

# Dust and structure in GCC fields





# How do stars form?

The formation of a star takes millions of years and results from a complex interplay of **gravitation**, **turbulence**, **thermal pressure**, **magnetic forces**, and **external triggering** (e.g. supernovae).

To understand this process, we need to study many sources at different stages of evolution.

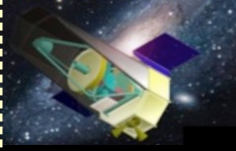
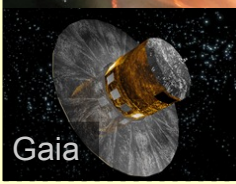
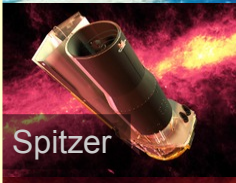
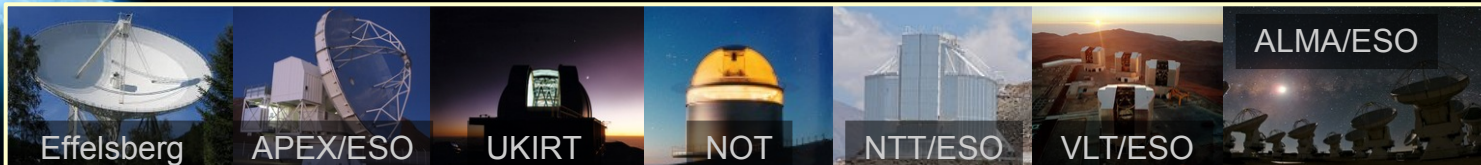
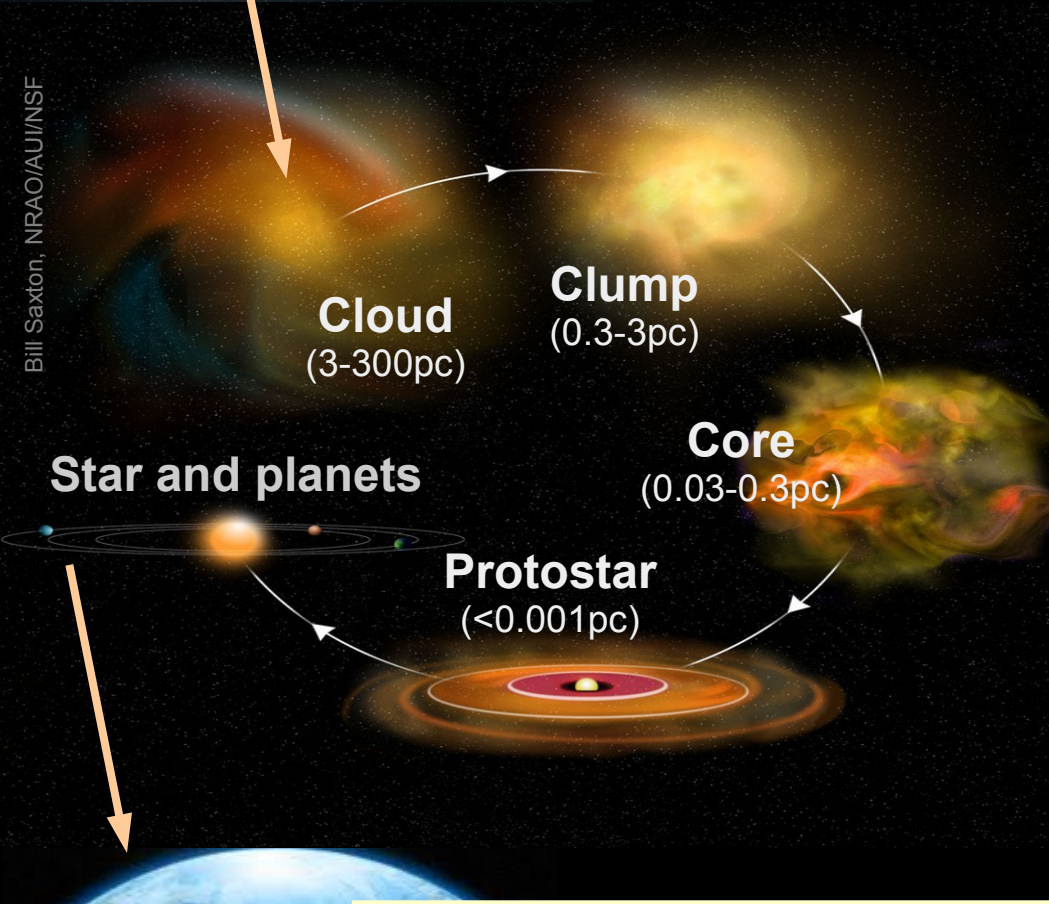
Structure of interstellar medium (ISM) is mapped with **observations of dust** (extinction, emission, scattering) **and gas** (radio emission lines), using the best instruments in the world.

Numerical **modelling** is developed and used to study clouds, clumps, and cores **as systems** with couplings between dynamics (MHD), radiative transfer, chemistry, dust properties, magnetic fields, and the heating and cooling processes.

**Chemistry and dust properties trace cloud evolution.** For example, the growth of dust particles is a continuous process from diffuse clouds to planets.



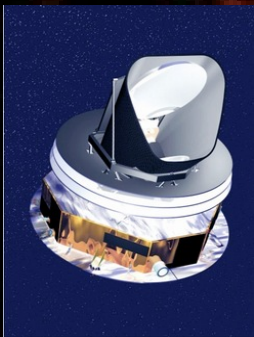
Galaxy  
(40 000pc)



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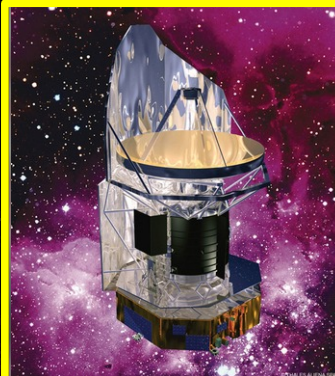




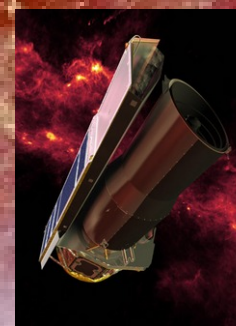
**Planck (350 $\mu$ m – 1cm)  
from diffuse medium to  
dense clouds and clumps**

- Planck project **Cold Cores**
  - coordinators **I. Ristorcelli** and M. Juvela
- Herschel key programme **Galactic Cold Cores**
  - PI **M. Juvela**

Other projects following from the Planck survey:  
Spitzer programme **Hunting coreshine** (R. Paladini)  
ESO public survey in molecular line (Ke Wang)  
JCMT/SCUBA-II legacy survey in continuum (Liu Tie)



**Herschel (100 – 500 $\mu$ m)  
from diffuse medium to  
dense clouds and cores**



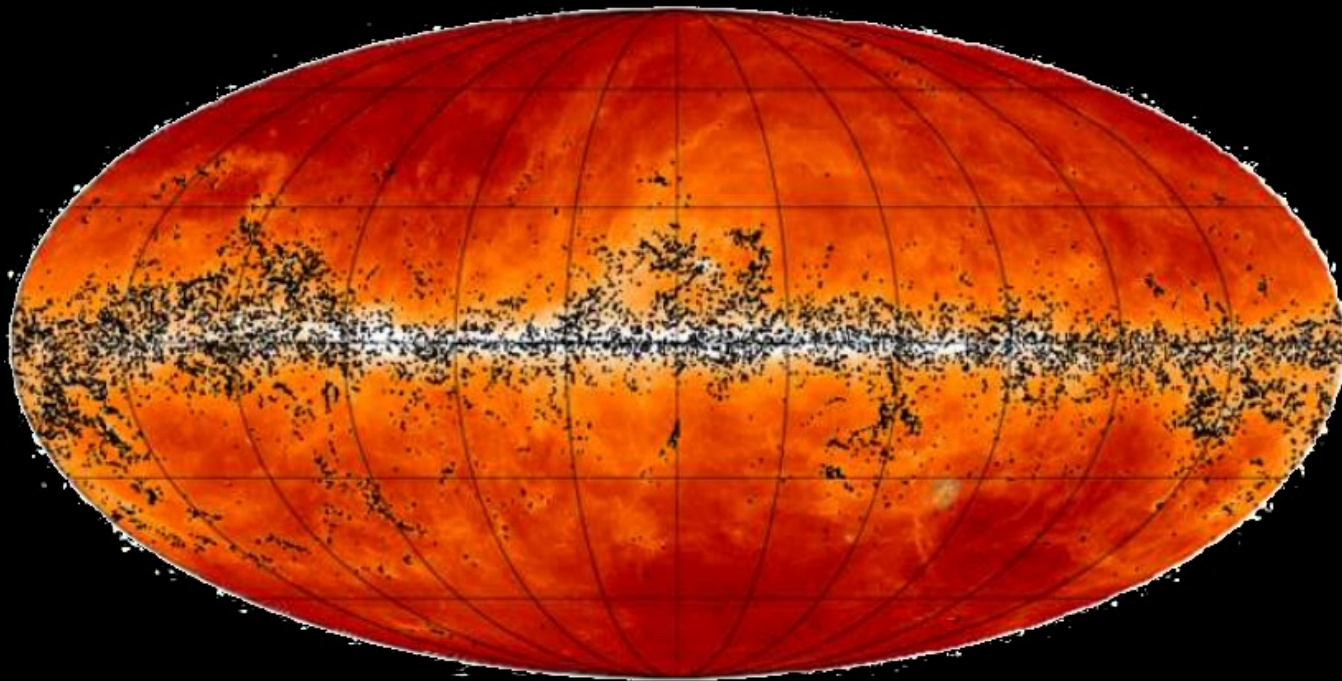
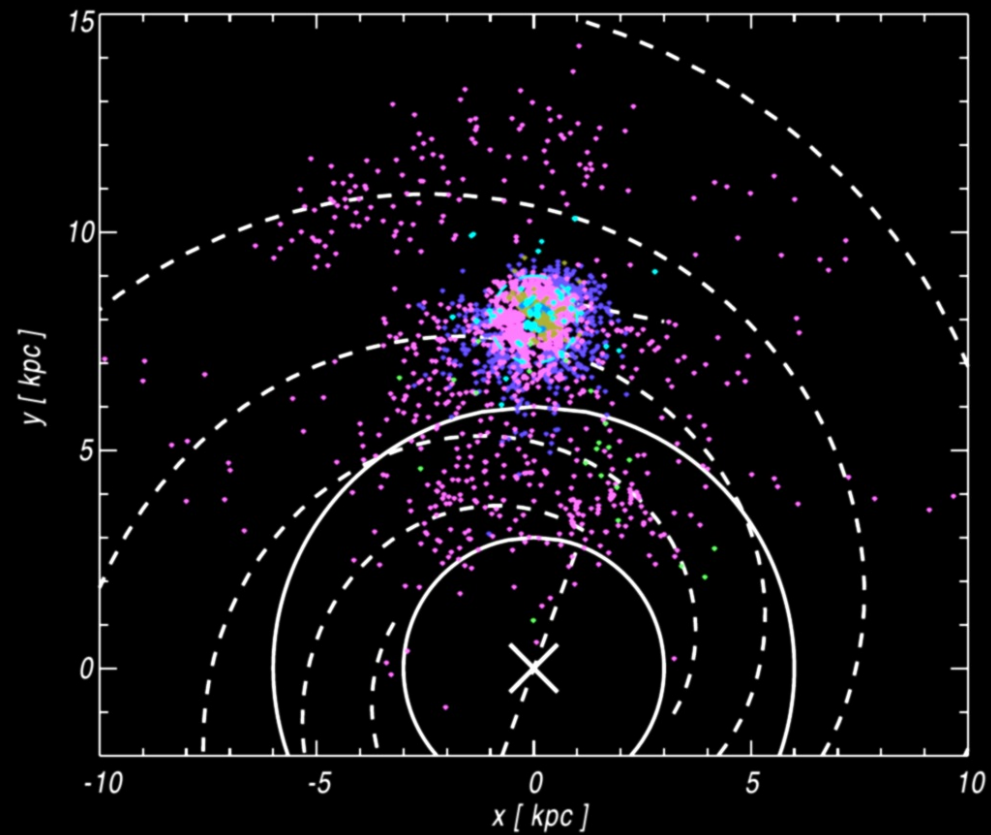
**Spitzer (3.6, 4.5 $\mu$ m)  
from clouds to cores**





# PGCC: Planck catalogue of Galactic Cold Clumps

- released Jan 2015
- Over 13 000 sources
- Distances from 100pc to 8kpc, Galactic heights up to  $\pm 400$ pc



## Planck Collaboration

Planck early results XXIII,  
A&A 536, A23 (2011)

