

SWAG Water Masers in the Galactic Center

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- Star formation rate $\sim 0.1 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- Some of the strongest large scale magnetic fields (filaments)
- Stellar clusters with $10^4 M_{\odot}$, one in the making
- supernova rate $1/2500 \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- high cosmic ray flux (mainly from SNe)
- high UV and X-ray flux: PDR, XDR (and X-ray echoes)
- large influence of shocks
- origin of outflows vertical to disk (Fermi Bubbles)
- Contains SMBH (Sgr A*) with $4 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$
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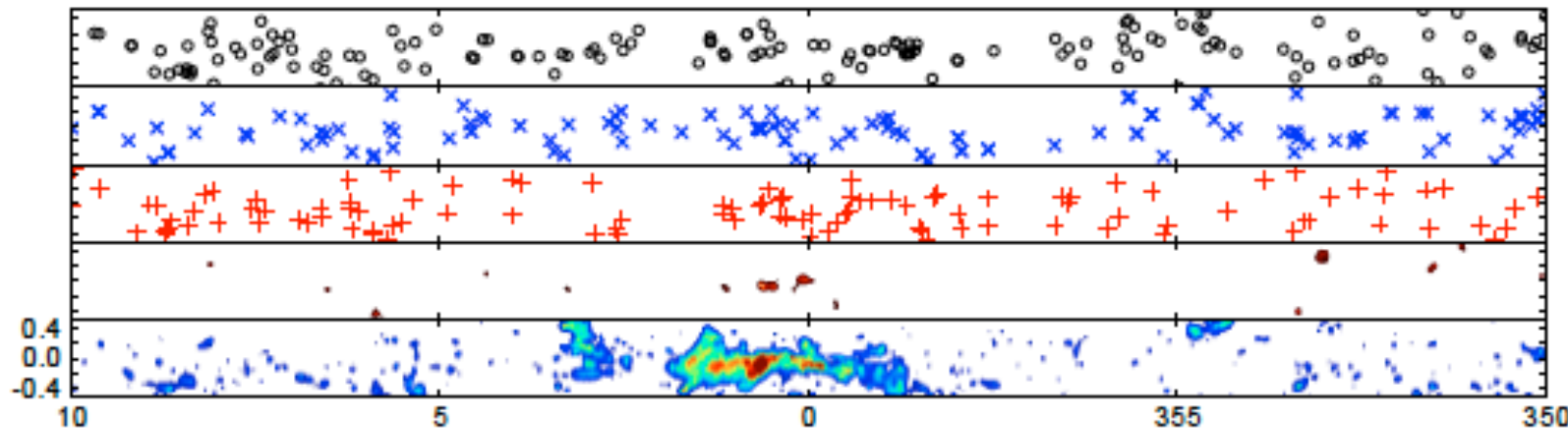
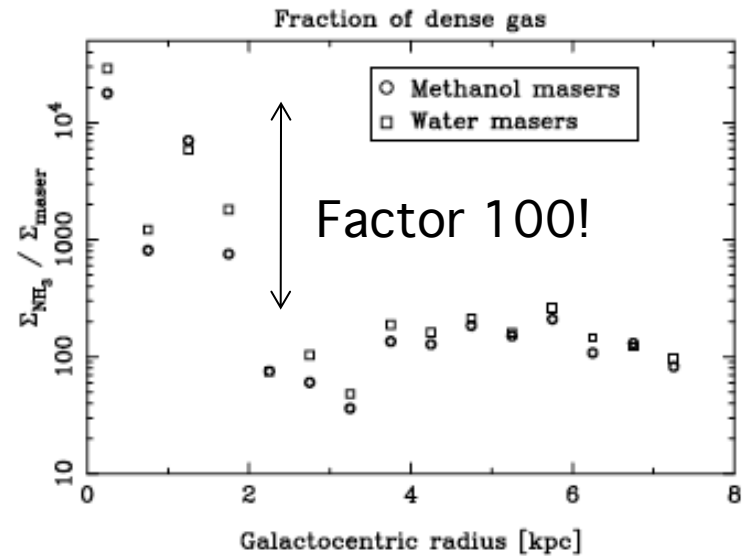
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Gas in the GC

- Globally: **SF suppressed in the GC** (Longmore+ 2013; Kruijssen+2014)
- High turbulence most likely reason. Could have implications for KS laws.
- Gas dynamics may raise pressure eq portions (Meidt), t_{ff} correction may explain deviation



SF tracers

HII

Methanol

H₂O

H68 α

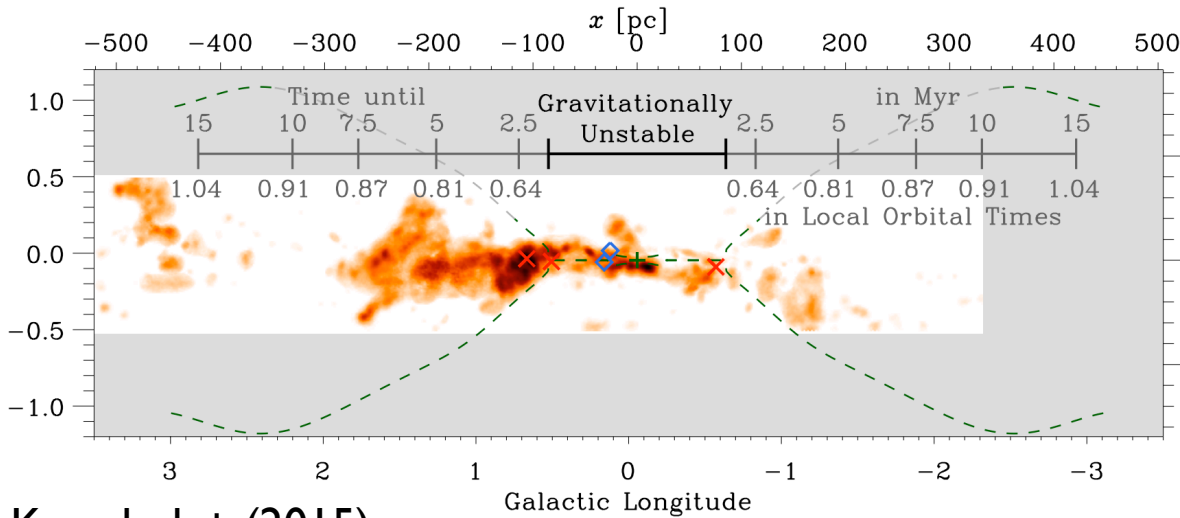
NH₃

Dense gas
tracer

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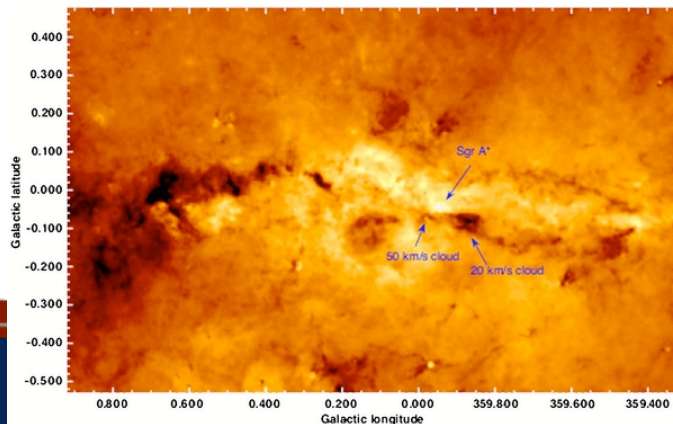
Gas in the GC

- 10% of all molecular gas in about 0.1% of the volume
- Gas funneled through bar into the GC, streamers



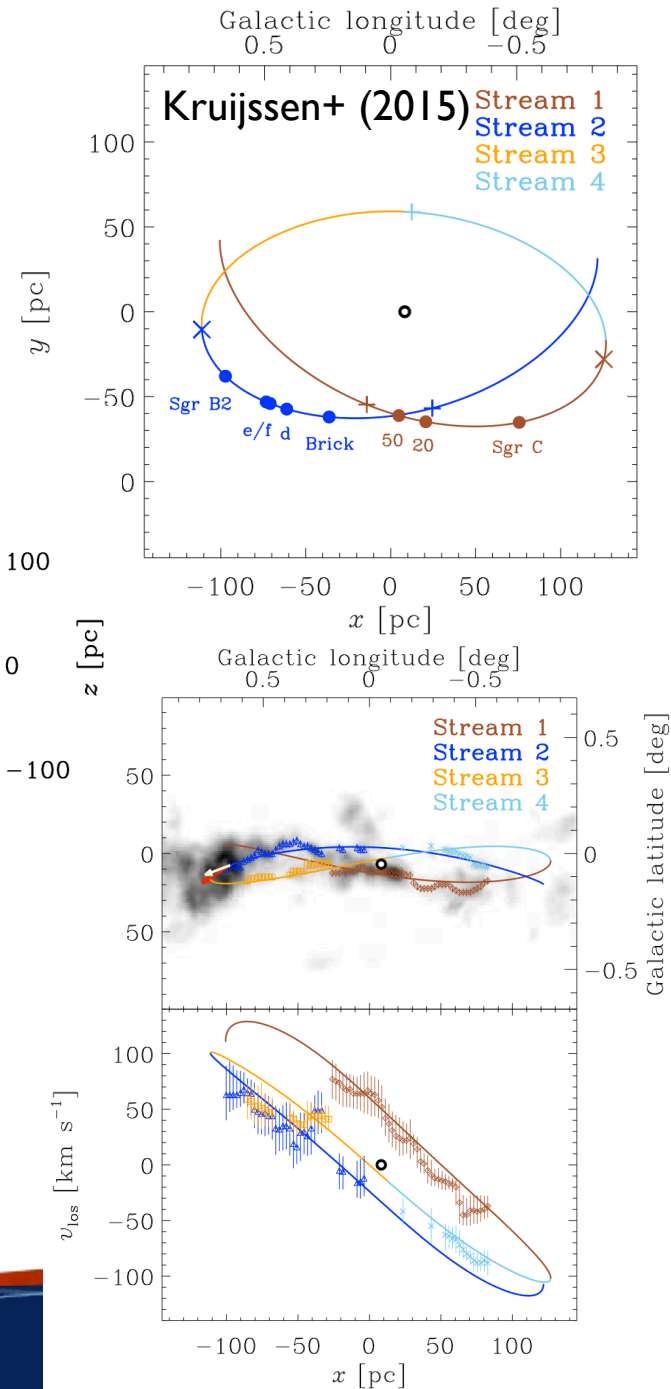
Krumholz+ (2015)

