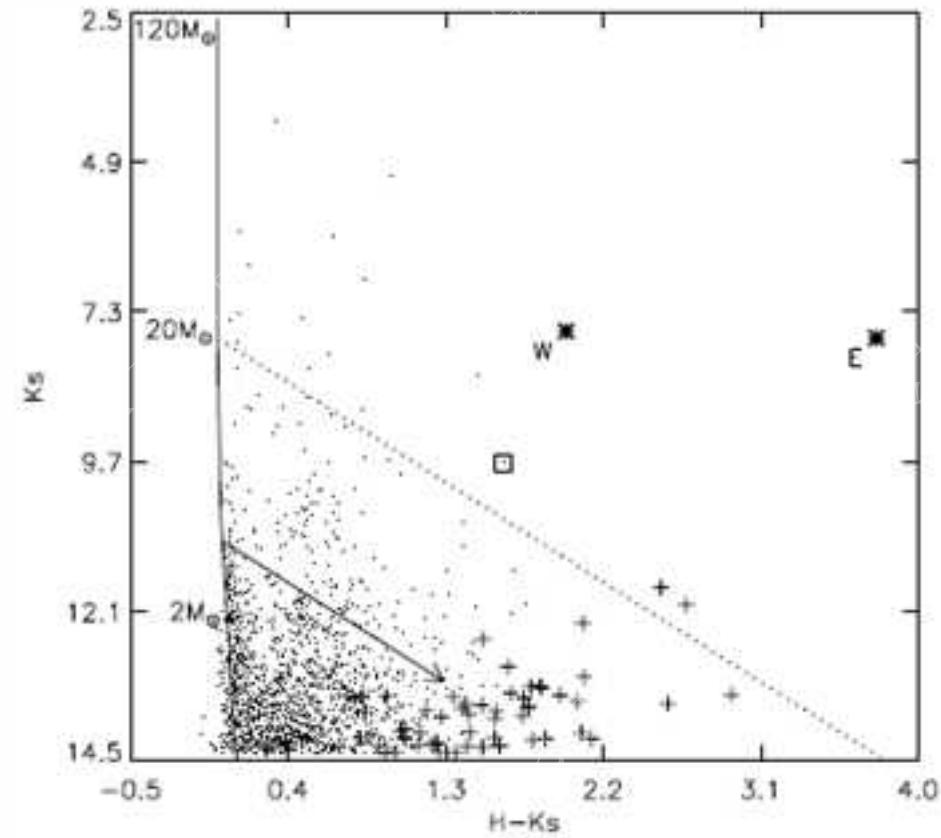
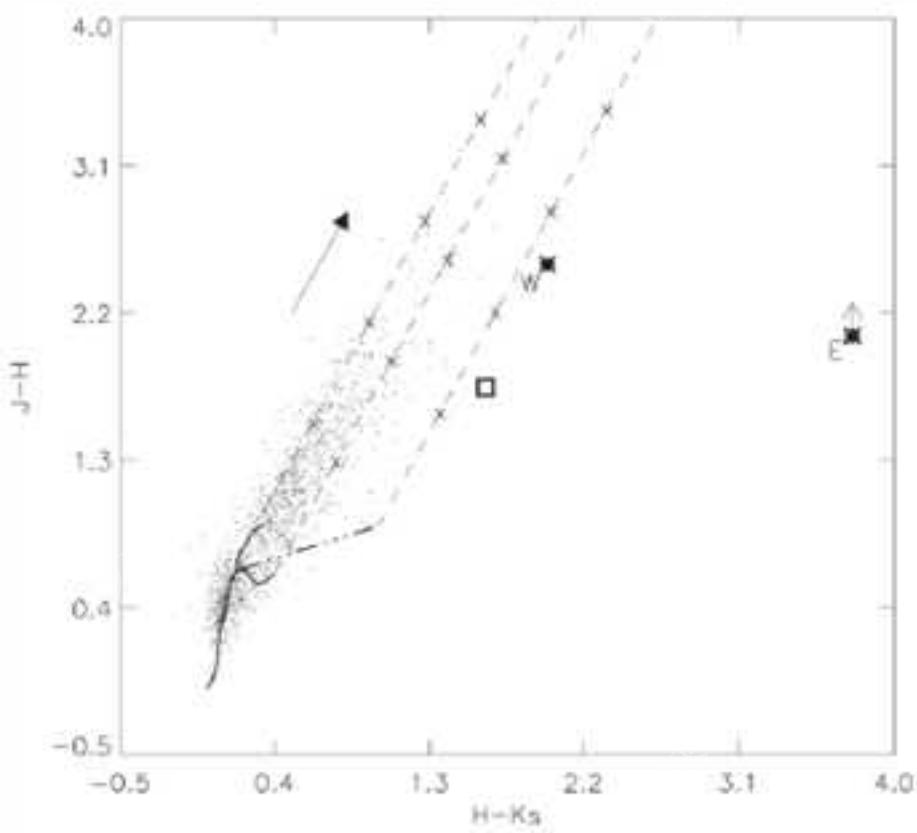


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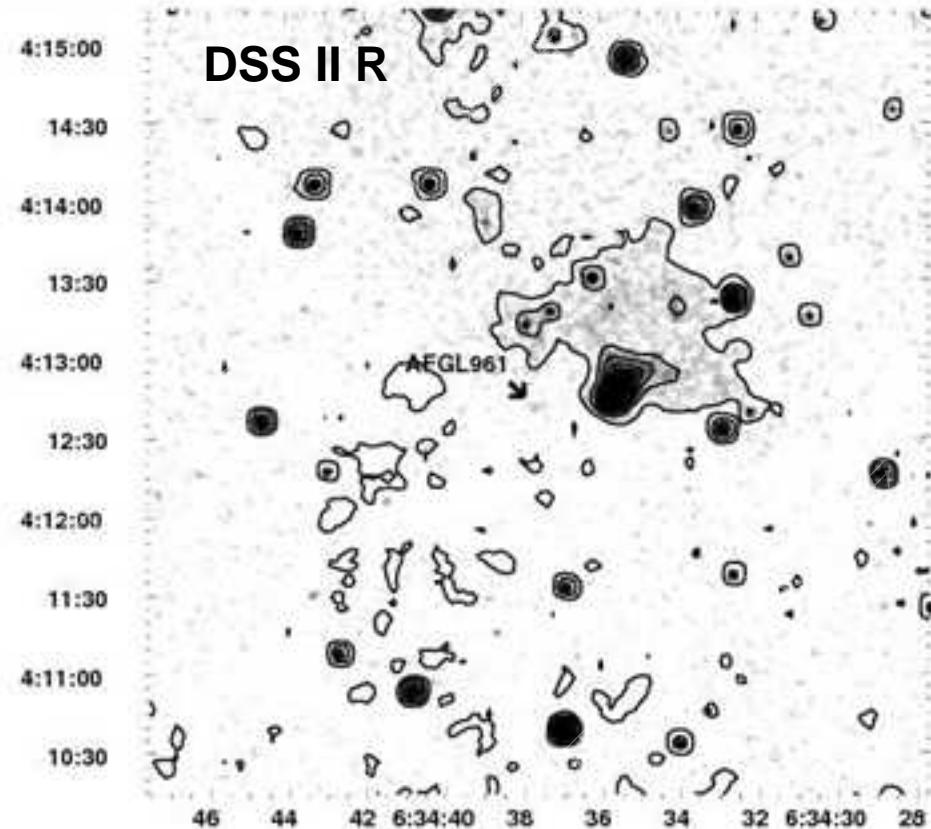
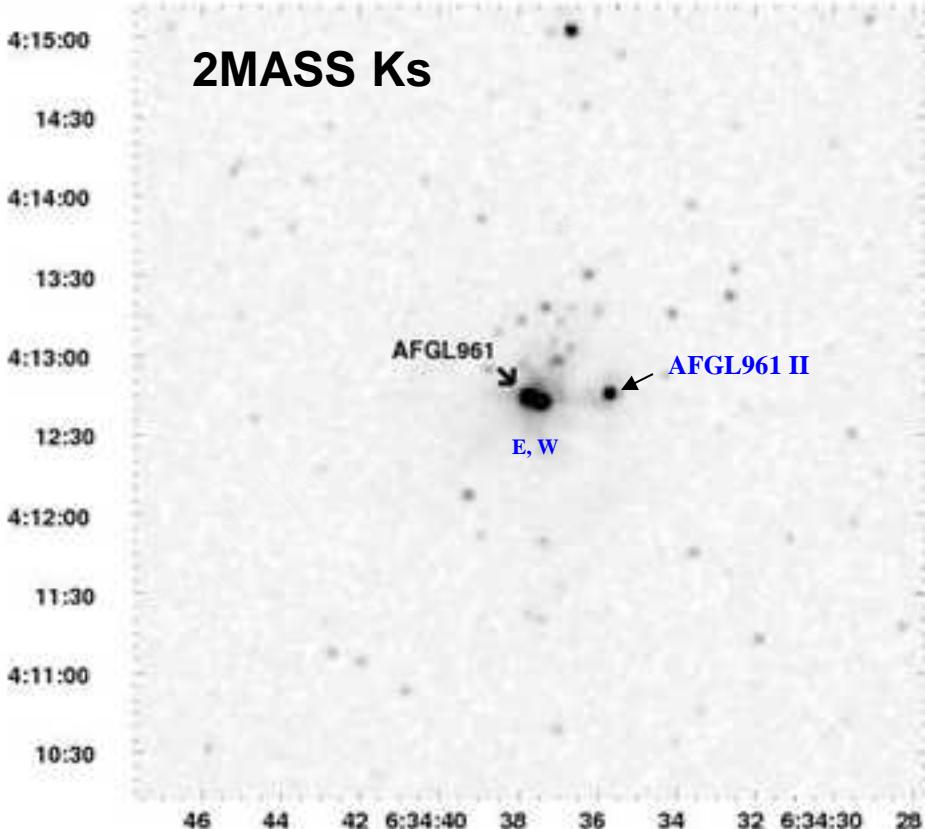
ISSA 100 μm emission



