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# Formation of super star clusters in galaxies

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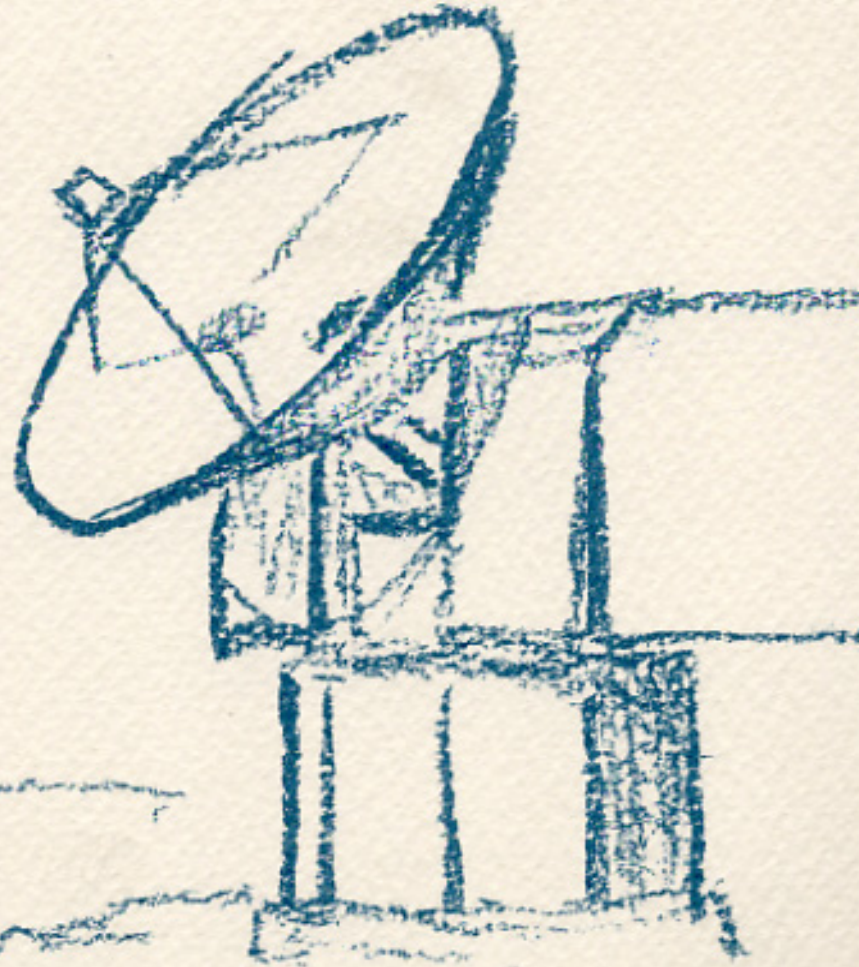
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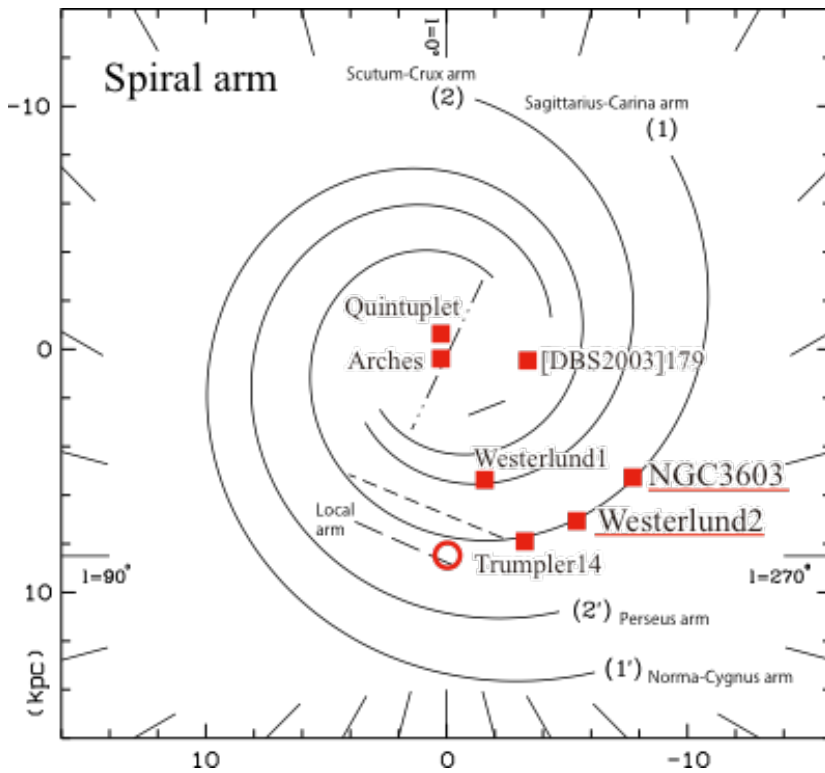


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Westerlund 2, NGC3603, RCW38, [DBS2003]179  
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- Clouds are colliding with each other
- New observations suggest triggered formation of SSC by **cloud collision**
- Furukawa, Fukui+2009, Ohama, Fukui+ 2010, Torii, Fukui+2011[M20]

# SSC catalog in the Milky way

Portegies Zwart, McMillan & Giel (2010)



SSC	Age [Myr]	LogM <sub>*</sub> [M <sub>sun</sub> ]	size [pc]	Molecular cloud
NGC3603	2.0	4.1	0.7	○
Westerlund2	2.0	4.2	0.8	○
[DBS2003]179	3.5	3.8	1.2	○
Westerlund1	3.5	4.0	1.0	×
Trumpler 14	2.0	4.5	0.5	—
Arches	2.0	4.3	0.4	×
Quintuplet	4.0	4.0	2.0	×
RCW38	<1.0	—	0.8	○