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 T_{dust}



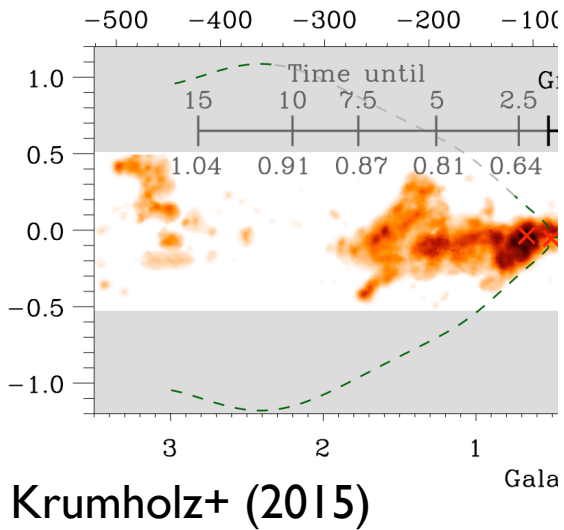
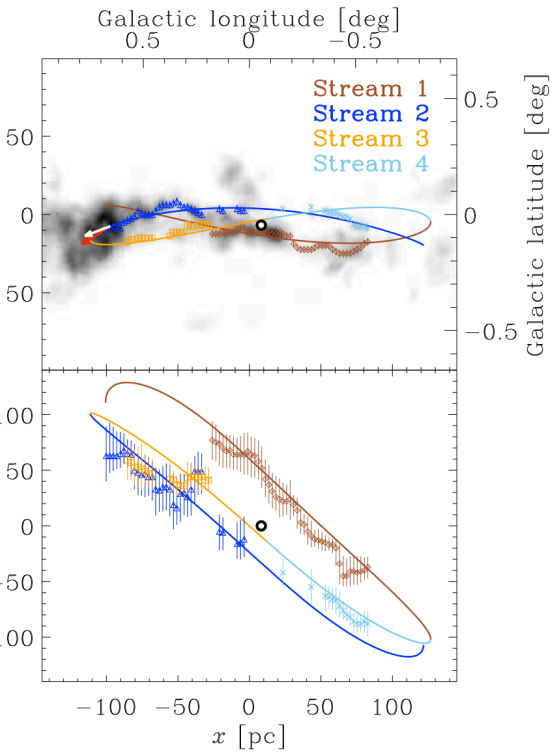
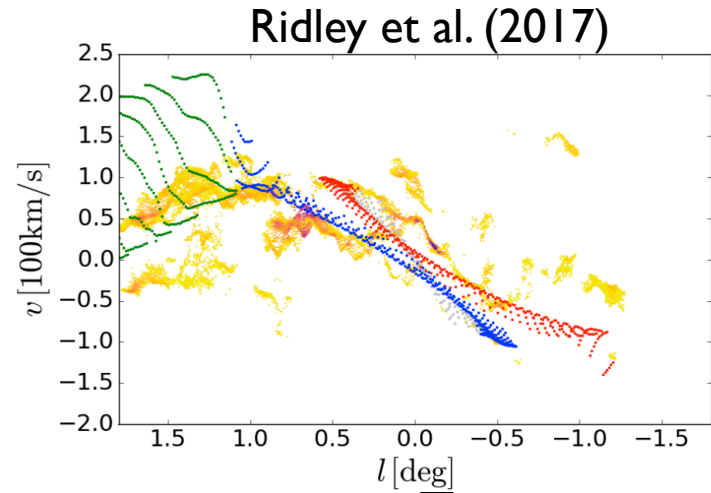
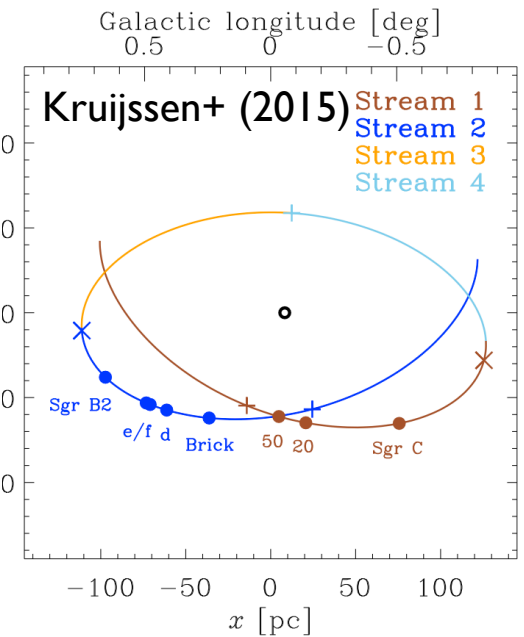
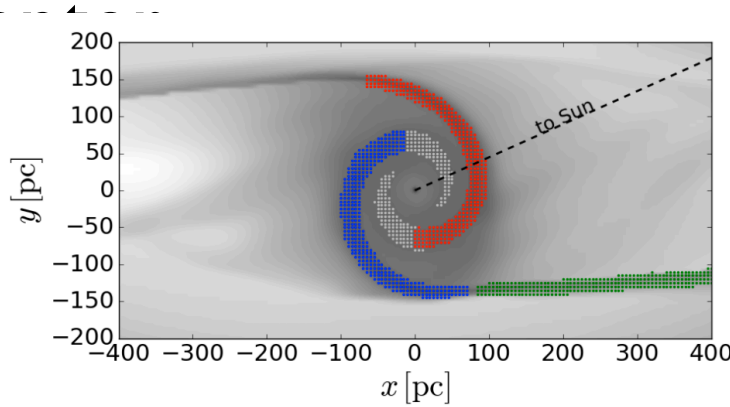
Molinari+ (2011)

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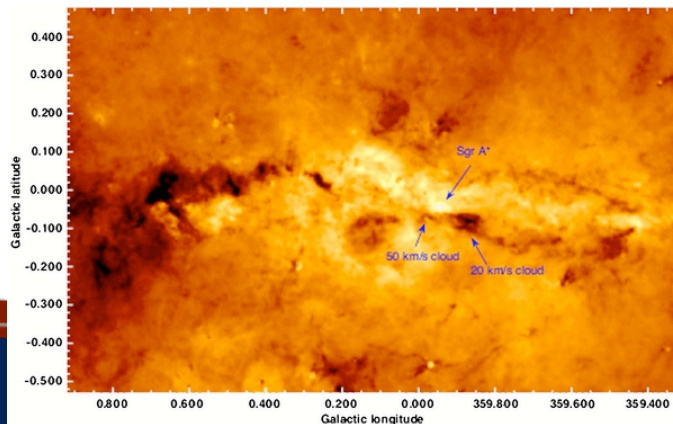
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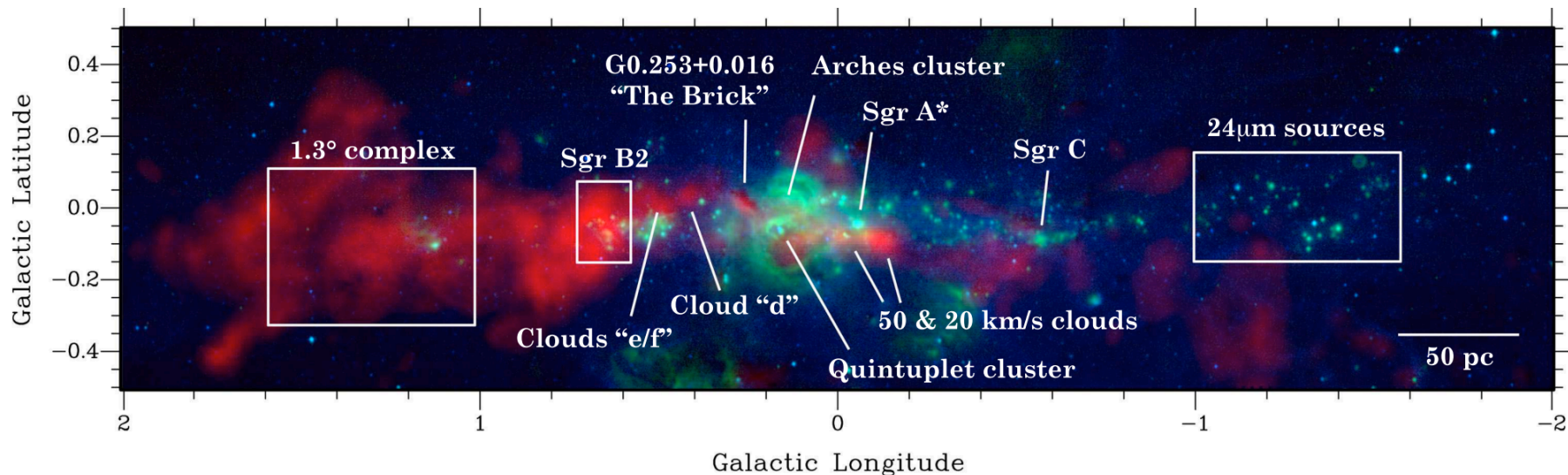
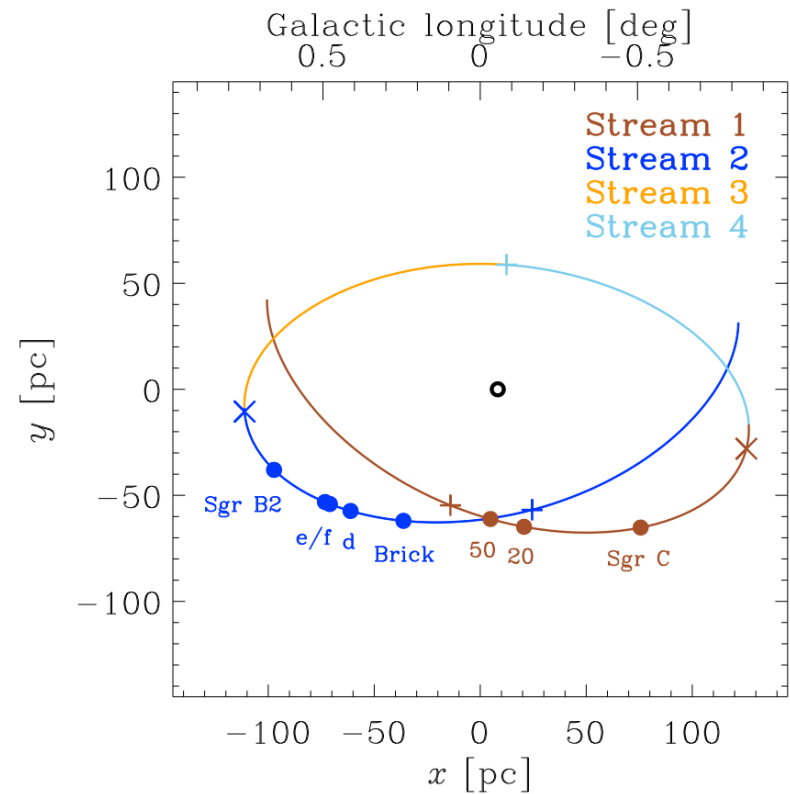
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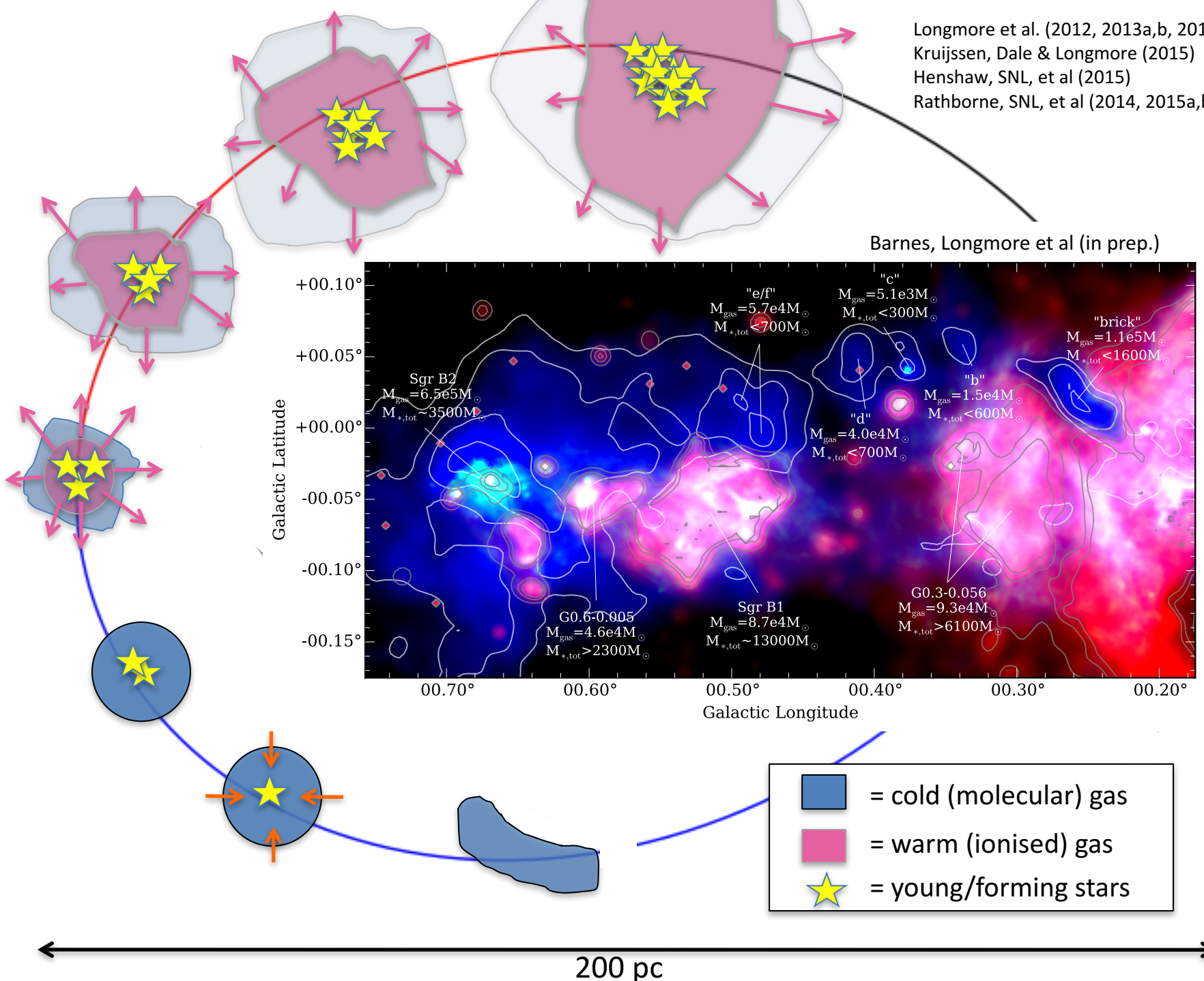
- **Possibility of a SF sequence** (Longmore+ 2013; Kruijssen+ 2015)
- Brick: very dense, massive, compact ($10^5 M_{\odot}$), but hardly any SF, many substructure and internal shocks (Rathborne+ 2015)
- Some SF, masers, evolved stars in clumpets
- Extreme SF in Sgr B2
- Fading toward BI?
- $24\mu\text{m}$ sources (YSOs?) excess toward negative Glon



