

# Star Formation Studies in the Magellanic Clouds with JWST

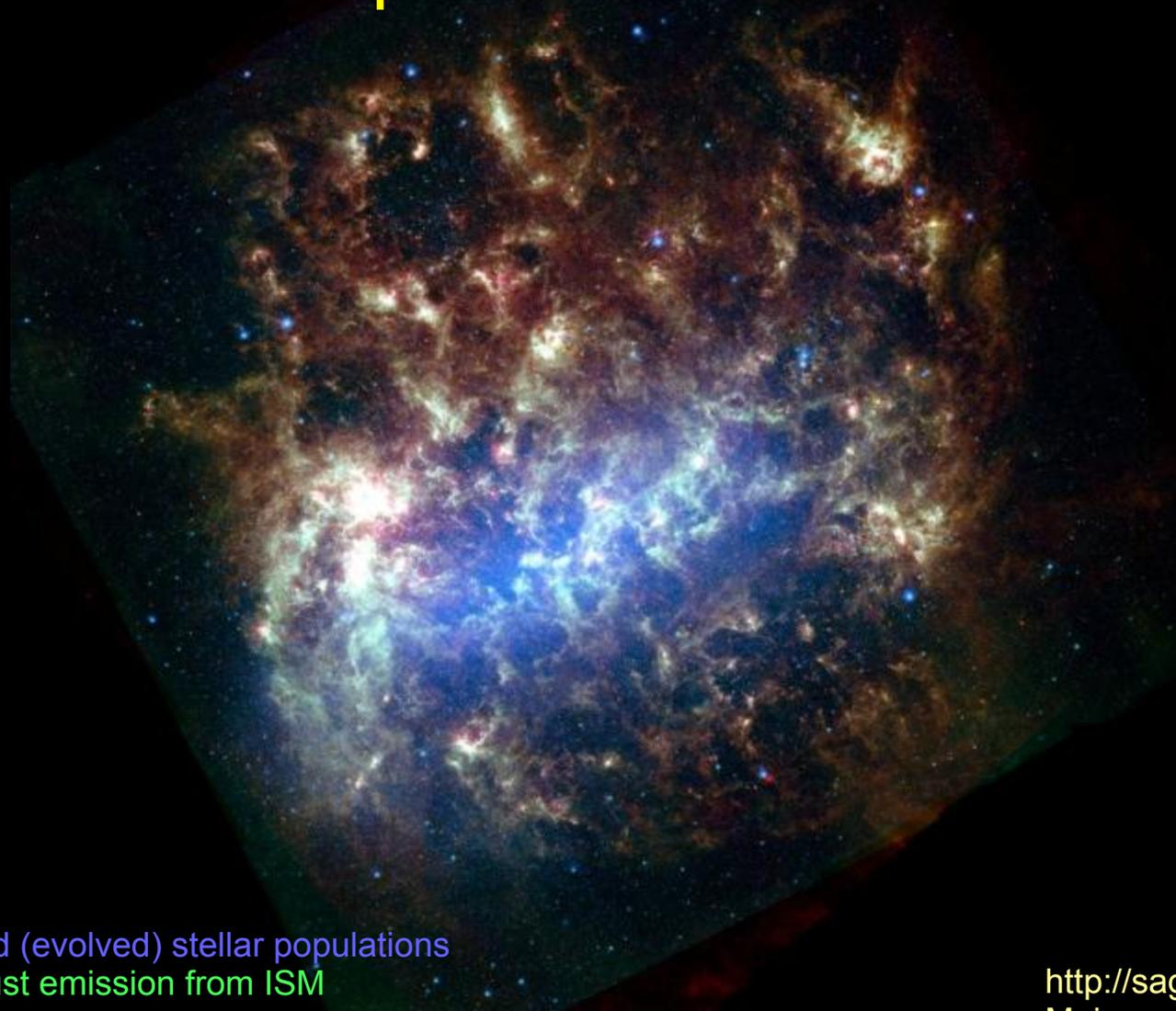
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# Outline

- Discovery of Young Stellar Objects (YSOs) in the Magellanic Clouds
- Spitzer Spectroscopic followup programs: Ices and PAHs at low metallicity
- JWST potential for Magellanic Cloud star formation
- NIRCam/MIRI imaging of NGC 602
- Environments of YSOs in N159

# Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC), $Z \sim 0.5 Z_{\odot}$ : Spitzer SAGE



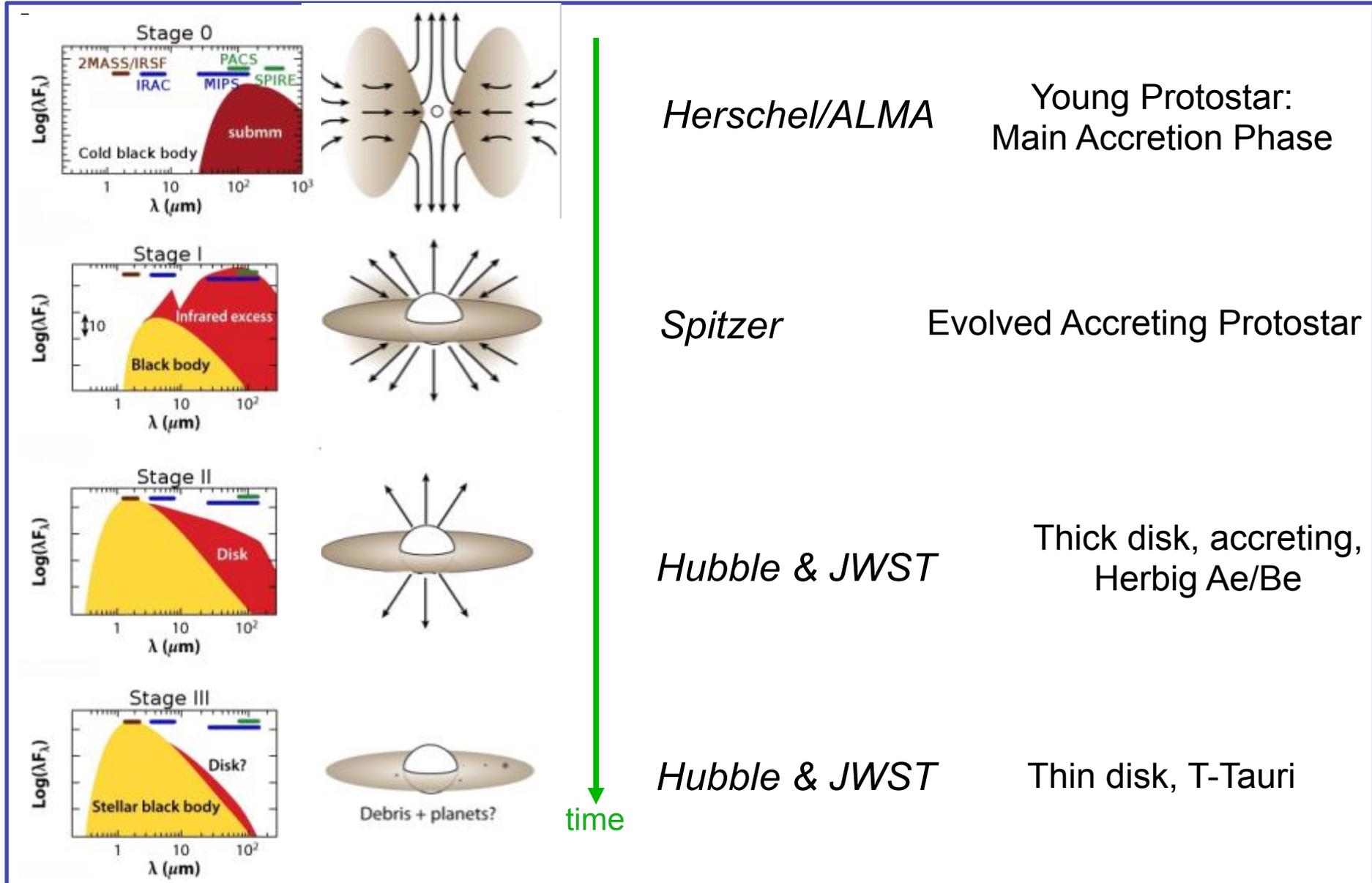
IRAC 3.6  $\mu\text{m}$ : old (evolved) stellar populations

IRAC 8.0  $\mu\text{m}$ : dust emission from ISM

MIPS 24  $\mu\text{m}$ : new massive star formation

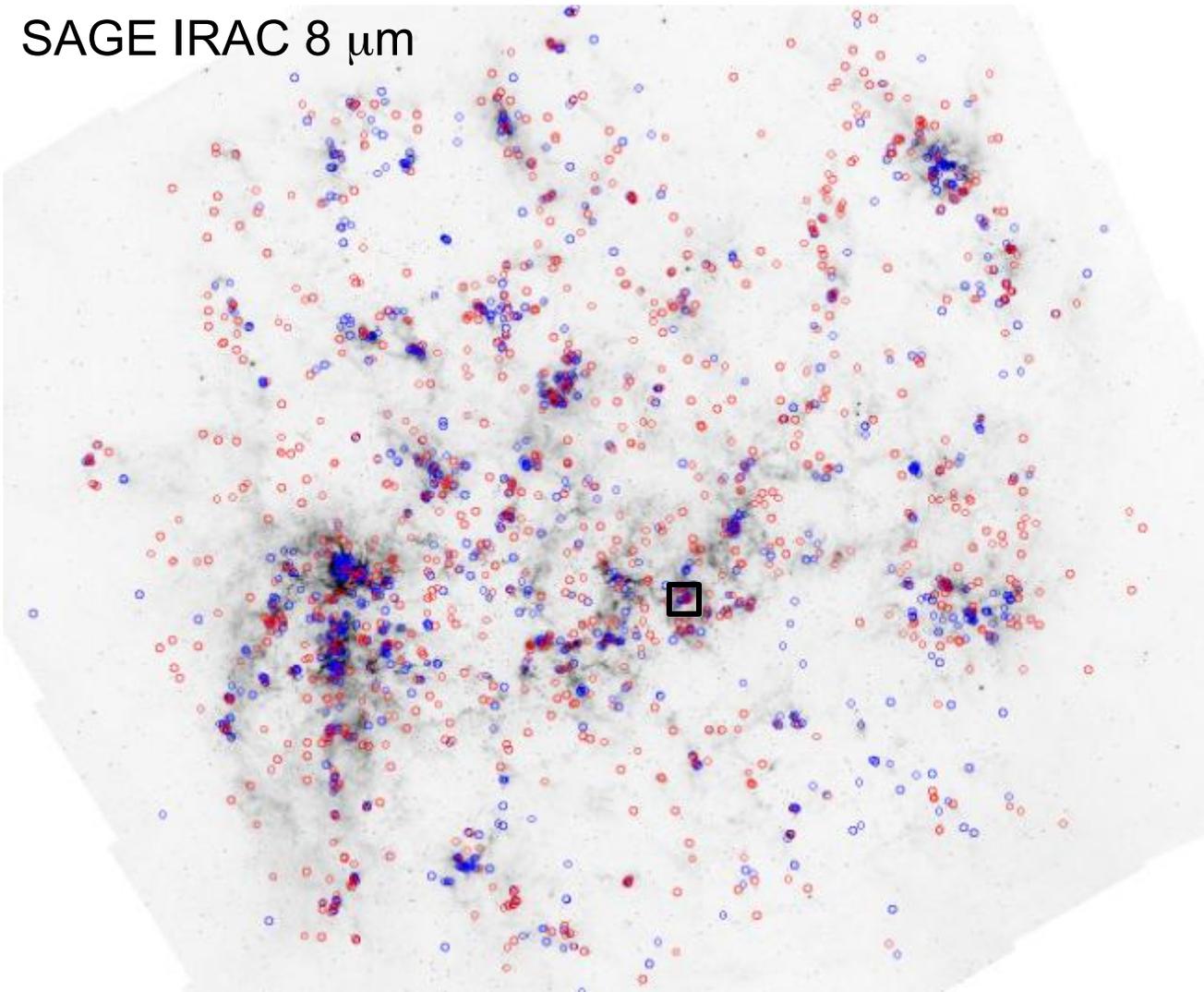
<http://sage.stsci.edu/>  
Meixner et al. 2006

# Young Stellar Object Evolutionary Stages



# Spitzer Discovers Three Thousand Young Stellar Objects in the LMC

SAGE IRAC 8  $\mu\text{m}$



*Pre-Spitzer:*

~20 protostars known

*Spitzer:*

~1000 YSO candidates

Whitney, Sewilo et al. (2008)

~1200 YSO candidates

Gruendl & Chu (2009)