CCD & CMD of the massive proto-clusters in the densest ridge

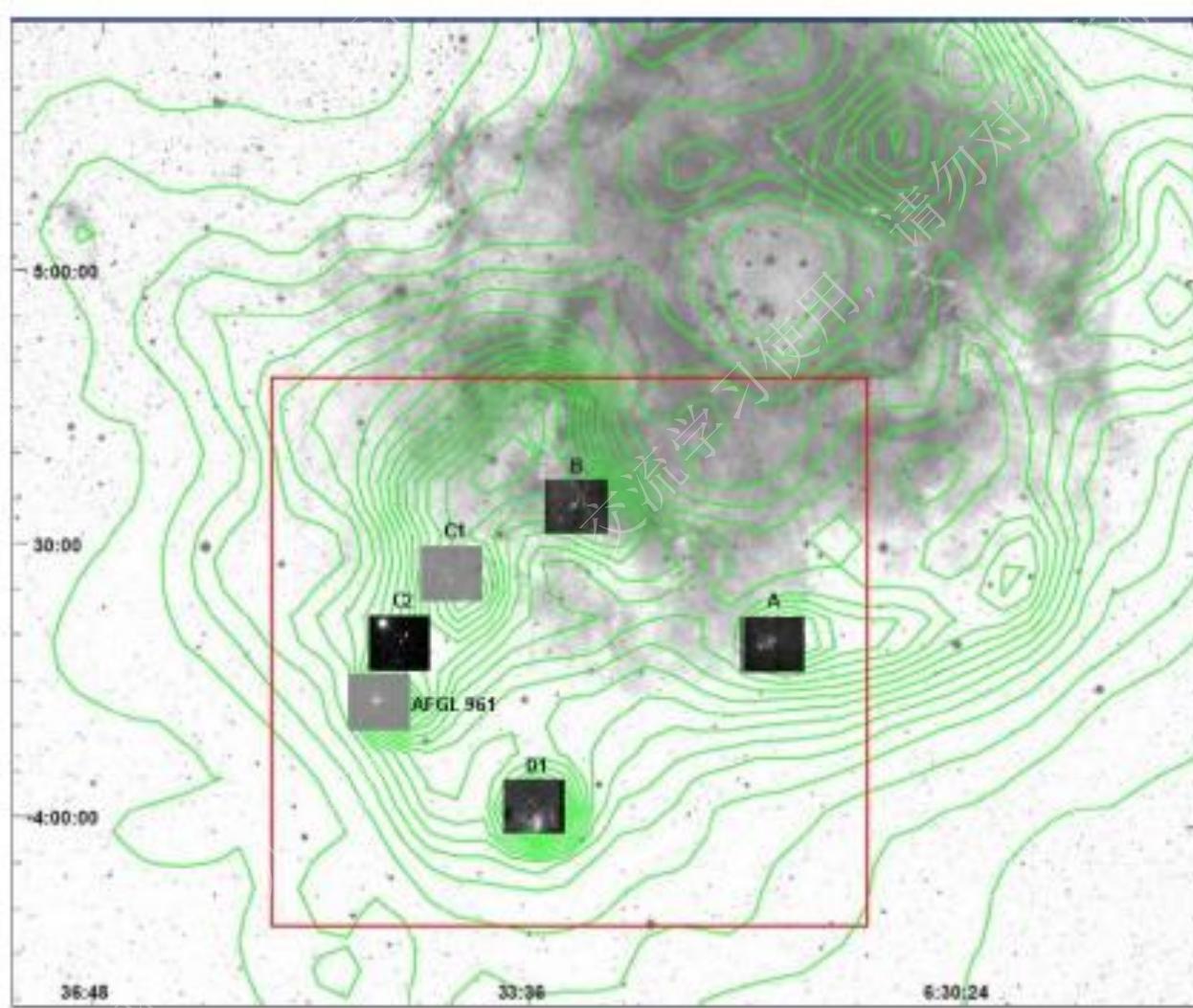


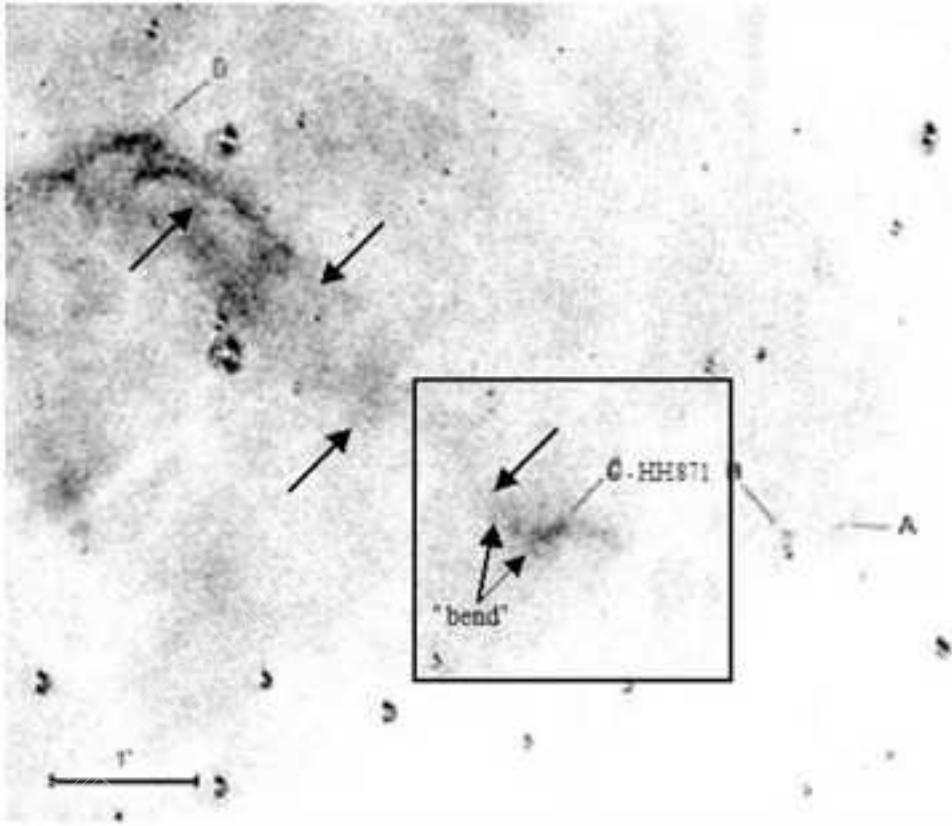
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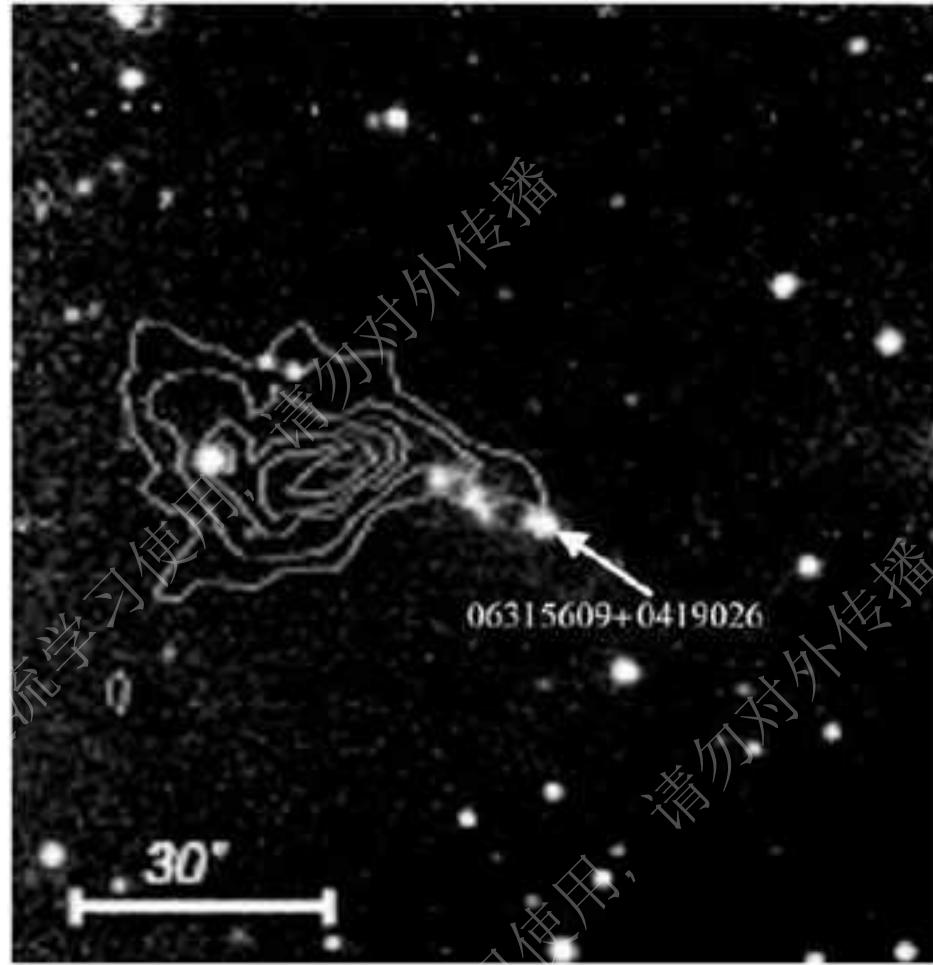
Li & Smith, 2005, AJ 130, 721

An Extensive Search for H₂ flows in the RMC





Ybarra & Phelps, 2004, AJ 127, 3444



Phelps & Ybarra, 2005, ApJ 627, 845

Intent of investigations

- **Protostellar objects are, in most cases, deeply embedded and enshrouded by heavy foreground extinction → early stages of star formation remain notoriously illusive.**
- **The critical growth period of massive stars lasts only tens of thousands yrs but is usually accompanied by spectacular ejections of gas in opposite directions.**
- **Molecular outflows – tracer of early stages of stellar evolution**

Observations

- **NIR imaging & spectroscopy**
 - NTT + SOFI JHKs & H₂ 1-0 S(1) imaging
+ medium-res. (R~2200) spectroscopy
 - UKIRT + CGS4 Ks echelle spectroscopy
- **Optical imaging & spectroscopy**
 - KPNO 4m + Mosaic I H α & [SII] imaging
pixel scale: 0.258" pixel $^{-1}$; seeing: 0.9"
 - NAOC 2.16 m +OMR medium-res. spectro.

