

Cold Dust in Star Formation

# Science ideas for Early-ALMA

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# Early-ALMA assumptions

- 16 Antennae in “extended” configuration
  - 36-400m baselines
- 8 GHz bandwidth: Continuum
  - 4x128 channels of 15 MHz
- 4 Frequency Bands:
  - 3, 6, 7, 9 (100, 230, 345, 690 GHz)
- Pointed Mosaics
  - 25-50 positions
- Cycle 1:
  - Linear Polarization

# Resolution & Sensitivity

Freq (Band) (GHz)	FoV (arcsec)	Angular Resn. (arcsec)	Max Scale (")	Point Source mK $5\sigma$ , 1hr	Ext. source over beam. mJy $5\sigma$ , 1hr	Linear Polarization mJy $5\sigma$ , 5%, 1hr
100 (3)	62	1.6	11	8	0.14	3
230 (6)	27	0.7	5	11	0.20	4
345 (7)	18	0.5	3	21	0.37	7
690 (9)	9	0.3	1.5	200	3.5	70

16 Antennae x 8 GHz Bandwidth @ -50°

$$S \propto \frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{N\sqrt{\Delta\nu \cdot \tau}} \Rightarrow \sim 4 \times \text{ better for full - ALMA}$$

# Four Suggested Projects

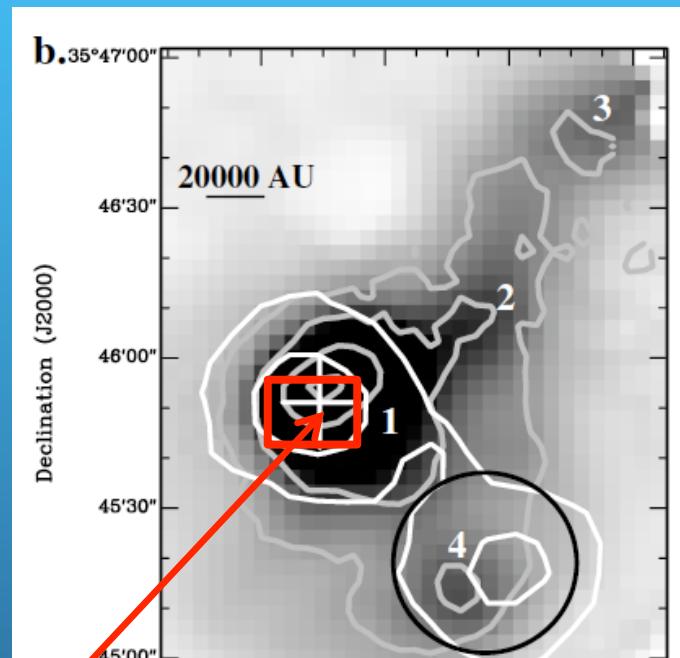
- Protostellar Initial Mass Function (IMF):
  - Mass spectrum of dust clumps within cold cores
- Earliest stages of Massive Star Formation (MSF):
  - Temperatures of the cold dust clumps
- Magnetic field structure within dust cores:
  - Linear polarization of dust clumps
- A very special source - the Central Molecular Zone:
  - Dust cores of Sgr A, Sgr B2, Sgr C & G1.3

# 1. Protostellar Initial Mass Function

## Dust core structure on the arcsecond scale

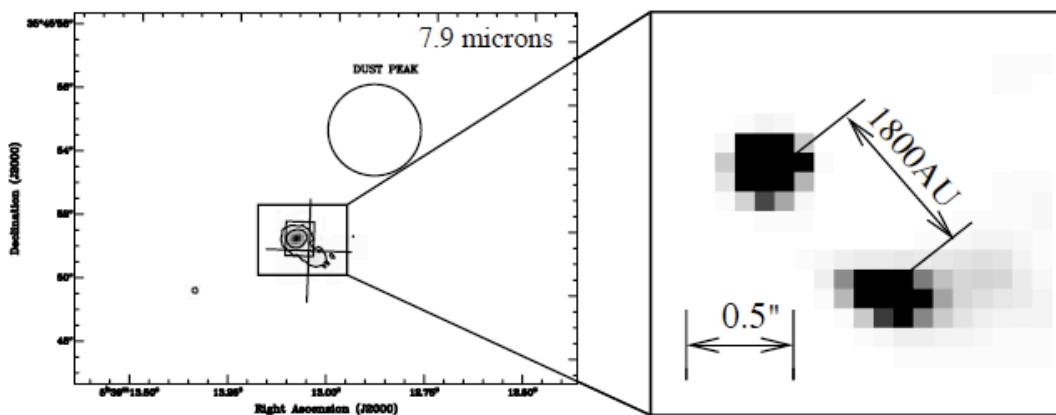
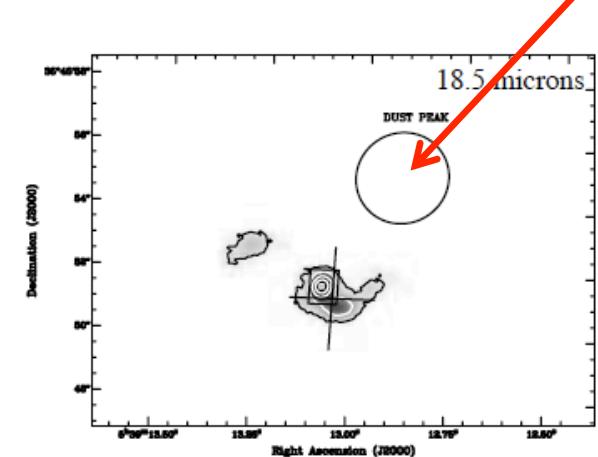
1 arcmin