~1000 YSO candidates

In star forming clusters

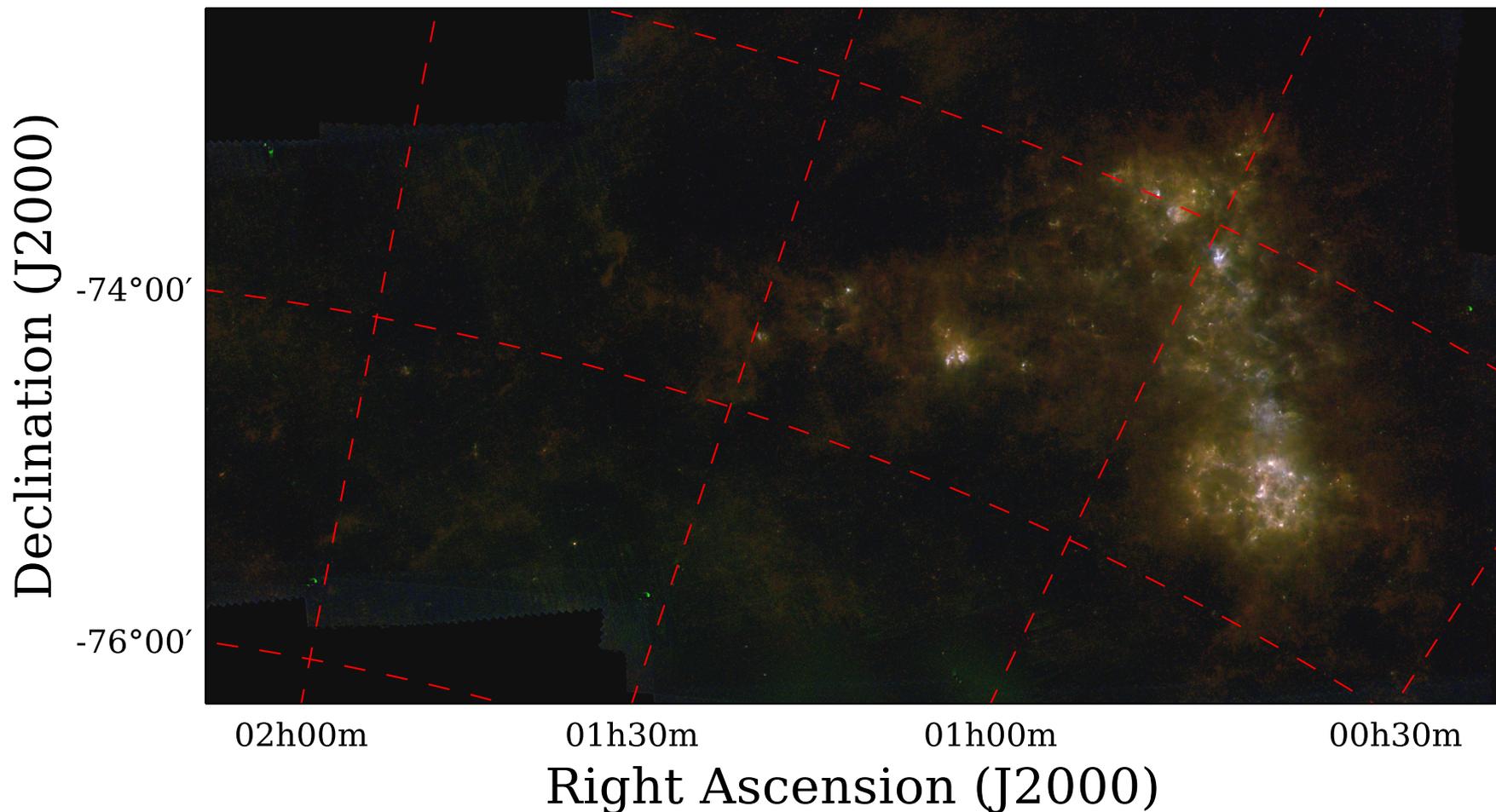
Carlson et al. (2012)

# Small Magellanic Cloud (SMC) $Z \sim 0.2 Z_{\odot}$ : Herschel HERITAGE

SPIRE 250  $\mu\text{m}$

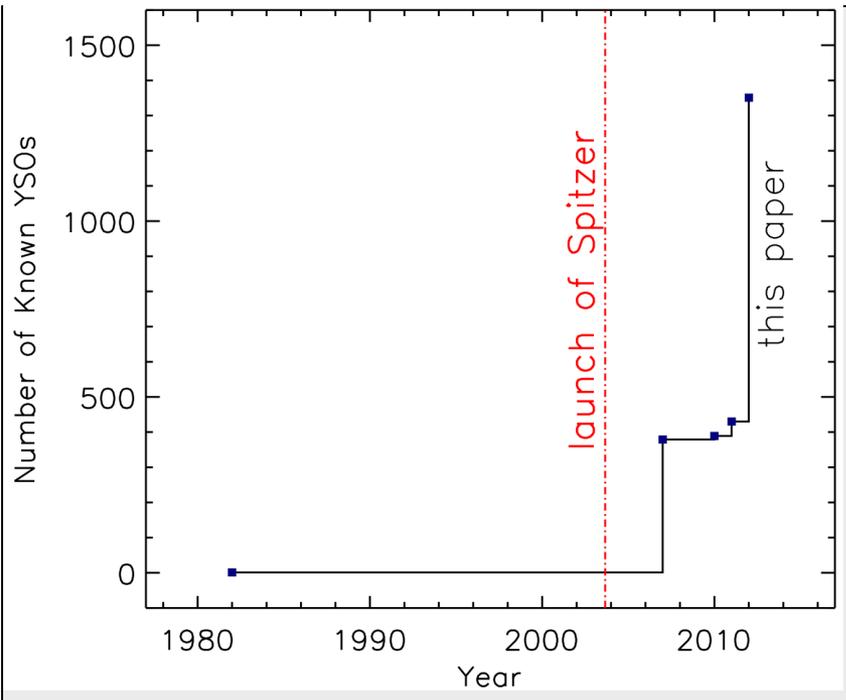
PACS 160  $\mu\text{m}$

PACS 100  $\mu\text{m}$

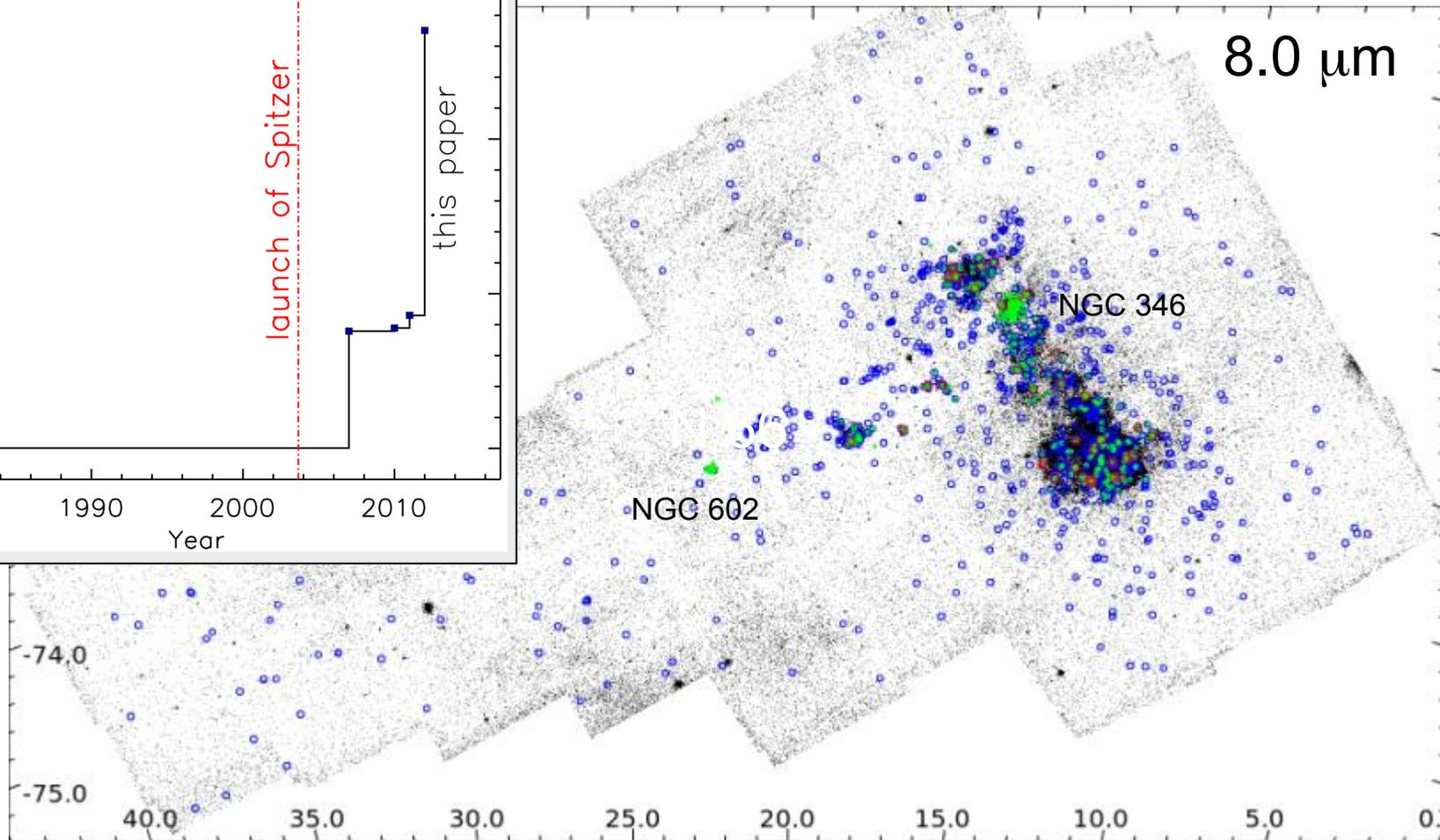


Meixner et al 2013

# Spitzer Discovers One Thousand Young Stellar Objects in the SMC



~1100 YSO candidates; ~900 new

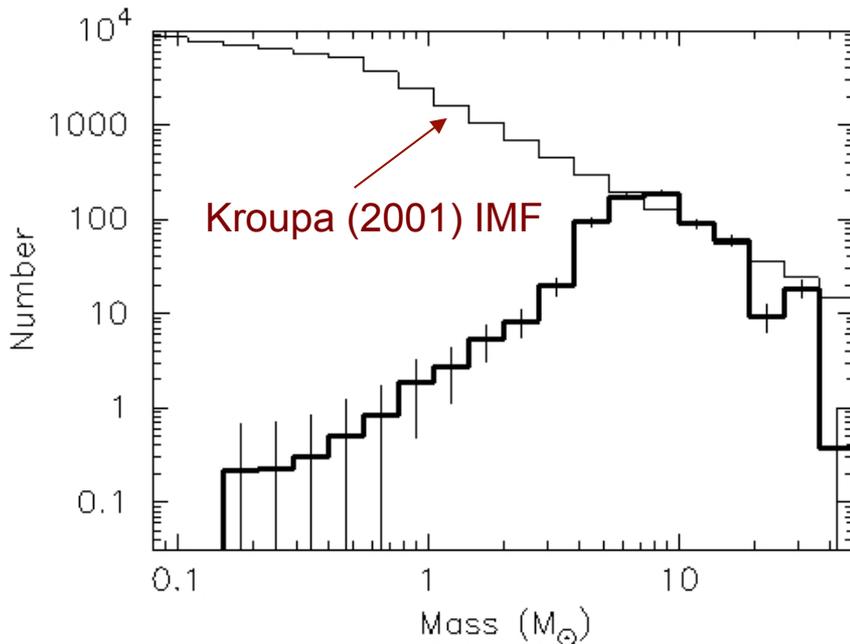


Sewilo et al. (2013)