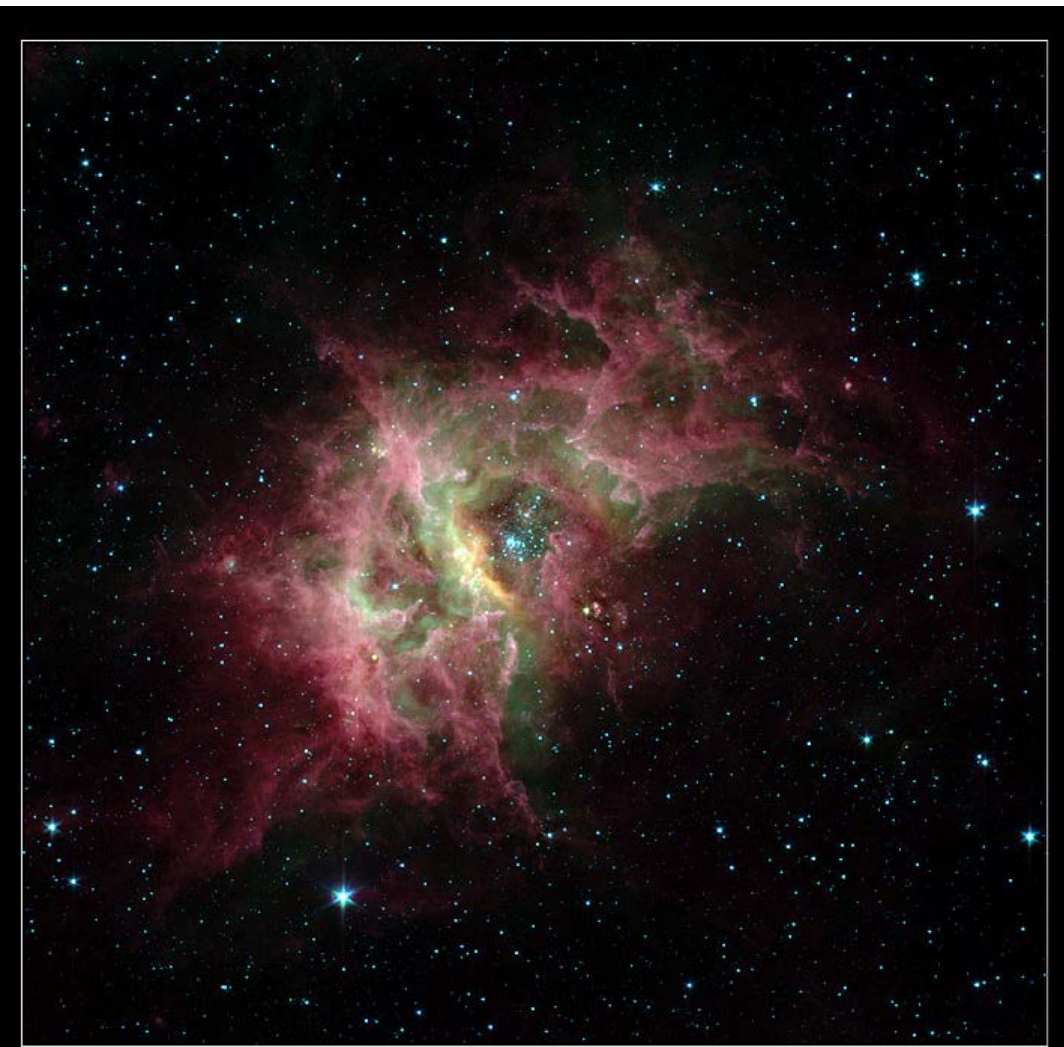
Distribution of SSC in the Milky way.

D.Russeil (2002)

Red circle is sun.

# Spitzer IRAC ;

3.5 (blue), 4.5 (green), 5.8 (orange), 8.0 (red)  $\mu\text{m}$



Star Formation in RCW49 Spitzer Space Telescope • IRAC

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## Westerlund 2 (Wd2)

Super star cluster

$(l, b) = (284^\circ.27, -0^\circ.33)$

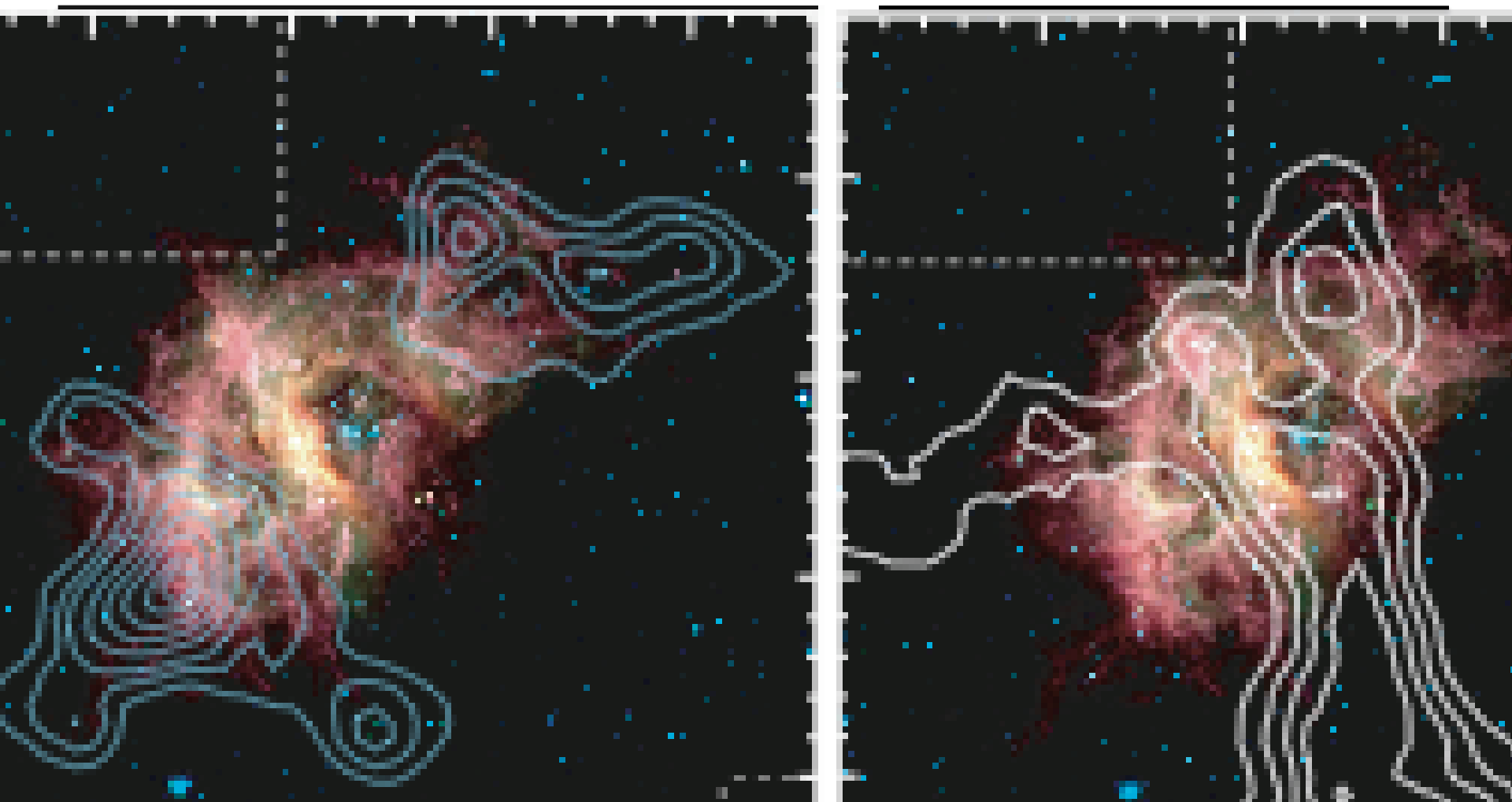
- O Star 12  
WR Star 2  
WR20a, WR20b
- Total mass of stars  $4500M_{\odot}$   
(Rauw et al. 2007)
- Age 2-3 Myr (Piatti et al. 1998)