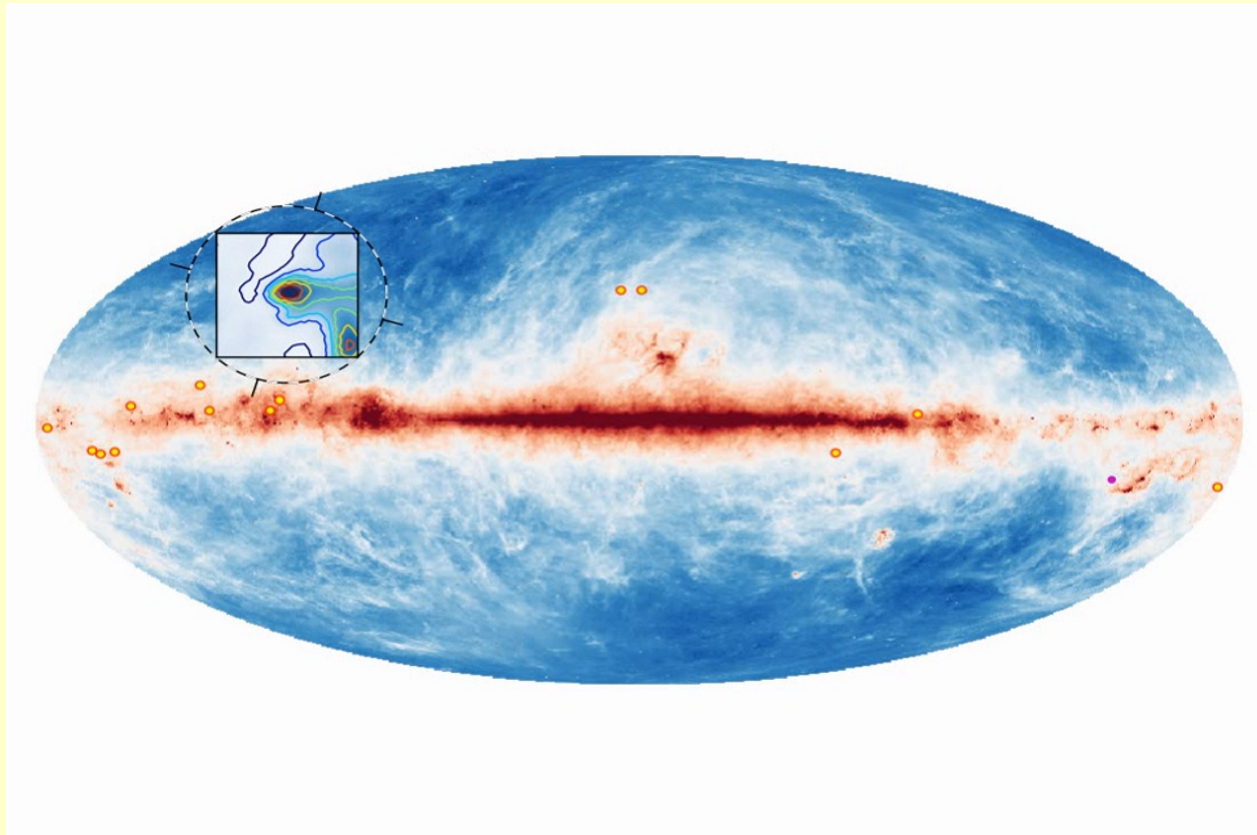
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The Planck Catalogue of  
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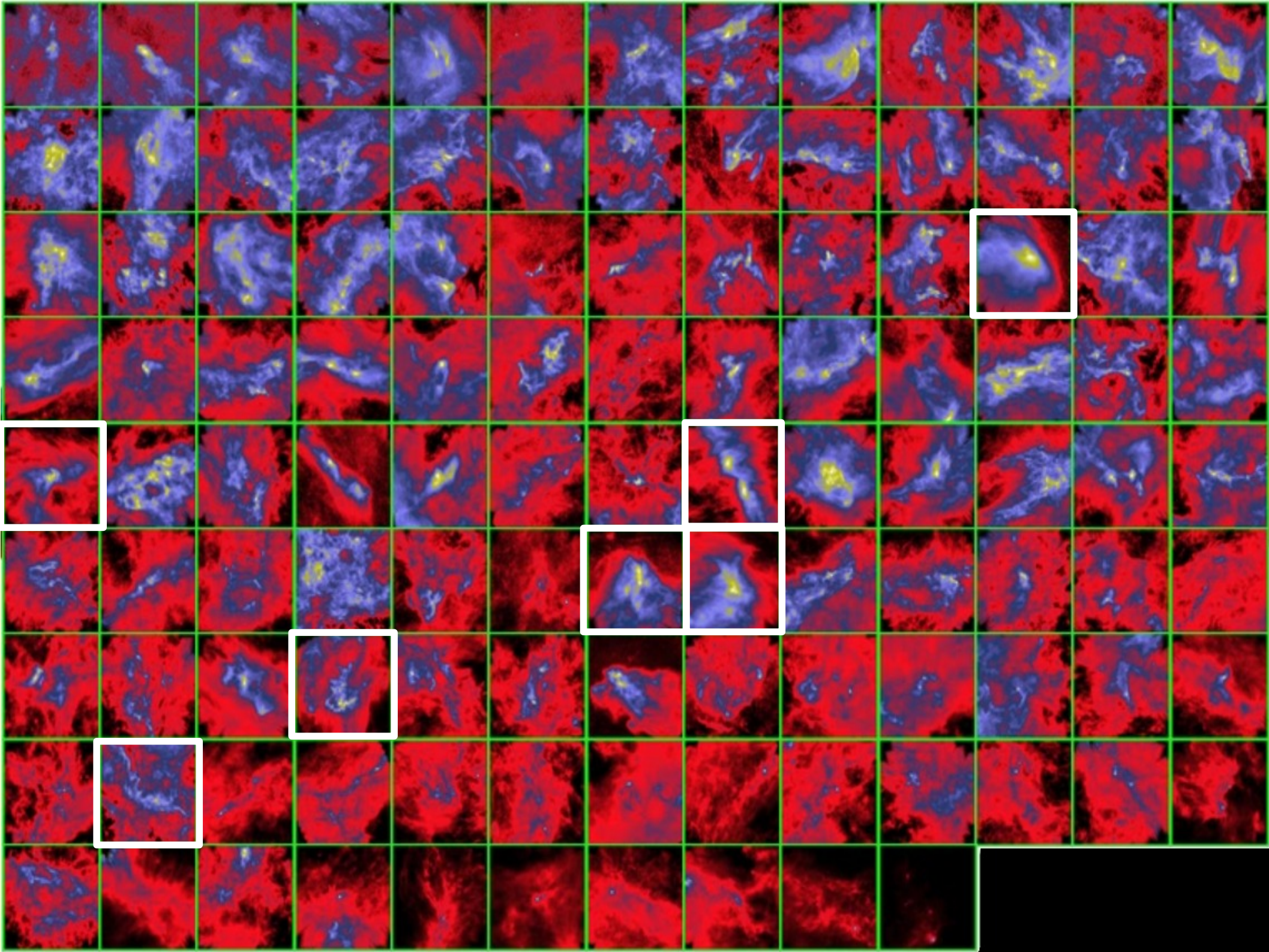
# PGCC follow-up with Herschel

## *Galactic Cold Cores*

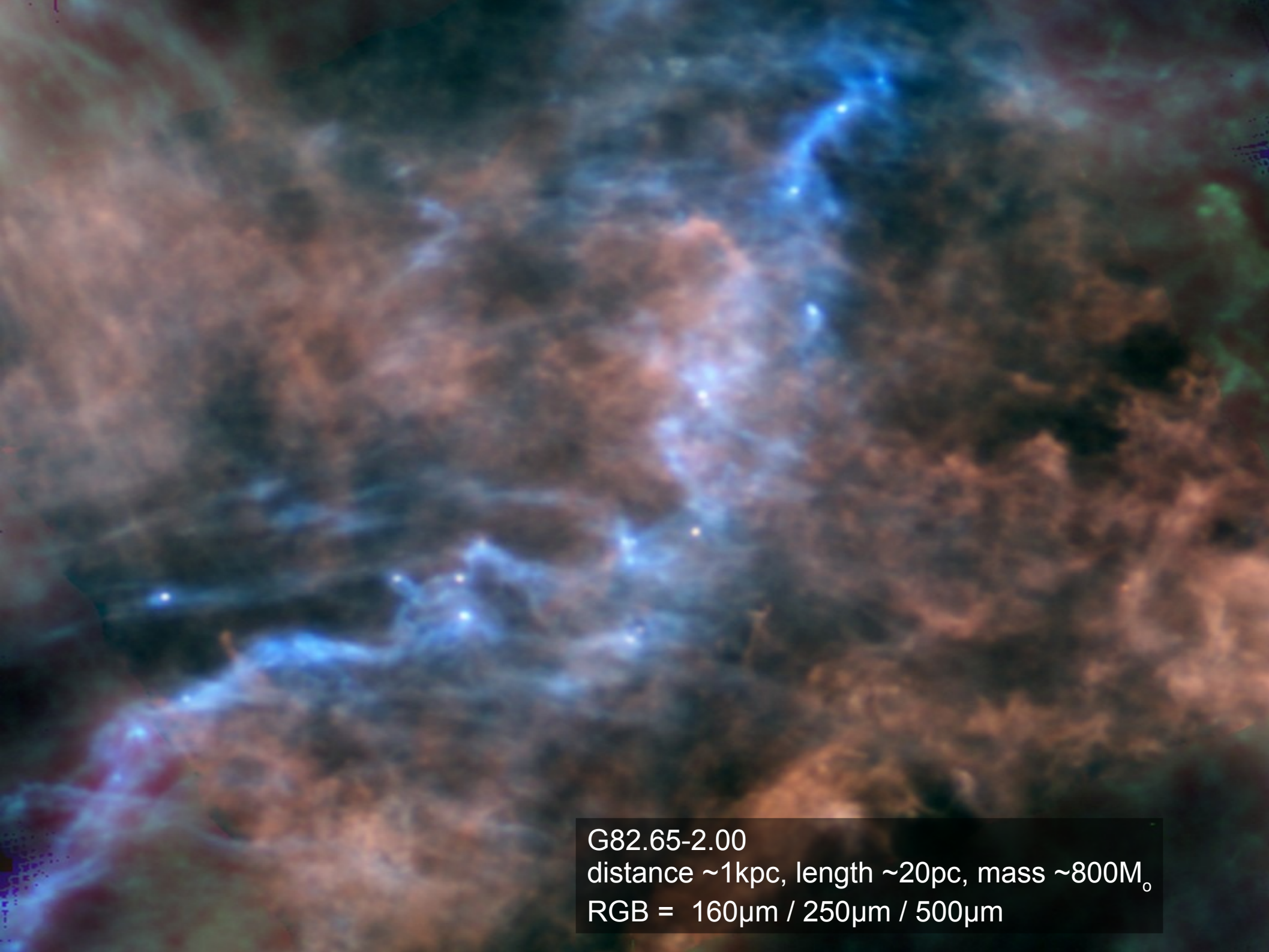
- Herschel open time key programme (151h)
- 116 fields,  $\sim 40'$  in size, covering  $\sim 400$  PGCC sources
- a **cross-section** of the full source population ( $T$ ,  $M$ ,  $n$ ,  $R$ ,  $l$ ,  $b$  etc.)











G82.65-2.00  
distance  $\sim 1$  kpc, length  $\sim 20$  pc, mass  $\sim 800 M_{\odot}$   
RGB =  $160 \mu\text{m}$  /  $250 \mu\text{m}$  /  $500 \mu\text{m}$



Galactic Cold Cores. IV:  
*Clumps, star formation*



Galactic Cold Cores. V:  
*Dust Opacity*

Galactic Cold Cores. VI:  
*Dust spectral index*

Galactic Cold Cores. VII-VIII:  
*Filaments* *accepted/submitted*

Galactic Cold Cores. IX:  
*High latitude clouds* *in prep.*

Galactic Cold Cores X:  
*Clump structure* *in prep.*

Juvela & Ysard 2012: *The effect of temperature mixing on the observable  $(T, \beta)$  -relation...*; Juvela & Ysard 2012: *The degeneracy between the dust colour temperature and the spectral index*; Malinen, Juvela, Collins, Lunttila, Padoan P 2011: *Accuracy of core mass estimates in simulated observations of dust emission*; Ysard, Juvela et al. 2012: *Modelling the dust emission from dense interstellar clouds*; ...

Juvela et al. 2011: *Galactic cold cores II*; Juvela, Malinen, Lunttila, 2012: *The profile of interstellar cloud filaments: Observational ...*; Malinen, Juvela, Rawlings 2012: *Profiling filaments: comparing NIR extinction and sub-millimetre data...*; Juvela et al. 2012: *Profiles of interstellar cloud filaments: Observational effects in...*

Malinen, Juvela, Zahorecz et al. 2014: *Multiwavelength study of the high-latitude cloud L1642: chain of star formation*; Malinen et al. 2016: *Dust polarisation...*

Juvela, Malinen, Lunttila 2012: *Estimation of high-resolution dust column density maps. Comparison of ...*; Lunttila & Juvela 2012: *Radiative transfer on hierarchical grids*; Juvela & Montillaud 2013: *Estimation of high-resolution dust column density maps. Empirical model ...*

# Dust Opacity

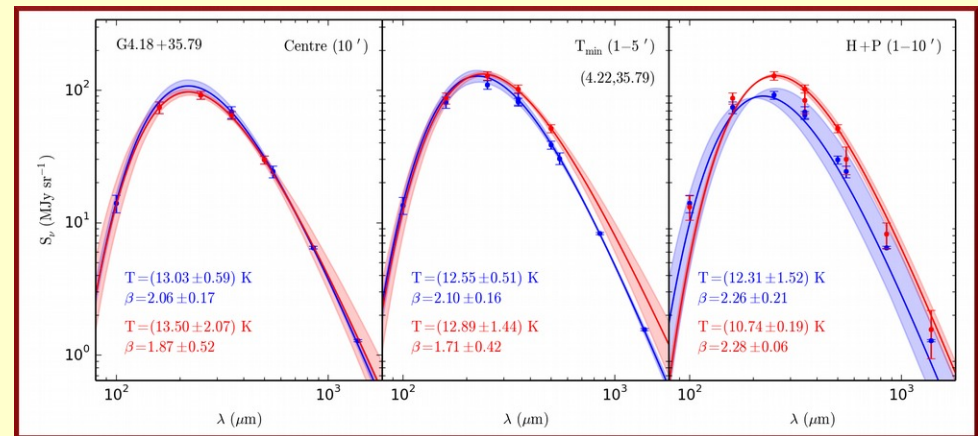
- what is the value of dust opacity
  - in practice, the ratio of submillimetre and near-infrared optical depths  $\tau(250\mu\text{m}) / \tau(\text{J})$
  - how does it differ from values in diffuse clouds
  - how does it vary between regions
  - how does it vary within a field