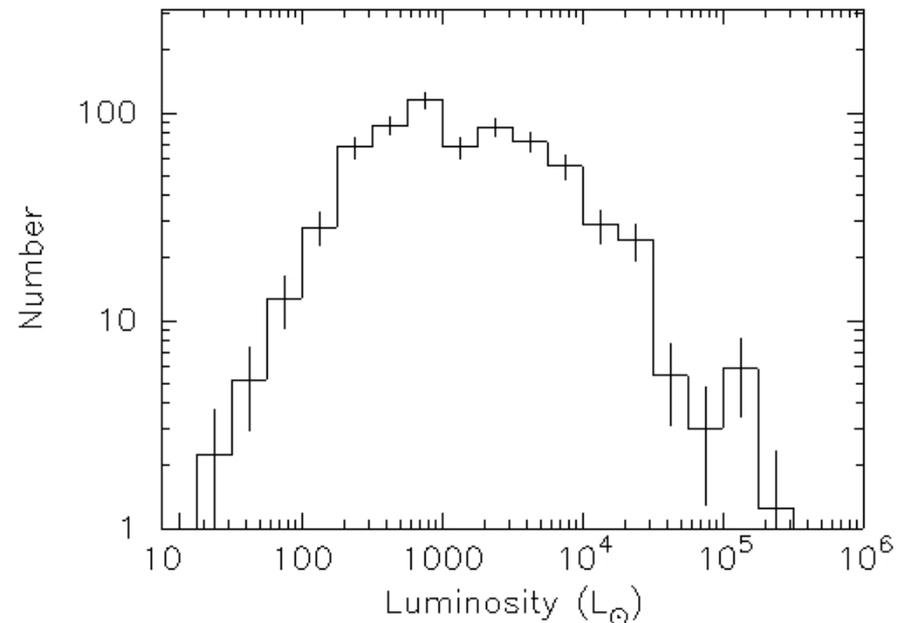
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# SMC: YSO properties mostly Stage I

## Histogram of Stellar Mass



## Luminosity Histogram



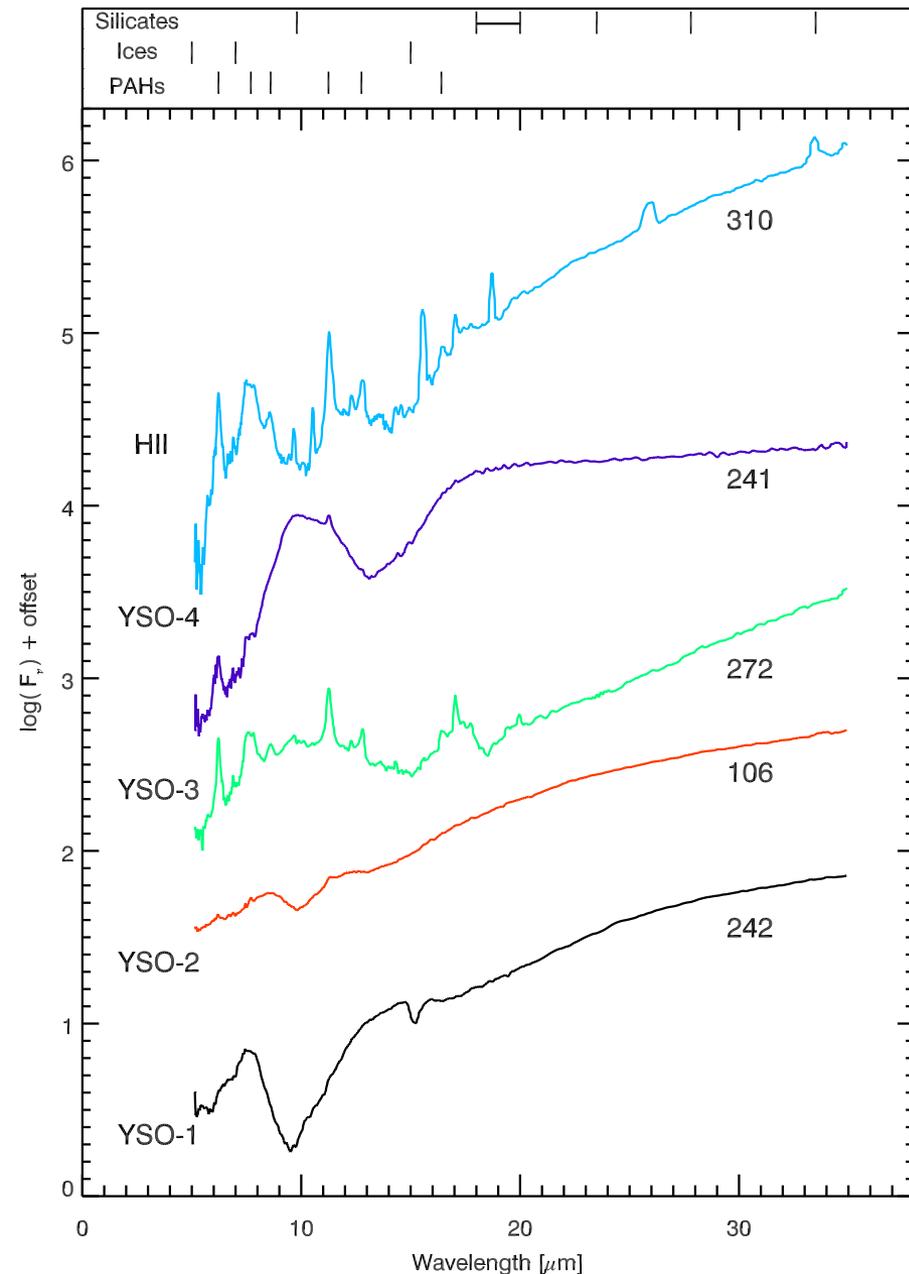
SFR  $\sim 0.06 M_{\text{sun}} / \text{year}$

# Spitzer Spectroscopy:

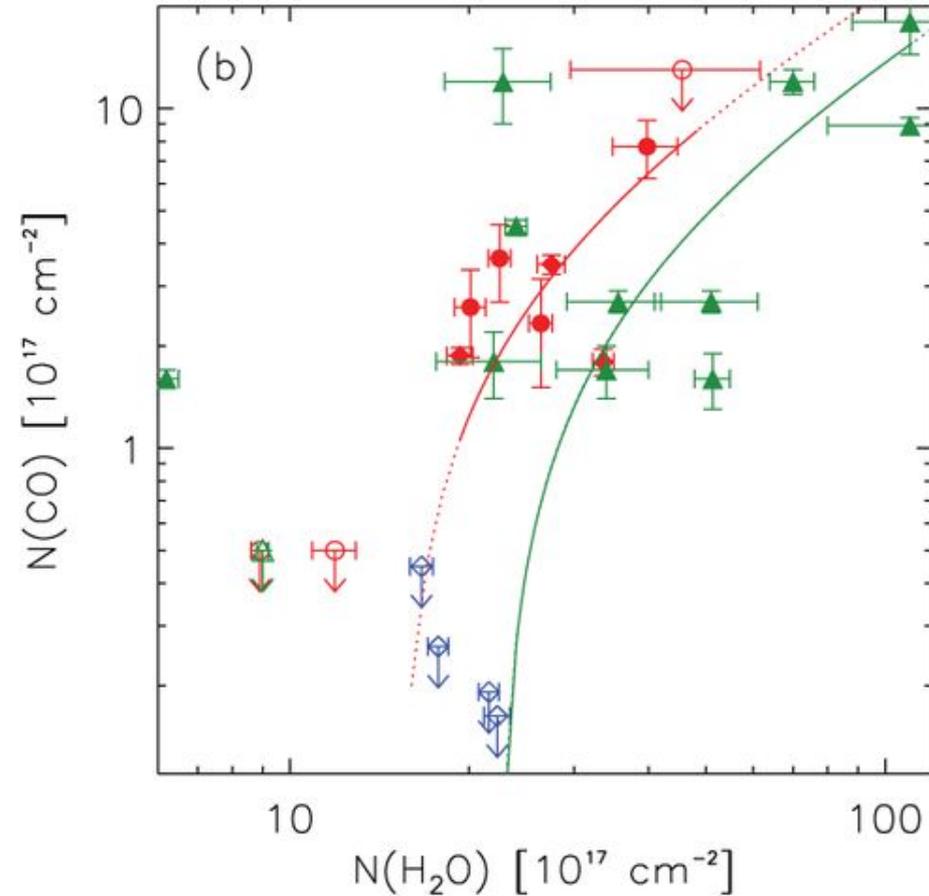
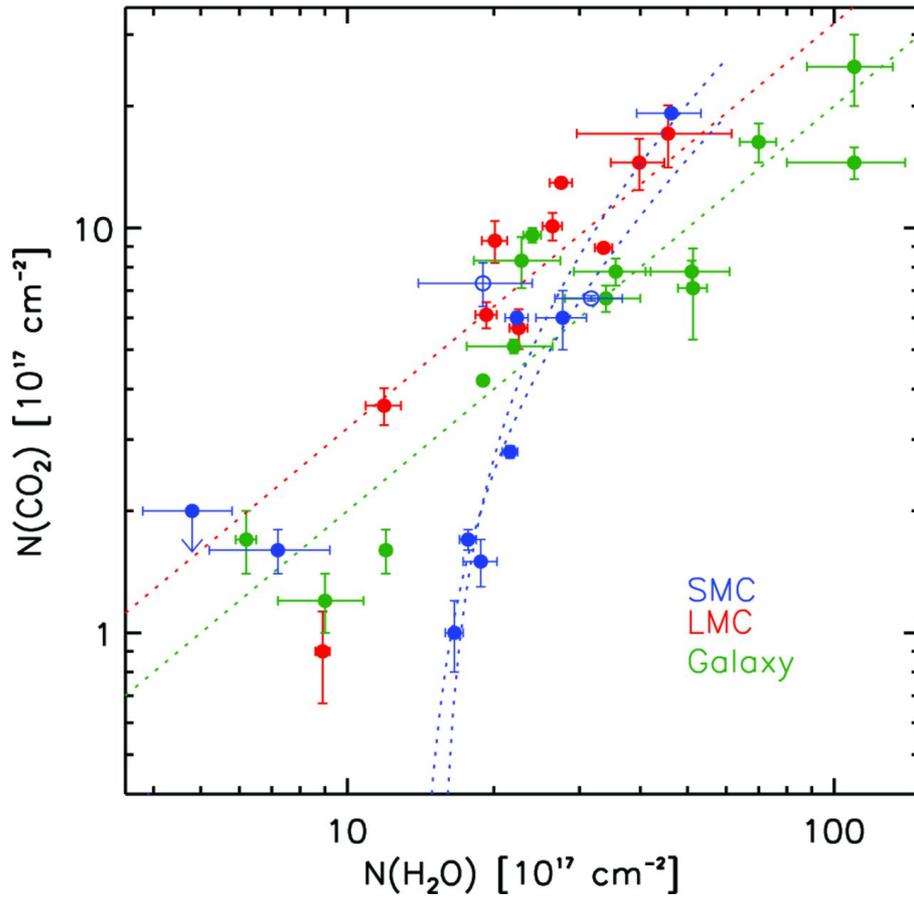
SAGE-Spec (PI: Kemper)  
-sample of ~1000 all types of objects in LMC with Spitzer/IRS  
(Kemper et al. 2010; Woods et al. 2011)

-SMC-Spec: PI: Sloan,  
IRS Spectra of ~hundreds

-IRS spectra of 294 Massive star YSO candidates: PI: Looney  
(Seale et al. 2009, 2011)