## RCW 49

- Distribution of dust influenced by stars (Churchwell et al. 1998)
- Star formation in progress
- YSO 300 (Whitney et al. 2004)



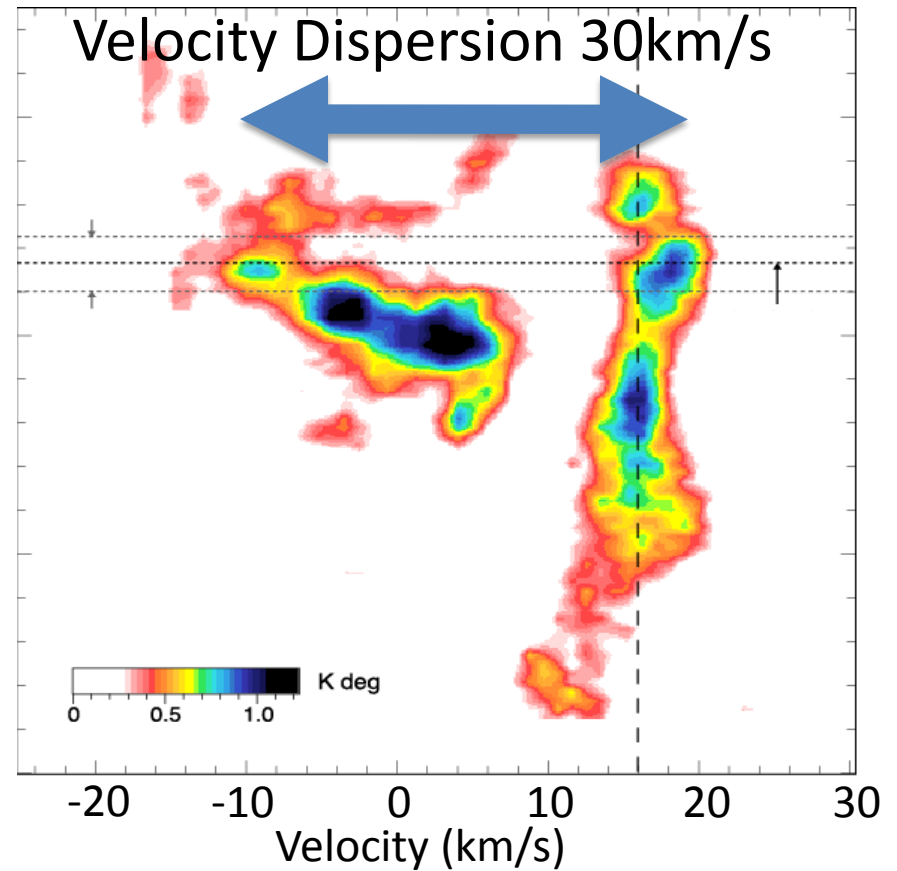
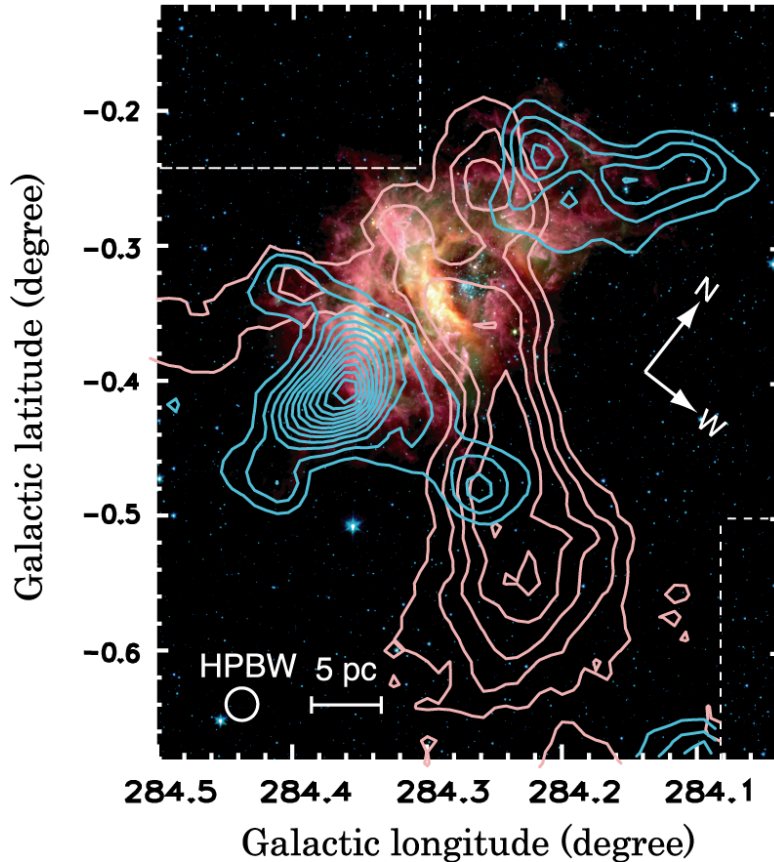
# Spatial Distribution of $^{12}\text{CO}(J=2-1)$