Arcsec resn in mid-IR  
Several  $4\text{-}7 M_{\odot}$  sources  
Gemini 8 + 18 $\mu\text{m}$   
Longmore et al, 2006



Massive, cold dust core  
in the sub-MM  
 $M \sim 100 M_{\odot}$ ,  $T \sim 50\text{K}$ ,  $L \sim 50,000 L_{\odot}$   
SCUBA 450+850 $\mu\text{m}$ , MSX 21 $\mu\text{m}$

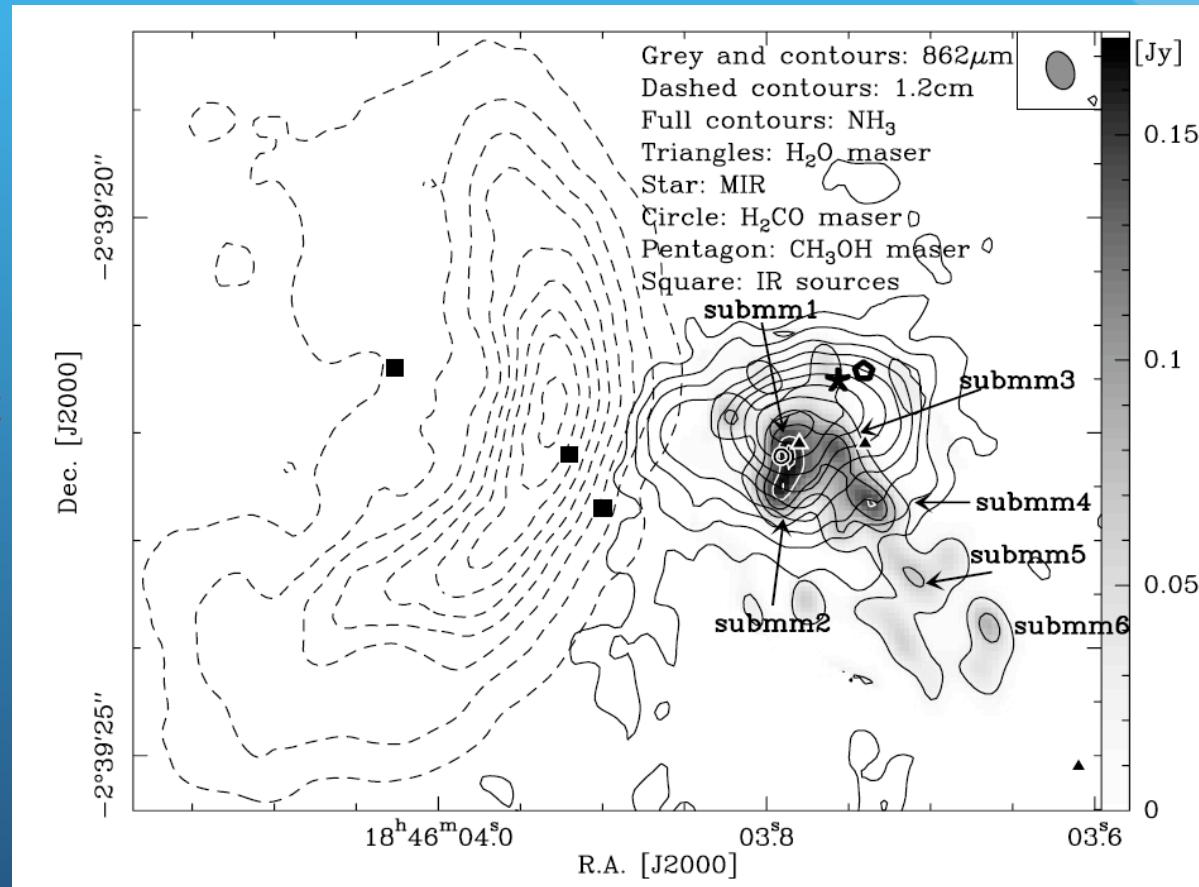
Minier et al. 2005



# HMC G29.96 with SMA @ 345 GHz

Proto-Trapezium Cluster, ~100 mJy sources,  $5-10 M_{\odot}$

5 arcsec

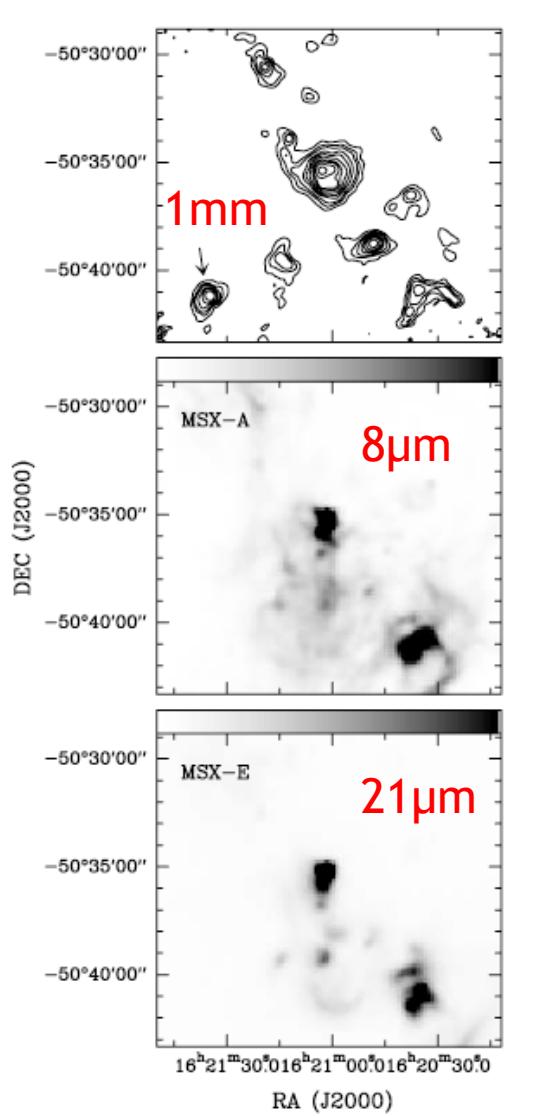


5 $\sigma$  ~ 100 mJy  
→  $M(5\sigma) > 3 M_{\odot}$   
Early-ALMA is  