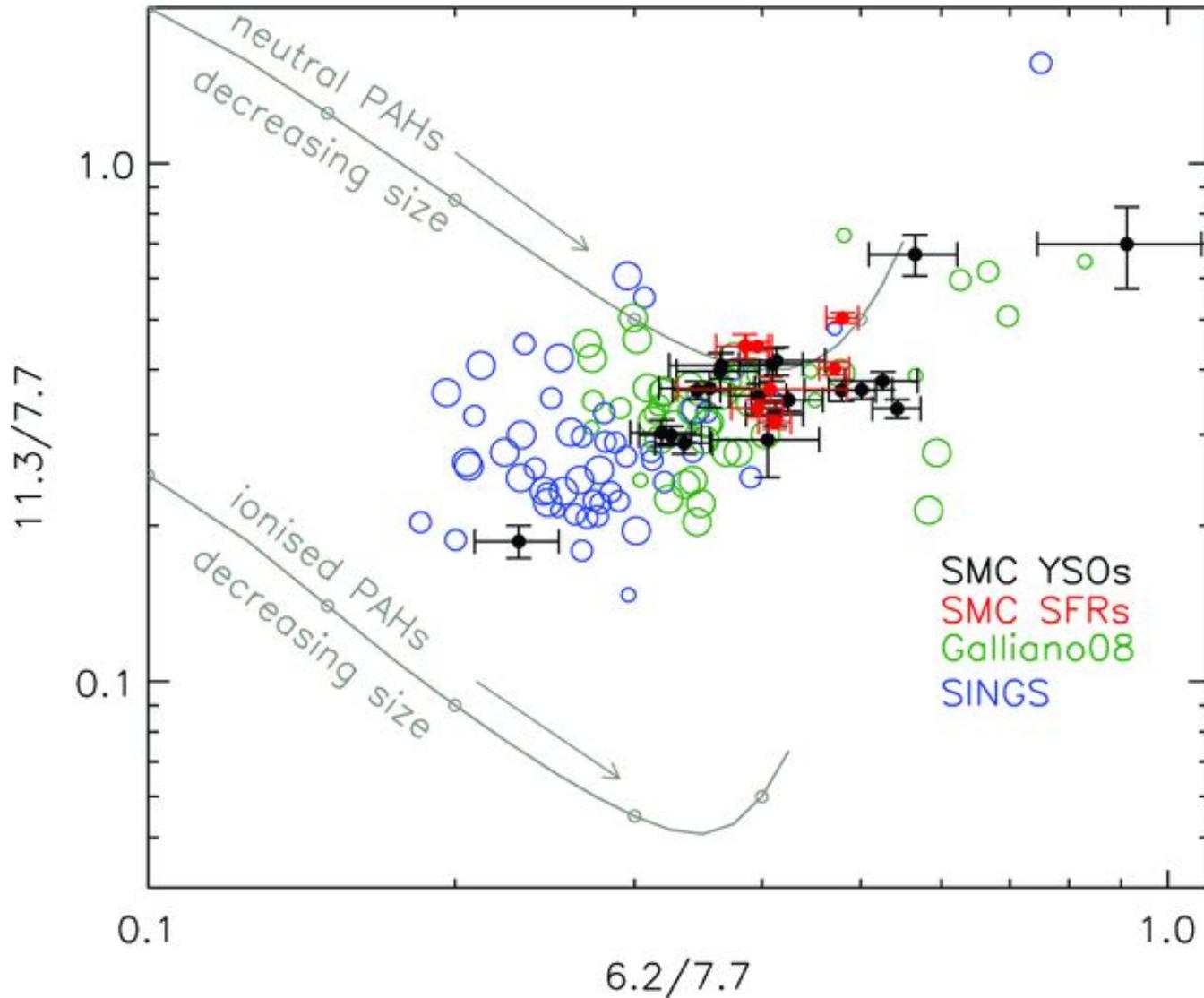


# Ices in LMC & SMC

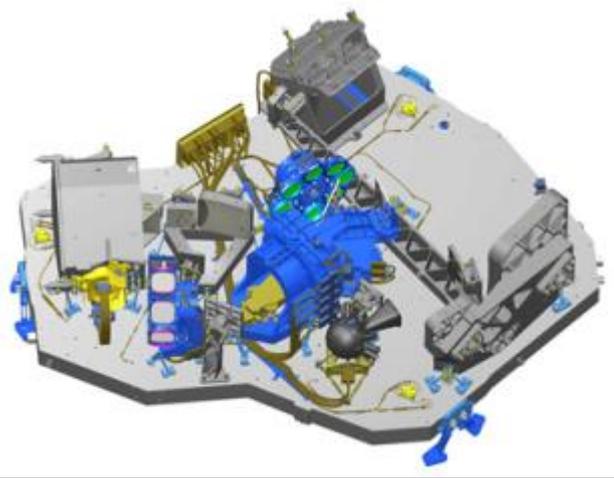


Oliveira et al. 2009; 2011, 2013  
Seale et al. 2011

# PAHs in SMC



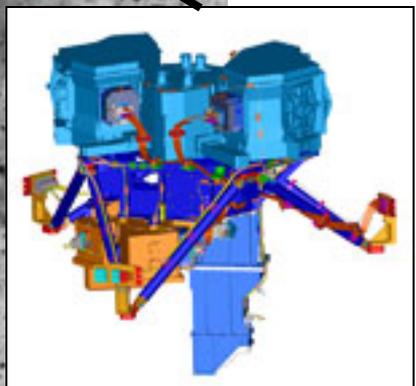
# James Webb Space Telescope: Webb ~2018



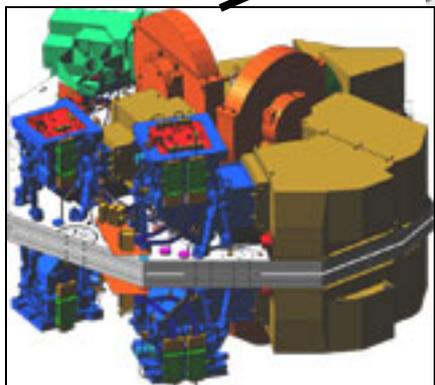
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MIRI

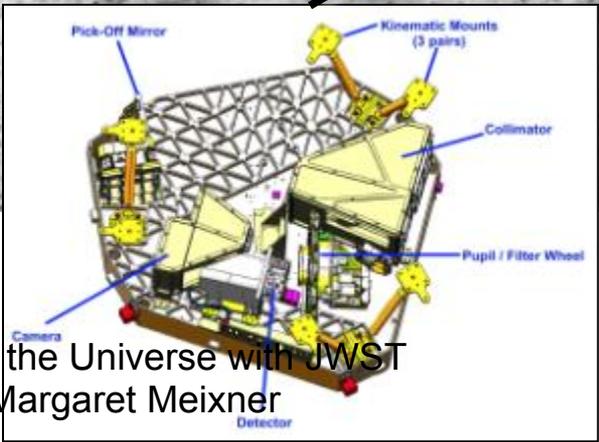


NIRCam



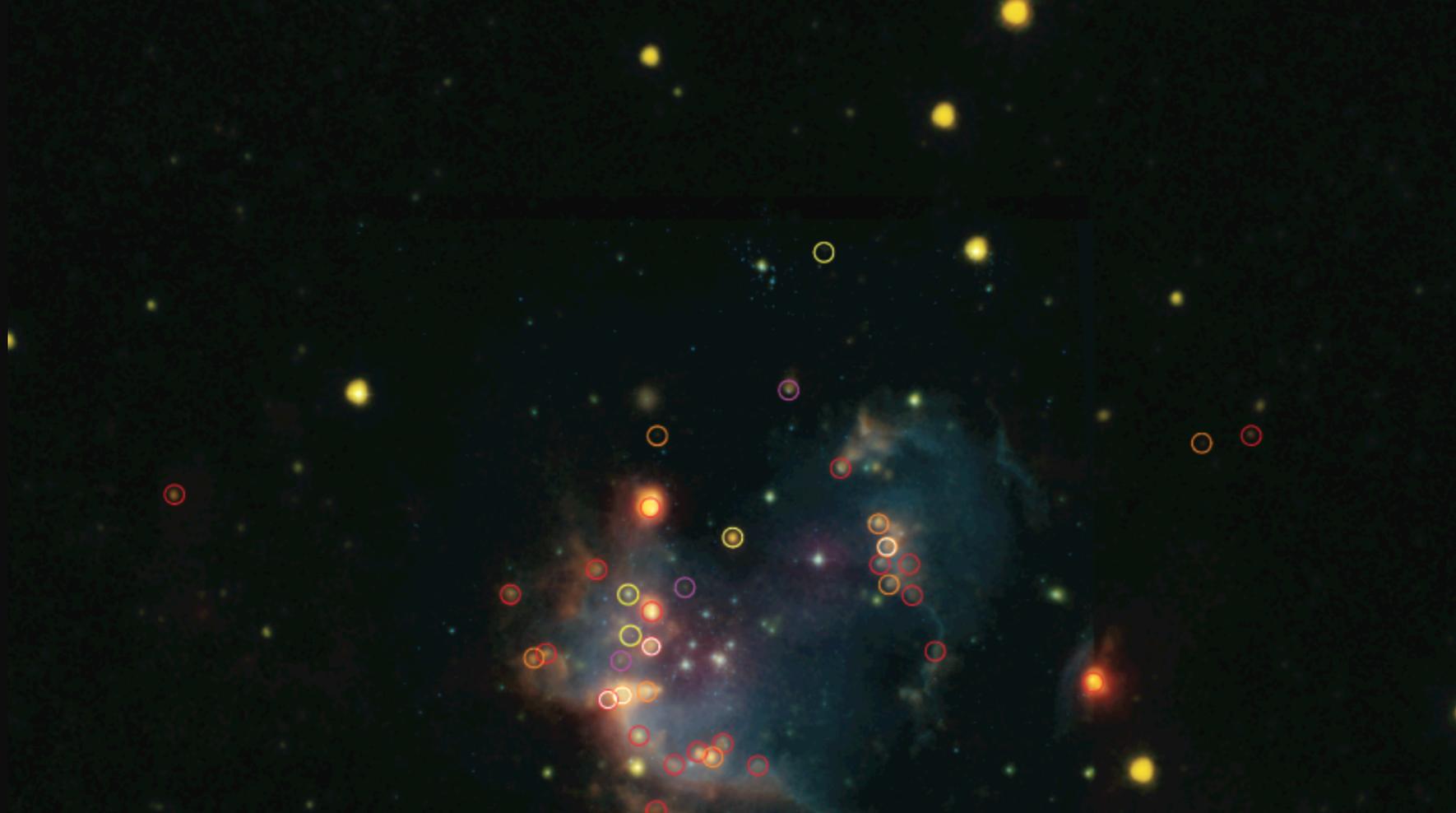
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# NIRCam & MIRI imaging of SMC cluster NGC 602



Carlson, et al. 2010

MIPS 24 $\mu$ m

IRAC 8.0 $\mu$ m

IRAC 3.6 $\mu$ m, 4.5 $\mu$ m, 5.8 $\mu$ m

Blue= HST Optical

8.8 pc  
0.5

Circles= YSOs

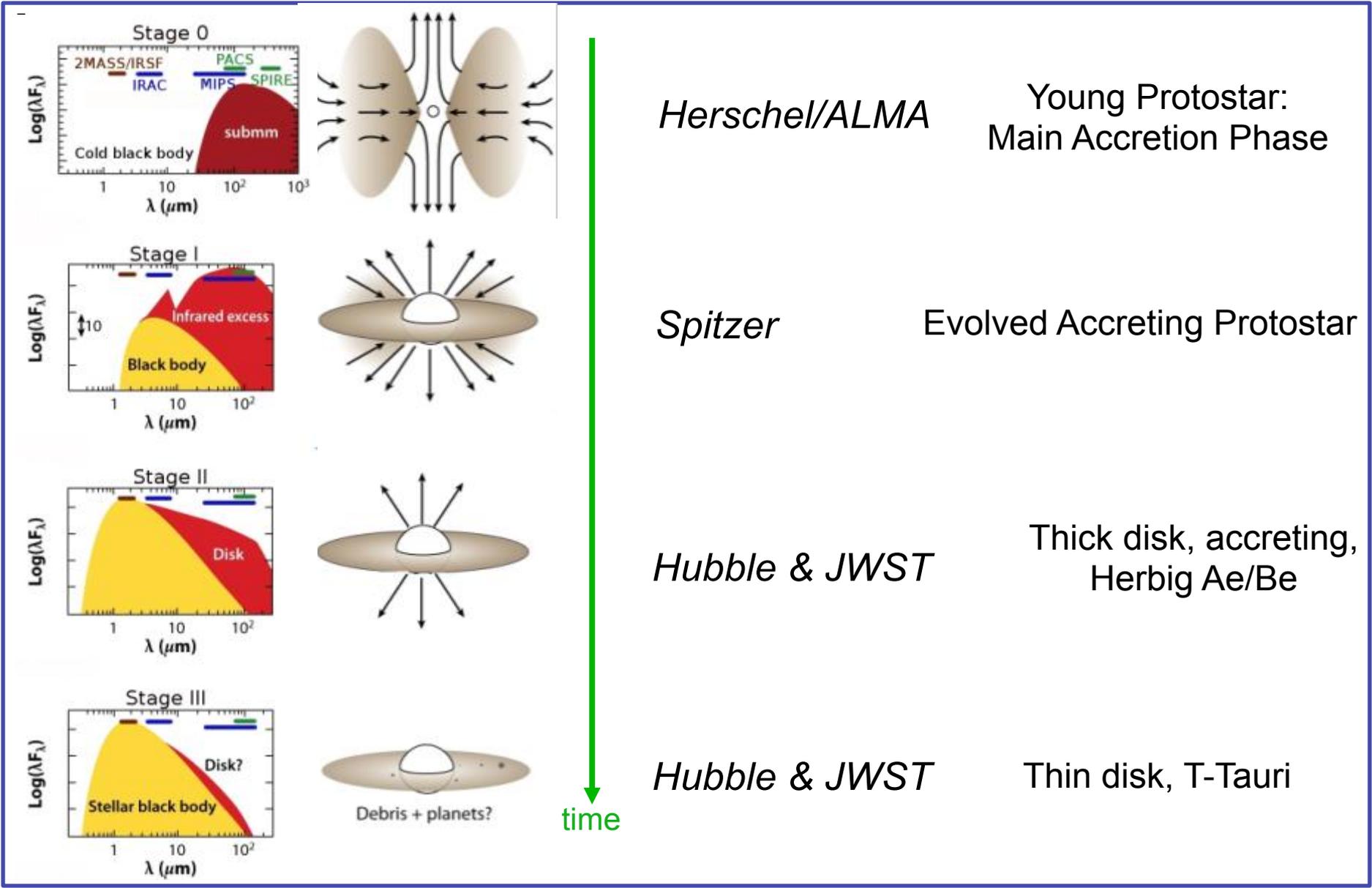
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Stage I