We suggested that molecular clouds are associated with HII region by the morphology.

# Galactic latitude-Velocity Diagram

$l = 284.2-284.4$

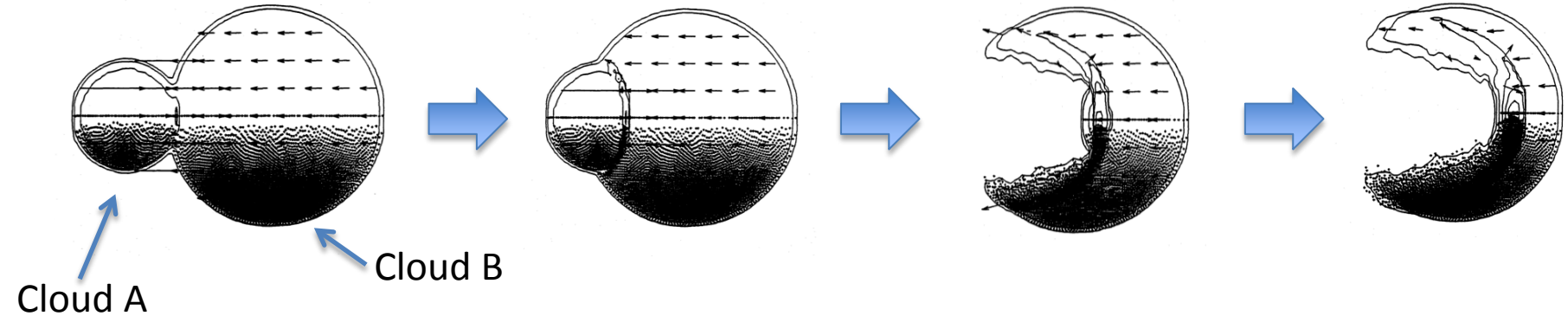


Two molecular clouds ( $10^5 M_{\odot}$ ) are not bound by gravity because of the large velocity separation 30 km/s



# Numerical Simulations

## ■ Collision between uneven clouds (Habe & Ohta 1992)



- The compact dense cloud disrupts the large diffuse cloud
- The shock triggers star formation

The inside of the shell is ionized (HII region).

The compressed layer becomes ring-like star formation.