~300 x better!

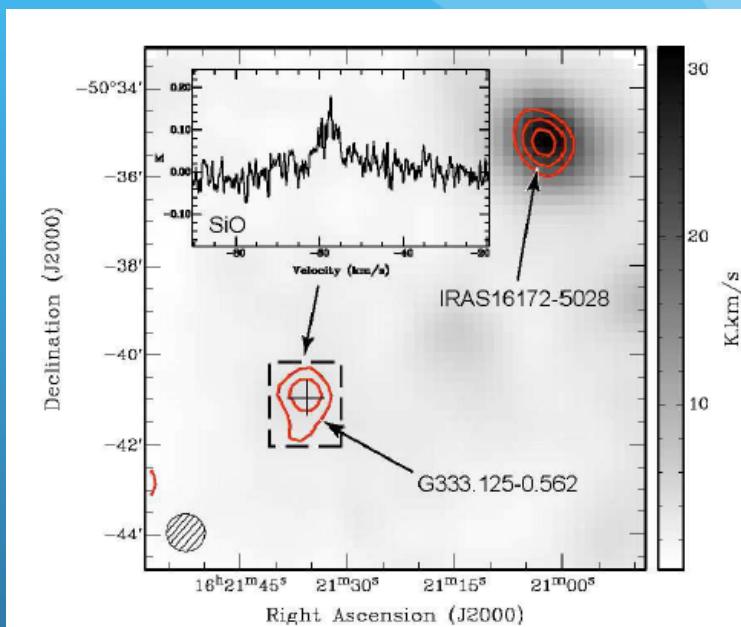
Beuther et al. 2007

# The cold, cold core in G333 (The ‘DQS’)

Lo et al. 2008



Garay et al. 2004



SiO contours  
on CS image

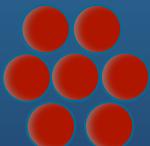
$M \sim 1,800 M_{\odot}$ ,  
 $T \sim 19 K$ ,  
 $L \sim 10,000 L_{\odot}$

# Early-ALMA Sample Project I: Protostellar Initial Mass Function in the G333 cold core

$$M_{gas} \approx \frac{F_\nu d^2}{\kappa_{dust} B_\nu(T_{dust}) R_{dust-gas}}$$

Frequency	5σ, 10min (mJy)	Mass M <sub>⊙</sub> @ 10K
100 (3)	0.44	10
230 (6)	0.63	0.3
345 (7)	1.2	0.1
690 (9)	11	0.2