Stage I/II

Stage II

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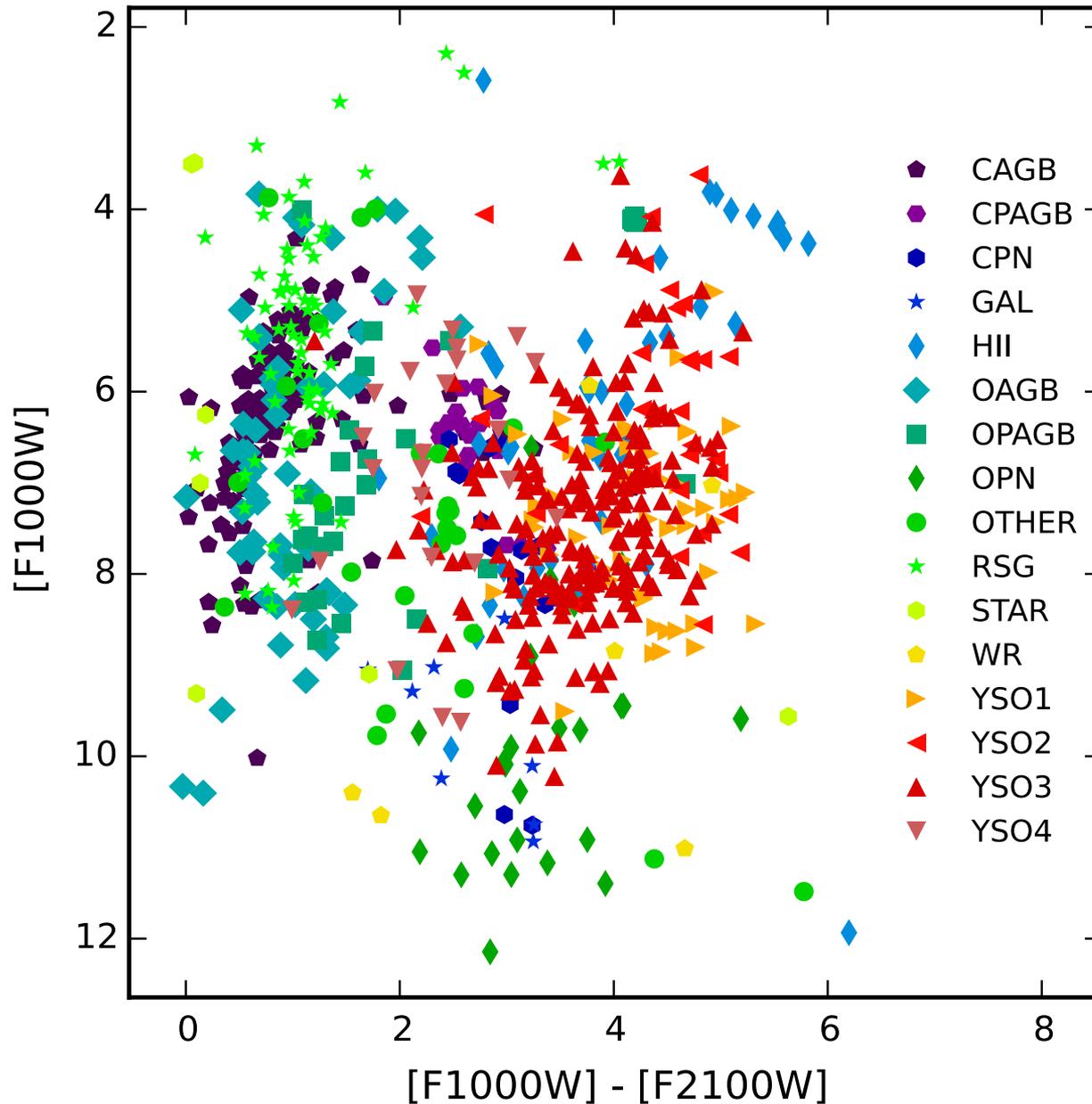


# HST image of NGC 602



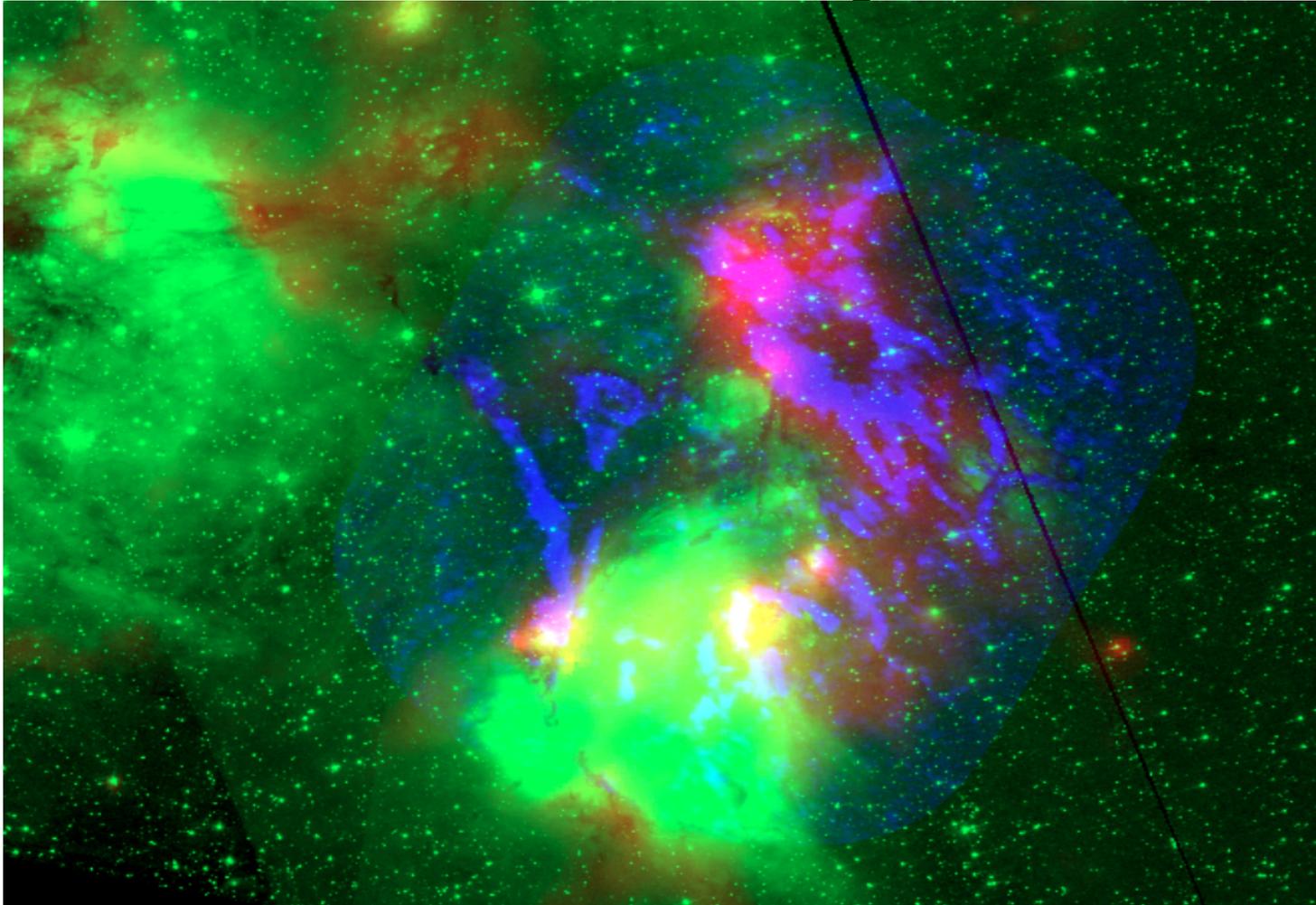
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# MIRI predictions for LMC YSOs, etc.



Jones & Meixner  
poster –GA14

# NIRSpec & MIRI spectroscopy of LMC star formation region N159



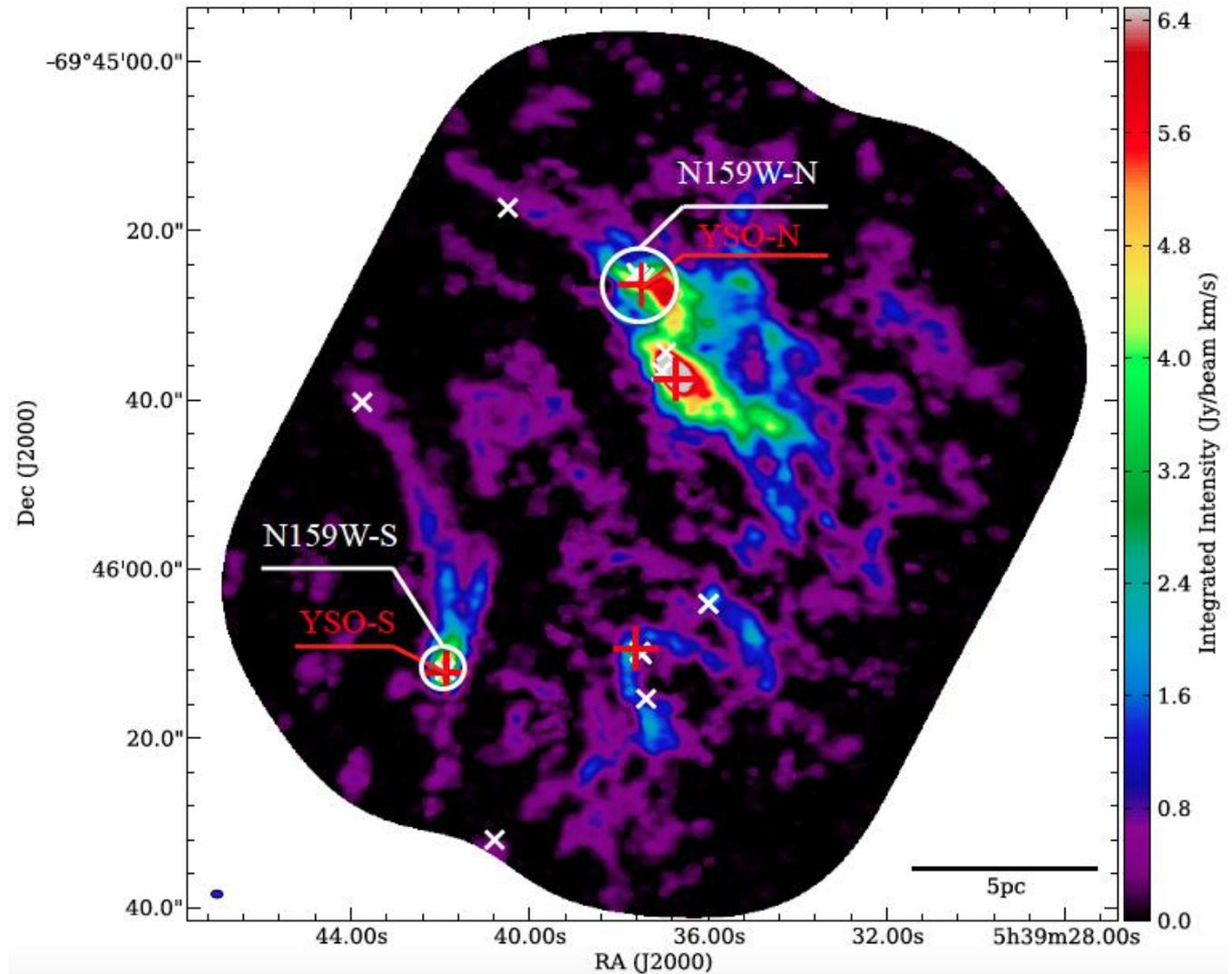
R: Spitzer 8 micron, G: HST F555W,  
HST PI: R. Indebetouw

B: ALMA 13CO(2-1)  
ALMA PI: Y. Fukui

# Filaments Revealed in ALMA 12 m Array 13CO (2-1)

White X's: YSOs  
(Chen et al. 2010)