## Galactic cold cores V. Dust opacity ★ ★★

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$$\tau(250\mu\text{m}) = \frac{I_{\nu}(250\mu\text{m})}{B_{\nu}(T)}$$



## Dust optical depth $\tau(250\mu\text{m})$

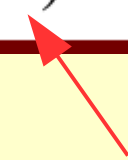
- modified black body fits 100-500 $\mu\text{m}$ , 250-500 $\mu\text{m}$ 
  - SPIRE provides larger area, more reliable data
  - shorter wavelengths (PACS) give better constraints of temperature; biased towards warmer dust
  - spectral index **fixed** to a value of  $\beta=2.0$ 
    - higher than values  $\sim 1.8$  found in diffuse medium
    - could be representative of dense clumps
    - $\sim 30\%$  effect on absolute (and relative)  $\kappa$  values



## Near-infrared optical depth $\tau_J$

- using the reddening of the background stars
  - **NICER**: combining J-H and H-K colour excesses
    - 2MASS survey: J, H, K bands (1.25-2.2 $\mu$ m)
    - a few fields covered by VISTA surveys
  - limited by the **number of stars**: 2'-3' resolution for nearby fields, nothing for the most distant ones!
  - depends on the shape of the extinction curve, which is relatively constant

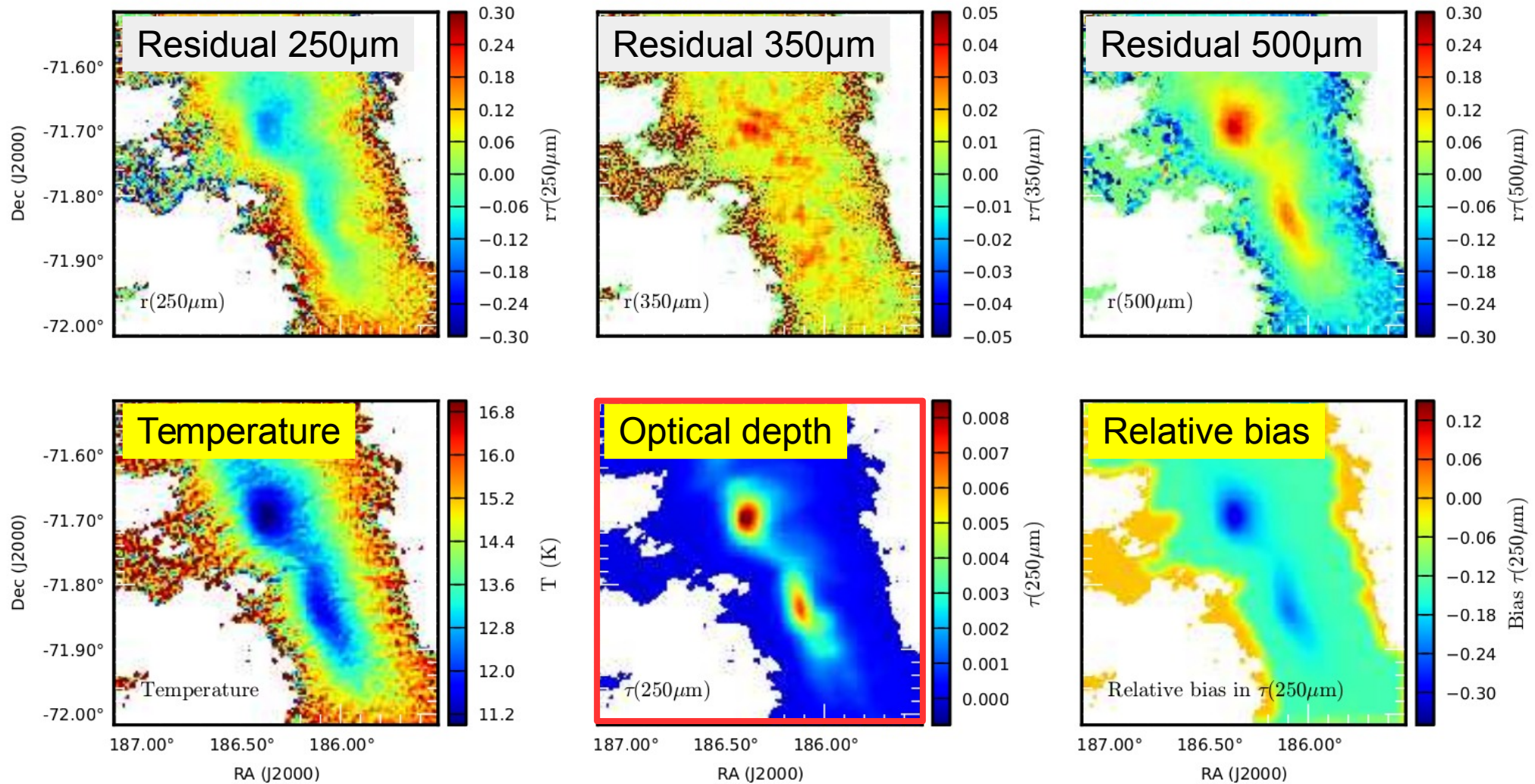
# Bias in $\tau(250\mu\text{m})$

$$\tau(250\mu\text{m}) = \frac{I_\nu(250\mu\text{m})}{B_\nu(T)}$$


- line-of-sight temperature variations
  - colour temperature > mass-averaged  $T$
  - $\tau$  underestimated
- corrections based on modelling
  - 3D cloud model matched to observations, Gaussian density profile along the line-of-sight
  - analyse synthetic maps, compare to the model column density → **estimated fractional correction**
- uncertainties
  - radiation field anisotropy
  - line-of-sight density structure
  - ratio between submm and optical dust opacity



# Musca filament

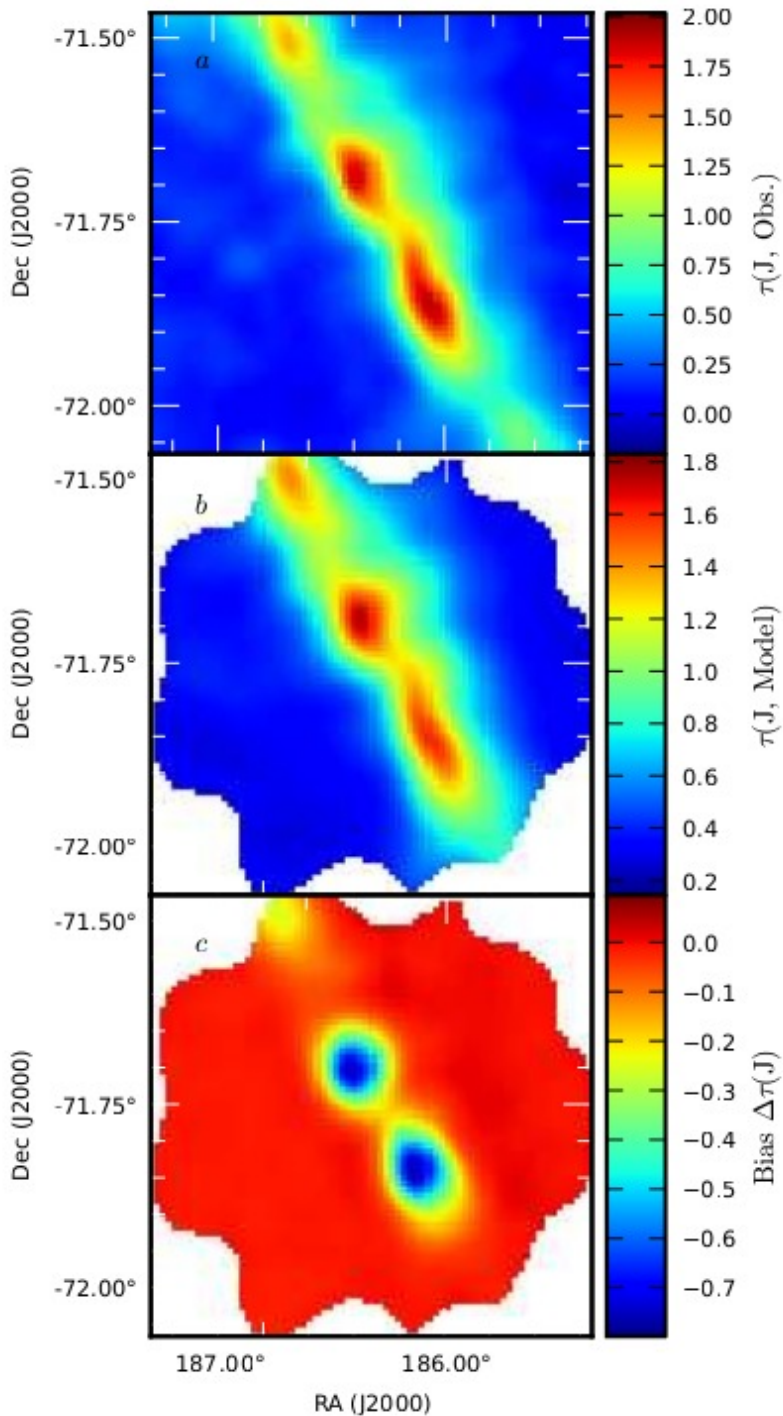


Upper row: residuals in fits to three SPIRE bands  
Lower row: model  $T_c$ , optical depth, **relative bias**

# Bias in $\tau(J)$

- *two* problems
  - **stellar density** decreases with column density  
→  $\tau$  biased towards lower values
    - depends more on gradients than absolute value of extinction
  - distant fields contamination by **foreground stars**
- correction again based on simulations
  - $\tau$  map from Hershel data (18") → simulate different realisations of background stars
  - number of foreground stars deduced based on **Besancon** model
  - other statistics (intrinsic stellar colours etc.) derived from a reference region
  - comparison of inputs and outputs  
→ **estimated fractional corrections**



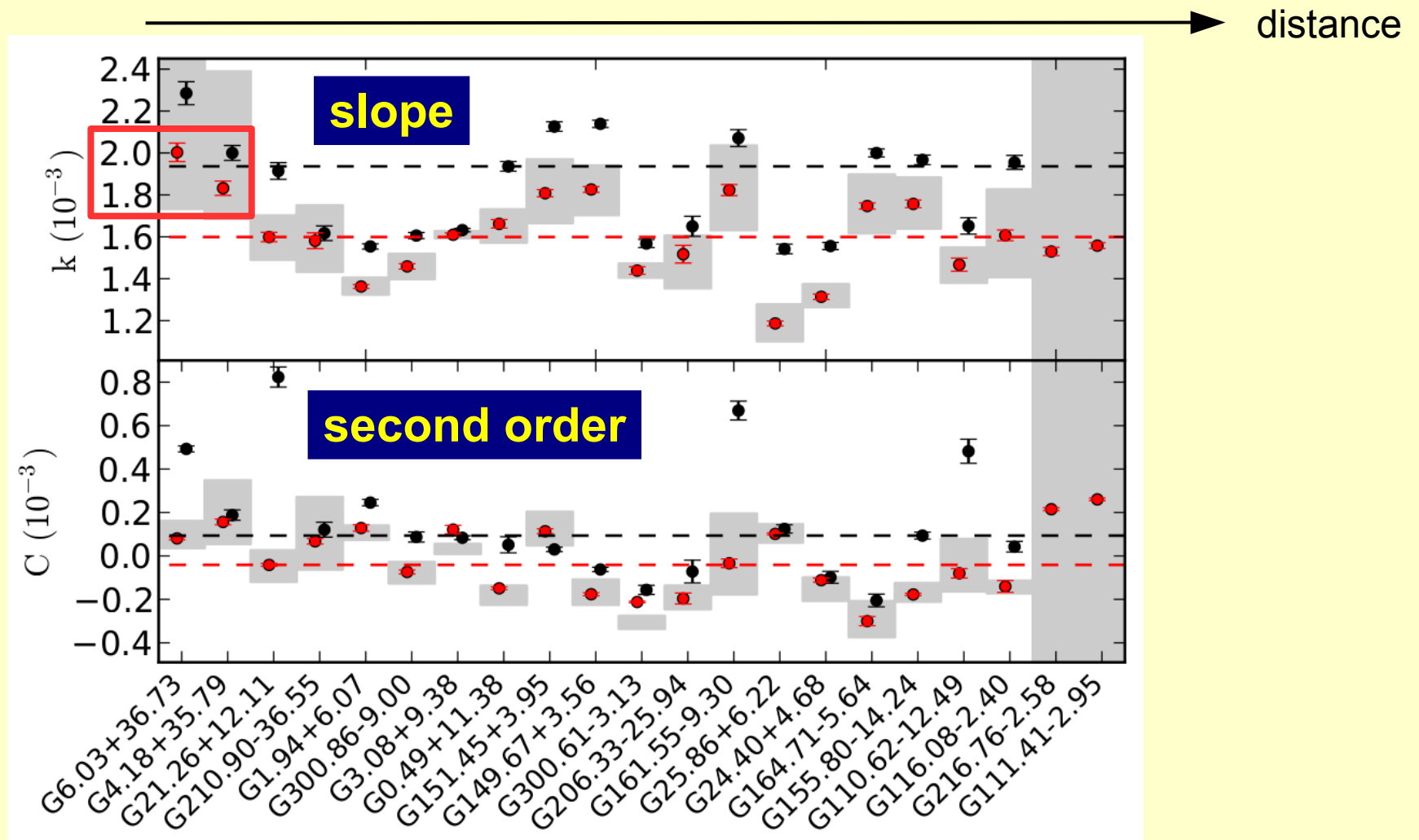


Model of NIR **optical depth**  
(from Herschel)

Simulated **NICER** map  
(average of 100 realisations)

Estimate of absolute **bias** =  
 $\langle \text{simulations} \rangle - \text{input } \tau$