Kruijssen+ (2014b)

Longmore et al. (2012, 2013a,b, 2014)
 Kruijssen, Dale & Longmore (2015)
 Henshaw, SNL, et al (2015)
 Rathborne, SNL, et al (2014, 2015a,b)

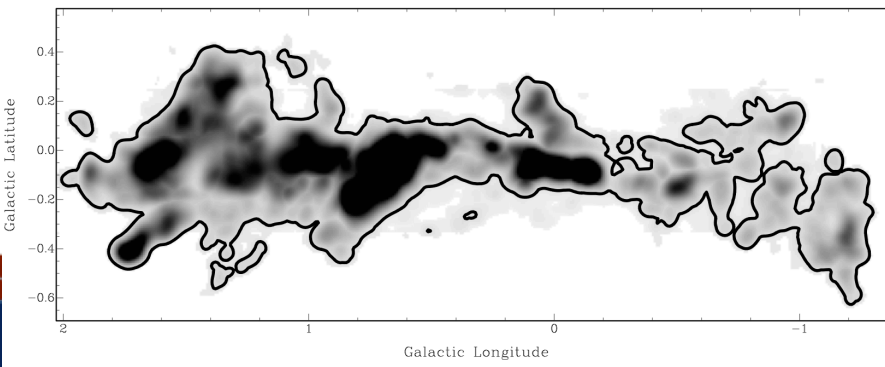
Barnes, Longmore et al (in prep.)



SWAG: Survey of Water and Ammonia in the Galactic Center



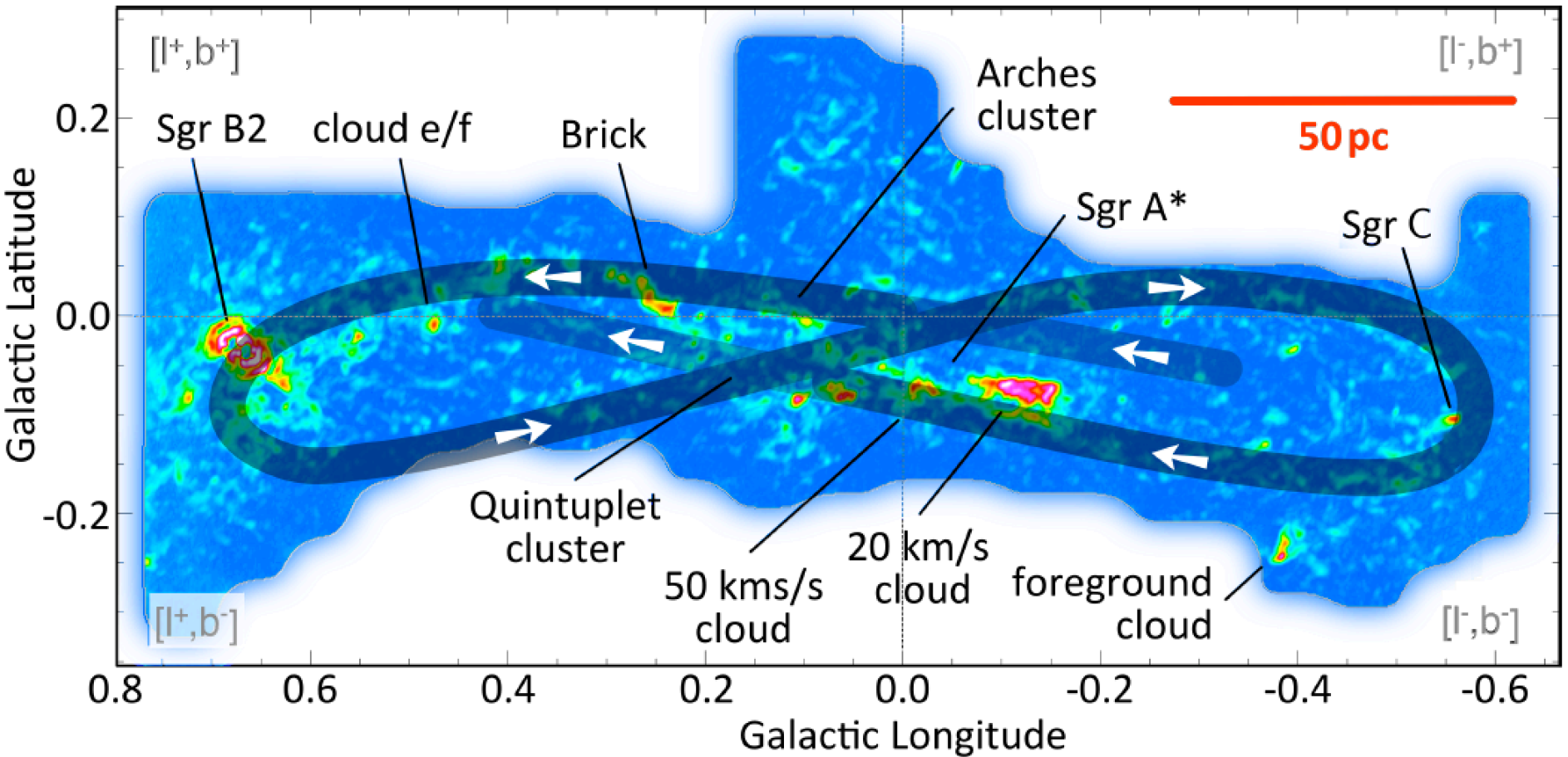
- ATCA (H75 config, 64M-32k mode)
- 525 hours
- $-1^\circ \lesssim l \lesssim +2^\circ$, $|b| \lesssim 0.4^\circ$, central 400 pc (CMZ)
- > 6500 pointings
- 21.2 - 25.4 GHz
- 42 lines + 4 GHz continuum
- NH_3 (1,1) – (6,6), H_2O , radio recombination lines, ...
- temperature, maser, shock, photon-dominated region, ...
- resolution: $\sim 20''$ or ~ 0.8 pc, 0.4 km/s
- rms: ~ 8 mJy/beam in a 2 km/s channel (~ 18 mJy/beam $\text{Gl} \text{on} < \text{Sgr C}$)