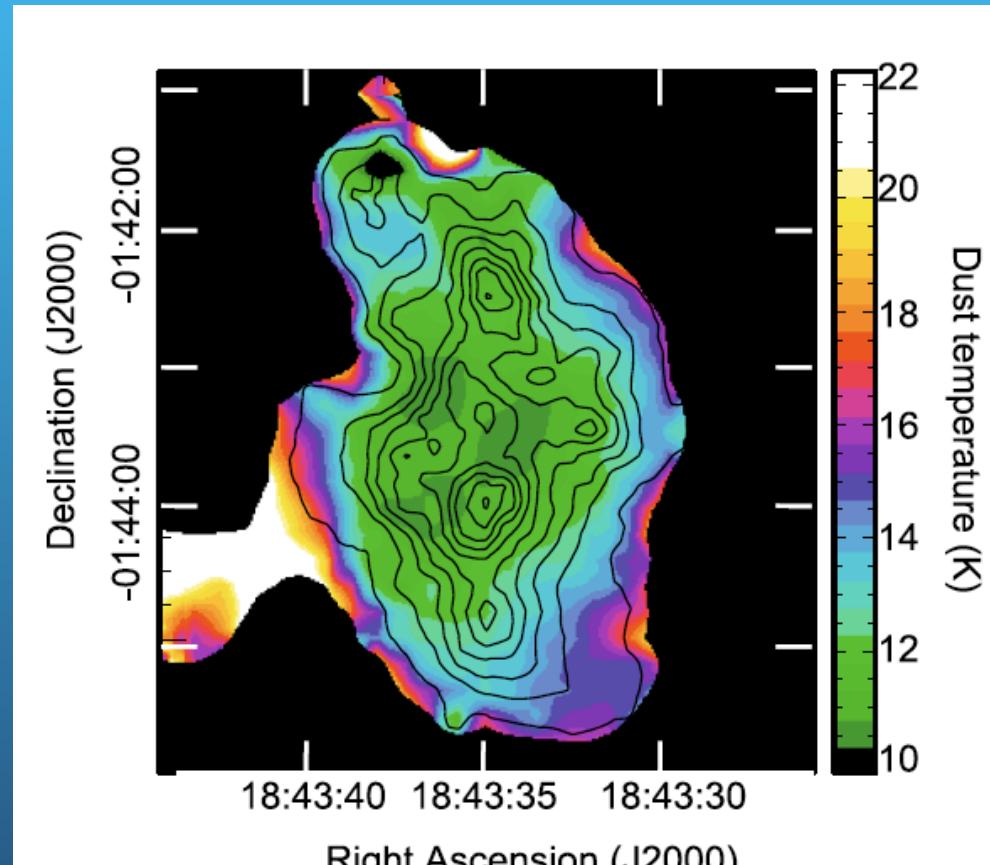
G333: d=3,600pc, T=10K



To cover 1 arcmin requires  $4 \times 60/18 = 14$  positions = ~3 hours

## 2. Earliest stages of MSF

### Temperature structure of protostellar cores



Herschel SEDs of IRDC  
Peretto et al. 2010

$$F_\nu \approx \Omega B_\nu(T) \epsilon_\nu$$

$$\text{and } \epsilon_\nu \sim \nu^{-\beta}$$

$$\text{So that } F_\nu \approx \frac{\Omega T}{\nu^{2+\beta}} \text{ when } h\nu \ll kT$$

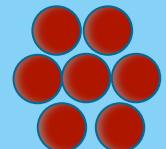
$T = 10K$  : 200 GHz

$T = 20K$  : 400 GHz

$T = 50K$  : 1 THz

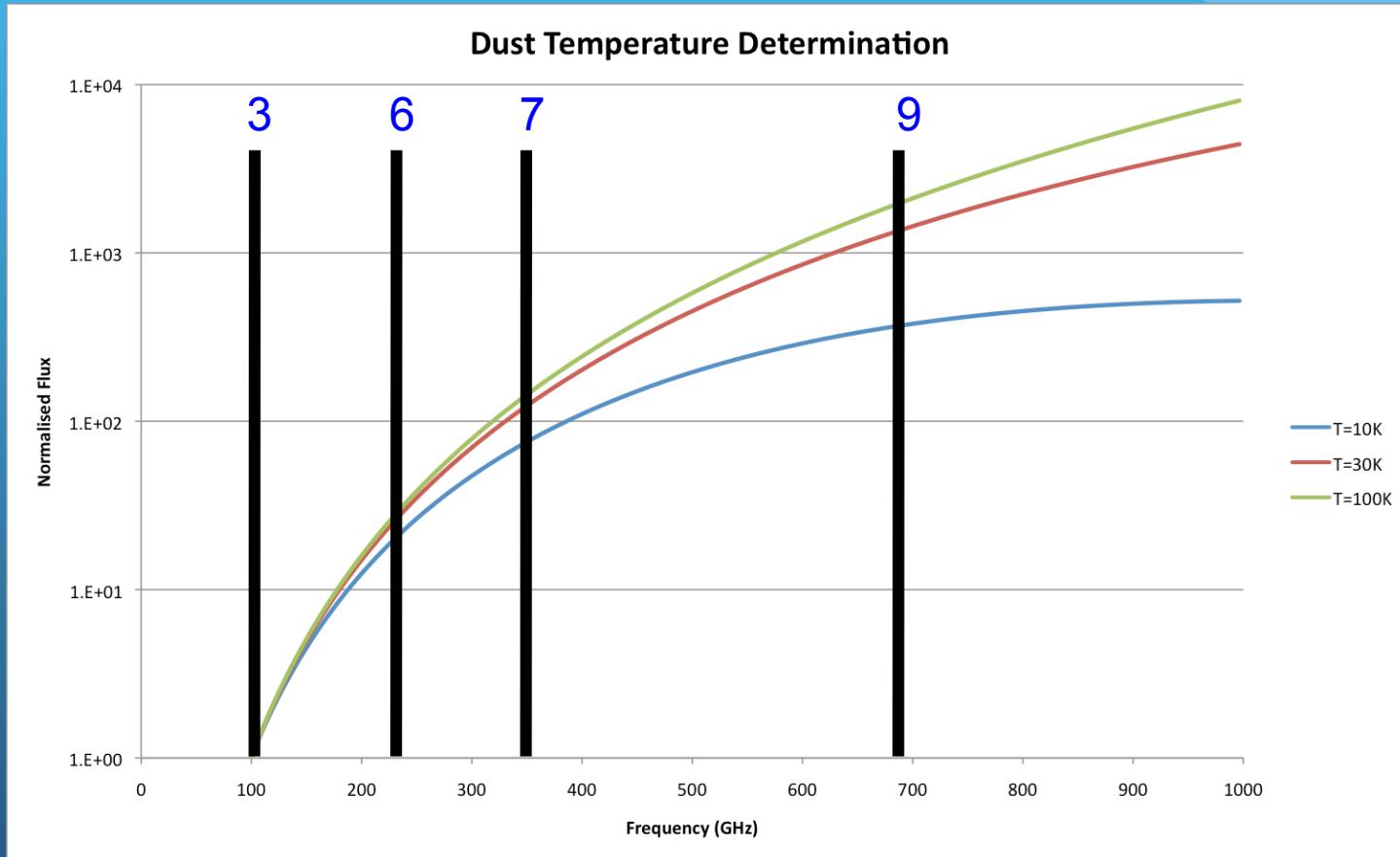
ALMA:

- (i) Resolve sources gives  $\Omega$
- (ii) SED give slope  $T$



# Dust Temperatures from SEDs

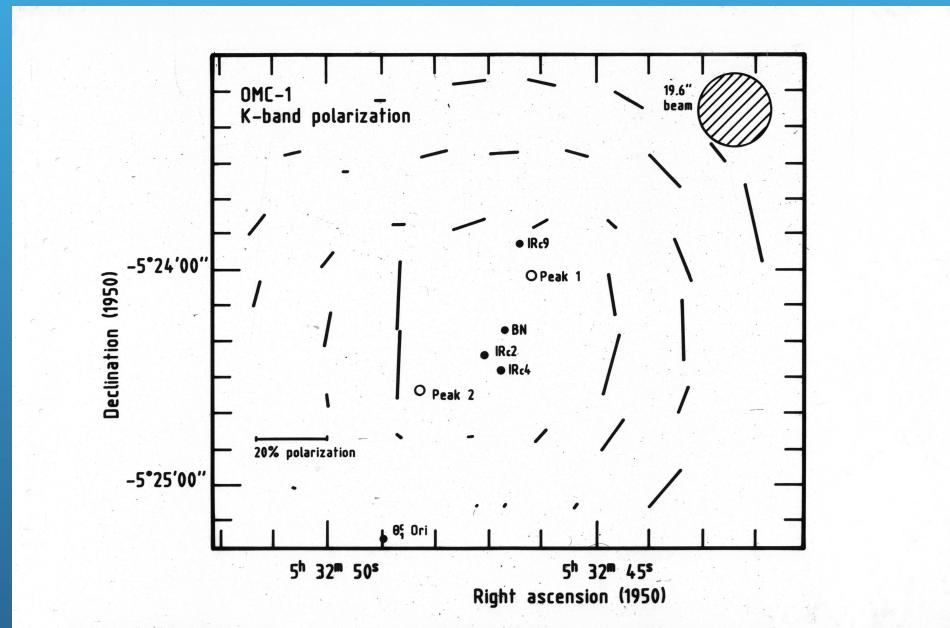
Caution: maximise frequency baseline to best constrain the Temperature



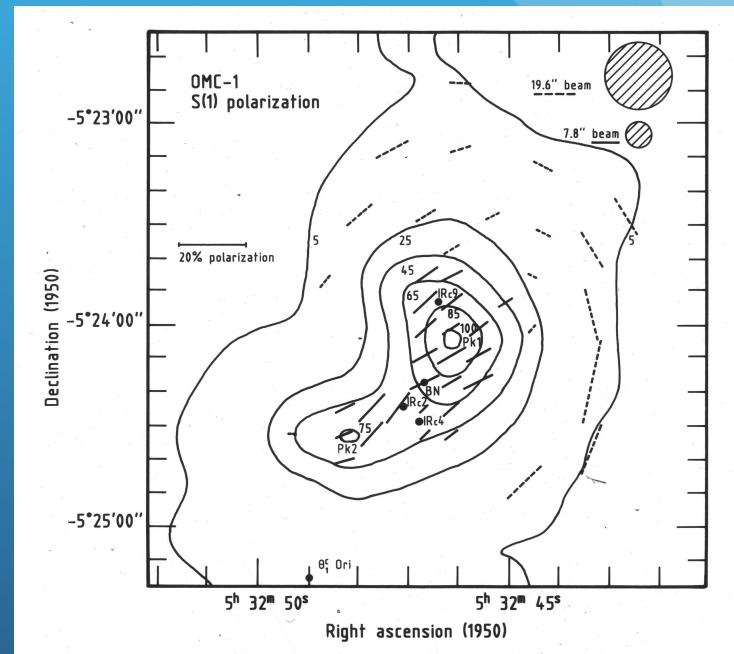
100 GHz band not sensitive to same mass range:  
So, to determine  $T$  for  $M > 1 M_{\odot}$  needs Bands 6-7-9  $\times 3/\sqrt{3}$  hrs  $\sim 5$  hours