Based on the uncertainty of  $k$ , only the **21 most reliable selected** out of the original sample of 116 fields

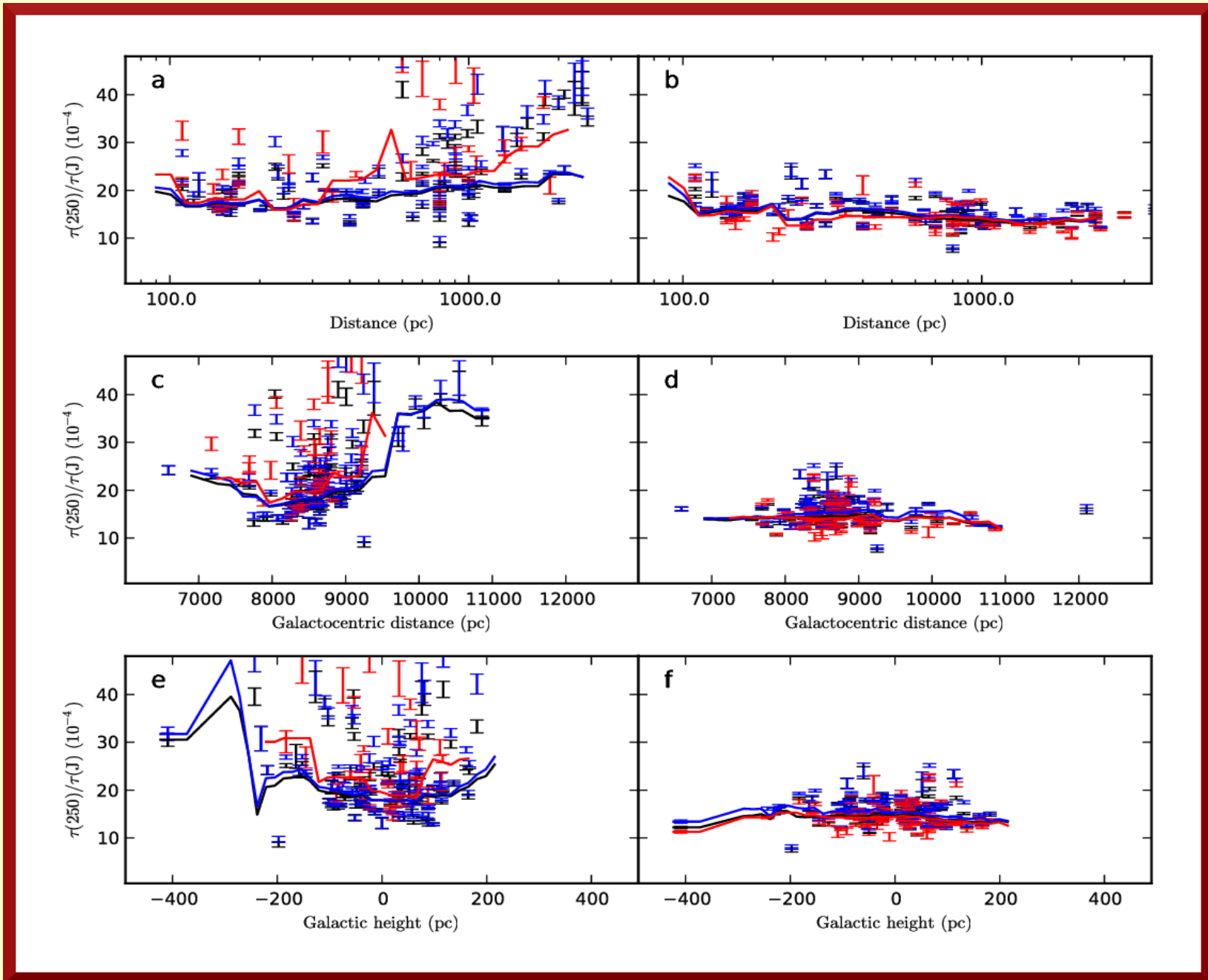


Gray bands = uncertainty of the distance !



**Before** bias corrections

**After** the corrections



# Summary

- We find for dense clumps a median ratio of  $\tau(250\mu\text{m})/\tau(\text{J}) = (1.6 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$ ,  
**2-3 times the typical value in diffuse medium**
- A few fields have  $\tau(250\mu\text{m})/\tau(\text{J})$  up to  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-3}$
- No clear dependence on Galactic location
- **Further increase possible beyond  $\tau(\text{J}) \sim 5$** 
  - large systematic errors make estimation unreliable

*Results.* We find a median ratio of  $\tau(250\mu\text{m})/\tau_J = (1.6 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$ , which is about twice as high as the values reported for diffuse medium. No significant systematic variation is detected with Galactocentric distance or with Galactic height. The small decrease as the function of cloud distance can be attributed to selection effects or remaining bias in the  $\tau_J$  values. The ratio  $\tau(250\mu\text{m})/\tau_J$  increases above  $\tau_J \sim 5$  but is sensitive to the applied bias corrections. Examination of the maps of  $\tau(250\mu\text{m})/\tau_J$  reveals a handful of fields with clear signs of local increase of submillimetre opacity, up to  $\tau(250\mu\text{m})/\tau_J \sim 4 \times 10^{-3}$ . These are all nearby, spatially resolved clumps with high column density.





Galactic Cold Cores VI:  
*Dust spectral index*

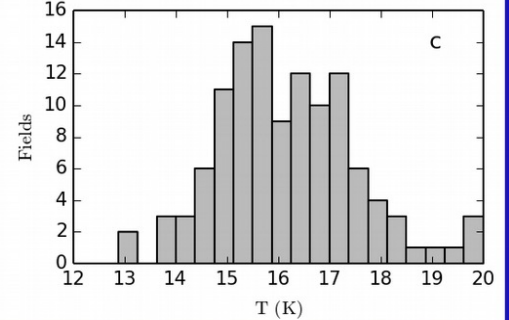
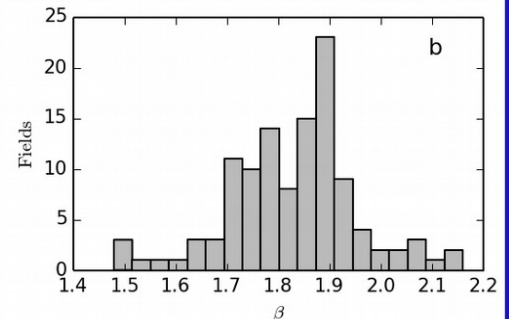
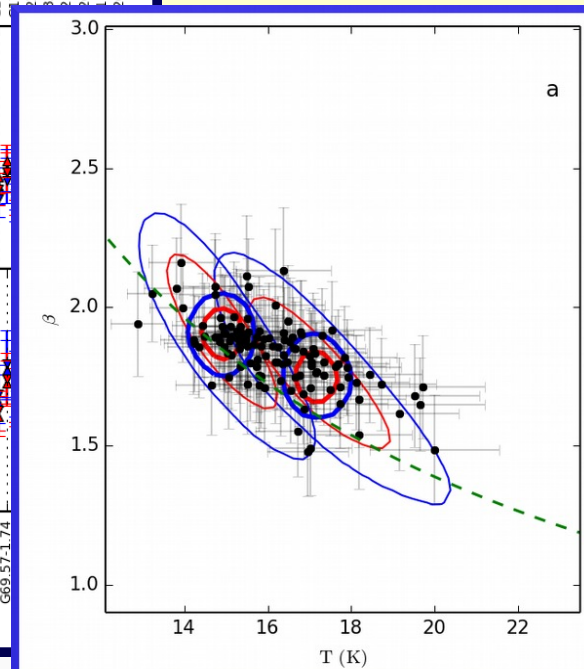
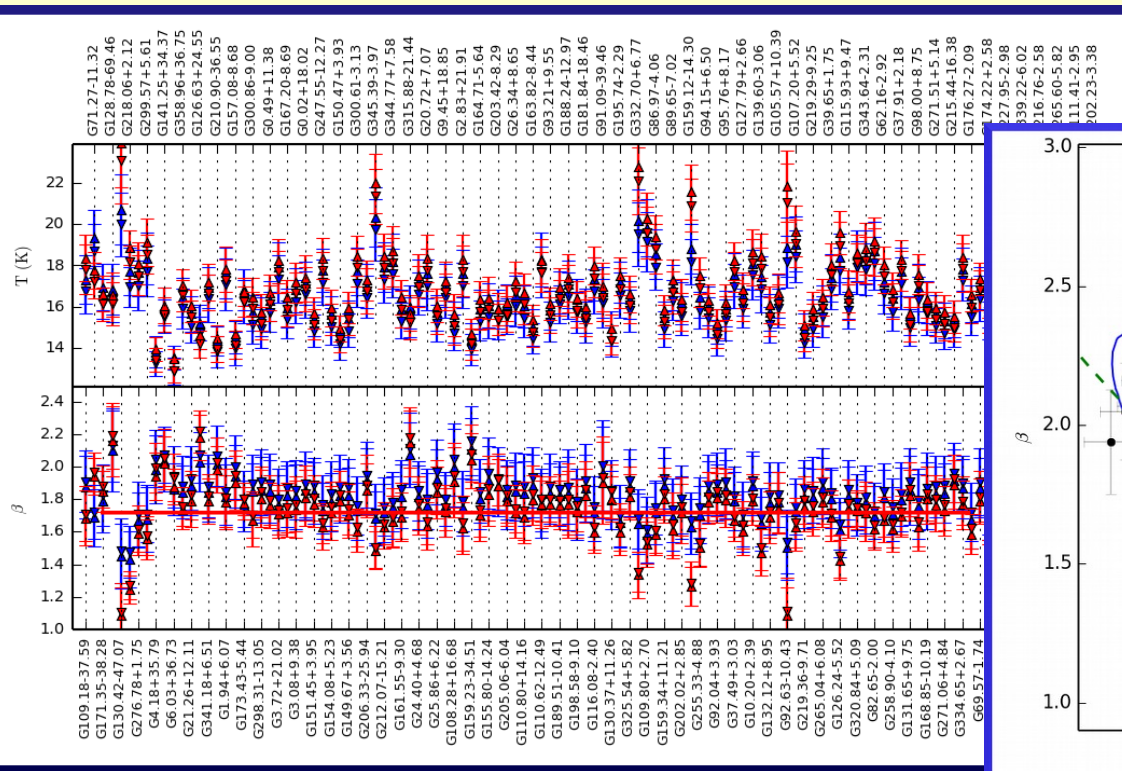
# GCC sample

- **160, 250, 350, and 500** $\mu\text{m}$  **Herschel**
  - 100 $\mu\text{m}$  ignored because of **Very Small Grain** emission
- Planck data 857GHz – 217 GHz
- IRAS (IRIS) 100 $\mu\text{m}$  data
  
- strategy
  - measure  $\beta$  with Planck + IRIS
  - measure  $\beta$  with Herschel
  - measure  $\beta$  with Herschel + Planck



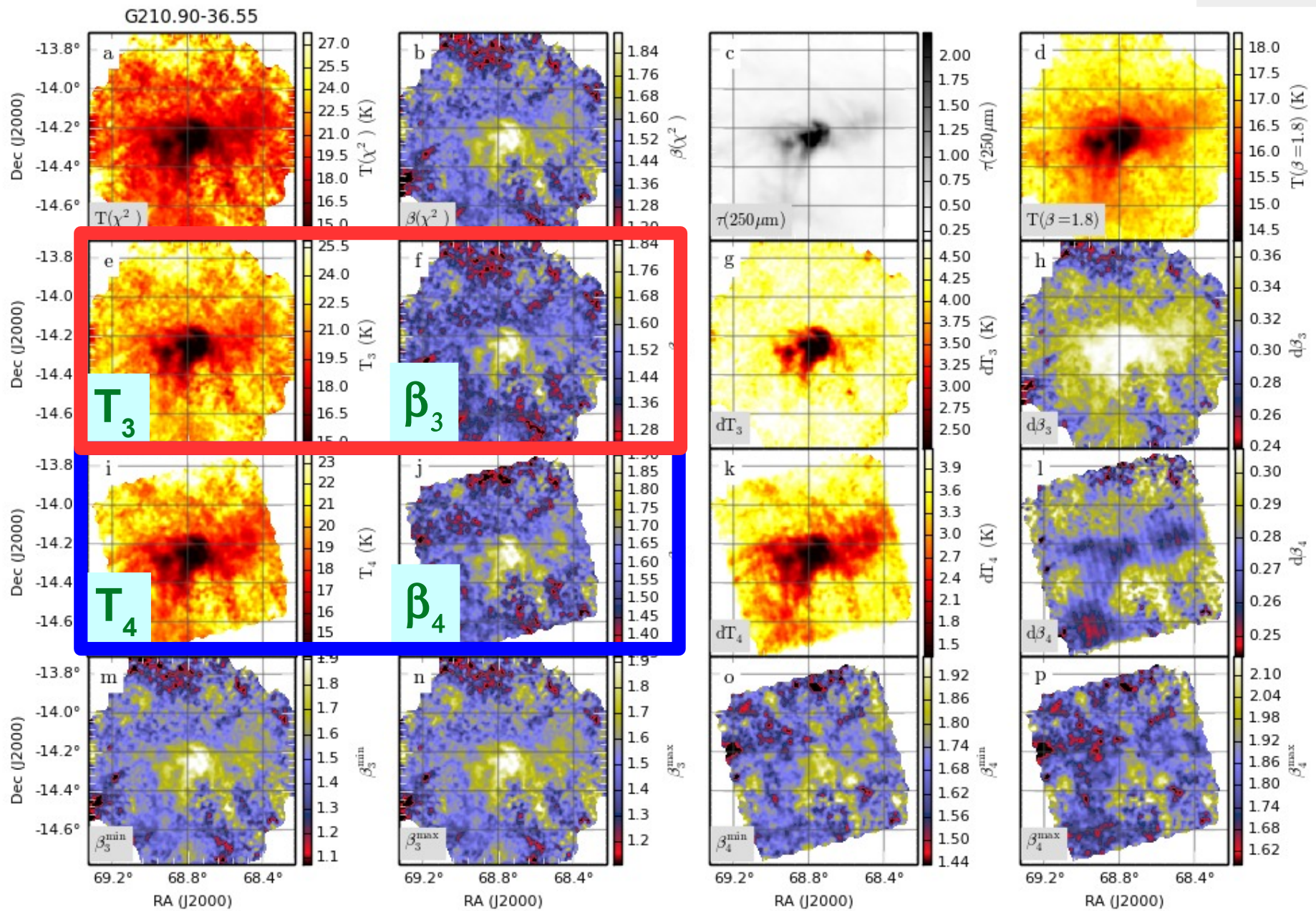
# • IRAS 100 $\mu\text{m}$ + Planck 857GHz-217GHz