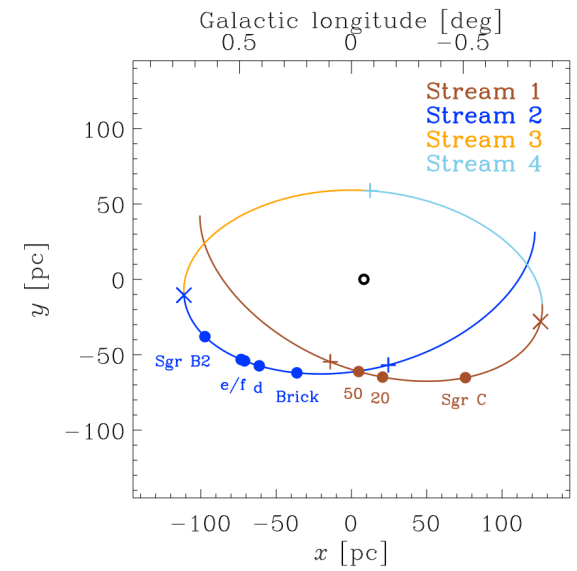
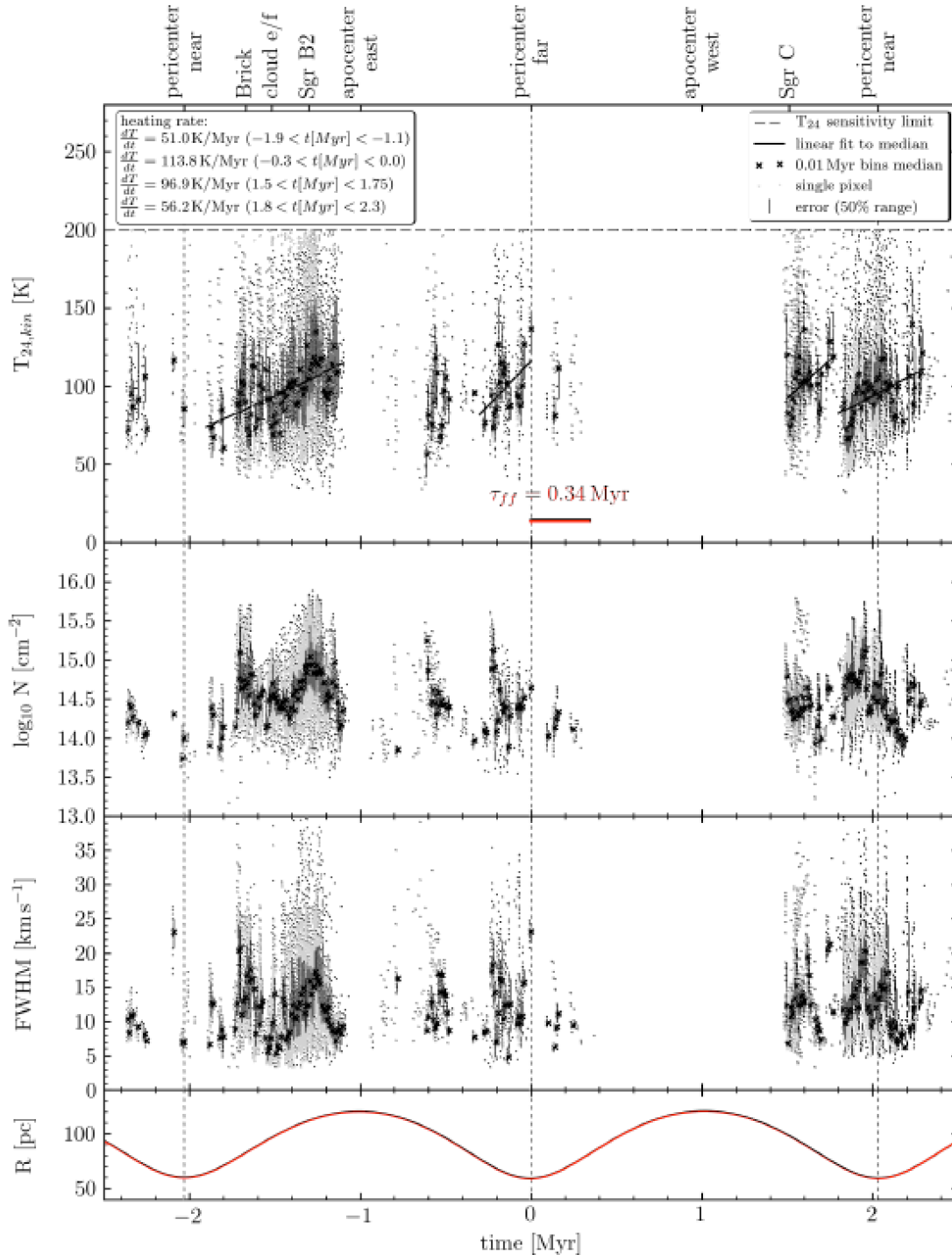


Mopra NH_3 map (Ott +14)

<https://sites.google.com/site/atcaswag/>

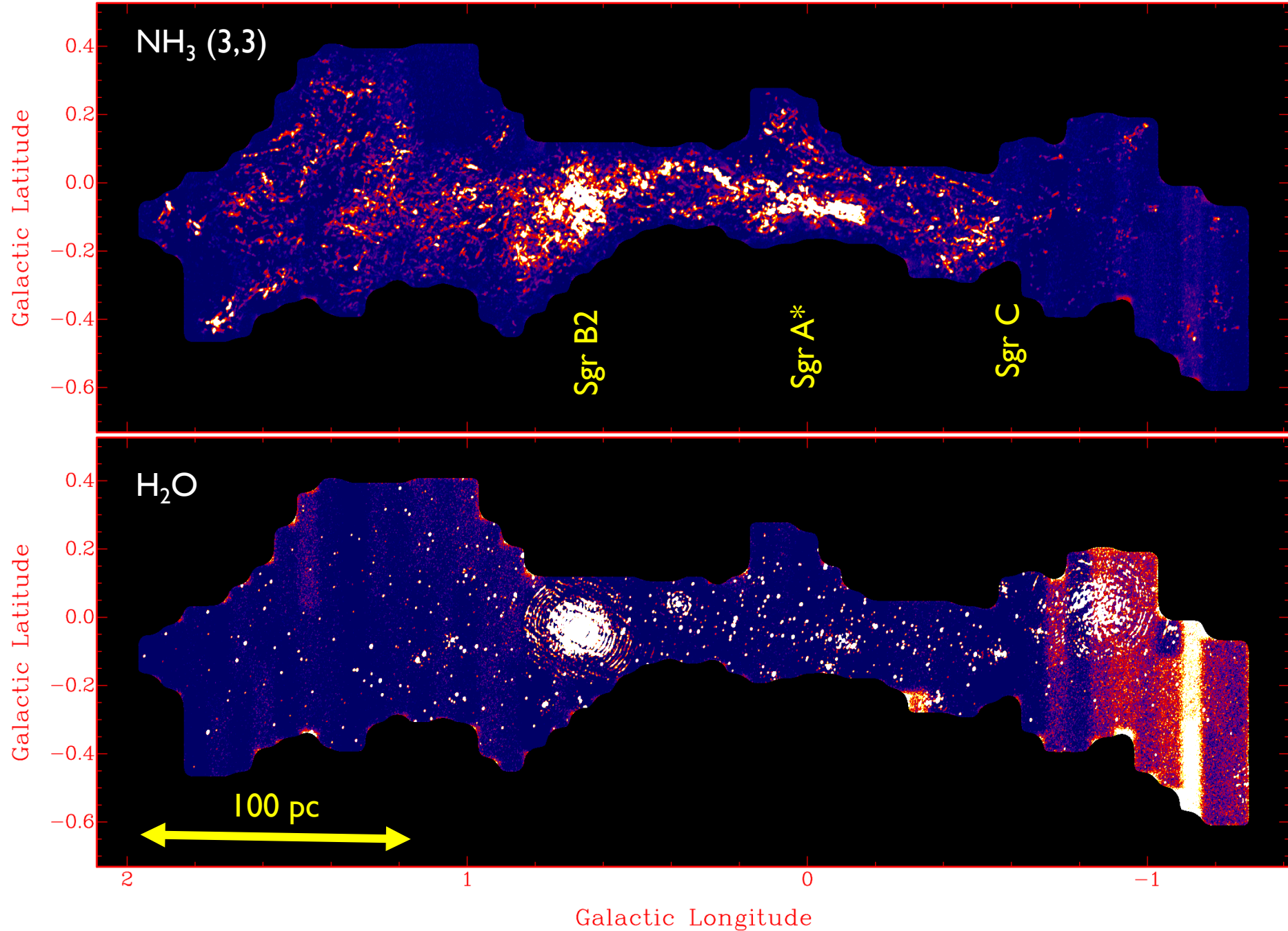
SWAG: MOLECULAR CLOUD EVOLUTION IN THE CMZ





Close to each pericenter passage, the gas temperature appears to rise, possibly due to compression of gas clouds

Krieger et al. (2017)