# 3. Magnetic Fields through dichroic linear polarization of the dust grain emission

2 $\mu$ m Continuum



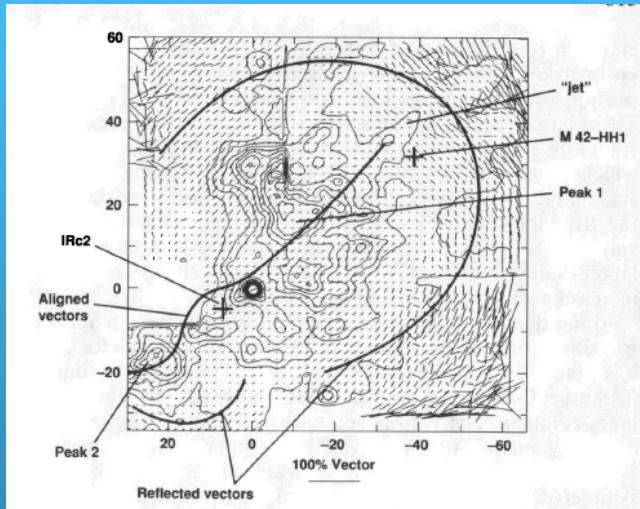
2.12 $\mu$ m H<sub>2</sub> Line



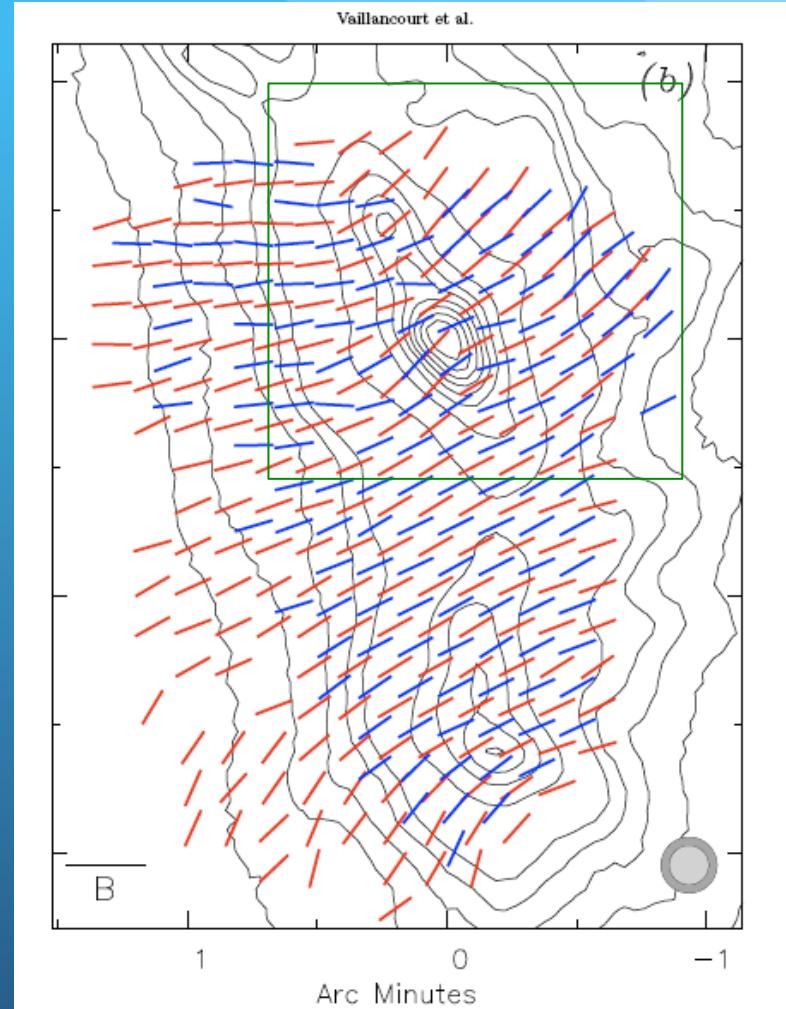
IR Reflection Nebula:  
*Location of Central Sources*

Reflection Nebula +  
Dichroic alignment:  
*Direction of Mag. Field*

# Magnetic Fields in Orion



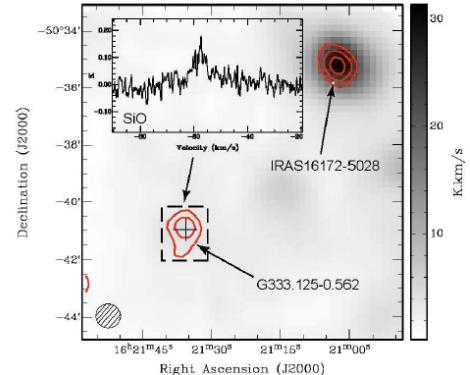
H<sub>2</sub> IR: arcsecond structure  
Burton et al. 1991



Sub-mm: 450+850μm  
10 arcsecond structure  
Vaillancourt et al. 2008

# Sub-mm Linear Polarization in the G333 Cold Core

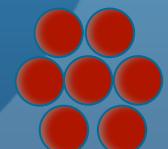
Lo et al. 2008



- 5% polarization requires photometry to 5% of source flux.
- Yields magnetic field structure on the arcsecond scale

Frequency (GHz)	Model Core Flux (19K, 1800M <sub>⊙</sub> , 9000L <sub>⊙</sub> ) (Jy)	Knot flux @ 0.1% dilution (mJy)	Time for 5% polarization at 5σ (min)	Time to map 1' (min)
100 (3)	0.2	0.2	12,000	12,000
230 (6)	6	6	27	240
345 (7)	24	24	6	75
690 (9)	200	200	7	200

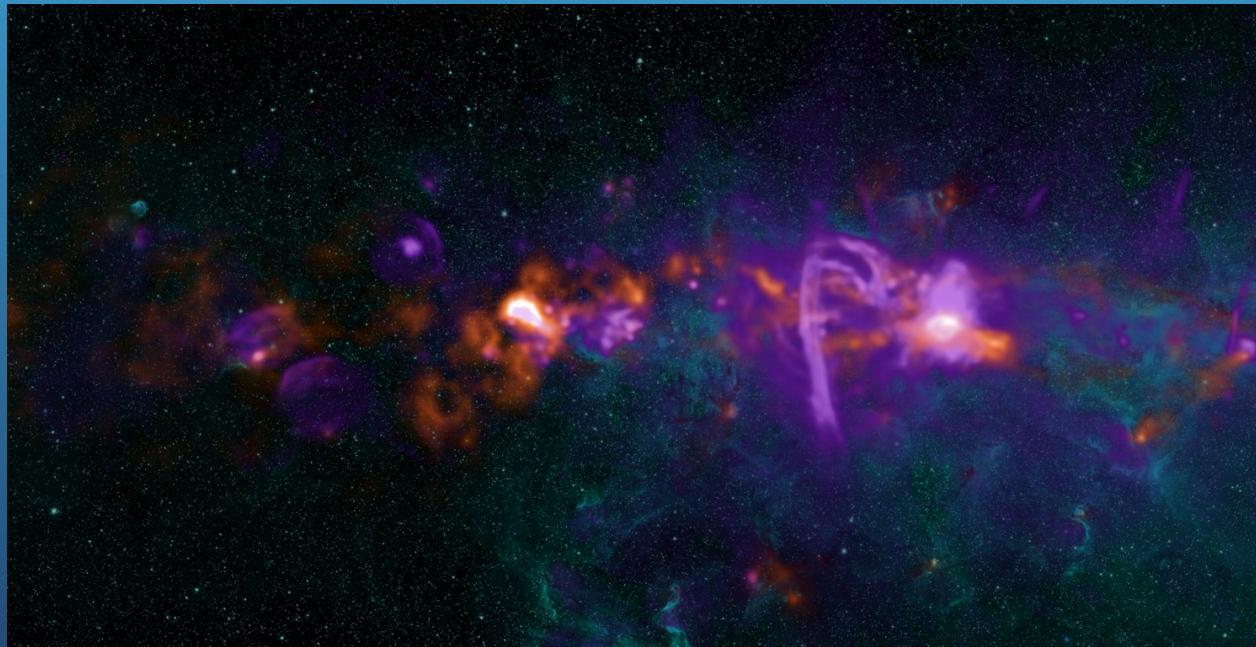
*Needs just ~1 hour!  
However Total Power measurements very important*