- IRAS 100 $\mu\text{m}$  (IRIS) corrected for **VSG** contribution using the predictions of DustEM model (Compiègne et al. 2011)
- 353GHz and 217GHz corrected for **CO** emission using Planck Type 3 CO map and line ratios 0.3 and 0.5
- 217GHz corrected for **non-thermal** emission using the results of component separation (Planck 2013, XII)
- **field averages** (all the fields!):



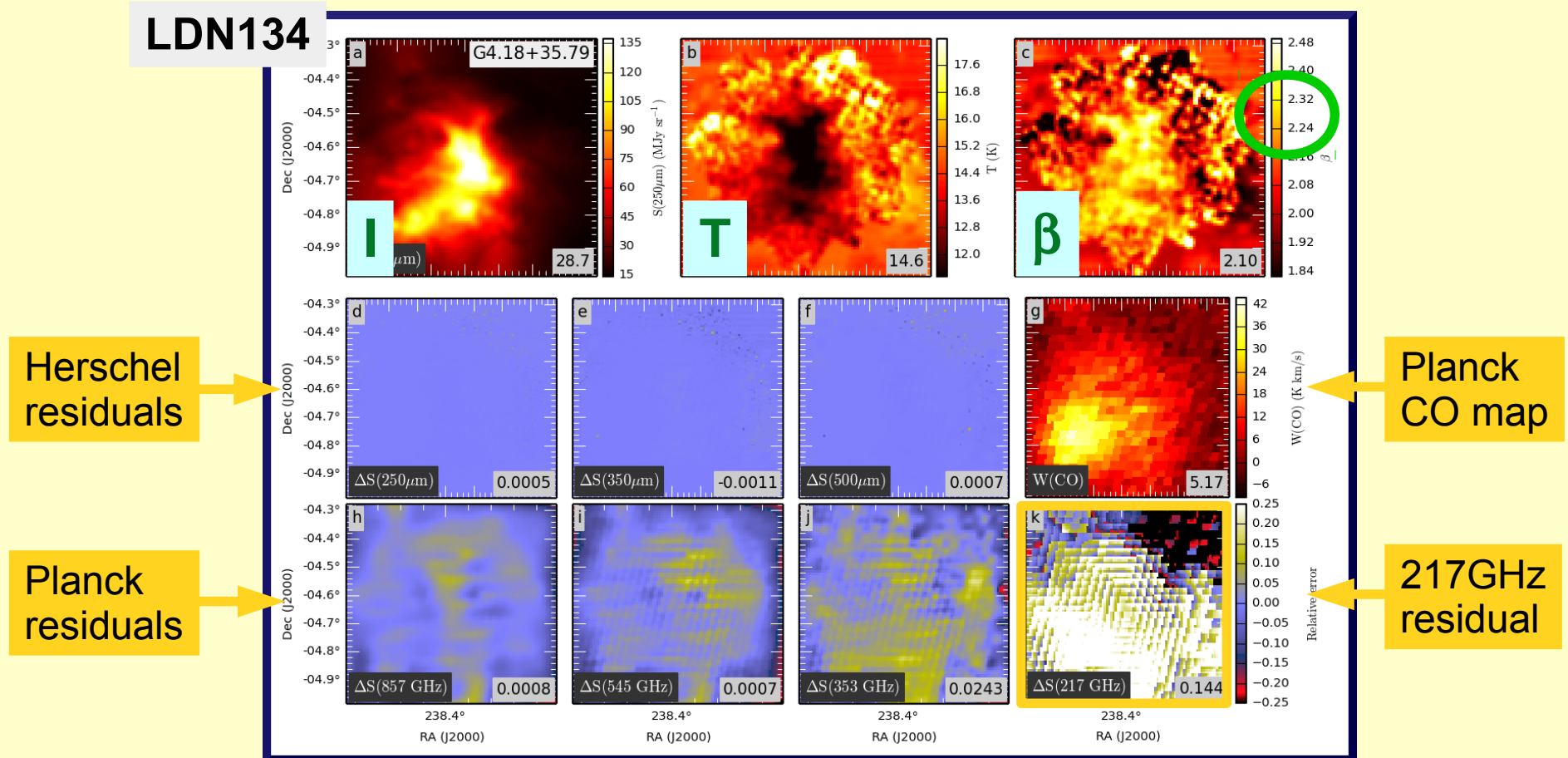
# Herschel fits: 250 – 500 $\mu$ m, 160 – 500 $\mu$ m, zero point uncertainties...

LDN1642





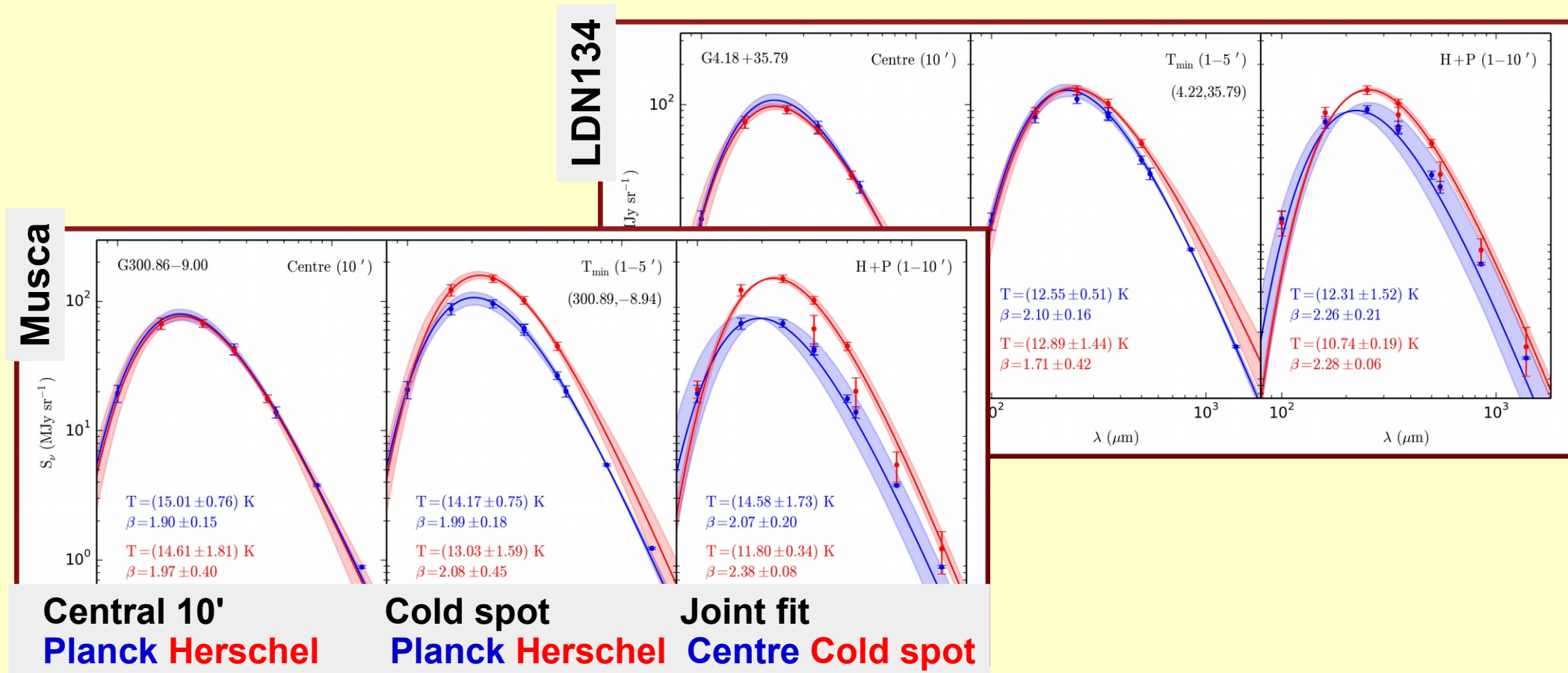
- Herschel (250-500 $\mu\text{m}$ ) + Planck (350 $\mu\text{m}$ -1.4mm) **joint fits**
  - model ( $I_{\nu}$ ,  $T$ ,  $\beta$ ) defined on 28" pixels
    - fit Herschel at 38" resolution
    - simultaneous constraints from Planck at 5.0' resolution





# Summary

- $\beta \sim 1.8$  or even above 2.0, higher than molecular cloud averages
- $T - \beta$  **anti-correlation** and 217GHz **excess** confirmed
  - cf “500 $\mu\text{m}$  excess” (Paradis et al. 2012 / Hi-GAL) and the wavelength dependence seen in Planck (2014) XVI:  $\beta_{\text{mm}} - \beta_{\text{FIR}} = -0.15$ 
    - note: Planck allsky averages have changed following recalibration Planck (2014) XXXI:  $\langle \beta_{\text{FIR}} \rangle = 1.84 \rightarrow 1.59$  (100 $\mu\text{m}$ -353GHz)

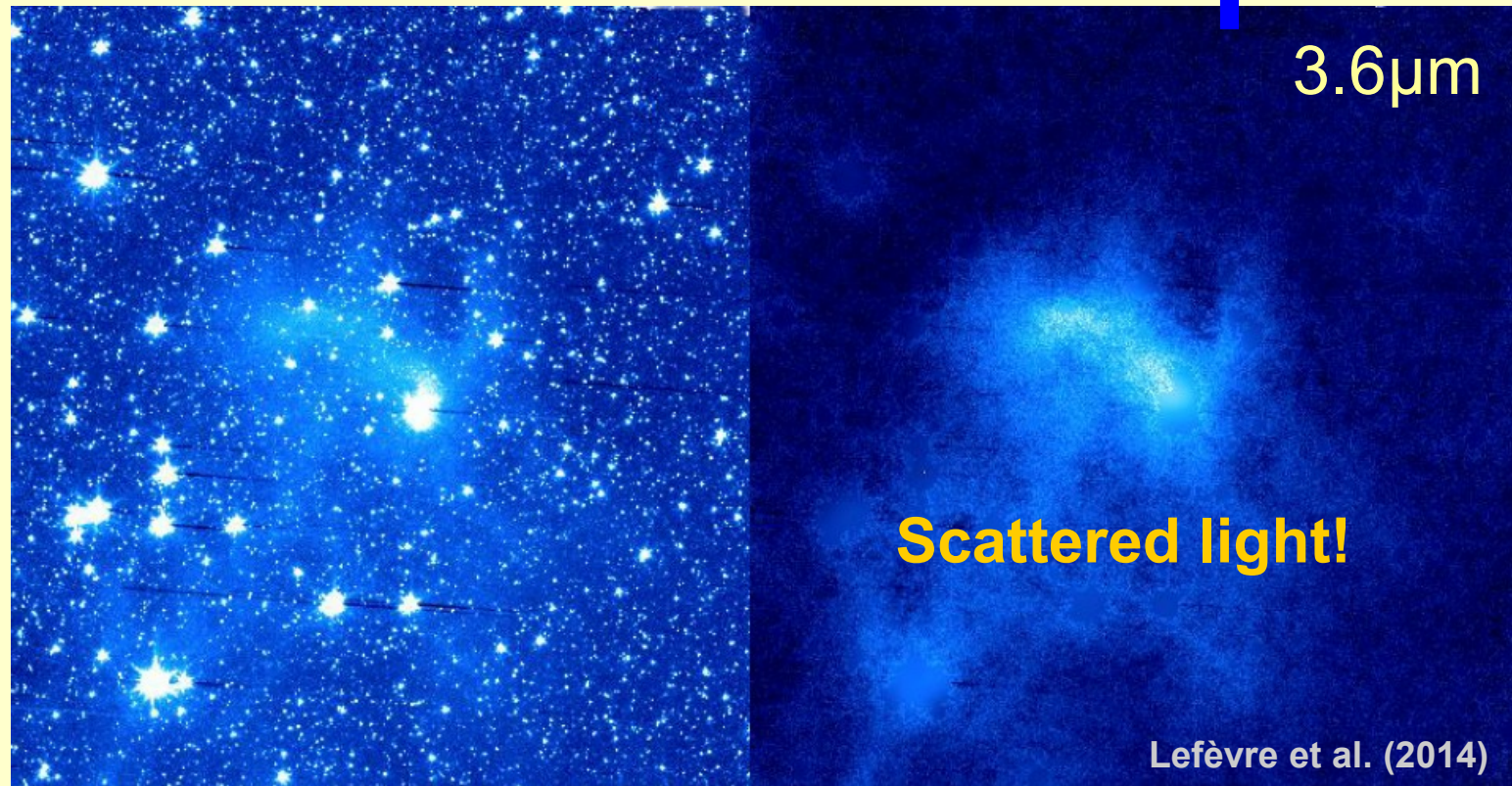
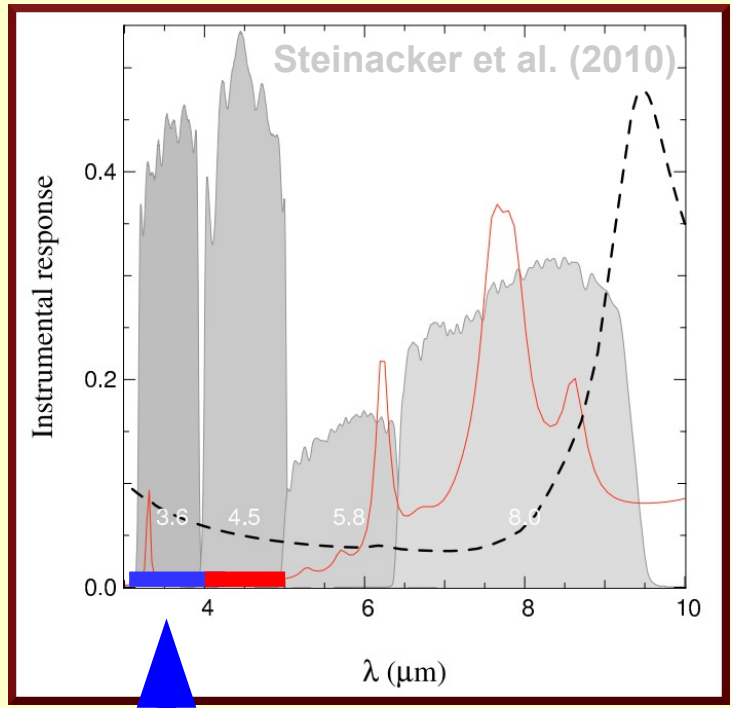


Other PGCC / Cold Cores studies ...