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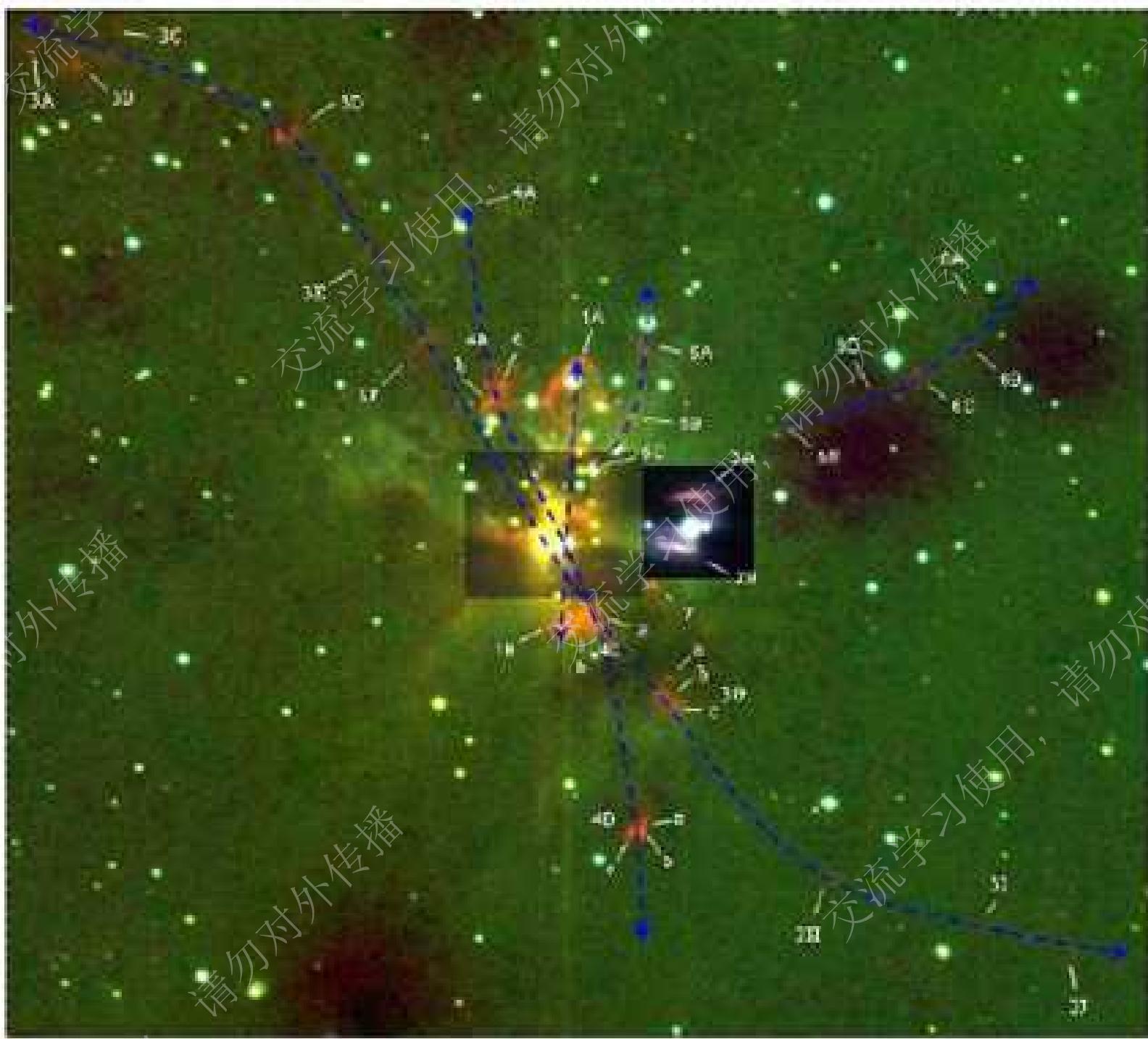
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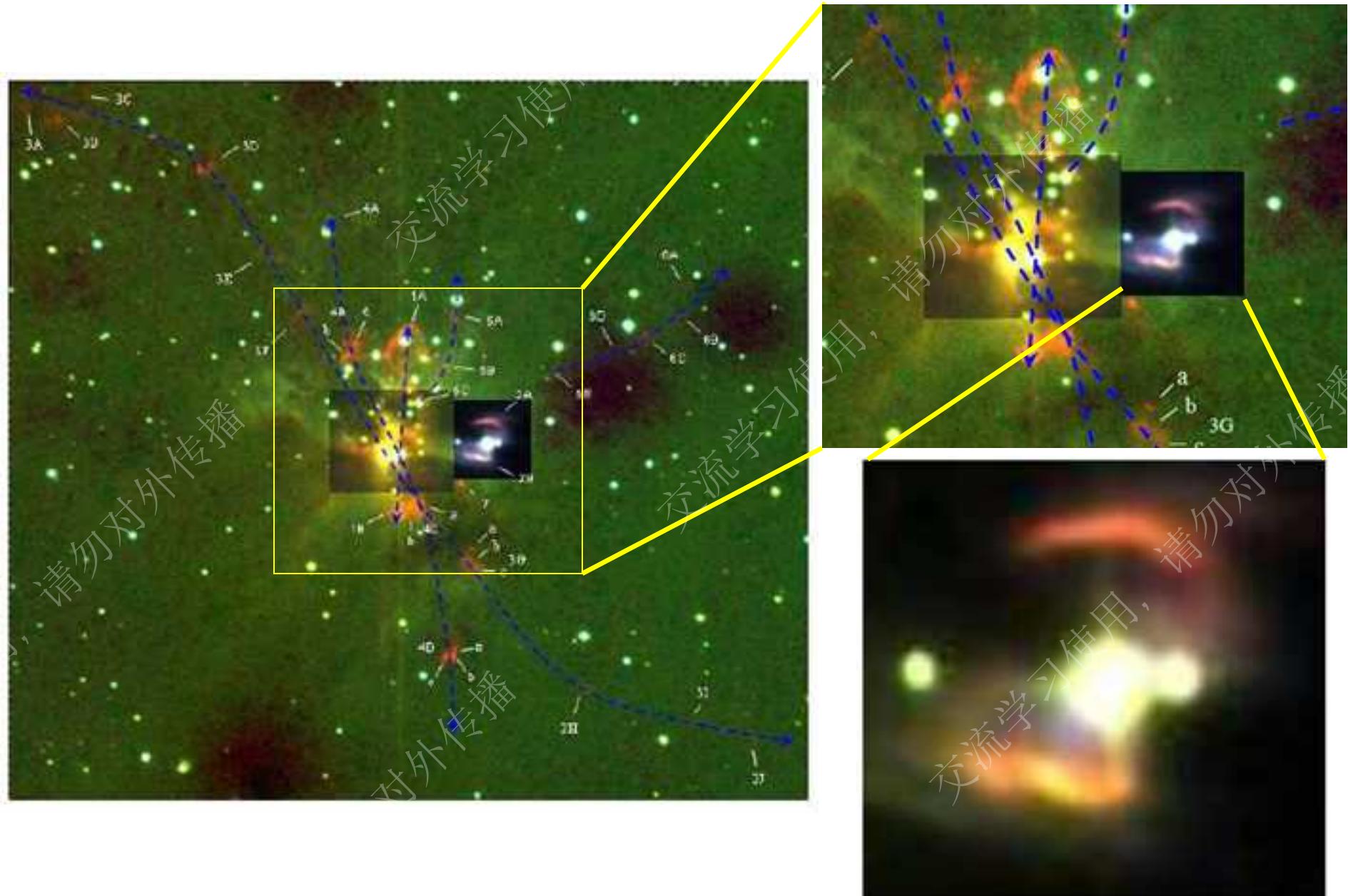
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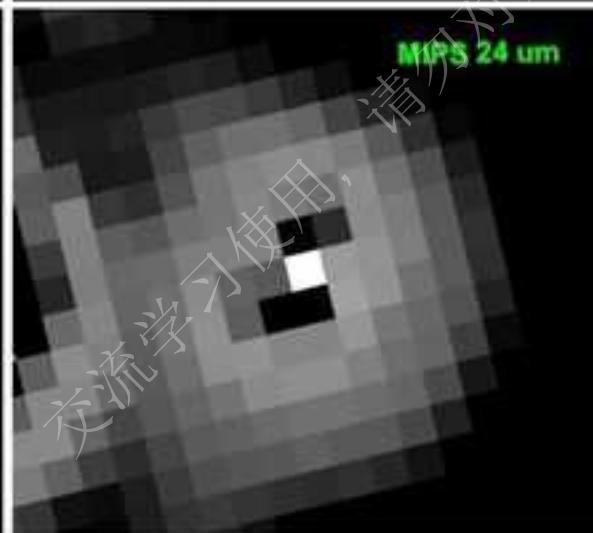
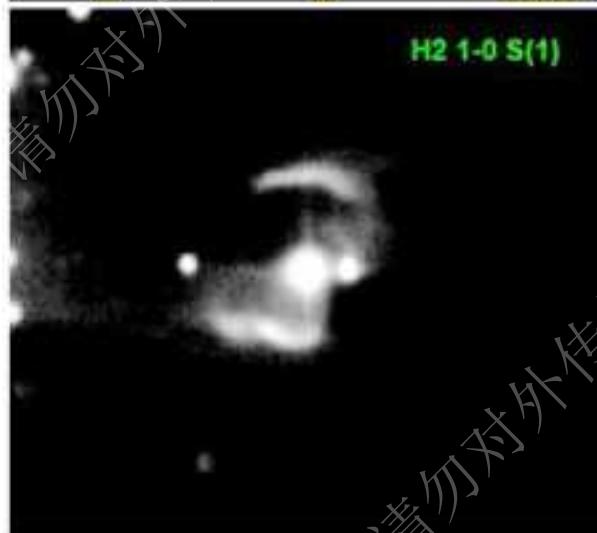
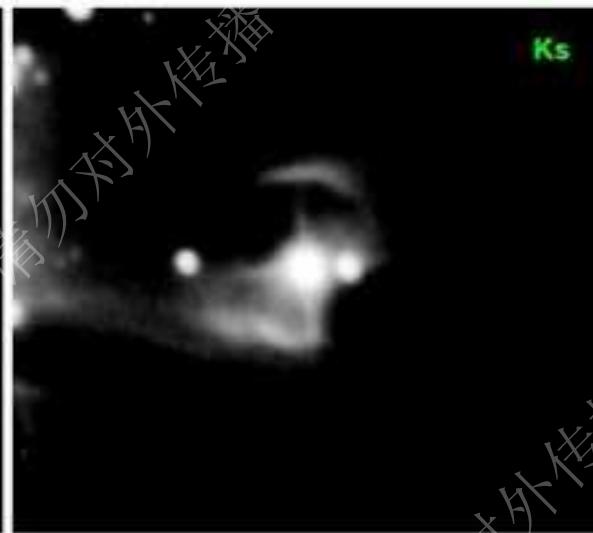
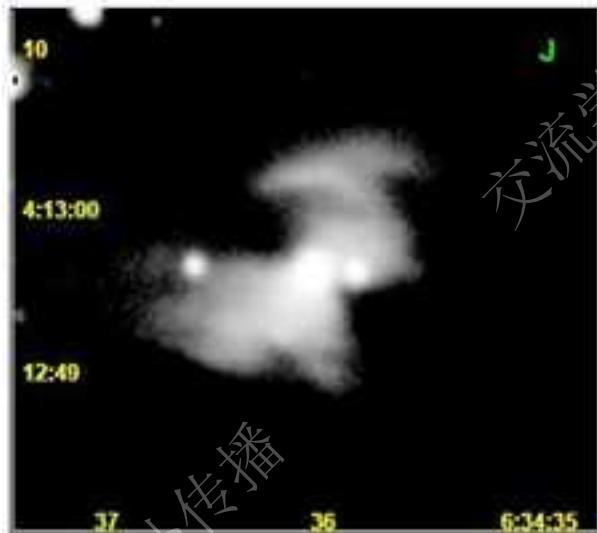
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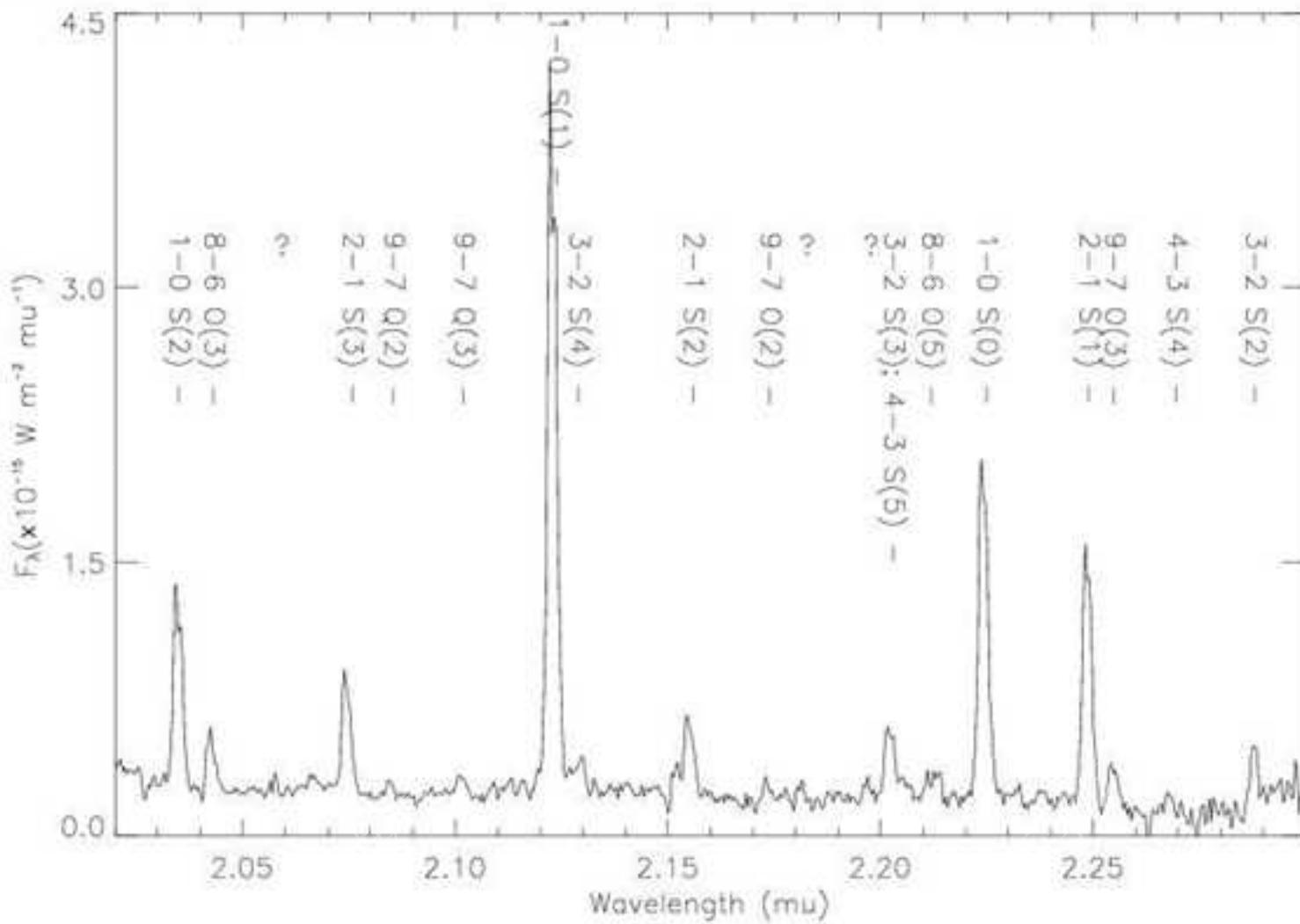
Multi-outflows associated with AFGL 961