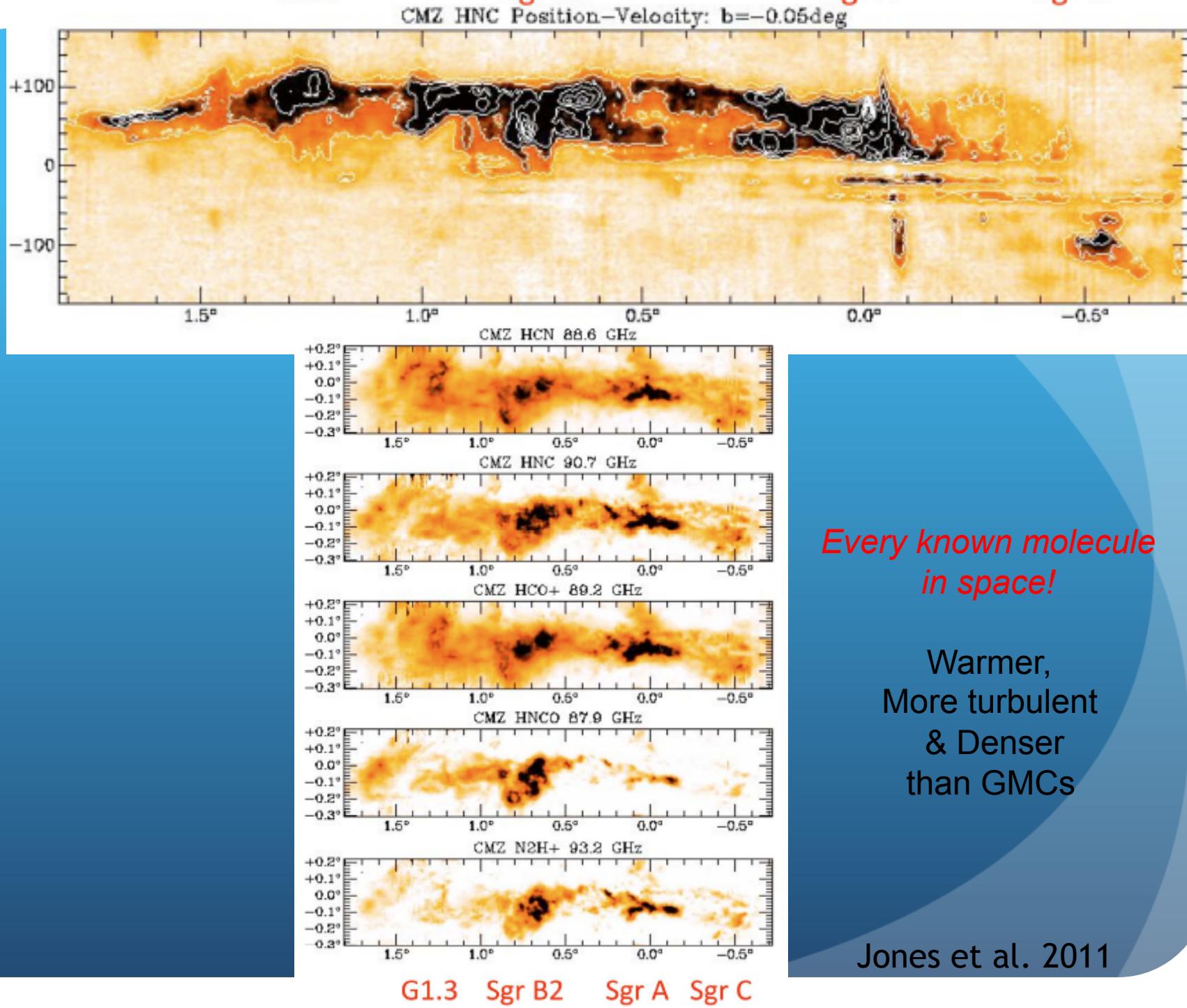
## 4. The Central Molecular Zone

- $\sim 300 \times 50\text{pc}$  ( $3^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$ )
  - $\sim 10^7 M_\odot$  extended organic emission
- A unique region of the Galaxy
- A proxy for extra-galactic nuclear star formation
  - $1'' \equiv 0.04\text{pc}; 0.1'' \equiv 0.004\text{pc}$