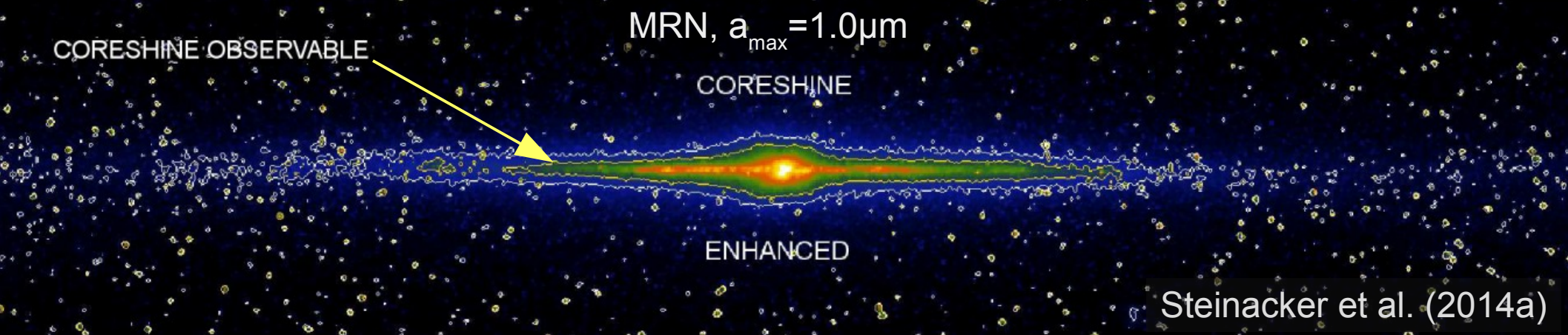
# Spitzer programme **Hunting coreshine**

PI **R. Paladini**: 90 clumps/cores from **ECC**

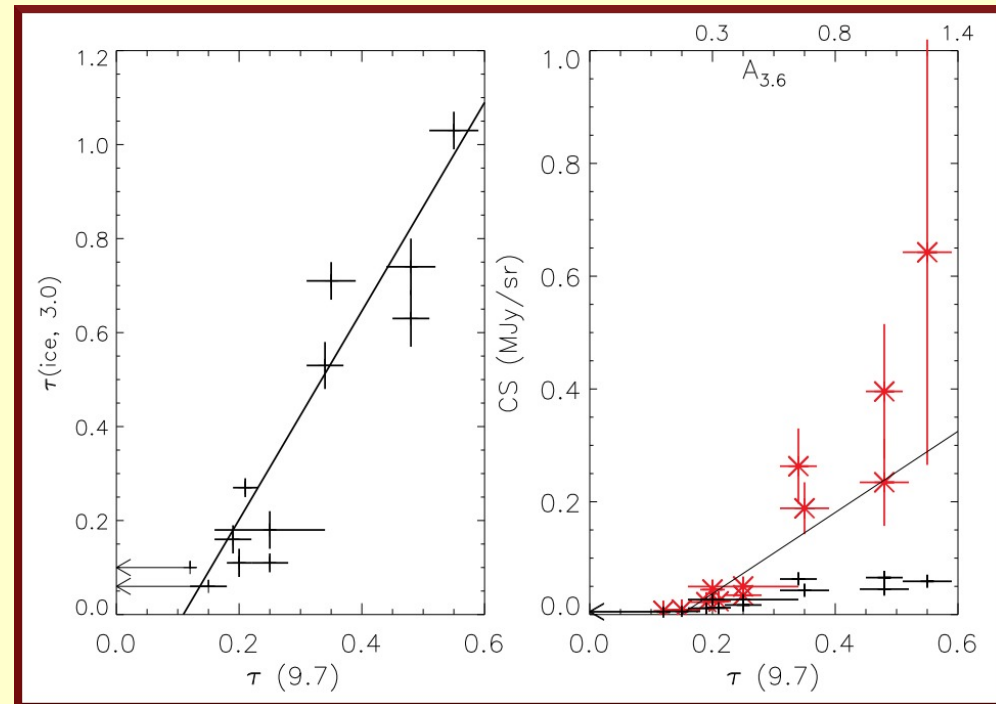
- largest galactic program in cycle 8
  - 165.5 h, sensitivity 3× previous Spitzer, 10× WISE
- cycle 9 further 42.5 hours (– June 2013)
- <0.008 MJy/sr in 3.6μm and 4.5μm







- Taurus LDN1506C: up to  $\sim 0.65\mu\text{m}$  grains, challenging for the time scales of grain growth (Steinacker 2014b; Ysard et al. 2013)
- LDN260:  $a_{\text{max}} = 1.0\mu\text{m}$ ,  $dn/da \sim a^{-3.65}$ ,  $1.7 \chi$  (Andersen et al. 2013)
- Lupus IV: similar thresholds for coreshine and **water ice** ( $\tau_{9.7\mu\text{m}} > 0.15$ )
  - ice mantles have a strong effect on albedo (Andersen et al. 2014)
- **Saajasto et al. (in prep.)**

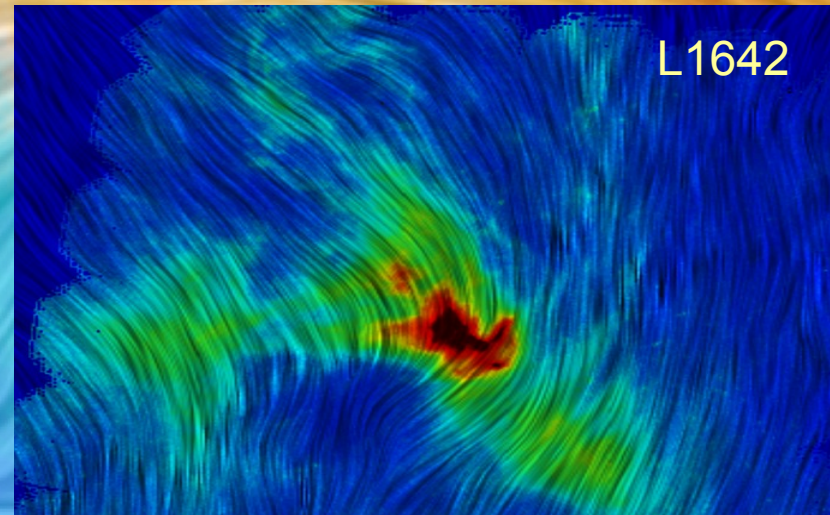
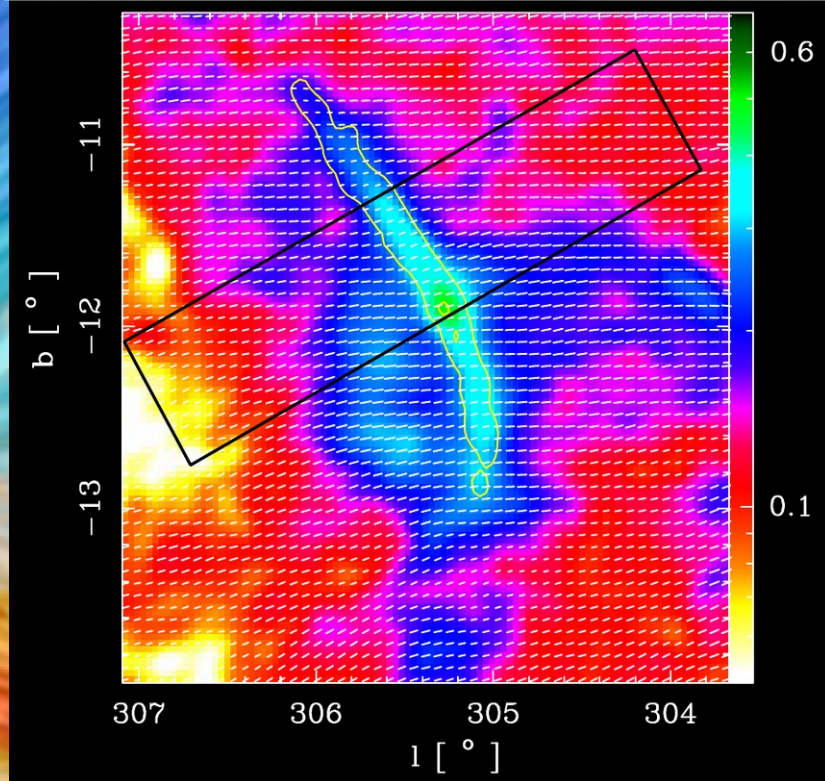




# Planck: polarisation

- sub-mm dust **polarisation**
  - grains aligned in the B field
  - maps of field geometry, even field strength
- first Planck papers: large scales, down to individual cloud filaments
- work **on PGCC**
  - stacking analysis, density vs. magnetic field structure

Planck intermediate results. XXXV (2015)



Malinen et al. (2016)

# GCC-X: Clump structure

- work in progress
  - density structure of individual clumps
    - radial **profile** and 2D shape: **elongation**, **orientation**
    - use modelling to evaluate the uncertainties from radiative transfer effects and dust properties
    - use model density distribution to estimate **stability**?
  - compare clump orientation to general **field anisotropy** at different scales
    - use *template matching* to identify elongated structures at different scales