Appearance of the Eye at different wavelength



NTT Ks-band spectroscopy



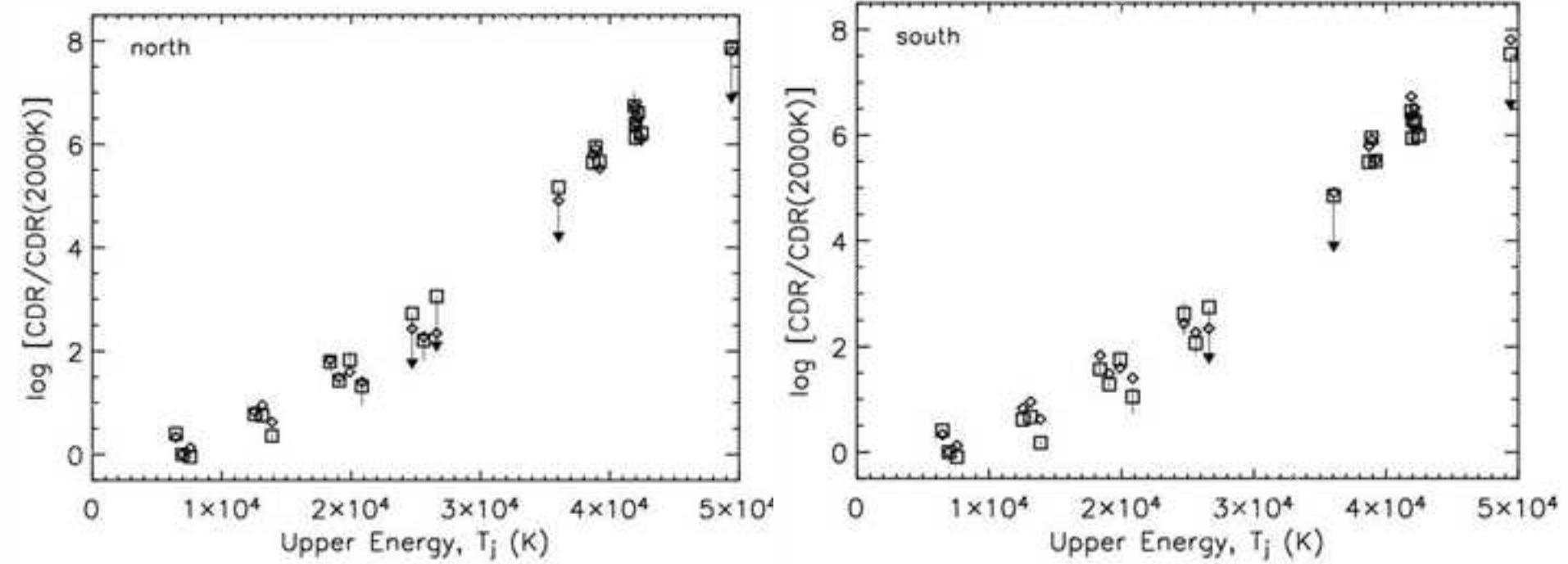
Line fluxes derived from the NTT SOFI data for the north and south rims