Red Crosses: 1.3mm  
continuum peak



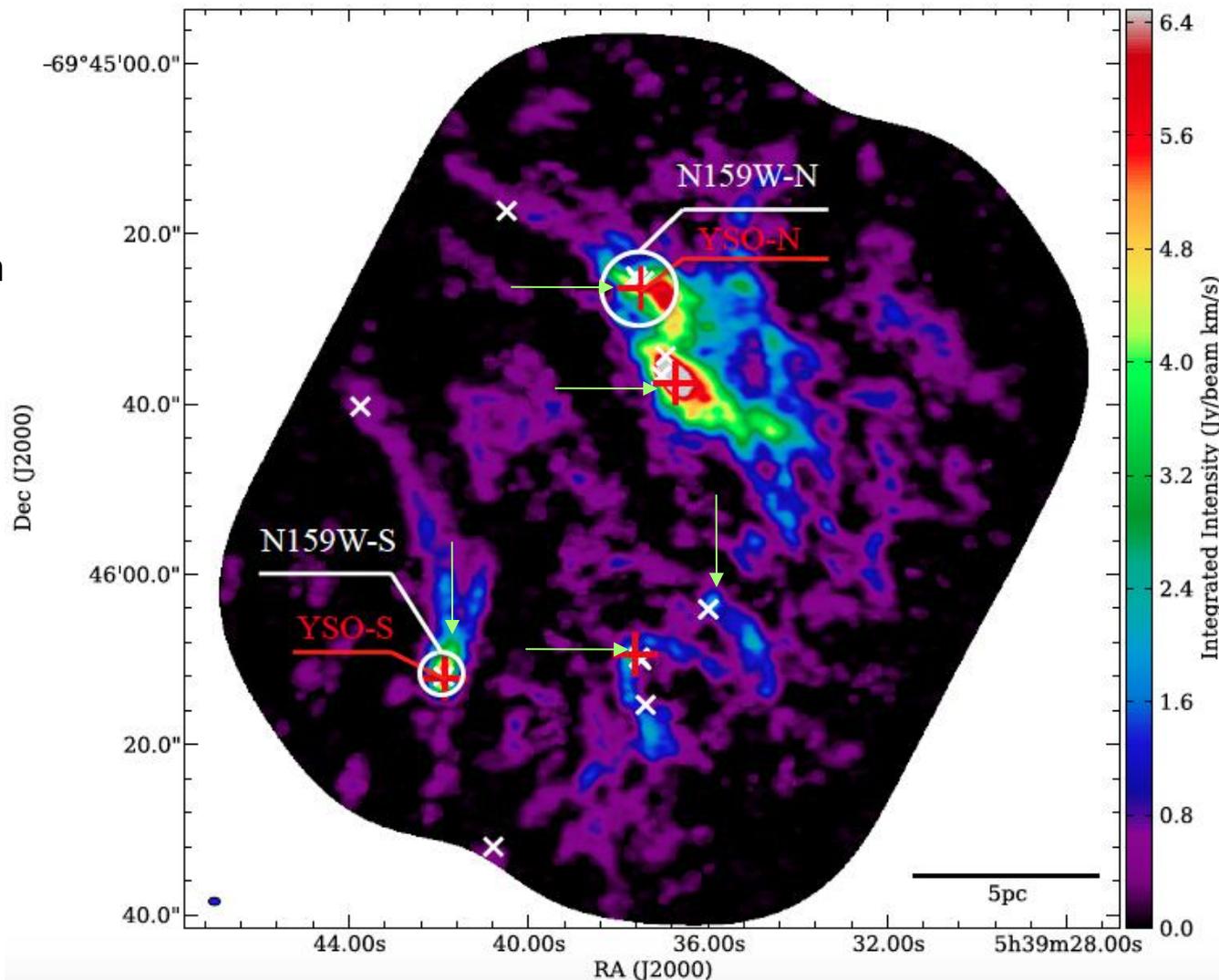
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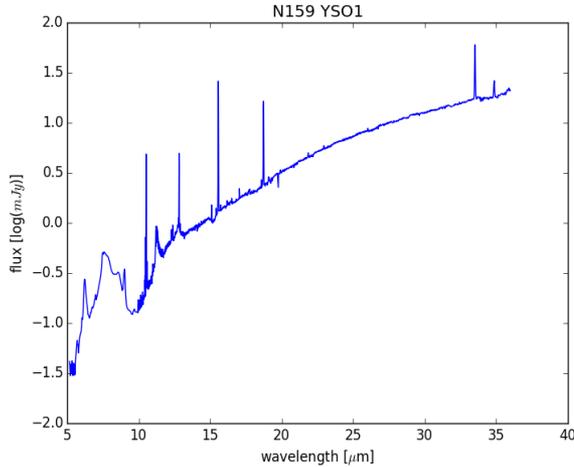
Green Arrows: YSOs with spectra (Seale et al. 2009)



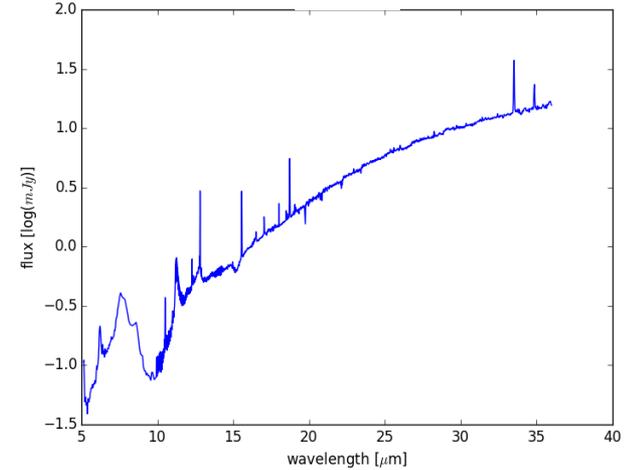
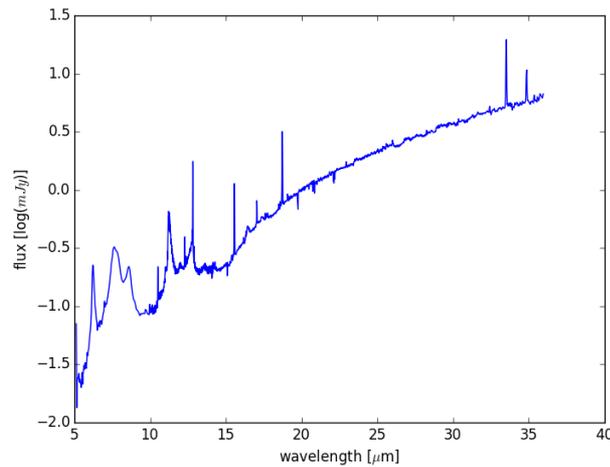
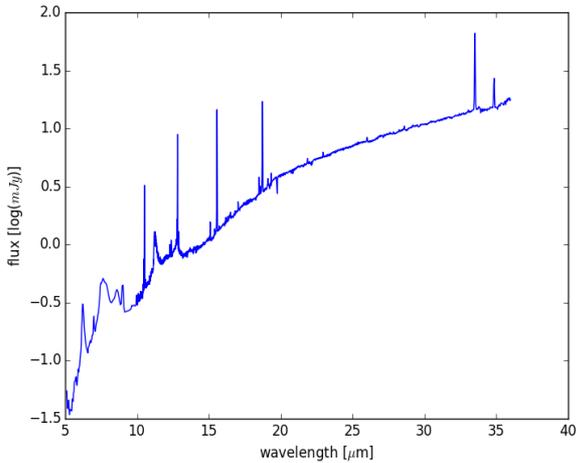
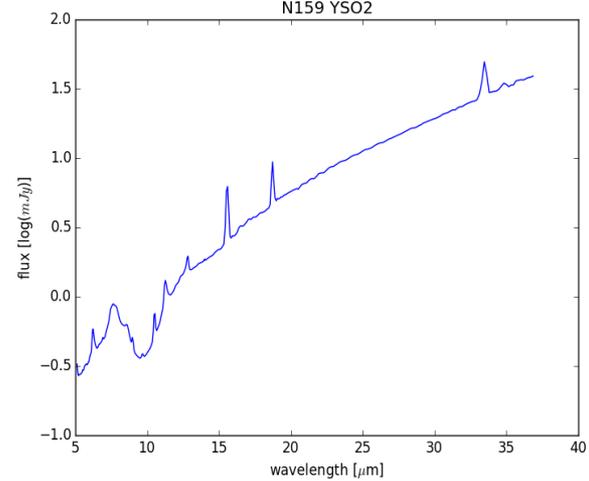
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# Spitzer IRS Spectra of YSOs in N159W

N159W YSO-N



N159W YSO-S

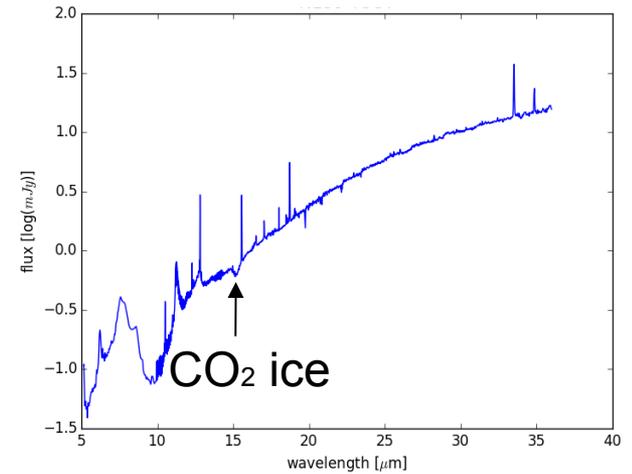
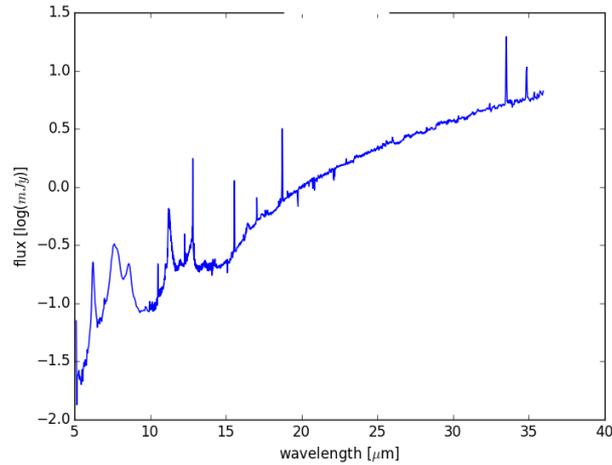
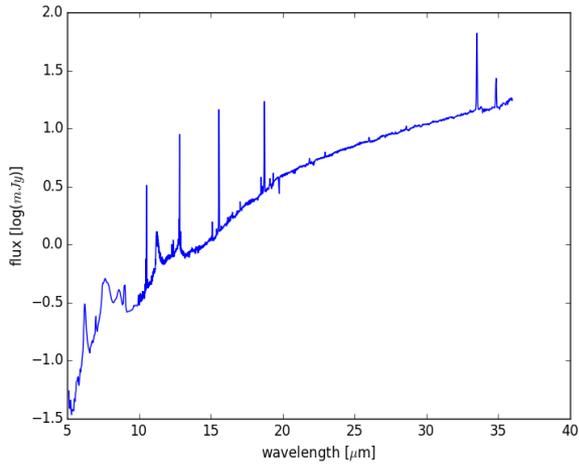
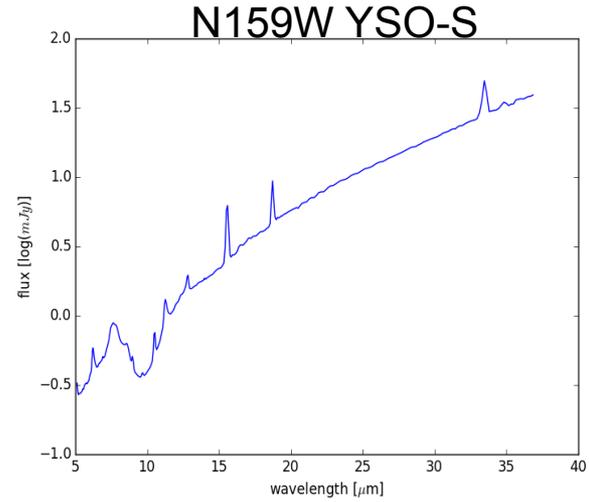
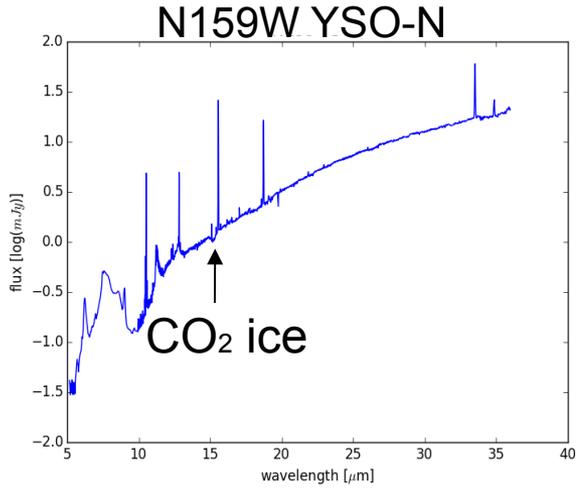