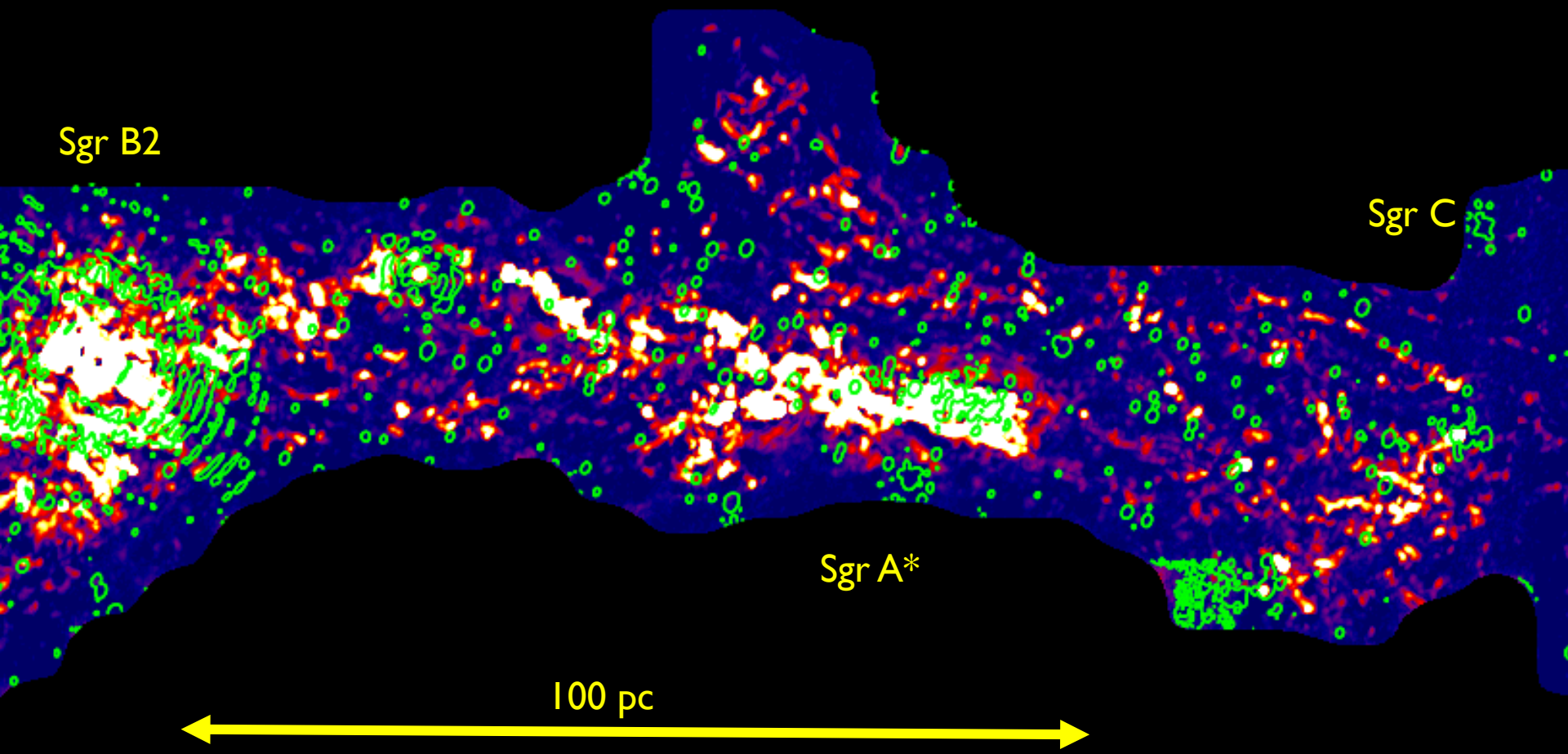


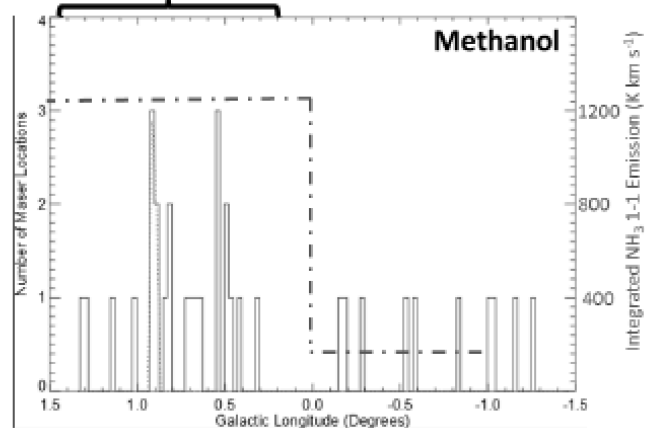
Sgr B2

Sgr C

Sgr A*

100 pc





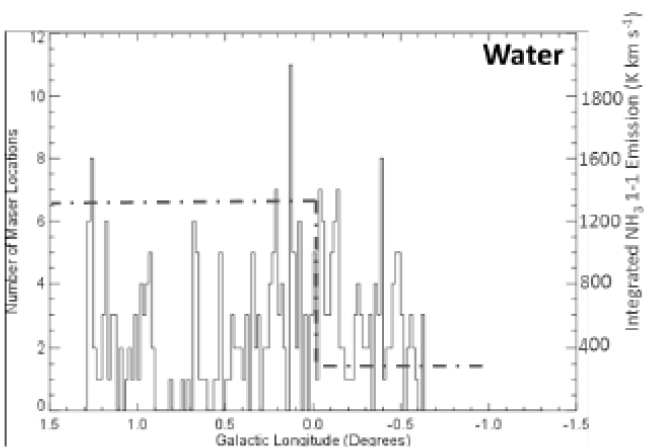
Rickert et al. (2017) PhD thesis

Asymmetry in YSO sources, based on FIR emission. Excess at negative Glon. (Yusef-Zadeh et al. 2009)

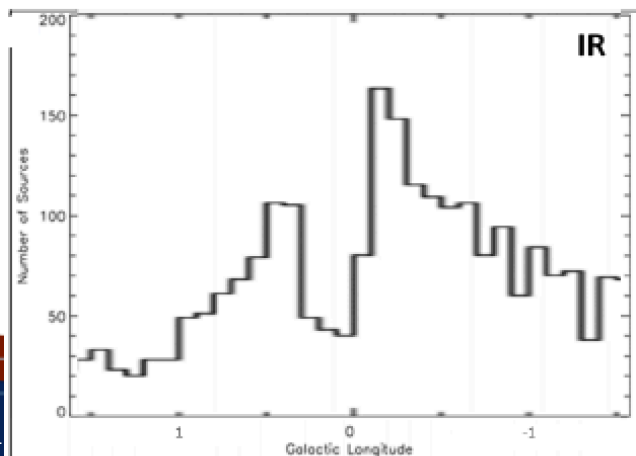
Gas has asymmetry with bulk at positive Glon.

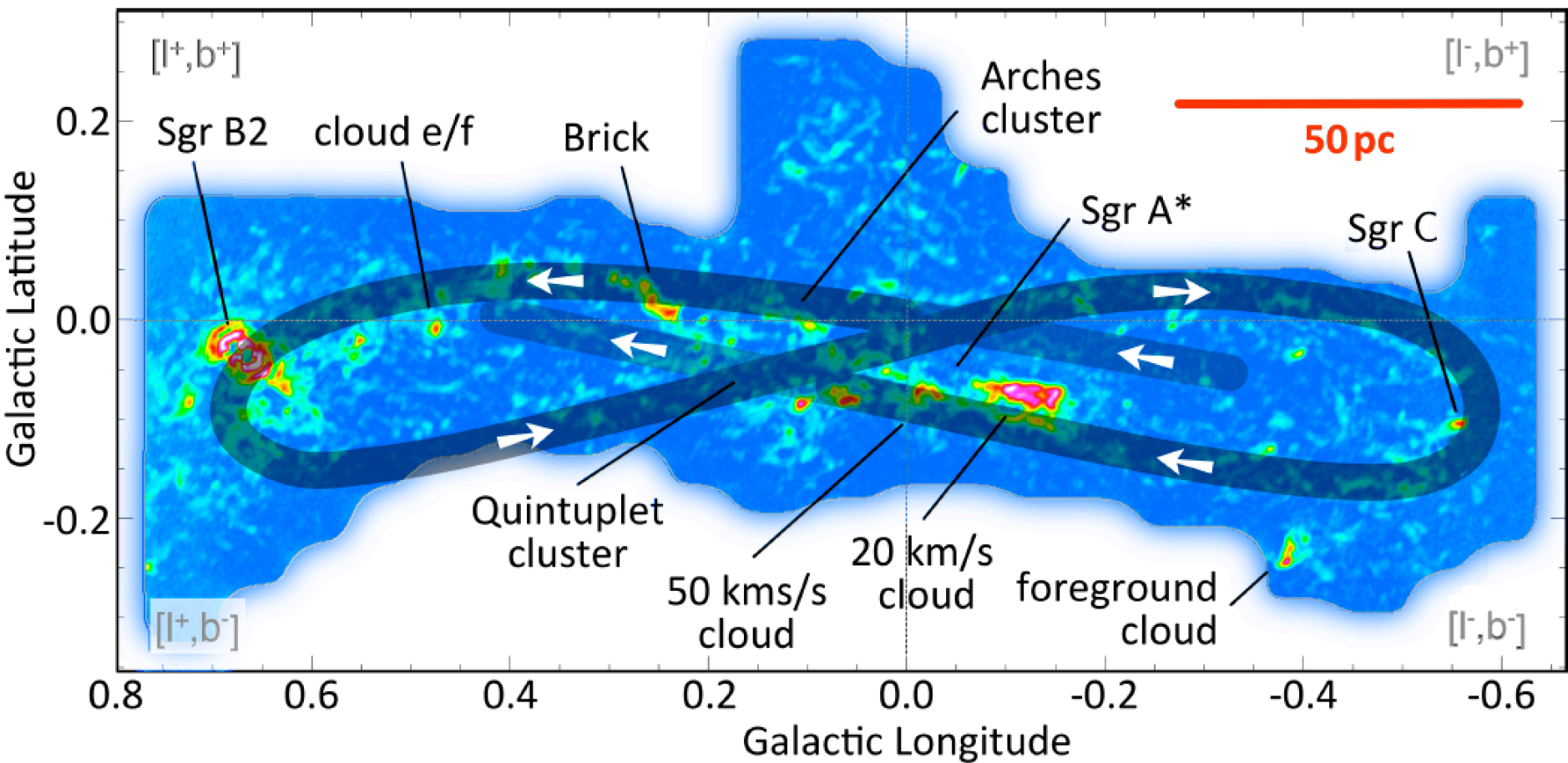
H₂O maser distribution peaks at Glon=0

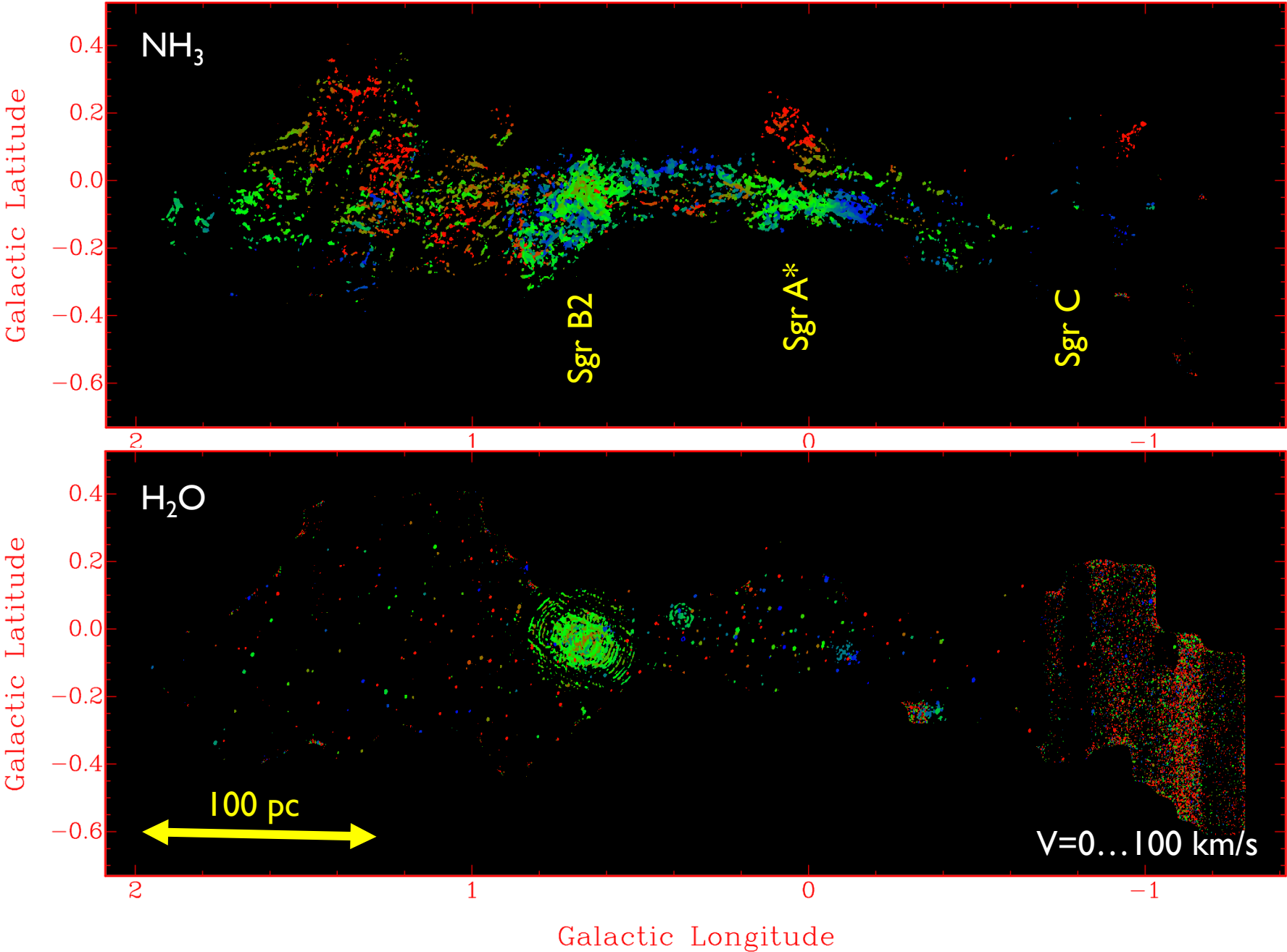
Methanol masers appear to follow the gas (VLA survey)