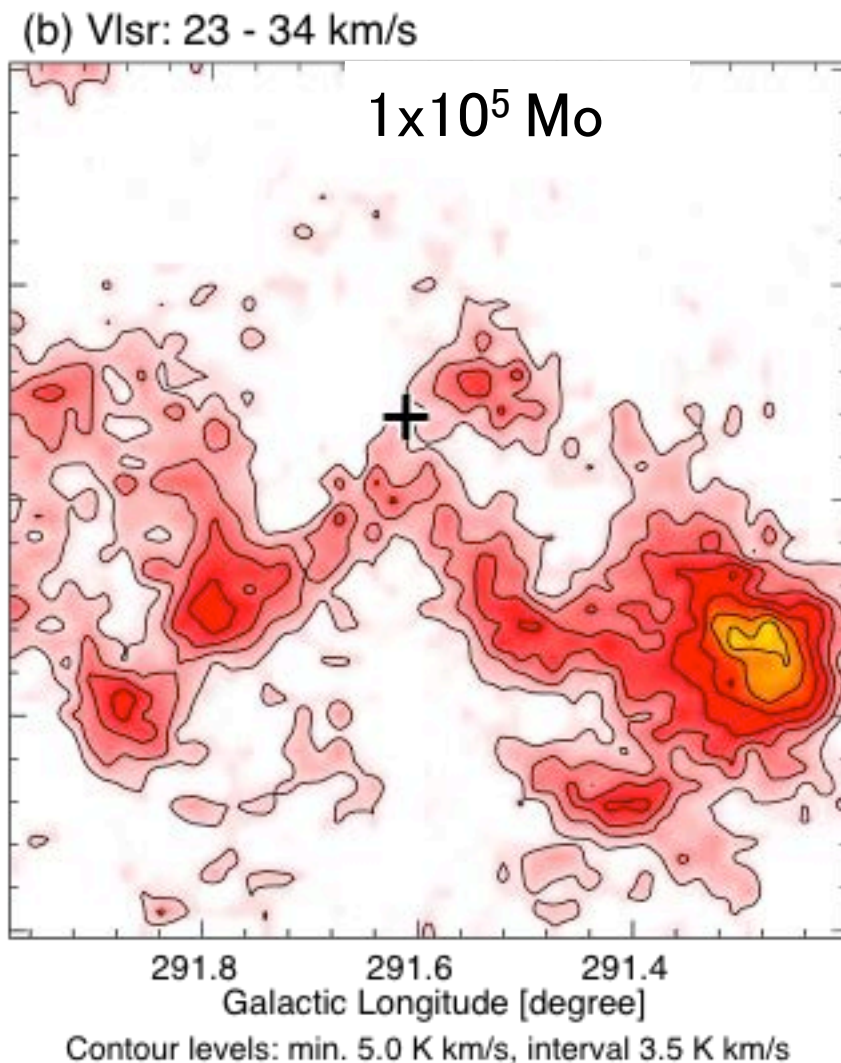
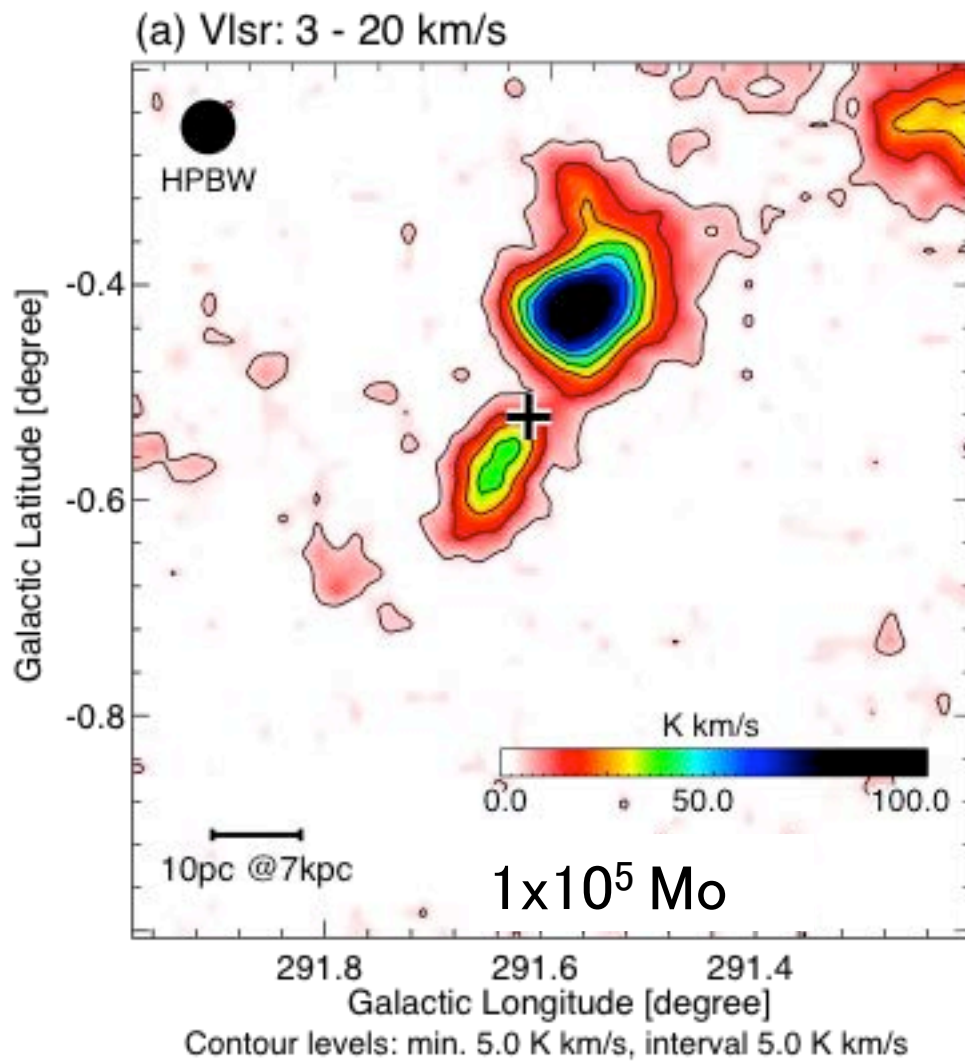
The two velocity components or the residual one may be observed.