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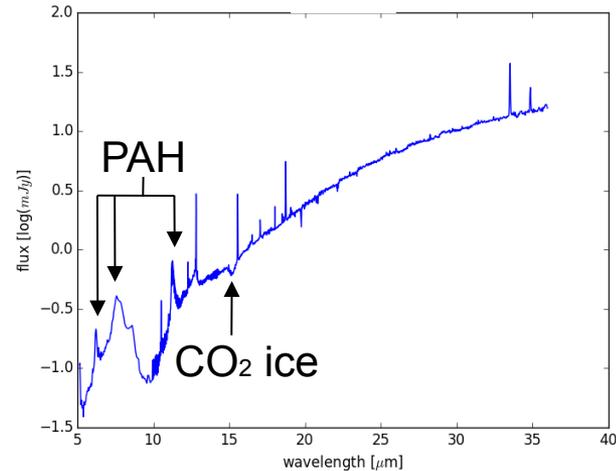
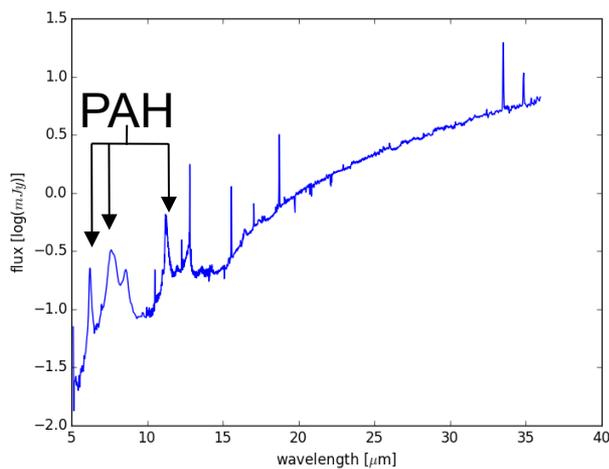
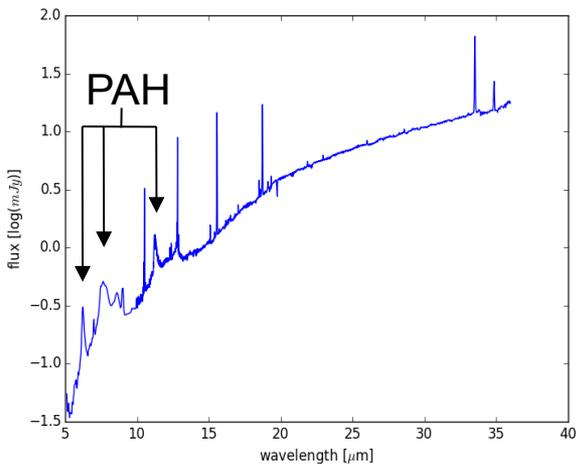
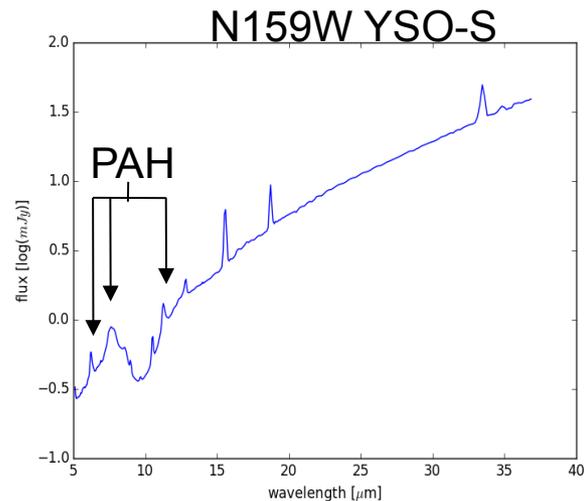
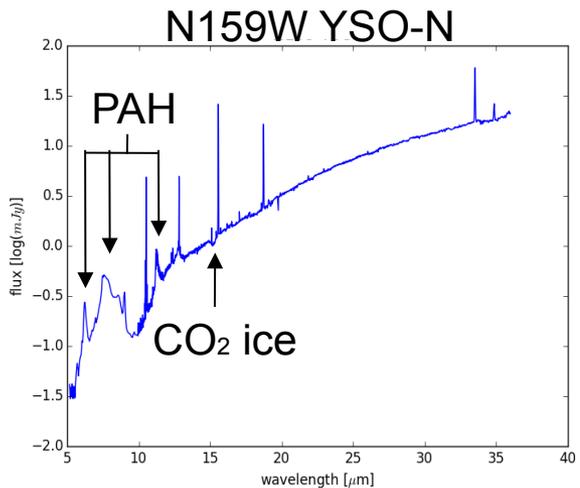


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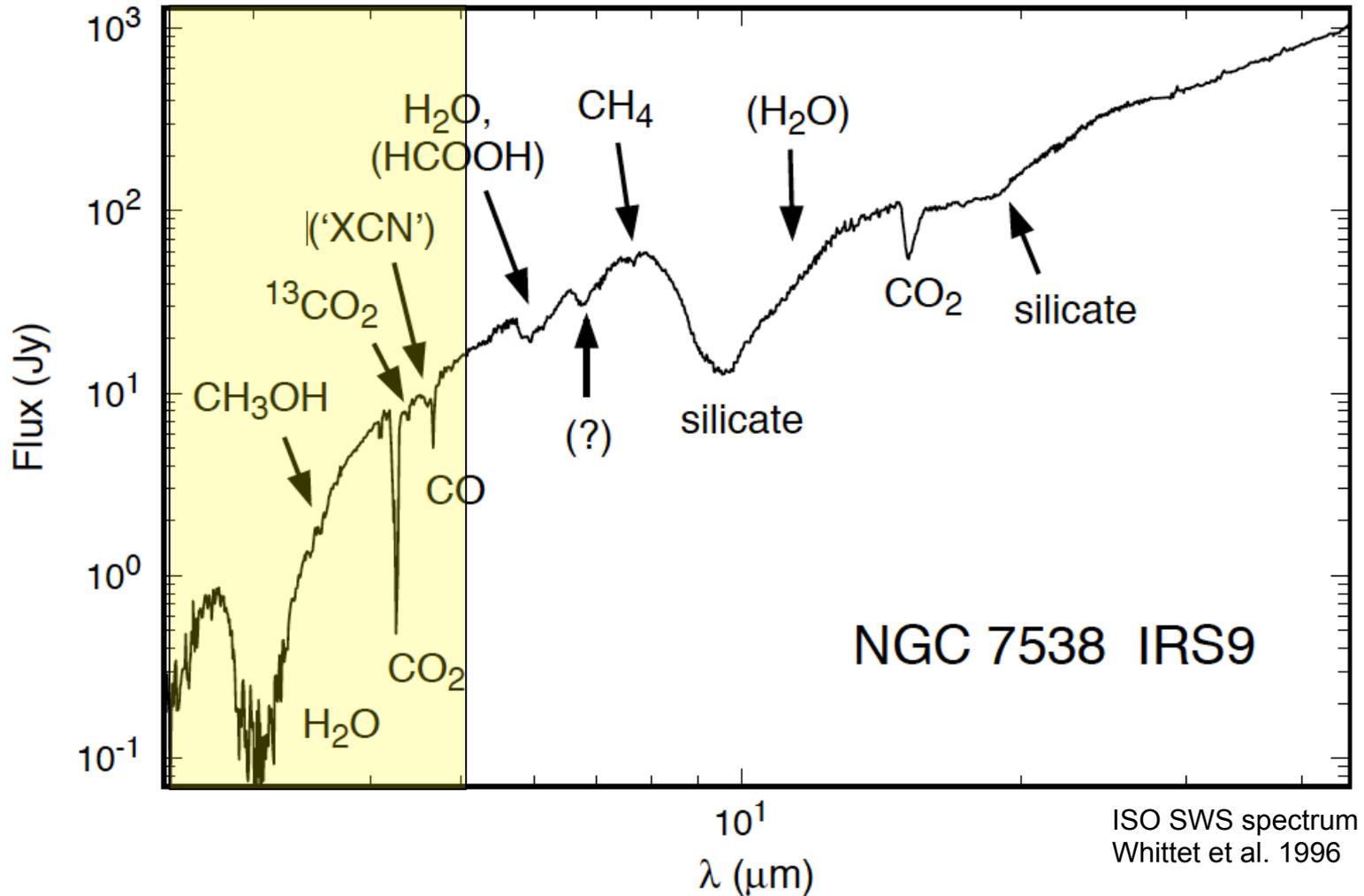