Line	wavelength (μm)	flux South	flux North	Line	wavelength (μm)	flux South	flux North
1 – 0 S(2)	2.033	38.60	20.70	4 – 3 S(6)	2.146	< 2.00	< 2.00
8 – 6 O(3)	2.041	10.30	7.04	2 – 1 S(2)	2.154	18.20	10.82
3 – 2 S(5)	2.065	3.89	3.49	9 – 7 O(2)	2.172	3.36	3.12
12 – 9 O(3)	2.069	< 3.00	< 3.00	3 – 2 S(3)	2.201	16.50	10.80
9 – 7 Q(1)*	2.073			4 – 3 S(5)*	2.201		
2 – 1 S(3)	2.073	20.30	14.80	8 – 6 O(5)	2.210	9.91	6.76
9 – 7 Q(2)	2.084	3.09	3.36	1 – 0 S(0)	2.223	69.40	32.50
9 – 7 Q(3)	2.100	5.59	4.39	2 – 1 S(1)	2.247	43.70	30.40
7 – 5 O(6)	2.108	< 3.5	< 3.5	9 – 7 O(3)	2.253	10.20	6.17
8 – 6 O(4)†	2.121	10.35	5.00	4 – 3 S(4)	2.268	4.95	< 3.00
1 – 0 S(1)†	2.121	127.65	61.60	3 – 2 S(2)	2.286	10.00	8.16
3 – 2 S(4)	2.127	10.30	5.85				

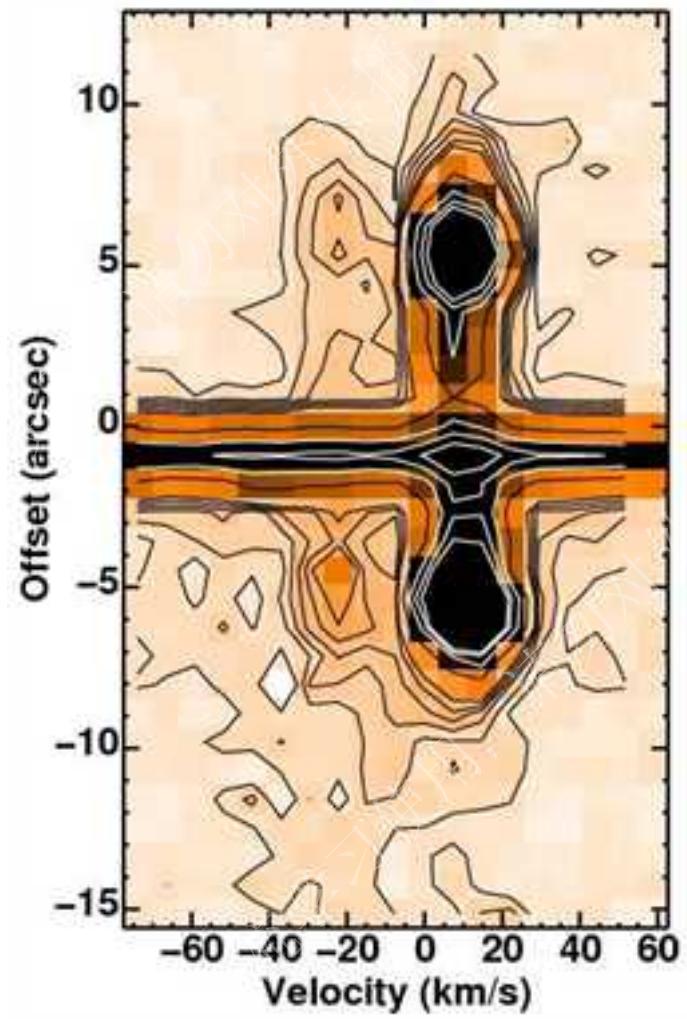
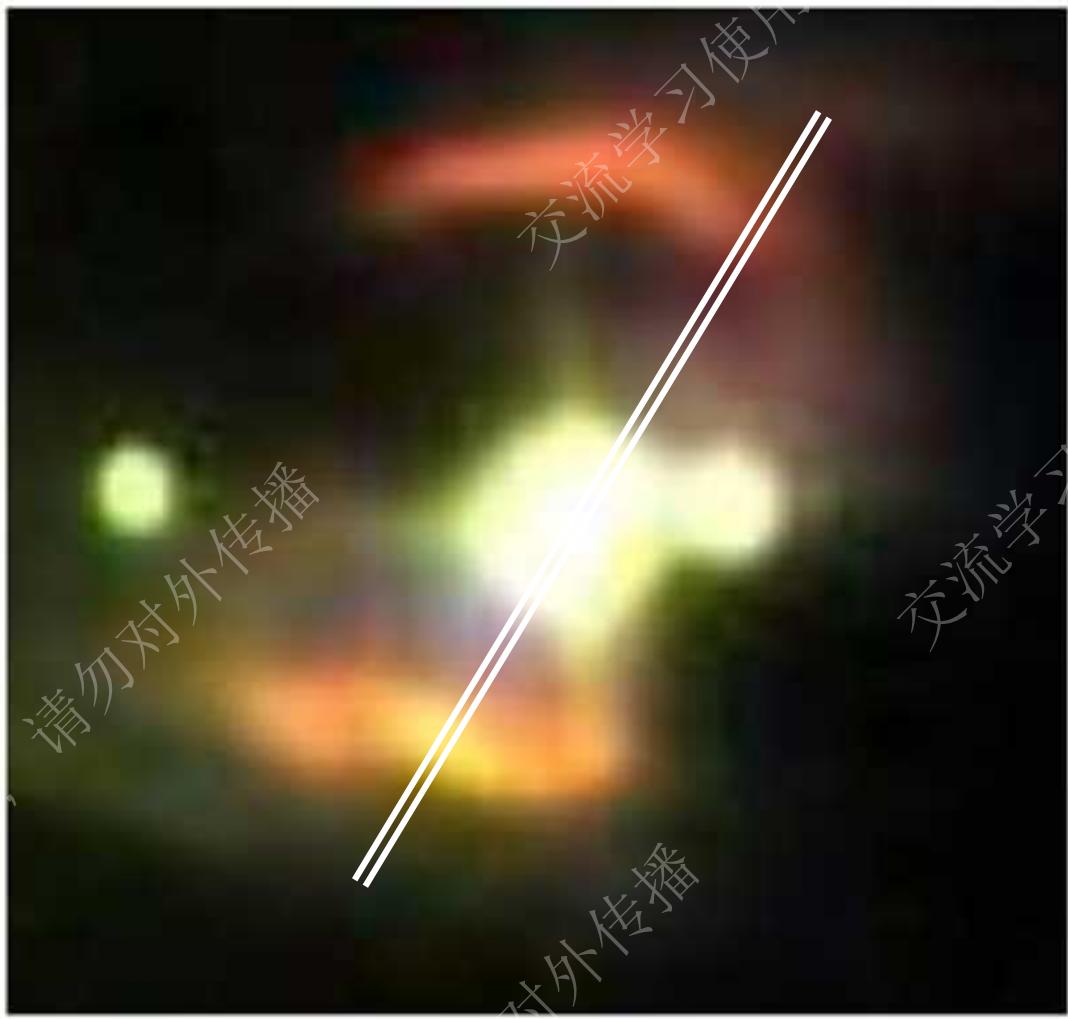
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* – Line blended; no decomposition possible. † – relative line fluxes decomposed from echelle data in approximately the same regions.