Spitzer bubbles are good candidates of such triggering.

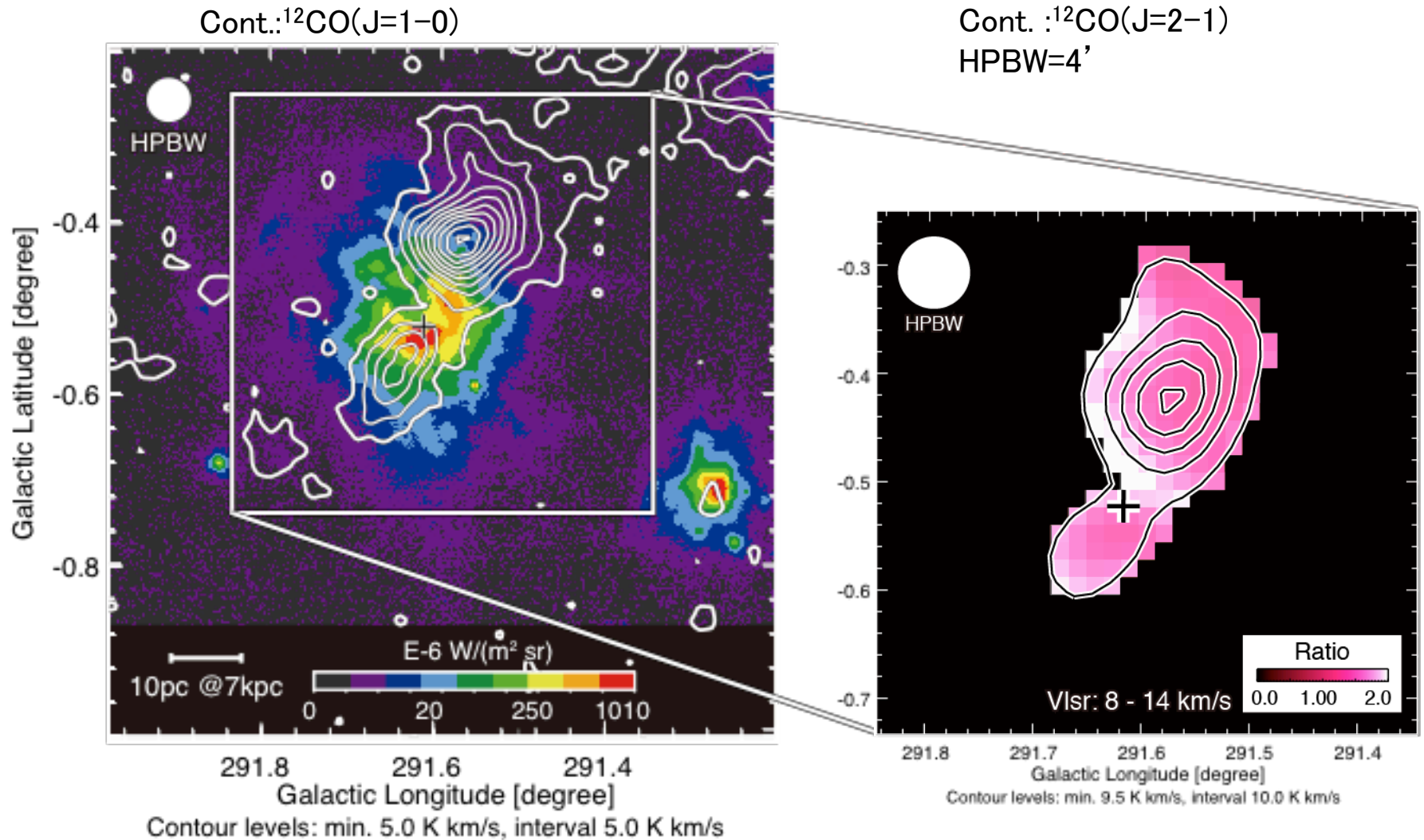
# Spatial Distribution of $^{12}\text{CO}(J=1-0)$