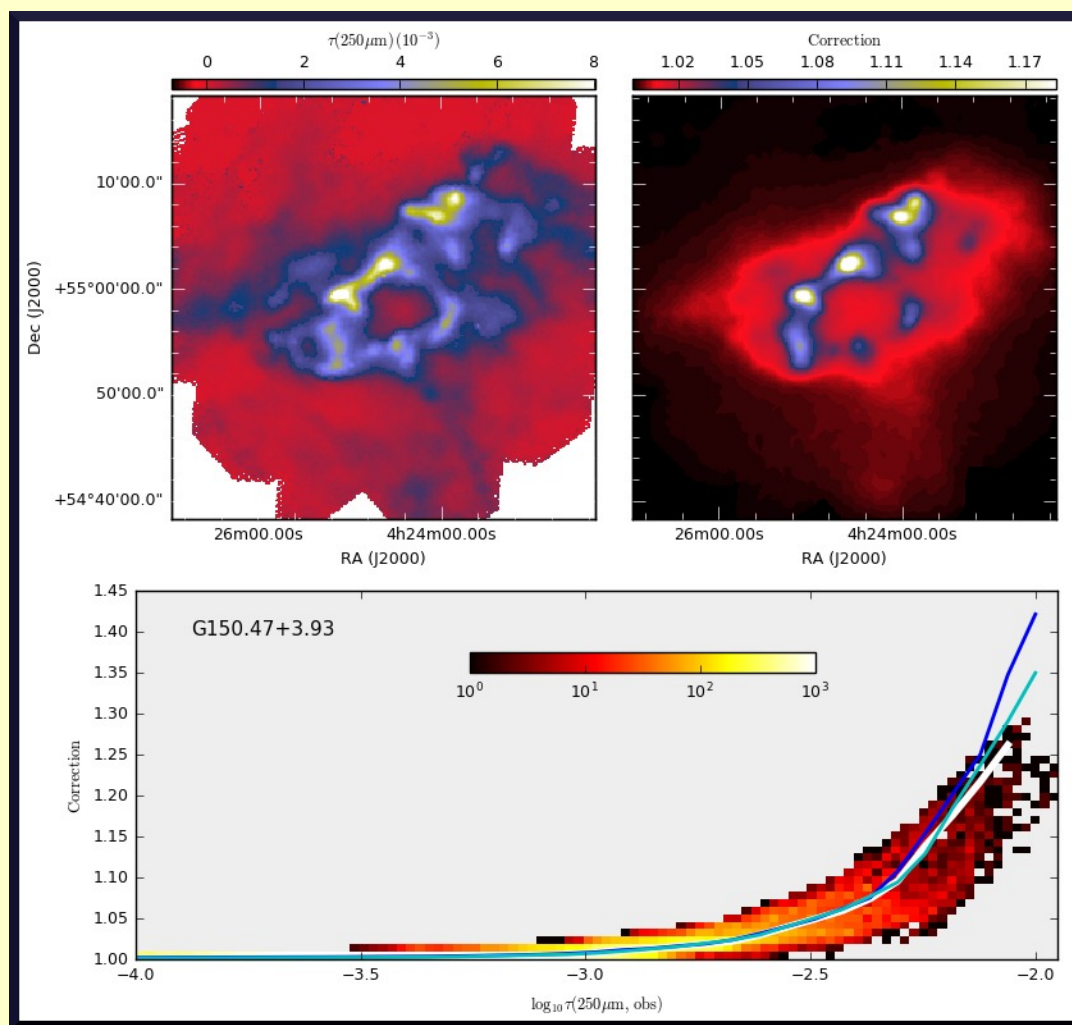
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G141.25+34.37	08 48 58.2	+72 41 16.1	110	40.0	267×267	0.1	1.2	1.8
G4.18+35.79	15 53 43.4	-04 40 55.9	110	35.1	234×234	0.5	2.7	3.6
G21.26+12.11	17 46 47.7	-04 38 48.1	120	35.1	234×234	0.9	0.5	2.3
G126.63+24.55	04 19 14.0	+85 52 06.5	125	30.0	200×200	0.2	2.3	4.6
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G20.72+7.07	18 03 38.9	-07 30 25.0	260	30.0	200×200	1.3	0.8	1.8
G25.86+6.22	18 16 32.7	-03 23 49.4	260	36.0	240×240	3.1	0.6	1.9
G24.40+4.68	18 19 21.5	-05 29 45.1	260	36.0	240×240	1.7	0.8	2.1
G9.45+18.85	17 00 22.2	-10 53 06.1	280	40.0	267×267	0.6	4.7	2.9
G2.83+21.91	16 34 41.2	-14 09 27.4	300	38.1	254×254	0.6	1.8	2.1
G108.28+16.68	21 10 13.4	+72 52 58.5	300	35.1	234×234	0.6	0.9	2.1
G159.23-34.51	02 55 54.0	+19 37 10.2	325	40.0	267×267	0.6	0.8	2.0
G164.71-5.64	04 40 58.0	+37 59 06.6	330	42.0	280×280	1.3	1.2	1.9
G155.80-14.24	03 36 49.2	+37 42 31.1	350	40.0	267×267	0.5	0.6	2.1
G203.42-8.29	06 04 47.6	+04 20 31.3	390	44.1	294×294	0.7	1.6	3.6
G26.34+8.65	18 08 37.9	-01 51 26.6	400	30.0	200×200	1.3	1.0	3.6
G205.06-6.04	06 16 27.5	+04 07 44.0	400	44.1	294×294	0.8	1.3	2.1
G110.80+14.16	21 59 02.5	+72 52 56.0	400	40.0	267×267	0.7	0.5	1.9
G163.82-8.44	04 29 00.9	+36 43 21.1	420	50.1	334×334	1.4	0.4	2.1
G93.21+9.55	20 37 00.2	+56 58 46.8	440	30.0	200×200	0.9	0.4	2.5
G110.62-12.49	23 37 39.8	+48 31 40.4	440	40.0	267×267	0.2	0.6	2.6
G188.24-12.97	05 17 05.1	+14 59 33.2	445	40.0	267×267	0.6	0.8	1.6
G189.51-10.41	05 29 55.2	+15 25 03.2	445	42.0	280×280	0.6	0.5	2.1
G198.58-9.10	05 52 53.1	+08 22 34.1	450	35.1	234×234	0.7	1.1	4.0
G116.08-2.40	23 57 06.7	+59 43 26.9	500	30.0	200×200	1.3	0.8	2.3
G181.84-18.46	04 44 00.3	+16 57 22.7	500	36.0	240×240	0.7	1.4	2.8

The sample:  
51 fields at distances <500pc

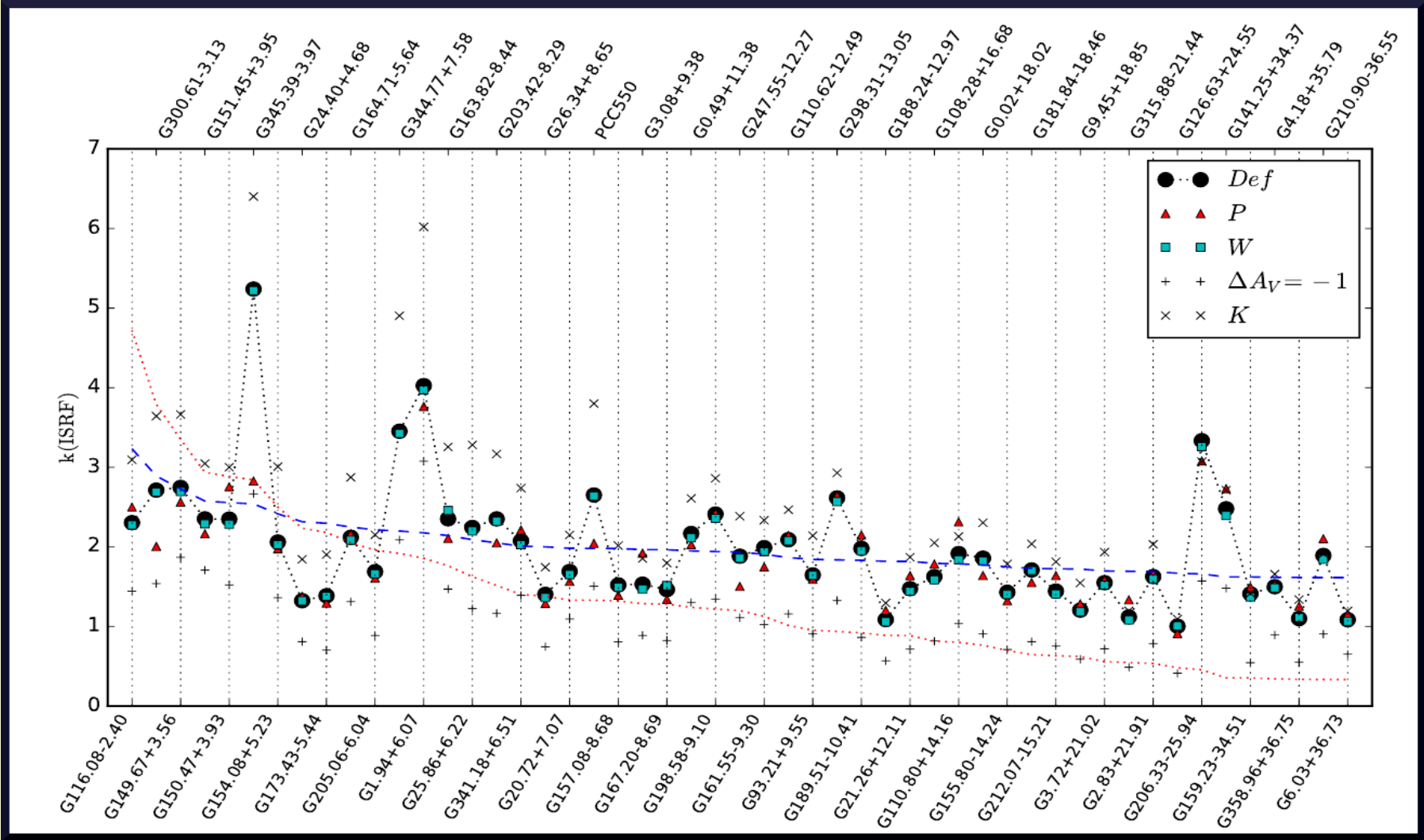
**Table 2.** Parameters of the default radiative transfer models and the changes in the assumptions for the alternative fits

Variation	Assumptions
<i>default</i>	$\tau(250\mu\text{m})/\tau(J) = 1.0 \times 10^{-3}, \beta = 1.8$
<i>P</i>	$k_{\text{ISRF}}$ fitted using pixels with highest 3% of $N(\text{H}_2)$
<i>W</i>	line-of-sight cloud extent adjusted pixel by pixel
$\Delta A_V$	external field changed by $A_V = \pm 1$ mag
<i>K</i>	$\tau(250\mu\text{m})/\tau(J) = 2.0 \times 10^{-3}, \beta = 2.1$
<i>TD</i>	dust changes with density from <i>def.</i> to <i>K</i>

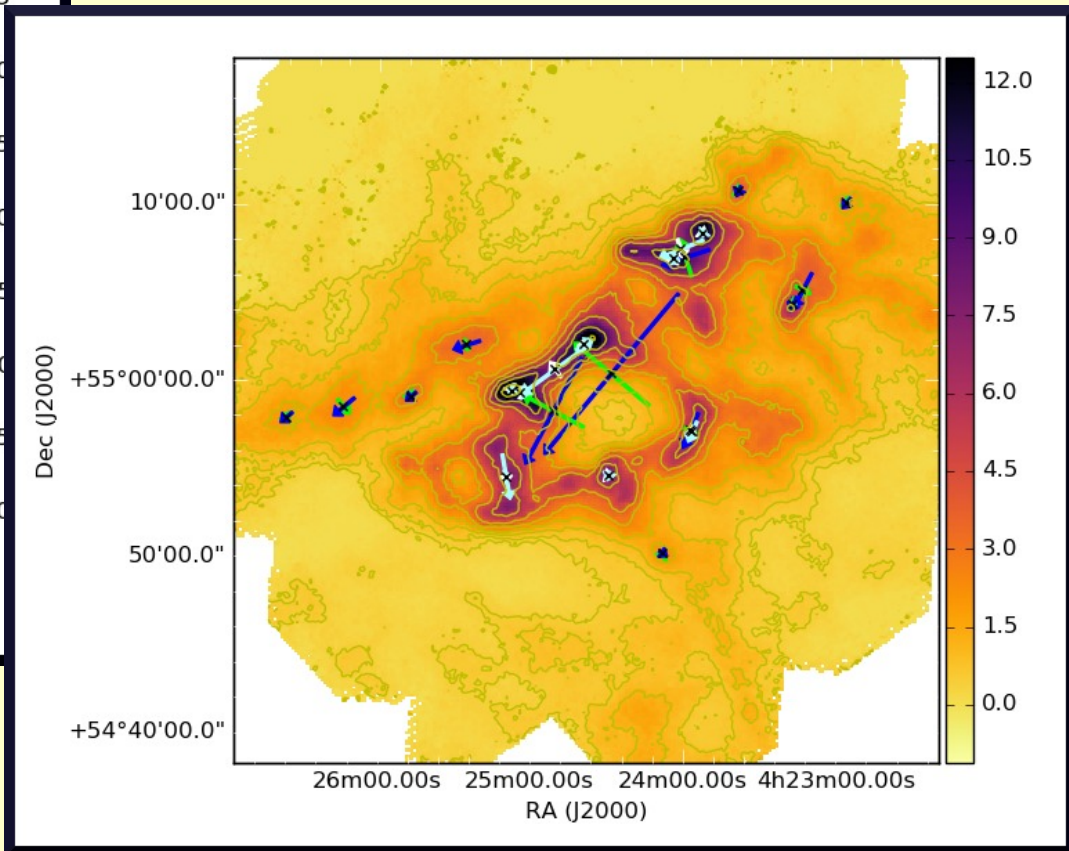
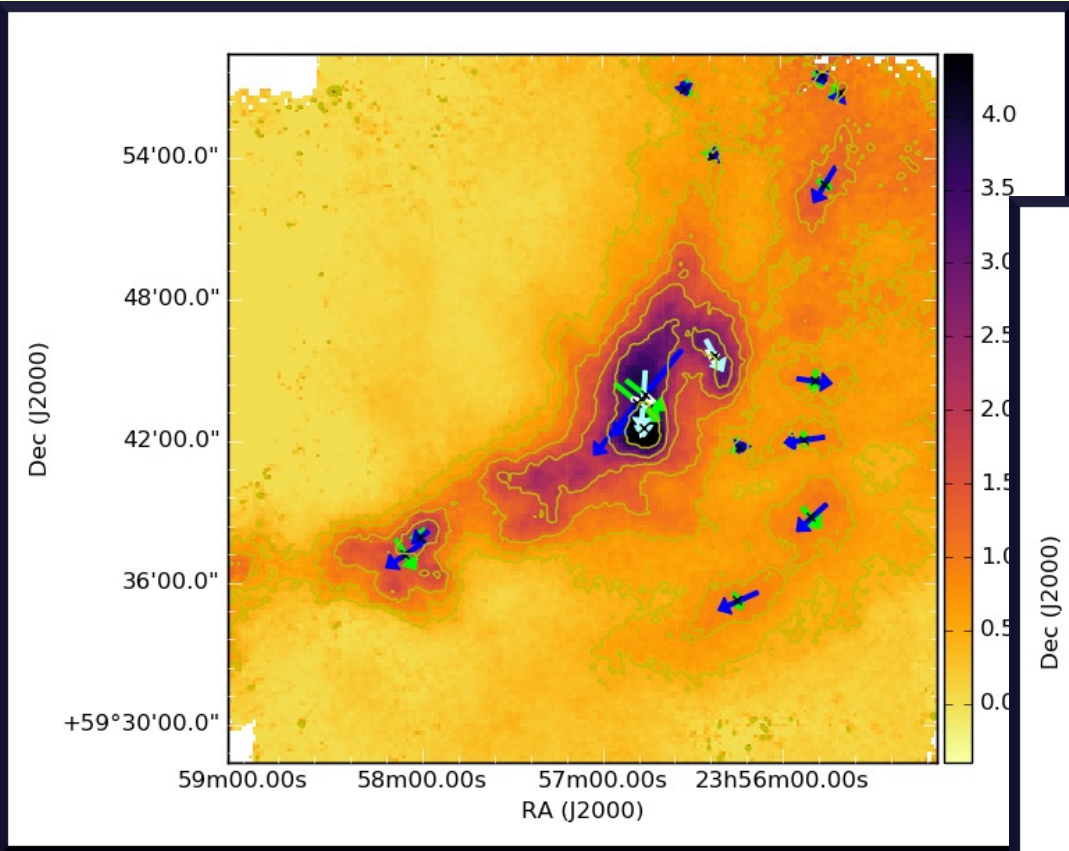
Radiative transfer models  
 → better estimates of  
 column density (variations)?