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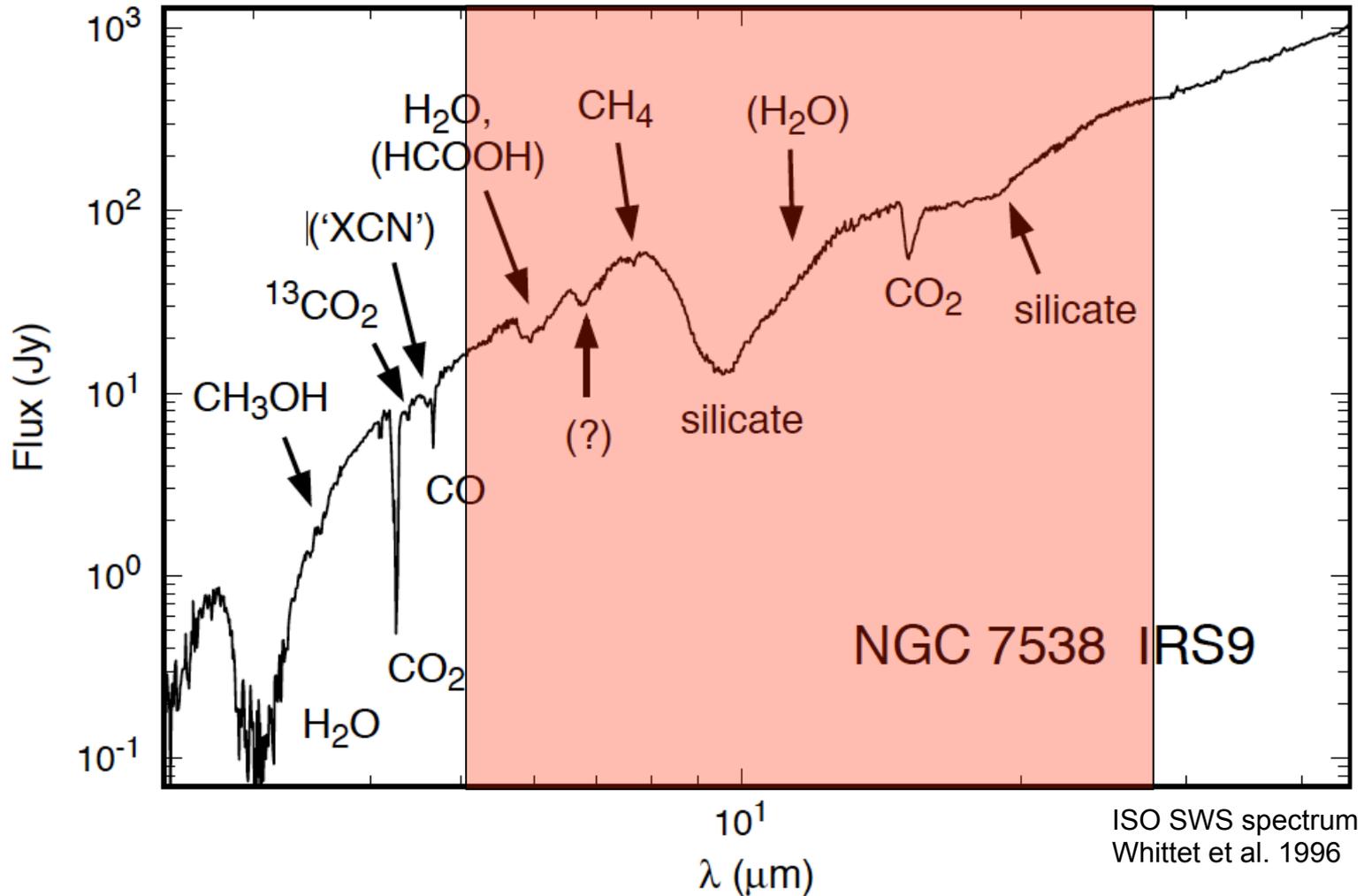
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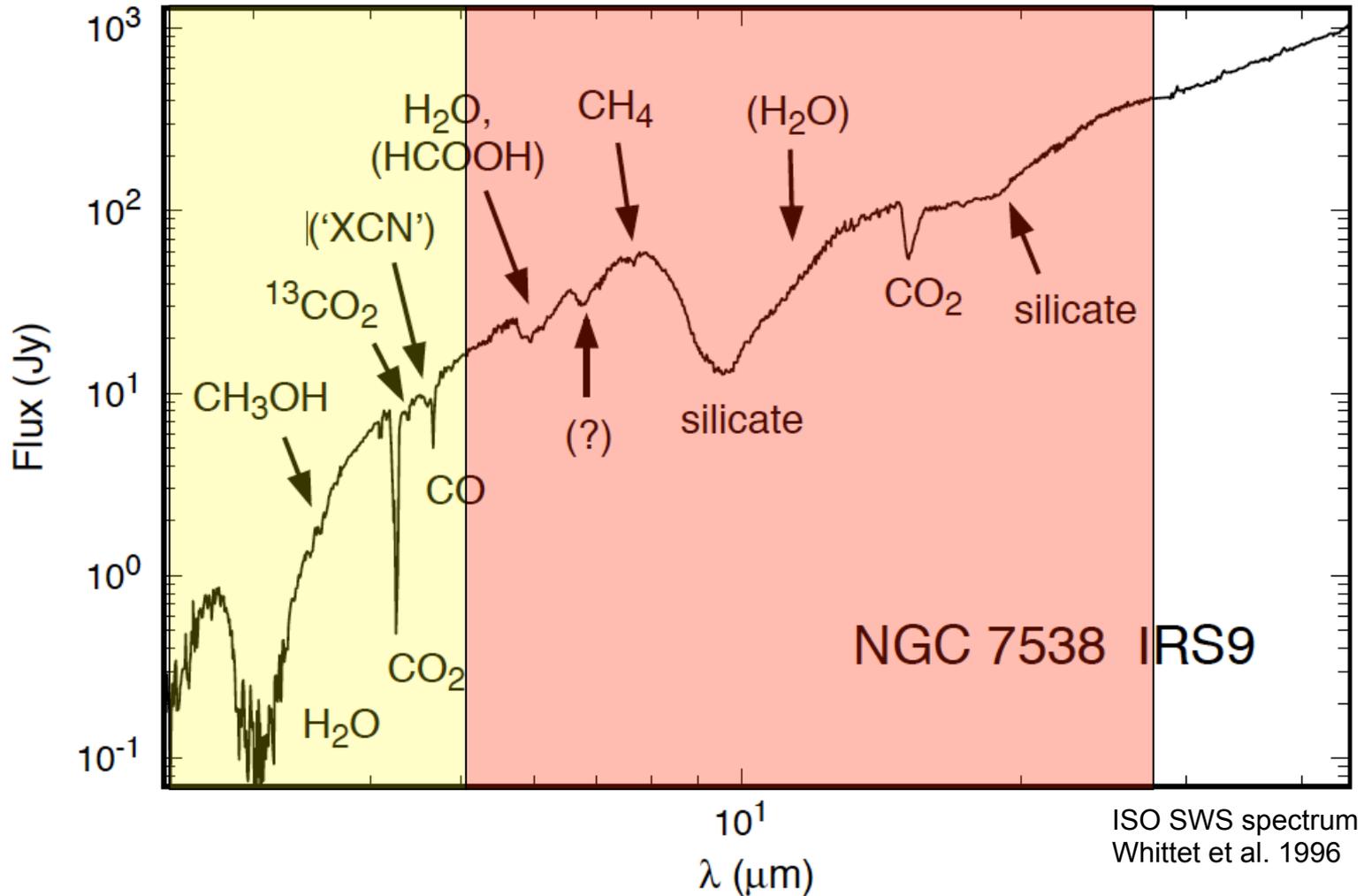
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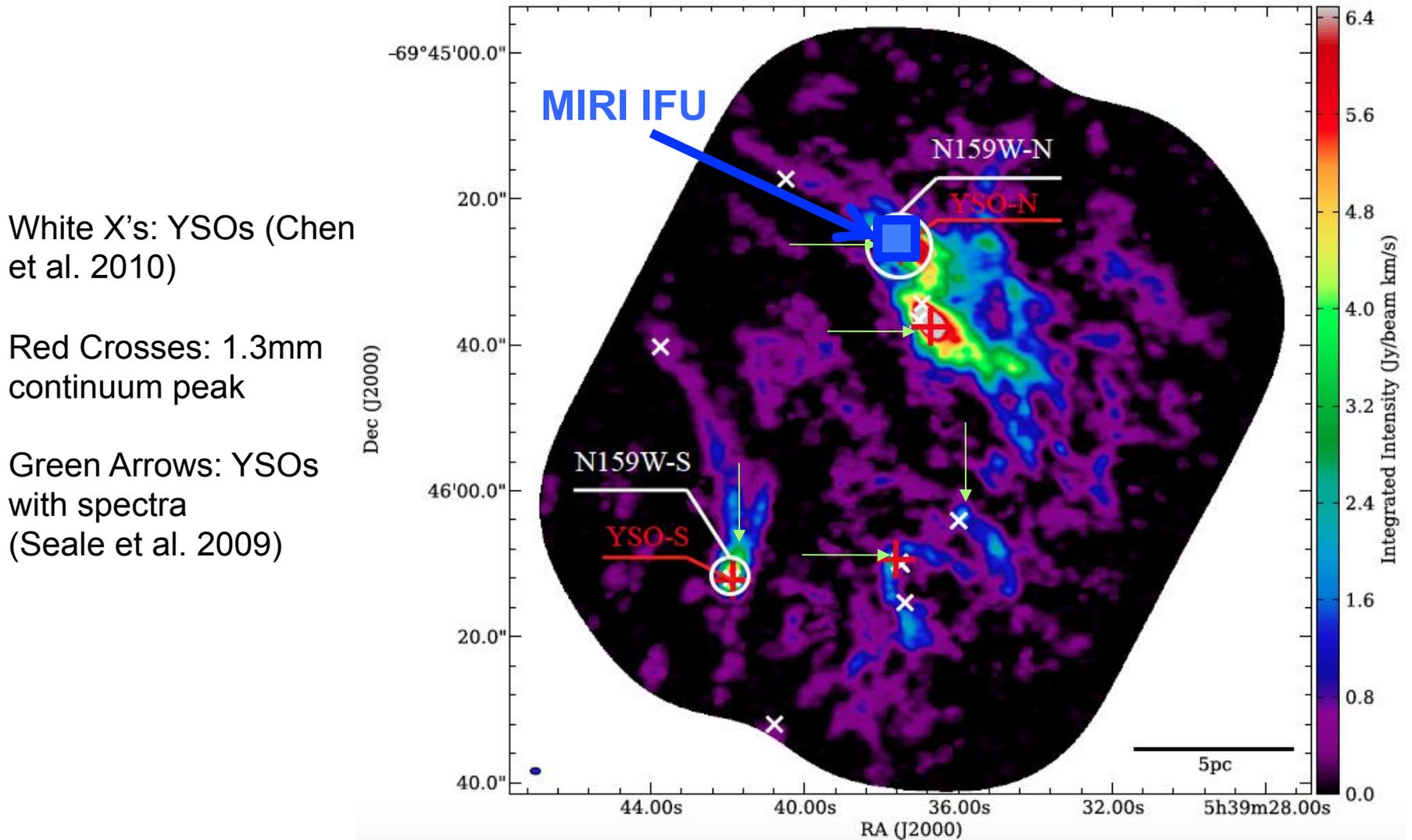
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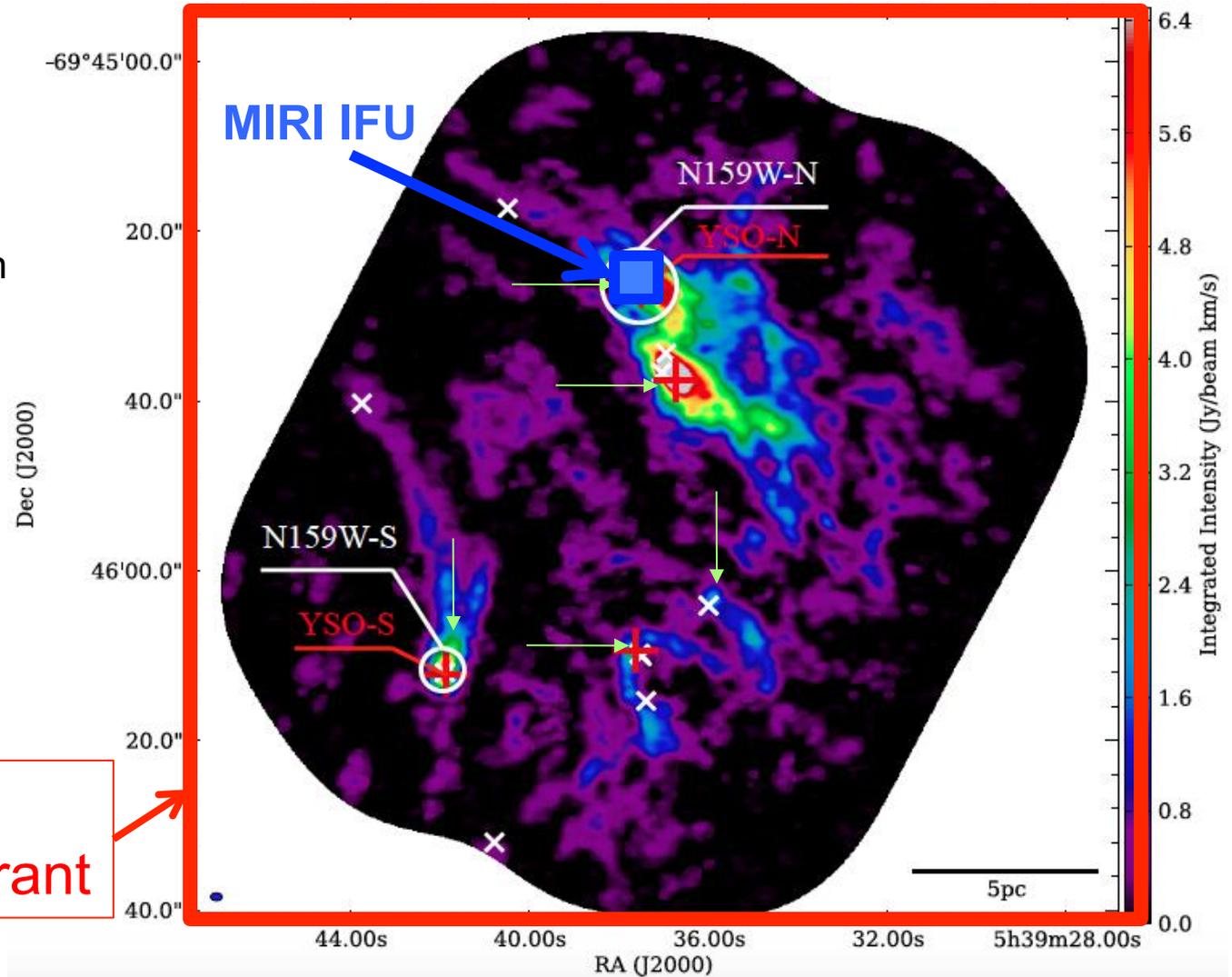
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**NIRSpec:  
MSA – 1 quadrant**



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# Summary:

- Thousands of mostly massive, YSO candidates in LMC & SMC.
- Hundreds of Spitzer spectra of Massive YSO's in LMC & SMC:
  - Classification using PAHs & Ices
  - Differences with Ices and metallicity/environment: low CO & CO<sub>2</sub> in SMC, high CO & CO<sub>2</sub> in LMC
- JWST will enable Galactic type star formation studies in the low metallicity environments of the LMC and SMC
  - MIRI & NIRCам imaging of HST studied clusters will reveal the Stage II and III YSOs down to 1 M<sub>☉</sub>, SMC/NGC 602
  - NIRSspec & MIRI spectroscopy to investigate nature of YSOs, potential for discovery, e.g. ice chemistry at low metallicity, LMC/N159