10 km/s cloud

30 km/s cloud

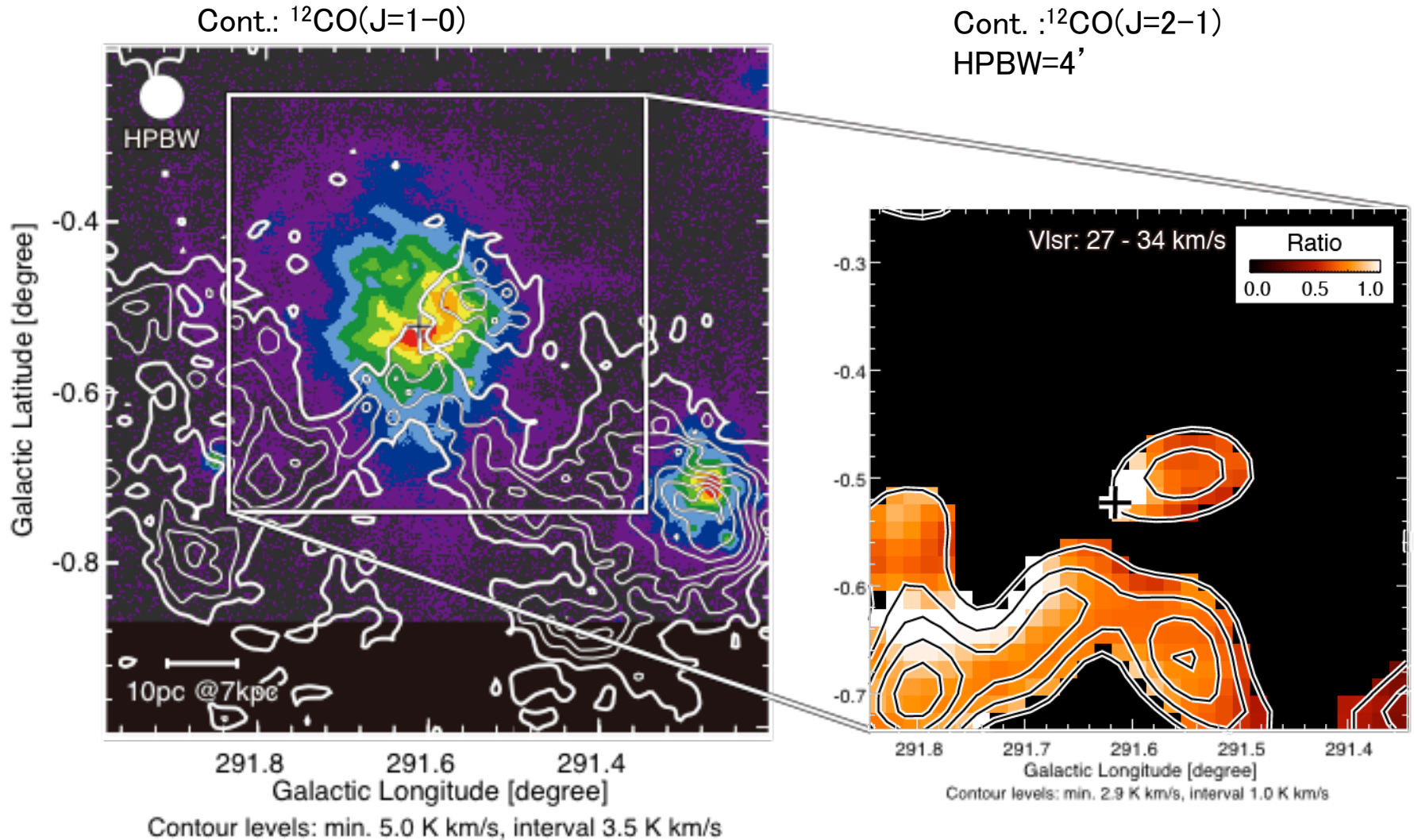


# Intensity Radio $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1/1-0)$ of 10km/s



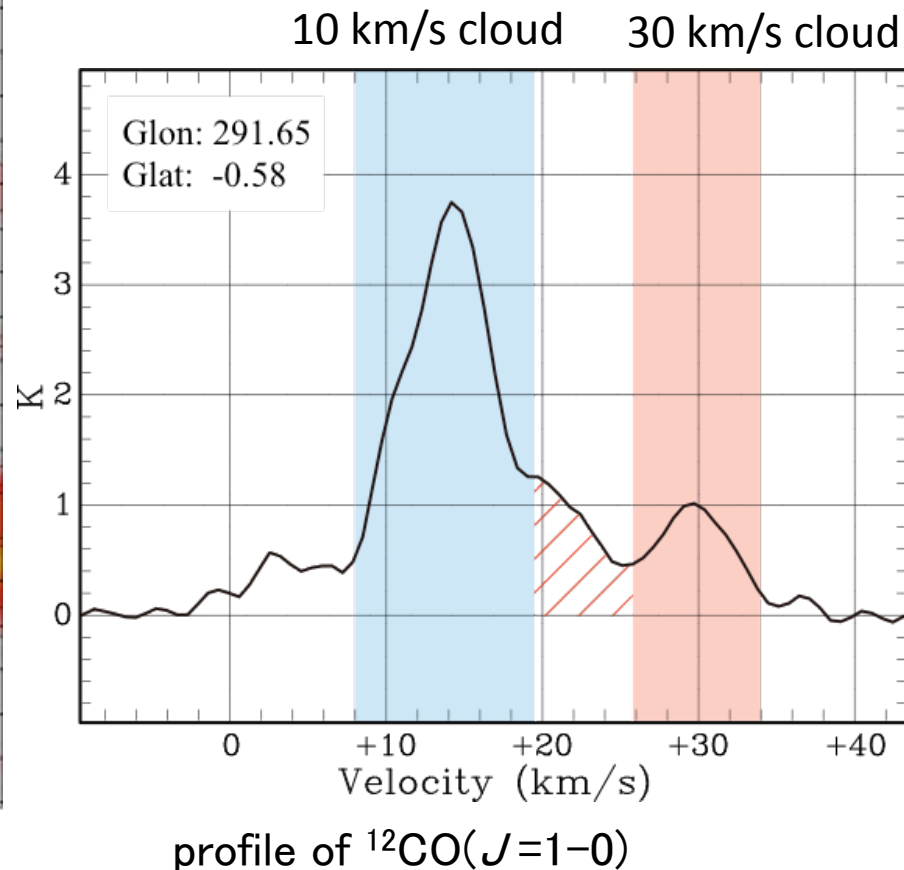
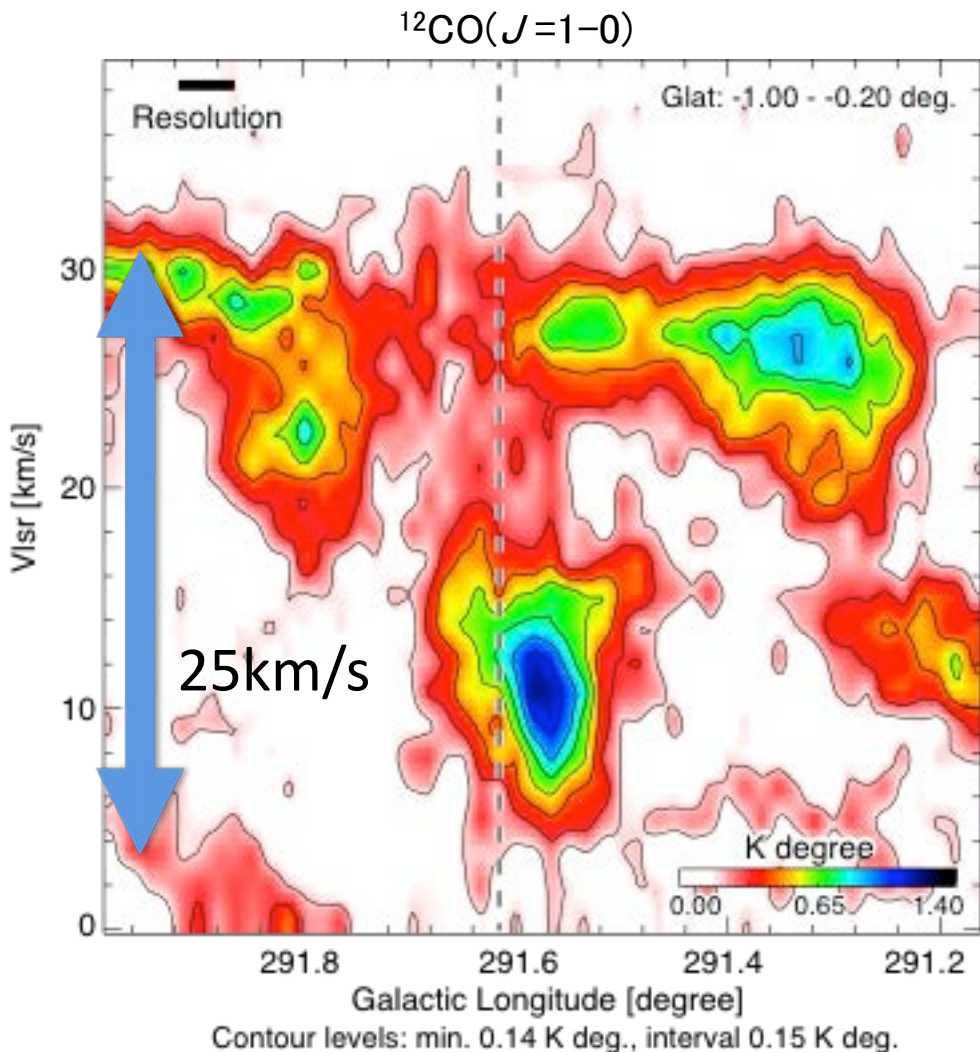
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# Intensity Ratio $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1/1-0)$ of 30km/s