Red: 1mm dust Green: 8 $\mu\text{m}$  stars Purple: 20cm non-thermal



NRAO



*Every known molecule  
in space!*

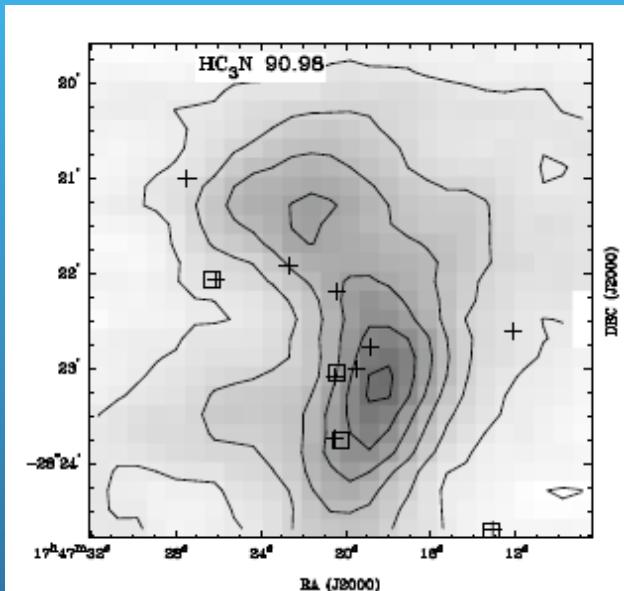
Warmer,  
More turbulent  
& Denser  
than GMCs

Jones et al. 2011

# Early-ALMA and the CMZ

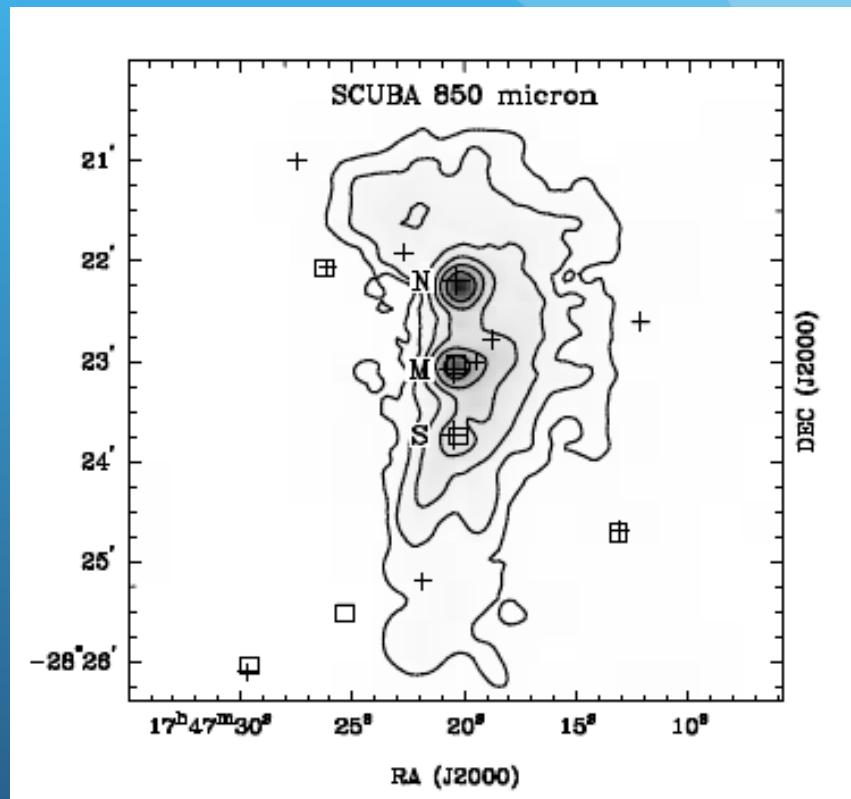
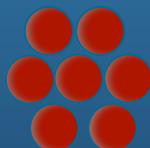
*Image the 4 dominant dust cores  
in the 4 bands (3, 6, 7 & 9)*

2'



Mopra  $\text{HC}_3\text{N}$

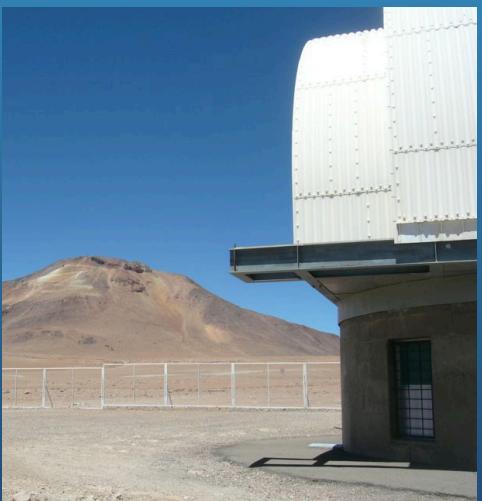
- 4 bands
- 5 mins / beam



Needs  $\sim 4 \times (1+9+13+27) \times 5\text{min} \sim 200\text{ min to image 1 arcmin for 4 cores}$

Jones et al 2008, 2010  
Pierce-Price et al, 2000

# Nanten2 to CCAT on the Pampa la Bola



Nanten2 yearly consortium meeting  
at UNSW, May 20-21  
See: [www.phys.unsw.edu.au/~mgb/Meetings](http://www.phys.unsw.edu.au/~mgb/Meetings)

*Can support observing with Nanten2!*