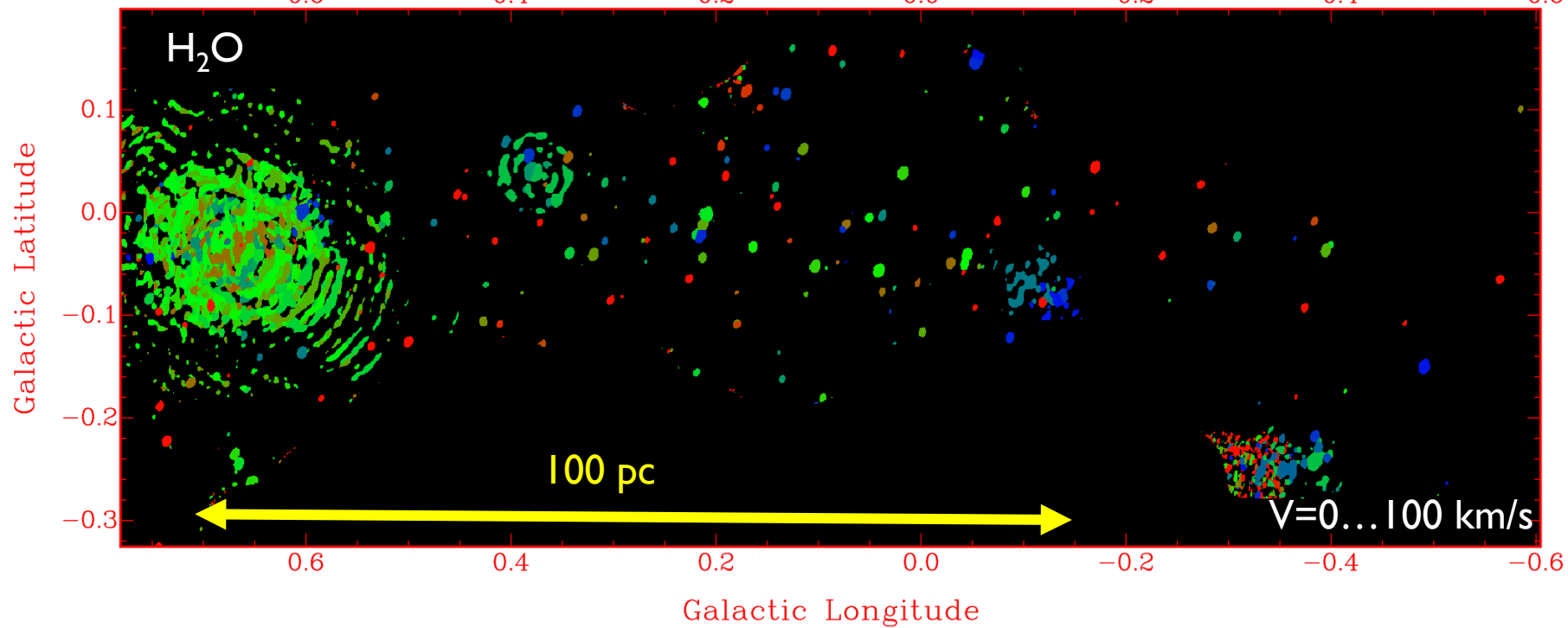
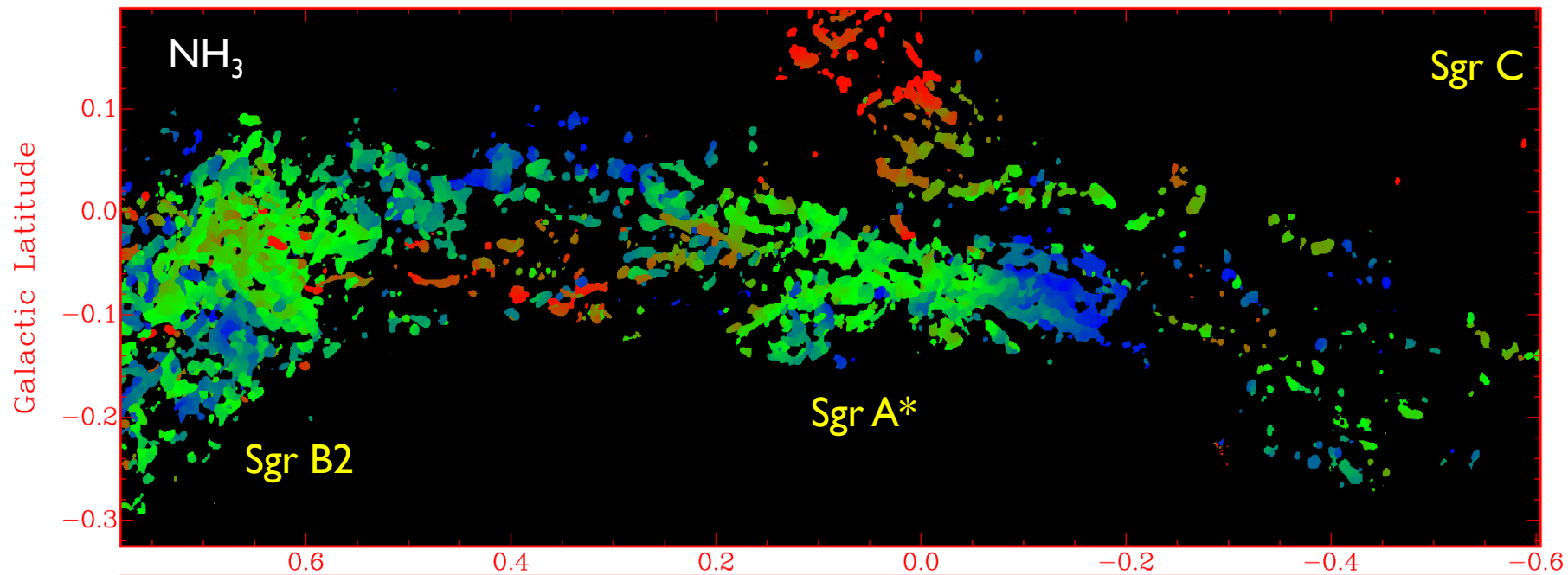


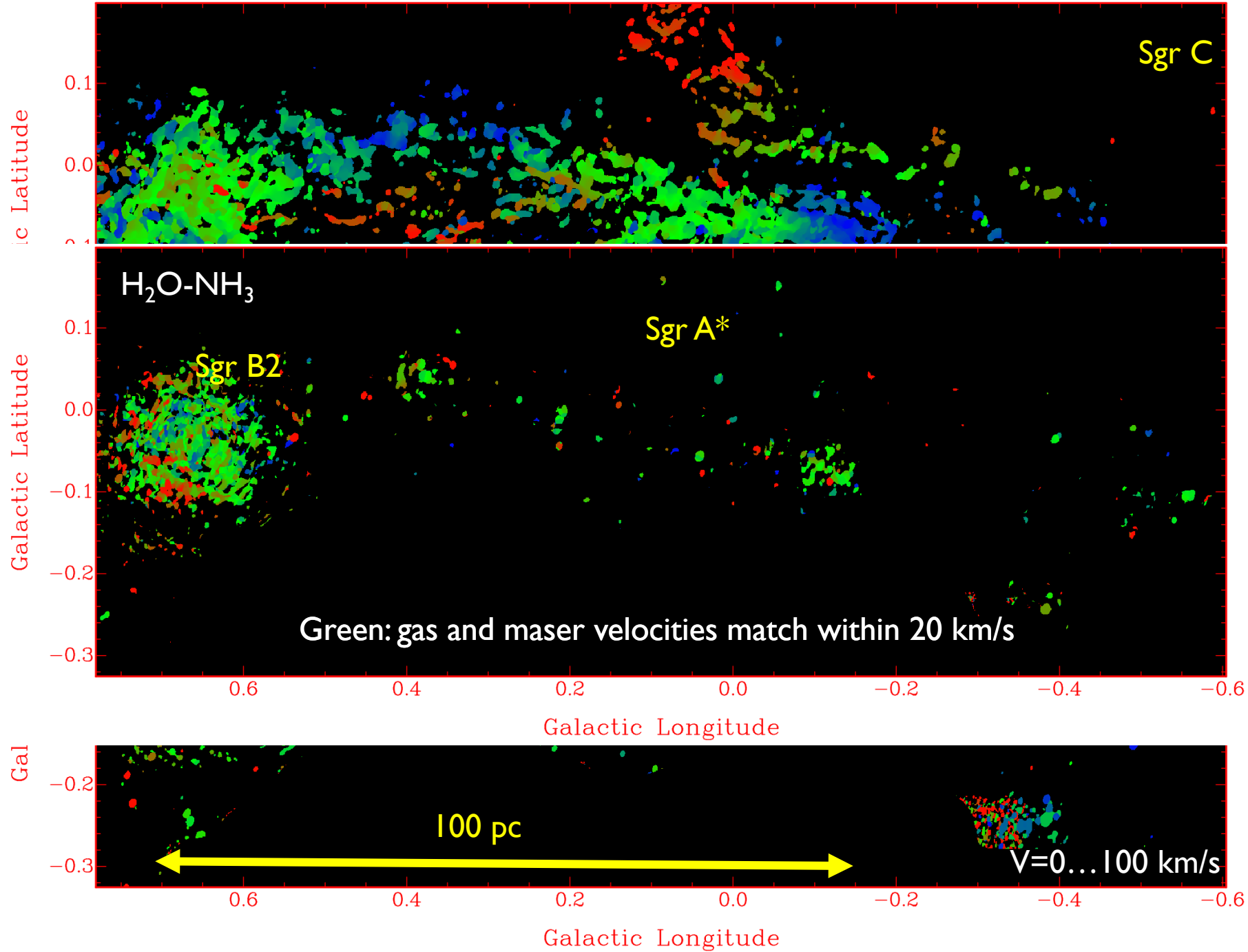
YSO candidates (Yusef-Zadeh et al. 2009)