Fluorescence confirmed by simulation based on the observed line ratios



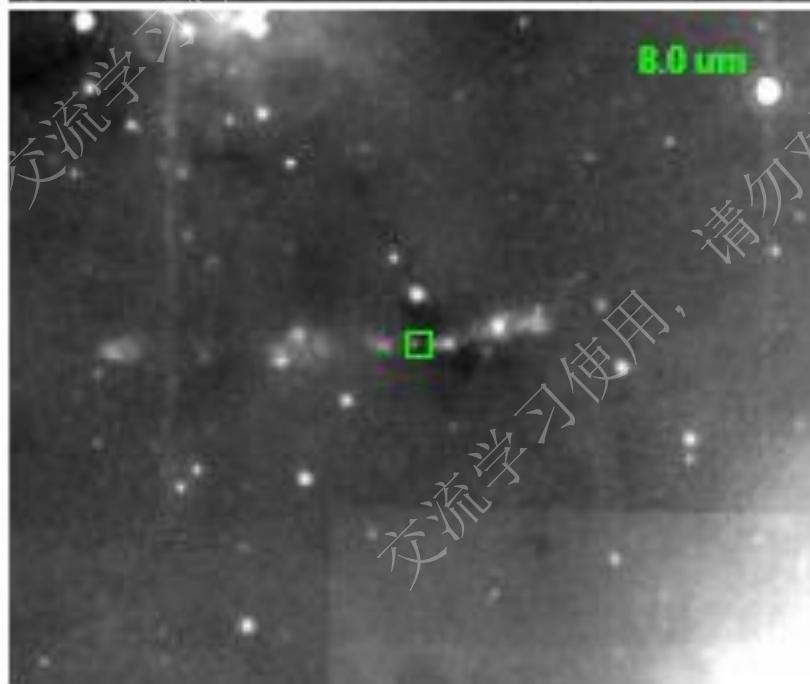
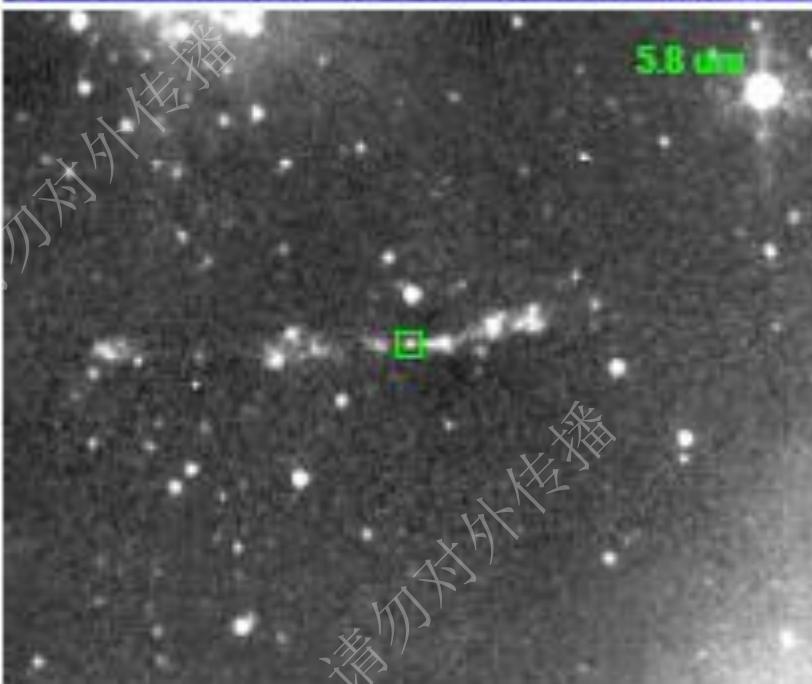
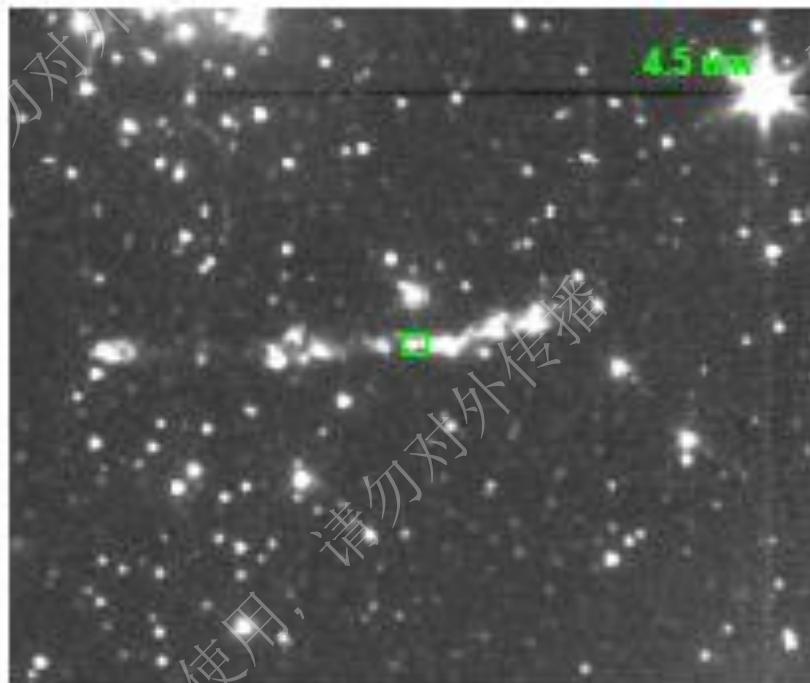
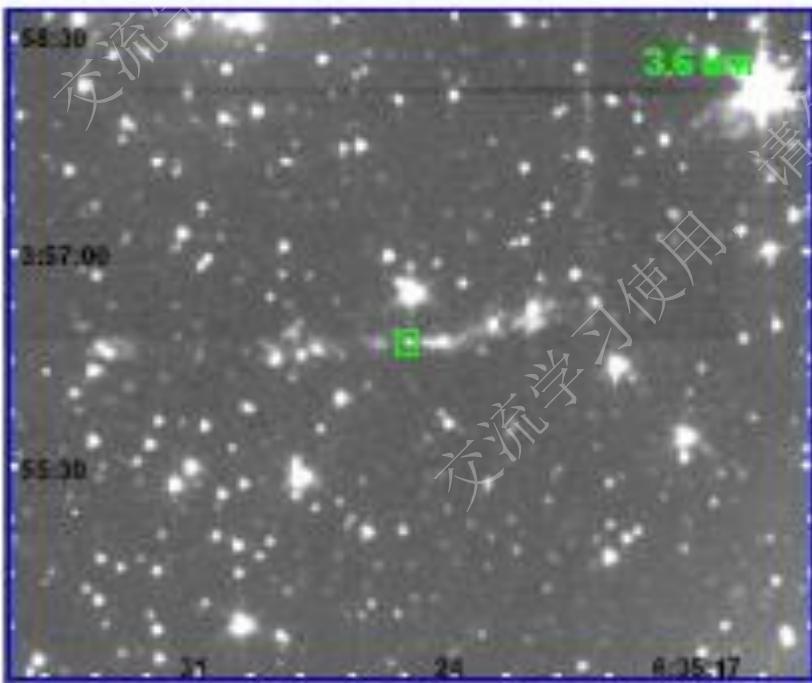
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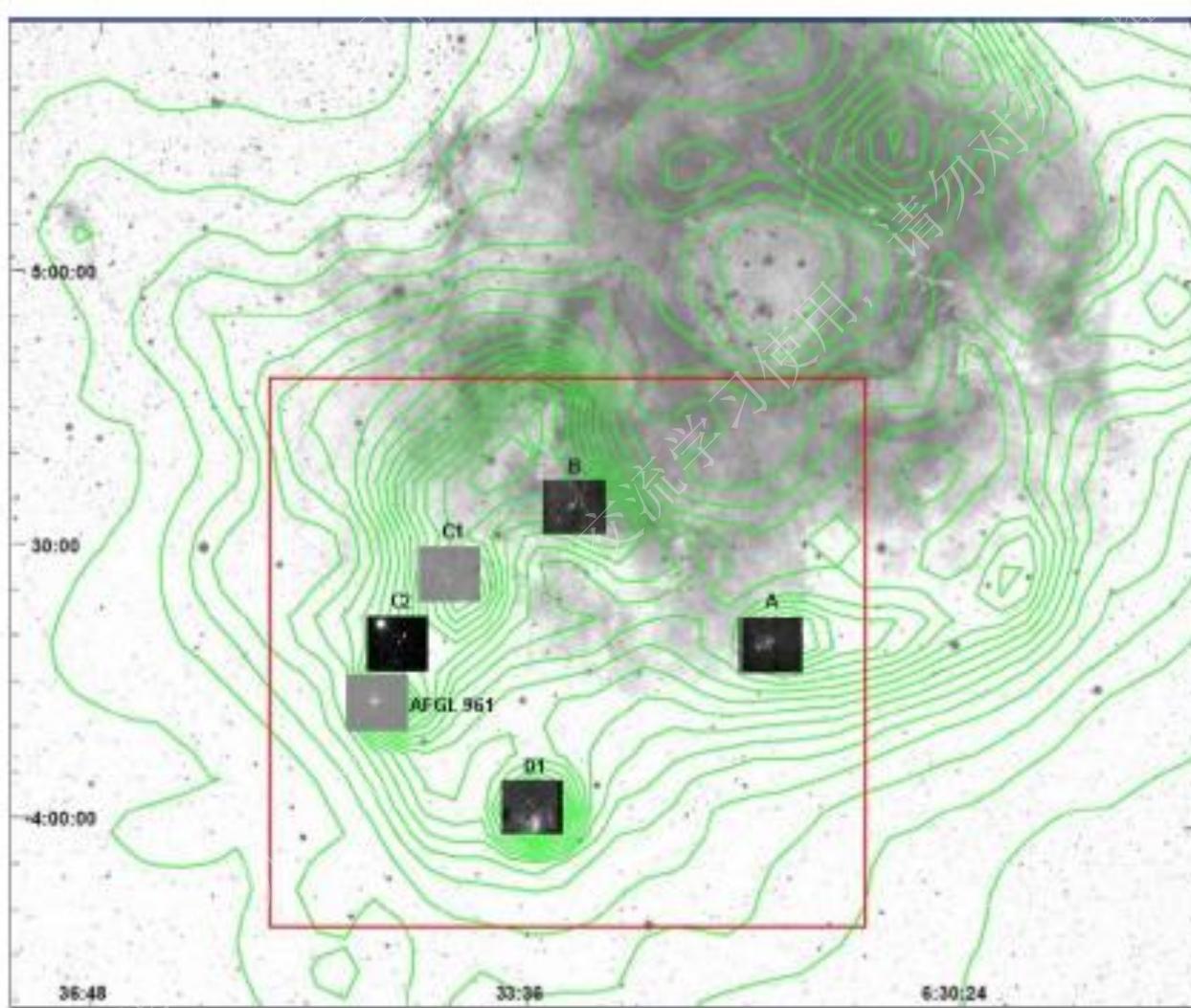
Implications on the discovery the Rosette Eye

- Young massive stars ($M > 10M_{\odot}$) have strong impacts on their surroundings
- Fast evolution and disk dissipation: $< 10^5$ yrs
- AFGL961 II, the Rosette Eye →
a key transition phase in its emergence
- Emerging ionized flows blow out an hourglass shaped nebula
- Capped with static, fluorescent H₂ emission arcs →
Onset of UV radiation
- Implications on how massive stars embark on their formation