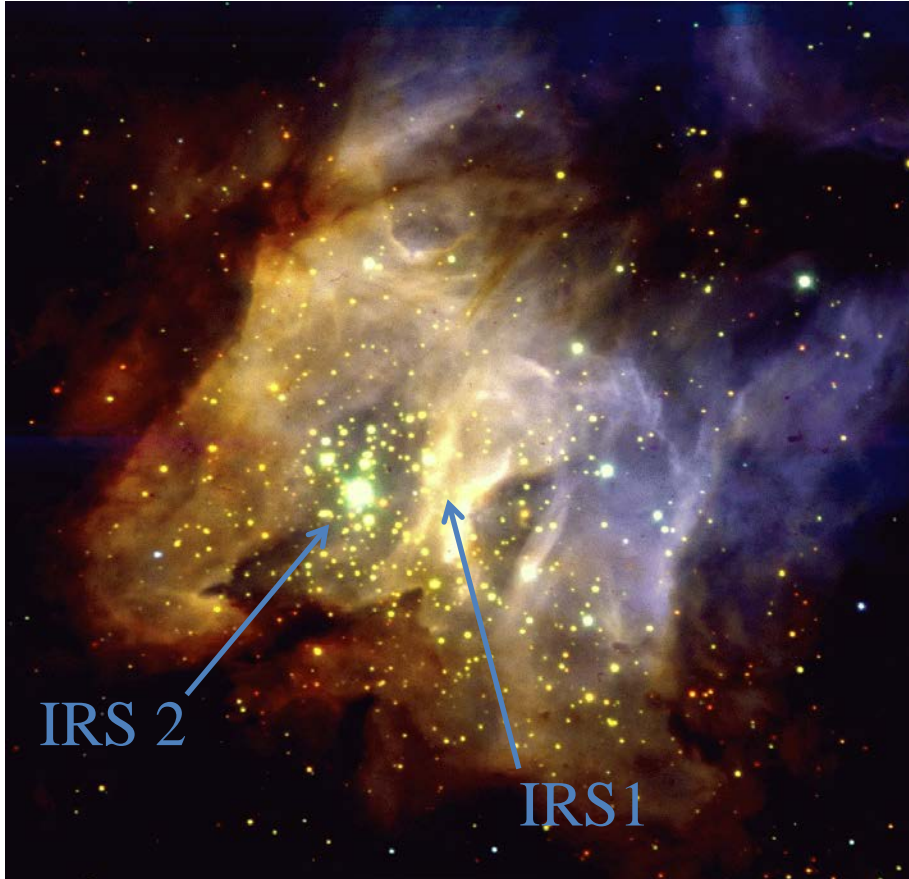
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# Position vs. Velocity Diagram toward Molecular cloud



There is a bridge structure of molecular cloud between 10 km/s cloud and 30 km/s cloud toward NGC3603

# Star-Forming Region RCW38



- High mass star-forming region
- Bright HII region  
(Rogers, Campbell & Whiteoak, 1960)
- Position:  $(l, b) = (268^\circ, -1^\circ)$
- Age: **< 1 Myr (young cluster)**
- Distance: 1.7 kpc (Rogers 1960)
- Number of stars:  $10^3$ – $10^4$  (O-star: ~30)  
(Wolk et al. 2006; Winston et al. 2011)
- Two bright mid-IR sources  
IRS 1 and IRS2  
(Frogel & Persson; 1974; Smith et al. 1999; DeRose et al. 2009)

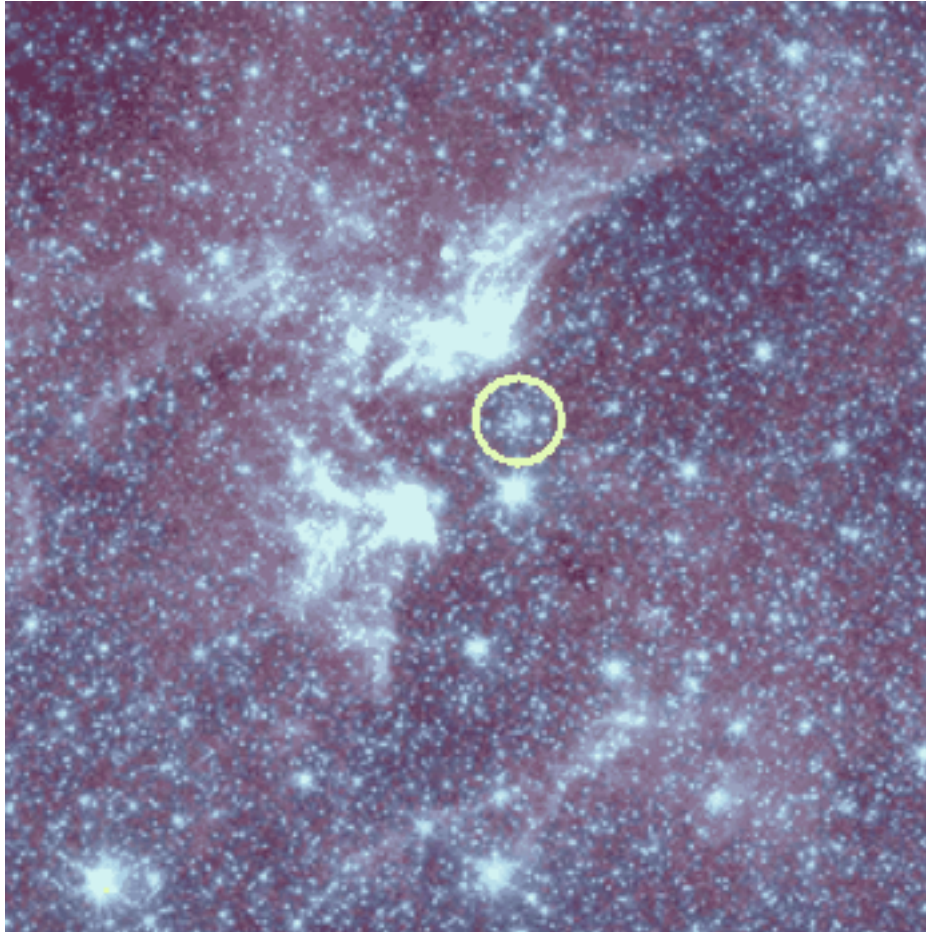
A close-up of the central 2.5' (~1.2 pc) of RCW 38 (Wolk et al. 2006; credit ESO).

In this VLT image, **Z band** data are printed as blue, **H band** data are green and **K band** are red.

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Object [DSB2003]179

Position (l,b) = (347.6° ,0.2° )

Distance 7.9 Kpc

Age 2 - 5 Myr

Total mass of stars  $0.7 \times 10^4 \text{ Mo}$   
(Borissova et al.2008)

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