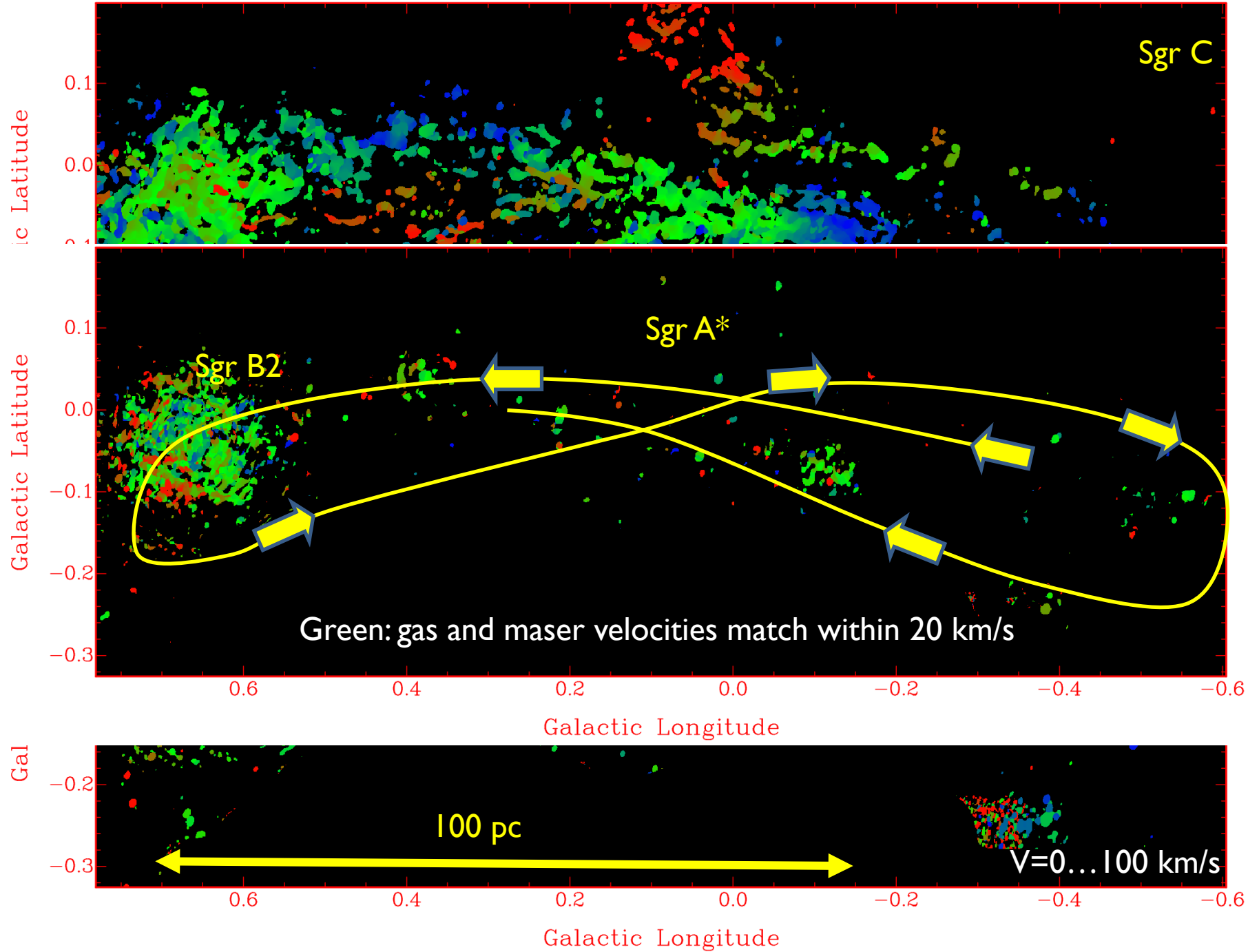








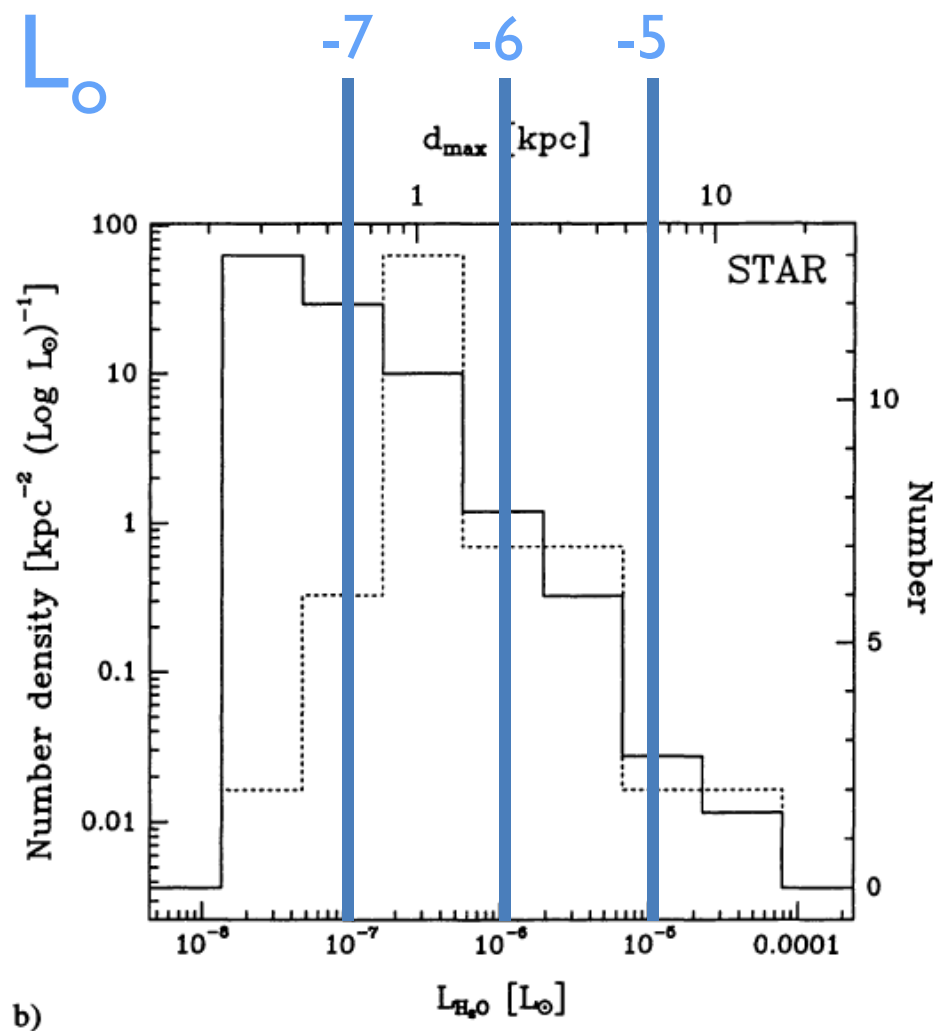
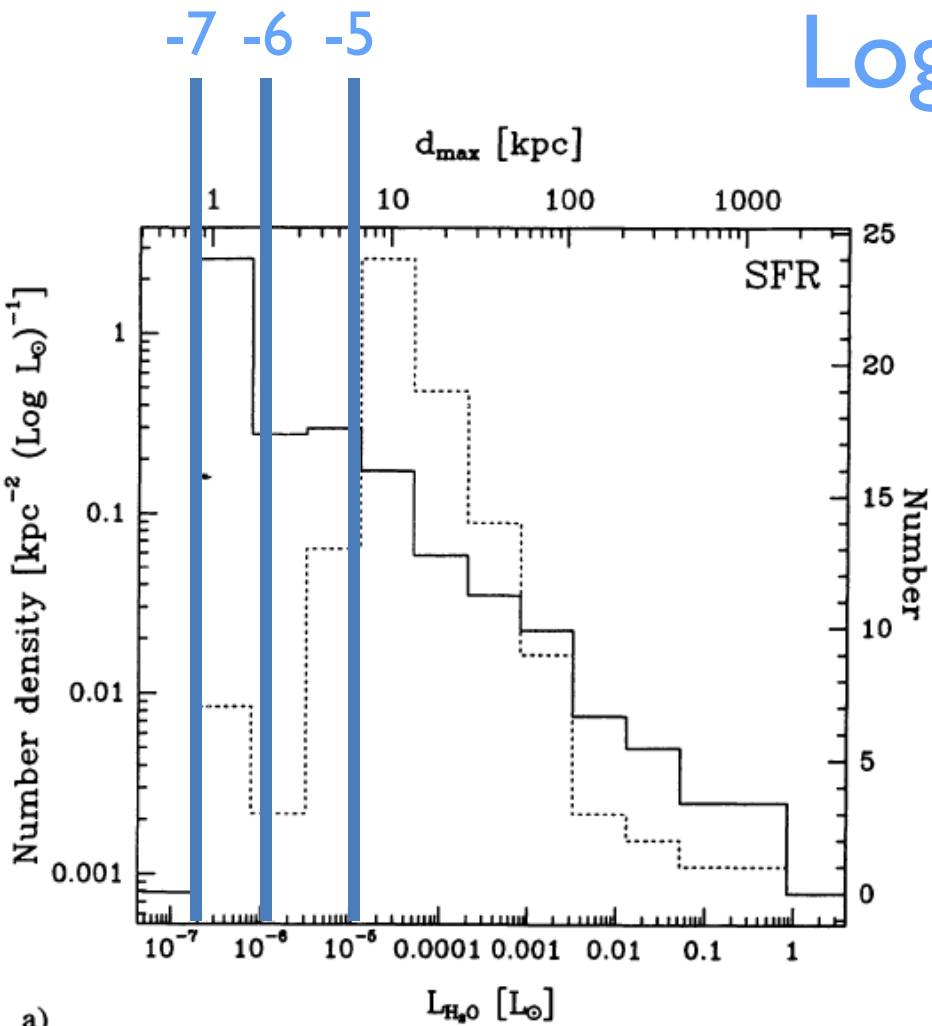