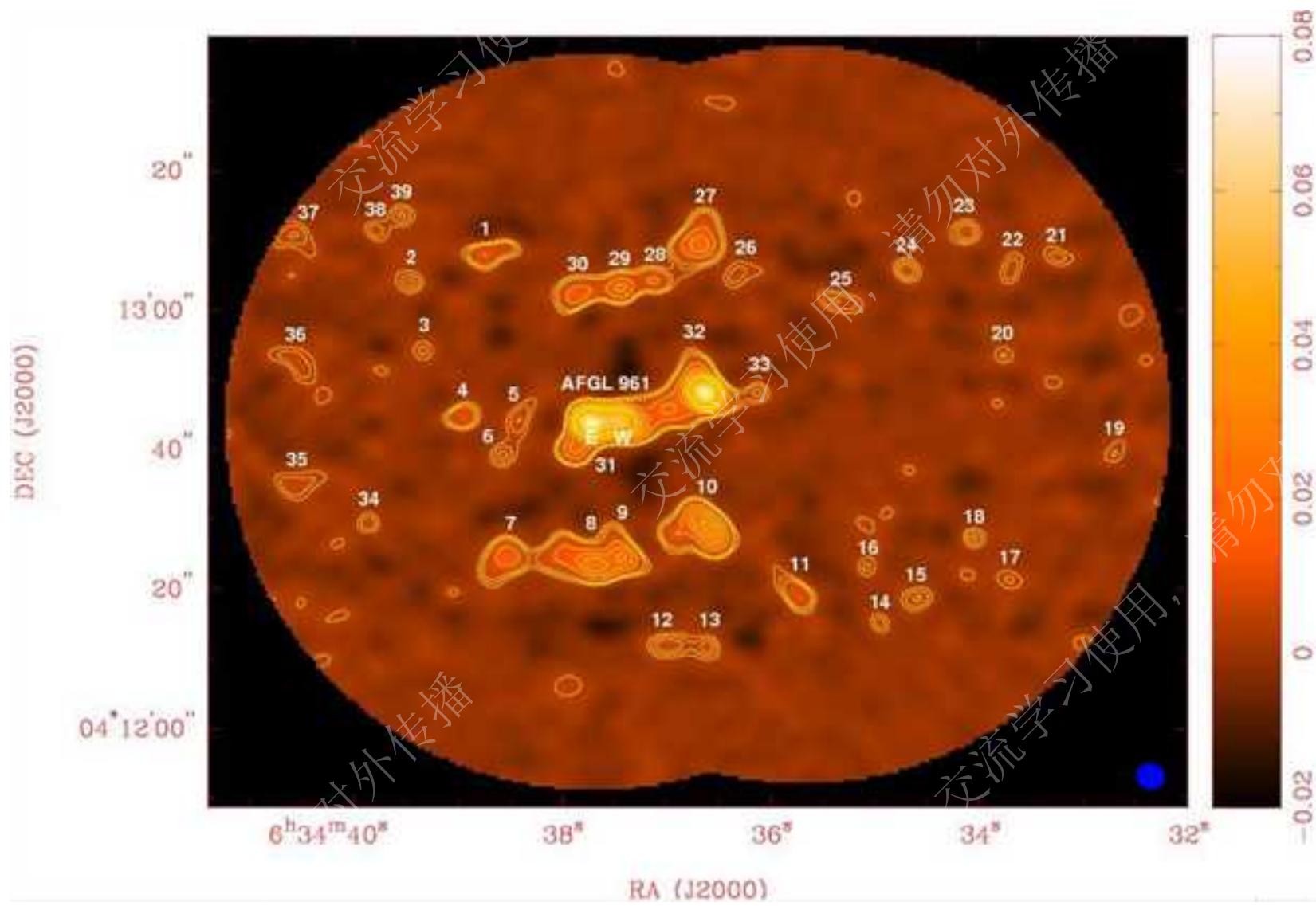




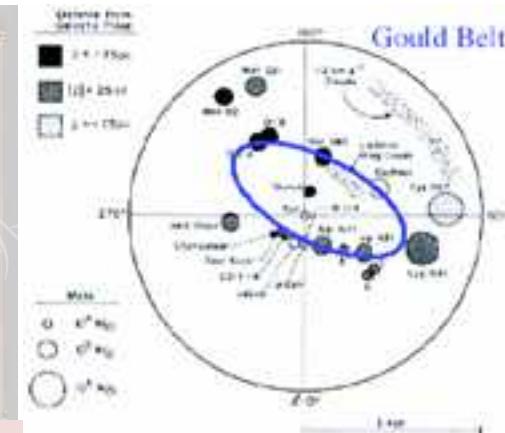
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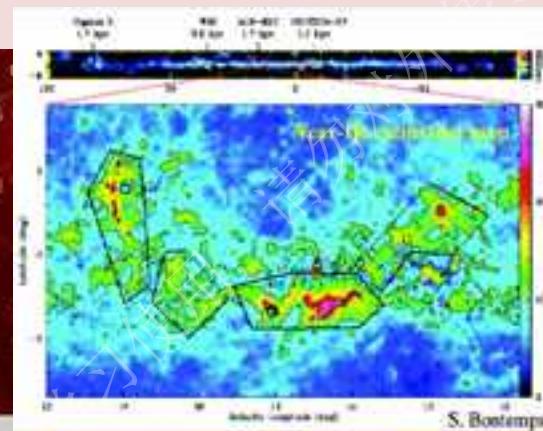
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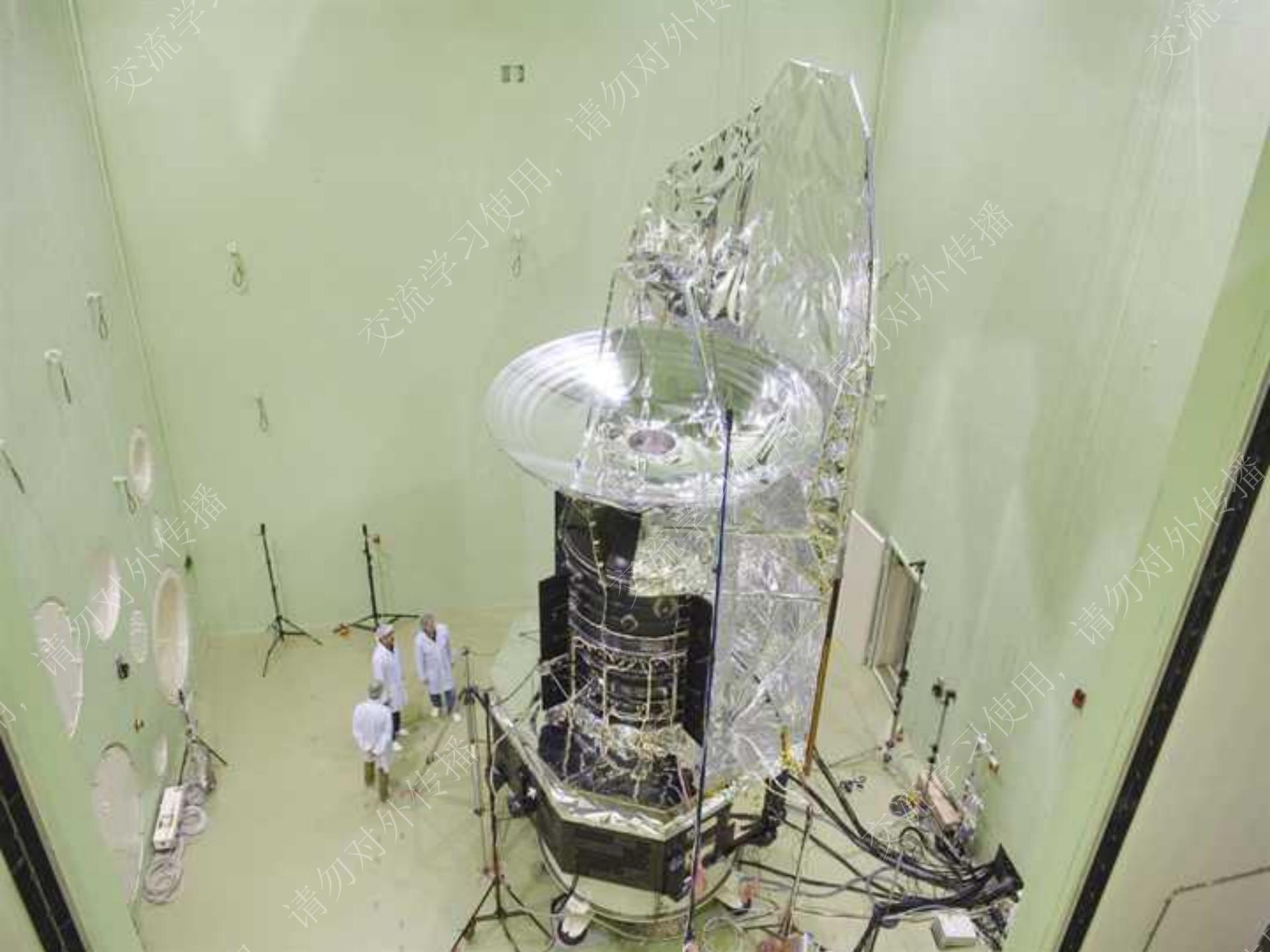
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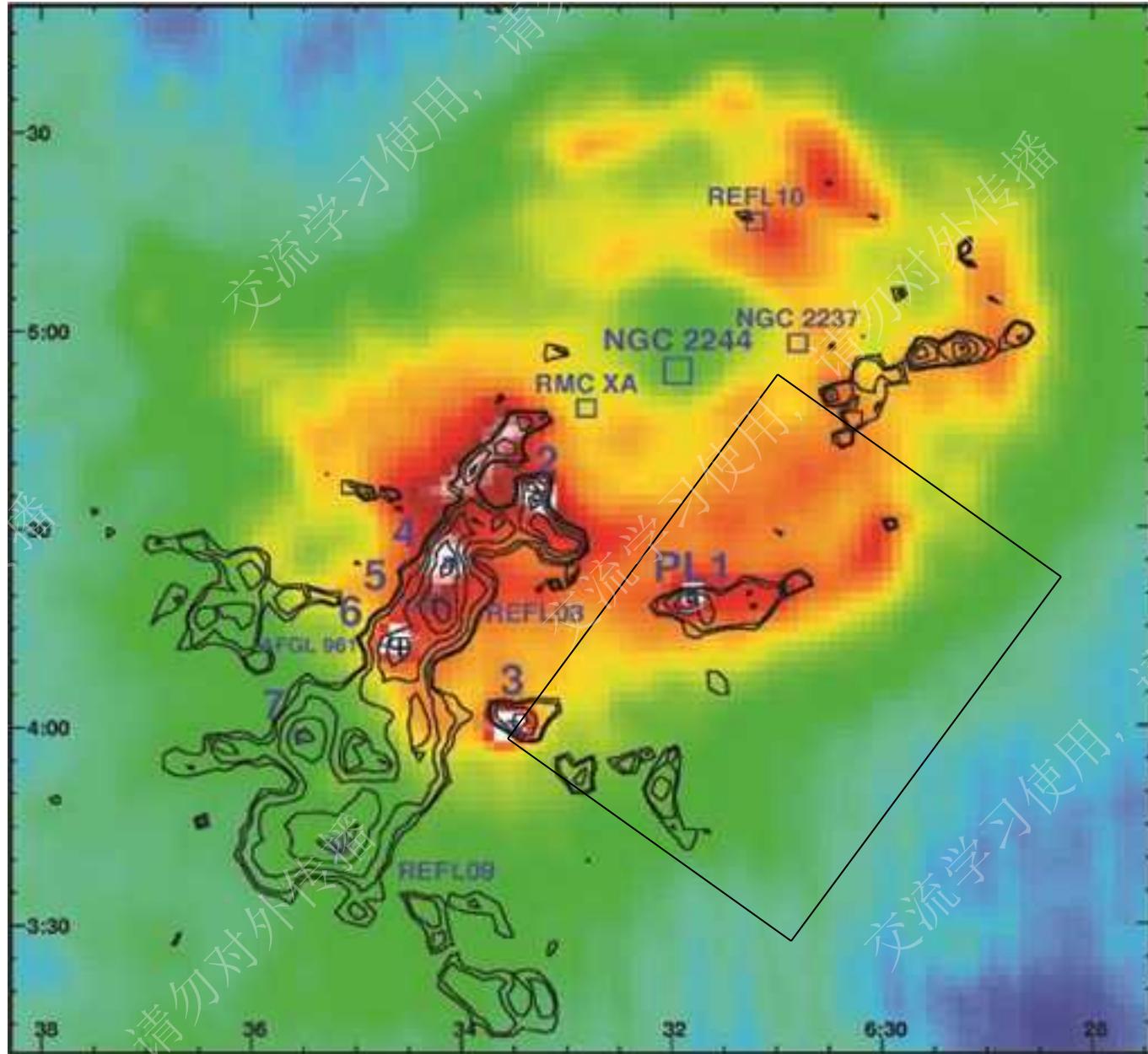
A complete census of prestellar cores and protostars in the Gould Belt regions (< 500 pc) down to a mass limit of $0.01 - 0.1 M_{\odot}$. All 461 hrs.
(Accurate Mass, Luminosity, Temperature, lifetimes)



A systematic survey of essentially all massive SF regions within 3 kpc. An unbiased census of OB star precursors at all evolutionary stages. All 125 hrs.



The Herschel SDP fields of HOBYS



The Rosette Molecular Complex with Herschel

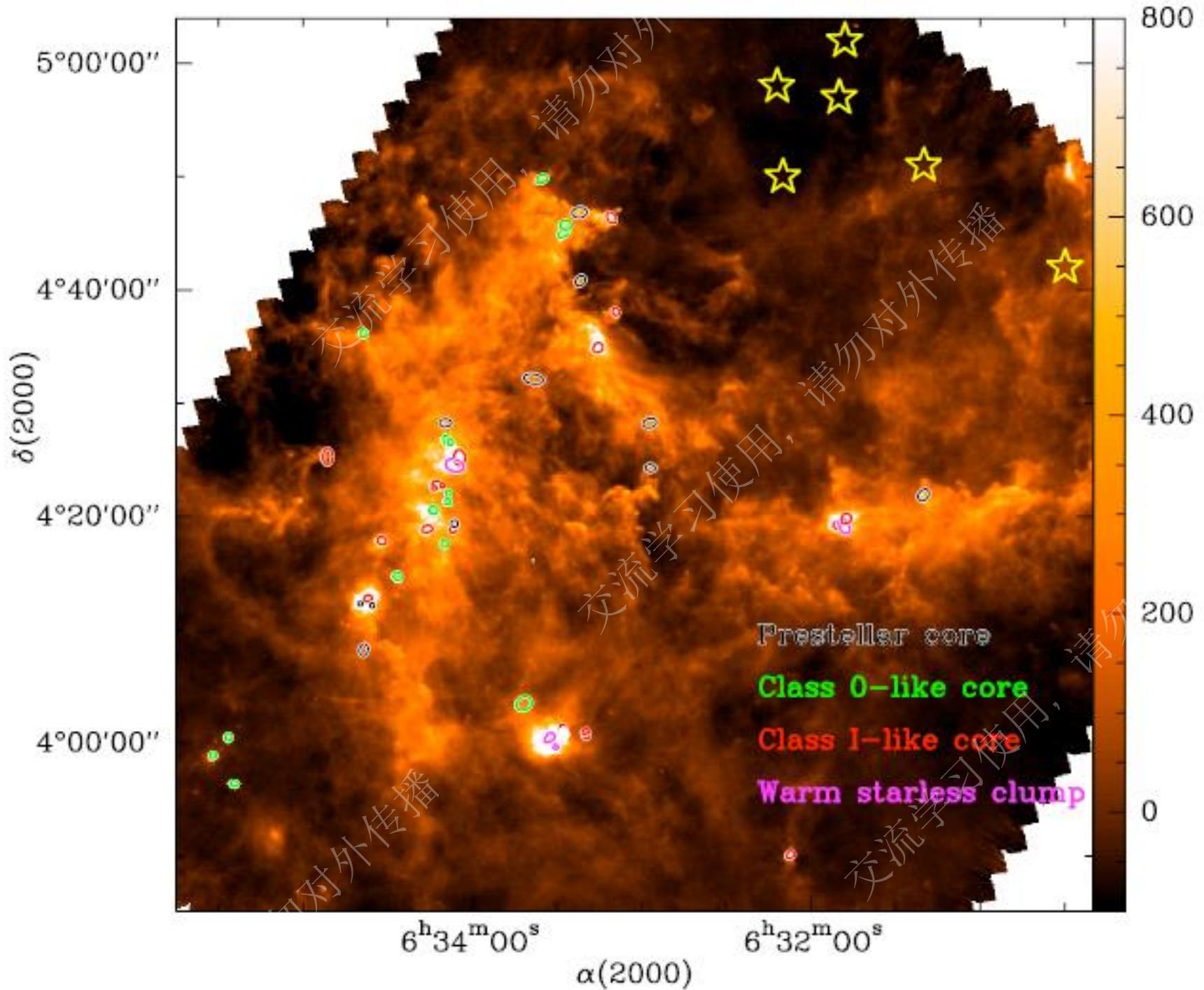
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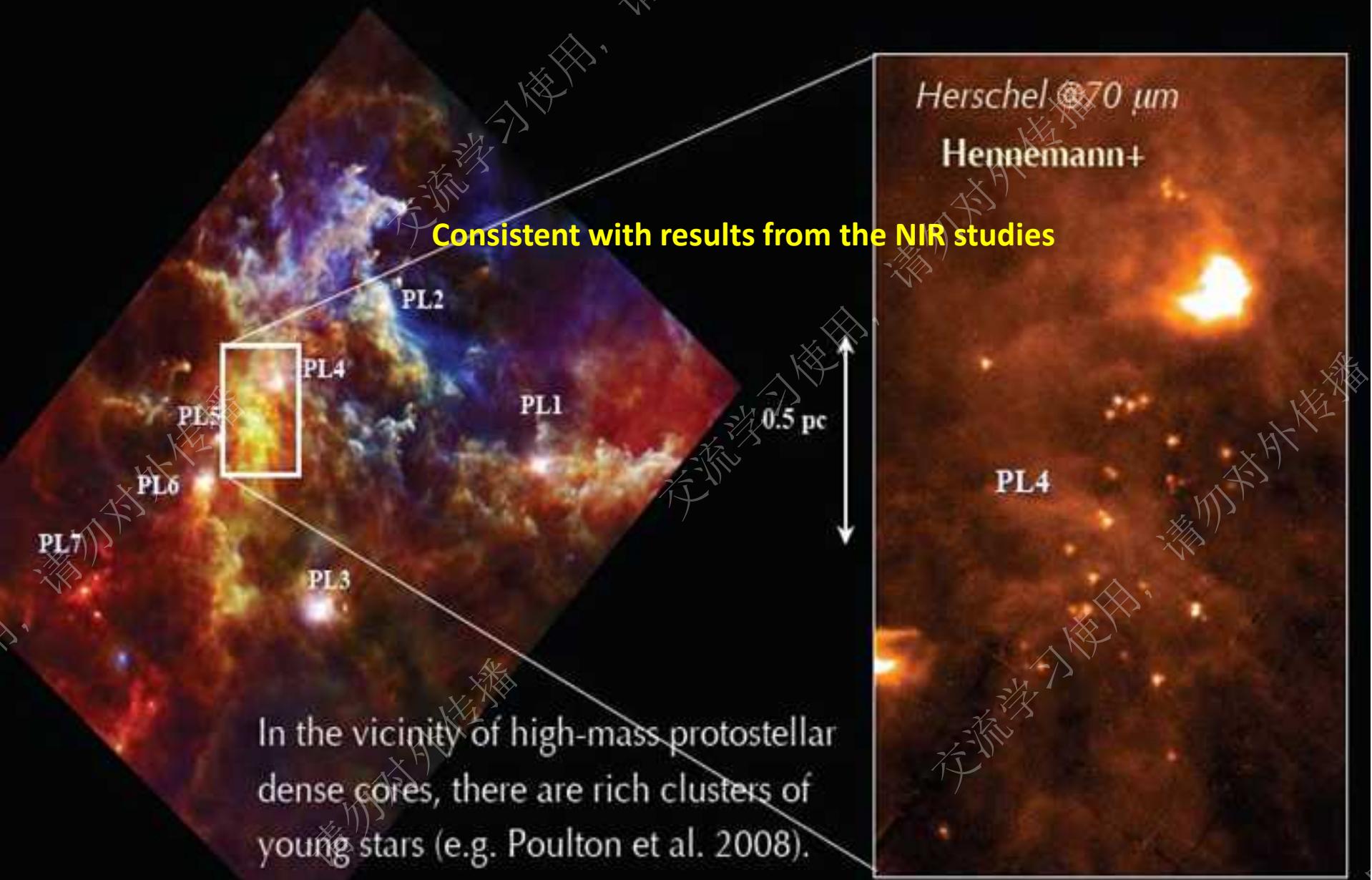
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Rich clusters of protostars in the Rosette





Thanks!