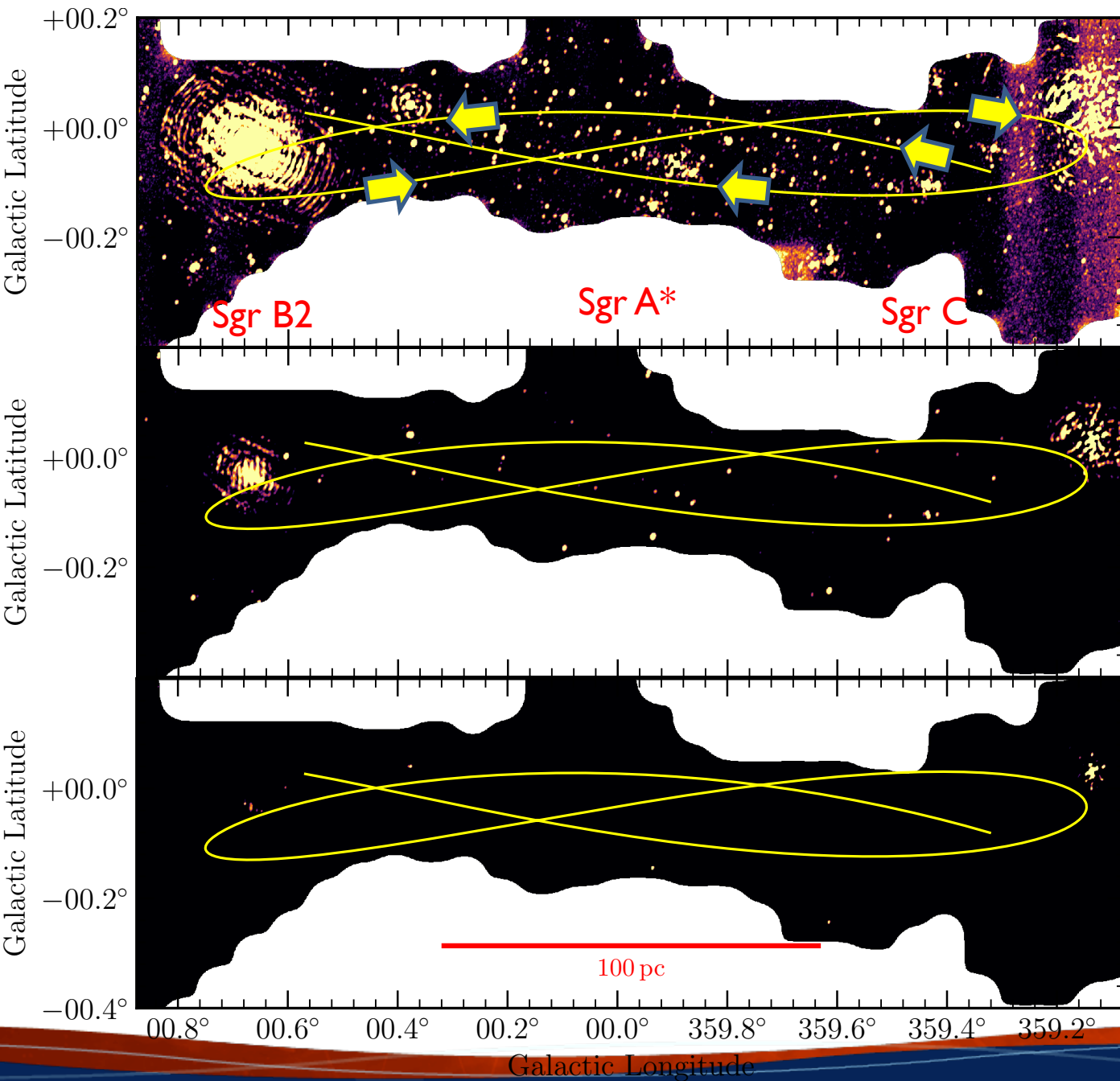
YSO

Log L_{\odot}

AGB



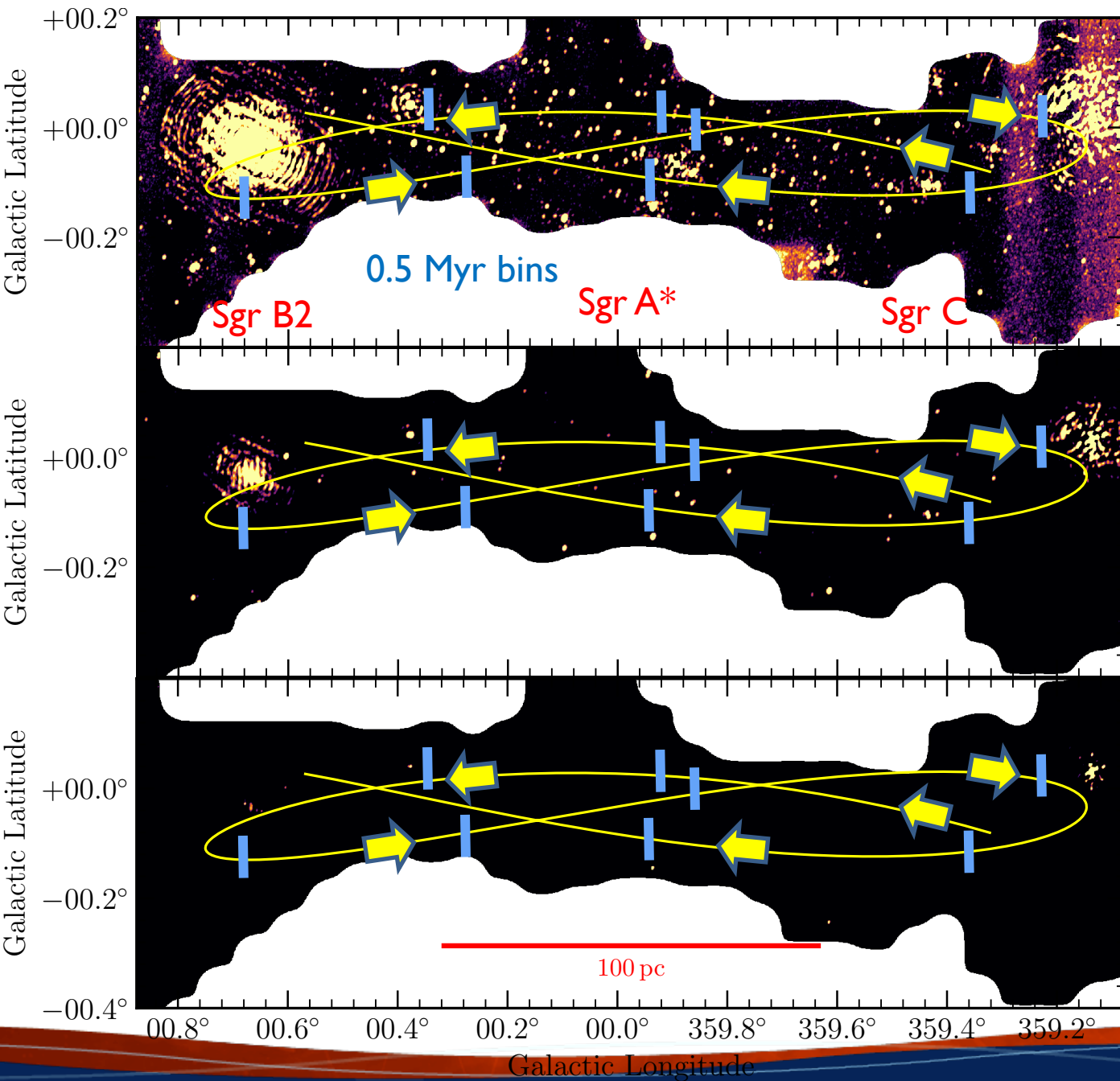
Palagi et al. (1993)



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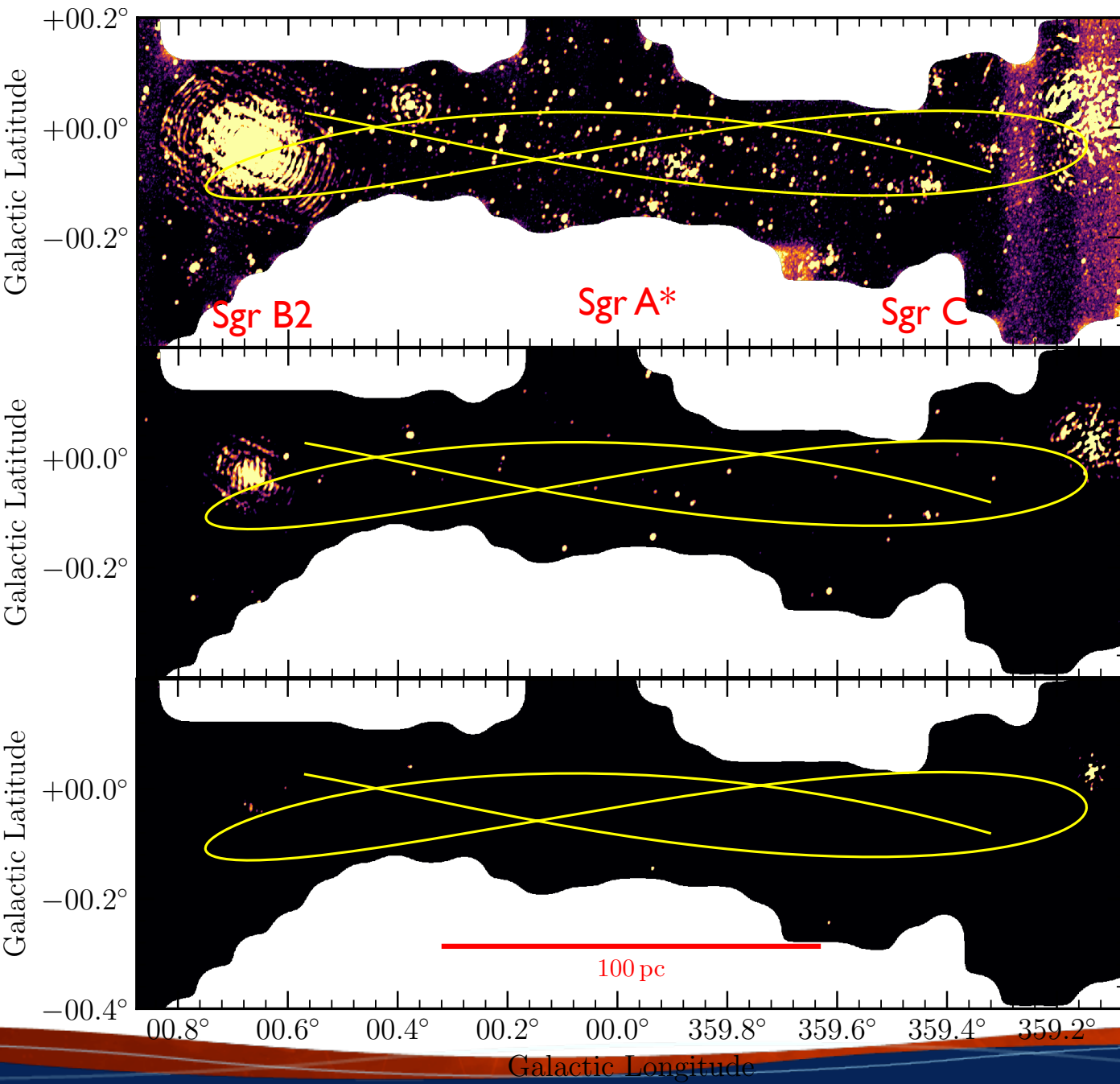
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Uniformity

Concentration

two v comp $\Delta v \sim 30 \text{ km/s}$

Single/multiple v comp

AGB

YSO

Summary

- We detect ~ 600 water masers in the CMZ ($5\sigma=50\text{mJy}$) > 1 order of magnitude more masers than previously known
- The low luminosity population is likely dominated by AGB stars
- Unlike the IR $24\mu\text{m}$ sources, water and methanol masers do not show an excess for negative G_{lon} (CH_3OH follows gas, H_2O centered on $G_{\text{lon}}=0$)
- Some YSO/SF masers (H_2O and methanol) can be identified along the streamers (higher luminosities)
- The SF sequence is not contradicted with weak masers near the brick, strong masers near cloud c, very strong masers in Sgr B2, other $\sim 10^{-6} L_{\odot}$ H_2O masers along the gas streamers
- The number of SF related tracers is low enough to be in agreement with other SF tracers which show a low SFR/gas mass ratio



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