# Estimates of the radiation field







2D Gaussian and Plummer fits

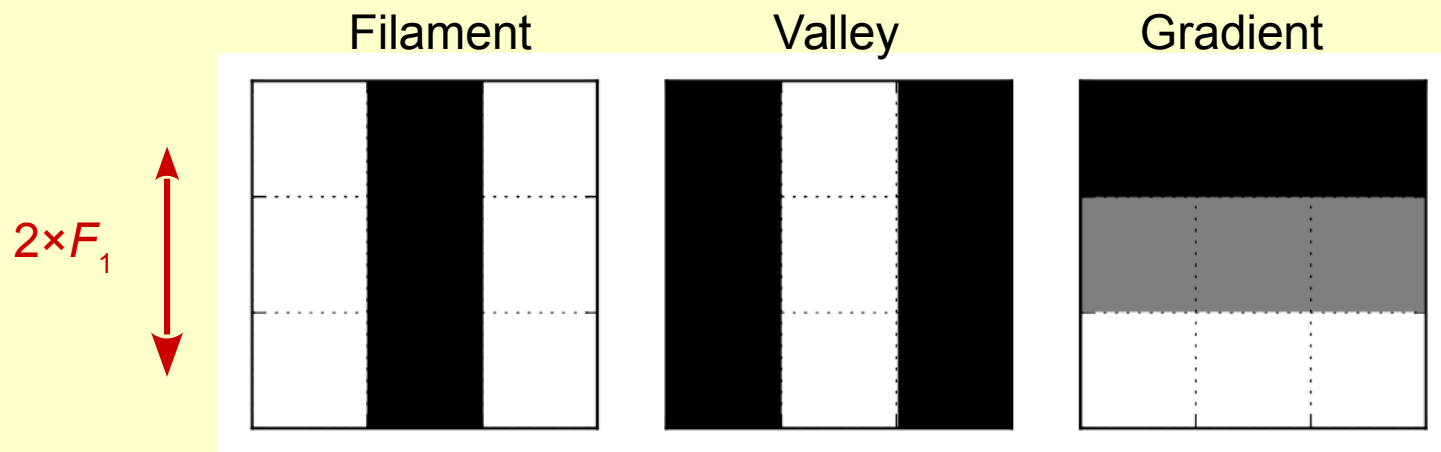
Clump orientations vs.  
**general structural anisotropy** of the fields?

# Template matching

– a general tool for to analyse map structure?

(submitted)

- The simplest way to search for patterns in image data?
  - Create a **template** of the pattern and **match** it to data for different *positions*, *scales*, and position *angles*  $\theta$
  - Template is a small image  $T_{ij}$  and the best match is quantified by its  $\theta$  and the **significance**  $S = \sum(T_{ij} D_{ij})$ 
    - $D_{ij}$  are data values “under” the template elements
    - True statistical significance of  $S$  from Monte Carlo



Data high-pass **filtered** with  $\text{FWHM}=F_1$ , low-pass filtered with  $F_2$

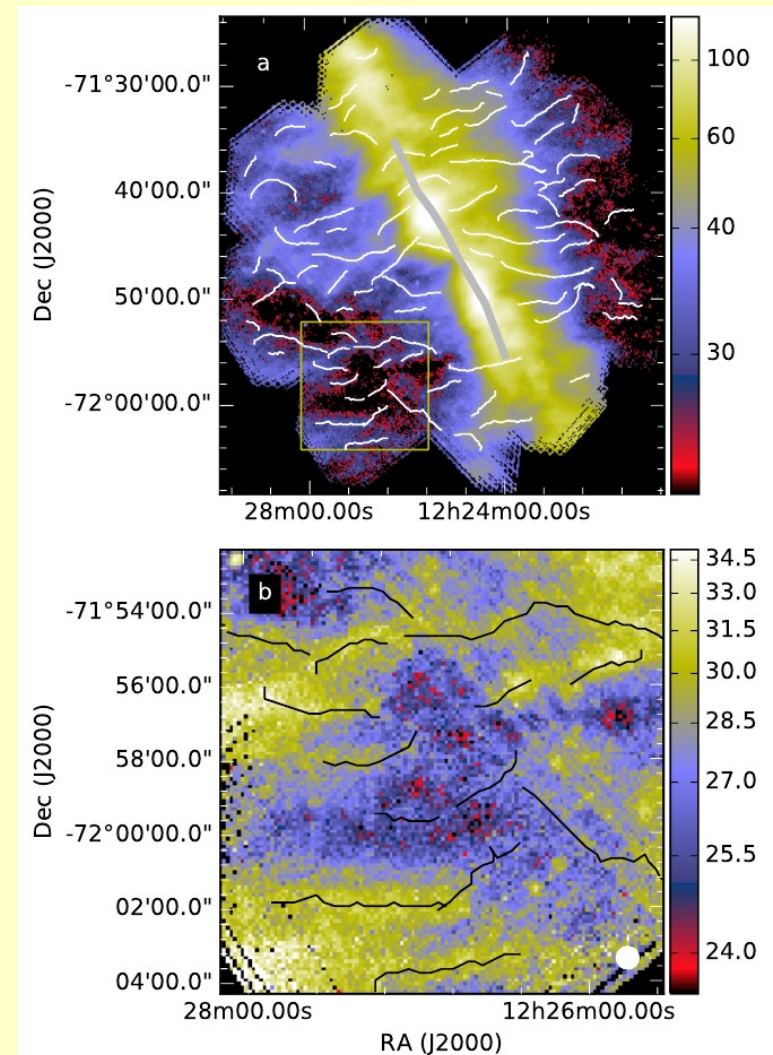
- concentrate on a given *scale*

If data are **normalised**, significance depends on the similarity of the structures (template vs. data) not the absolute values

- good for *faint* regions

Right: “filaments” in **Musca**

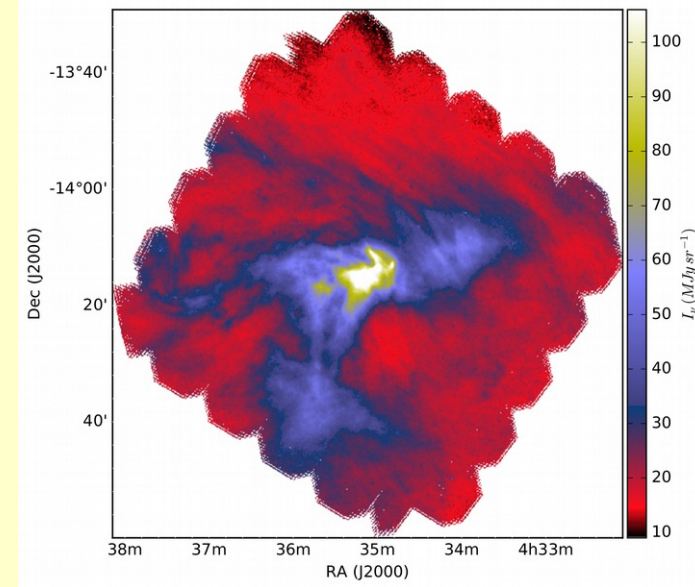
- templates at 40" and 5' resolution
- *skeletons* trace regions of high  $S$  (uppermost 20%) and coherent  $\theta$
- the faintest features are still “real”, features in the data
  - $N(\text{H}_2) \sim 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$





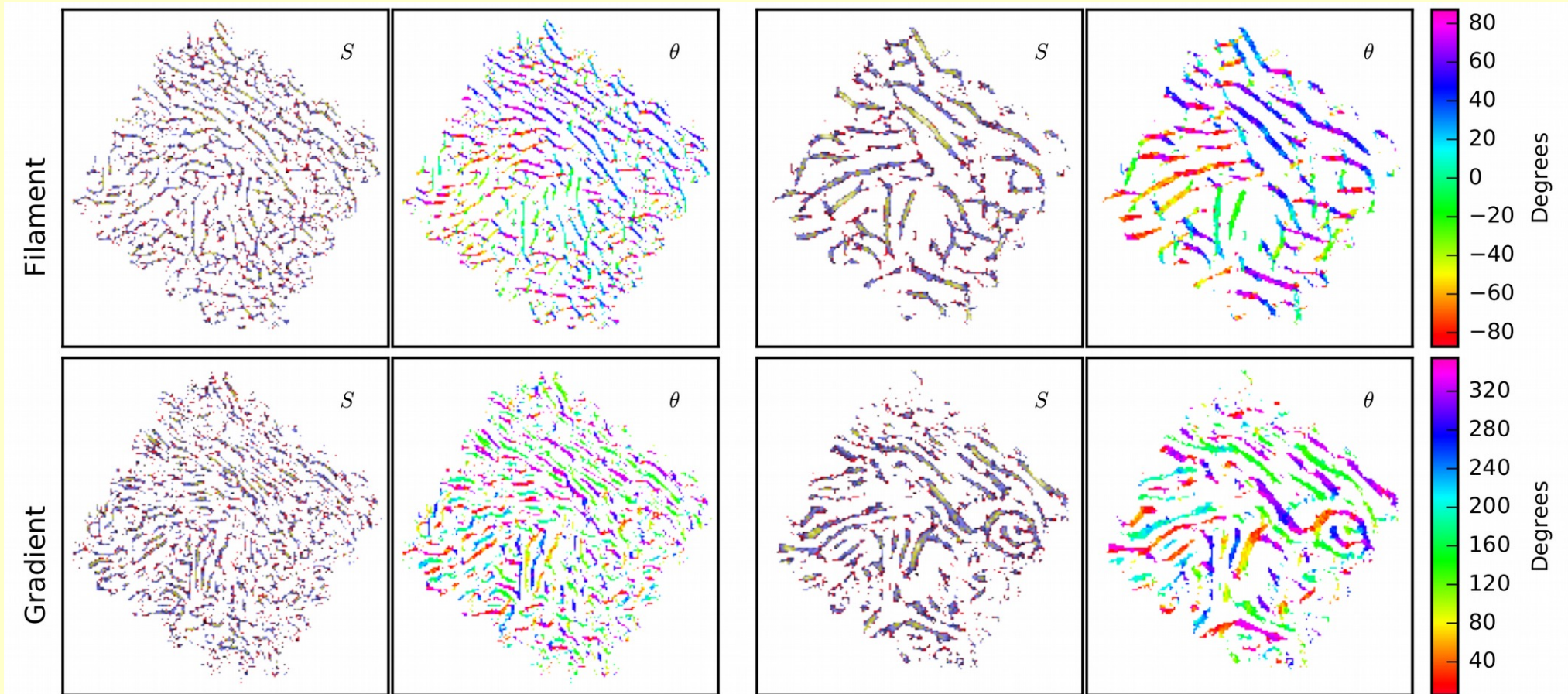
$S$  and  $\theta$  independent for every pixel position

- any coherence in  $S$  and  $\theta$  is from data!
  - *skeletons are post processing...*
- fast =  $\sim 1$ s for images such as **L1642**  
(cf. Malinen et al. 2014, 2016)

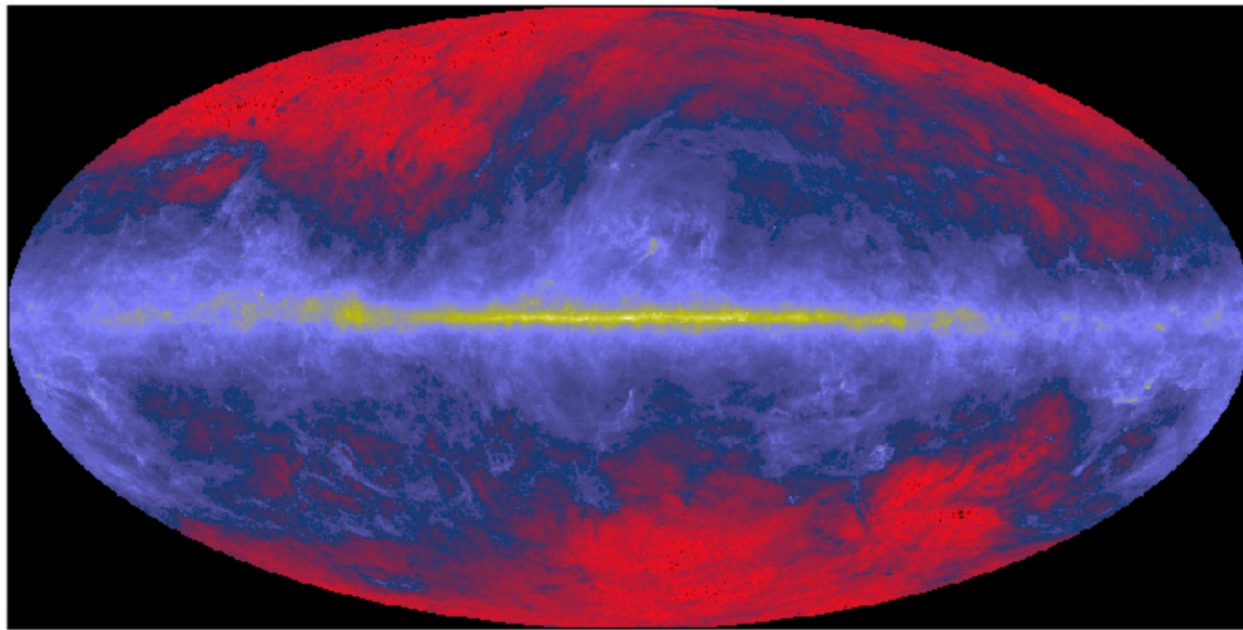


Scale: 1 arcmin

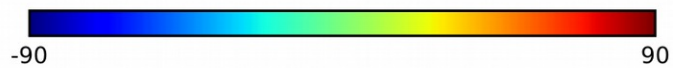
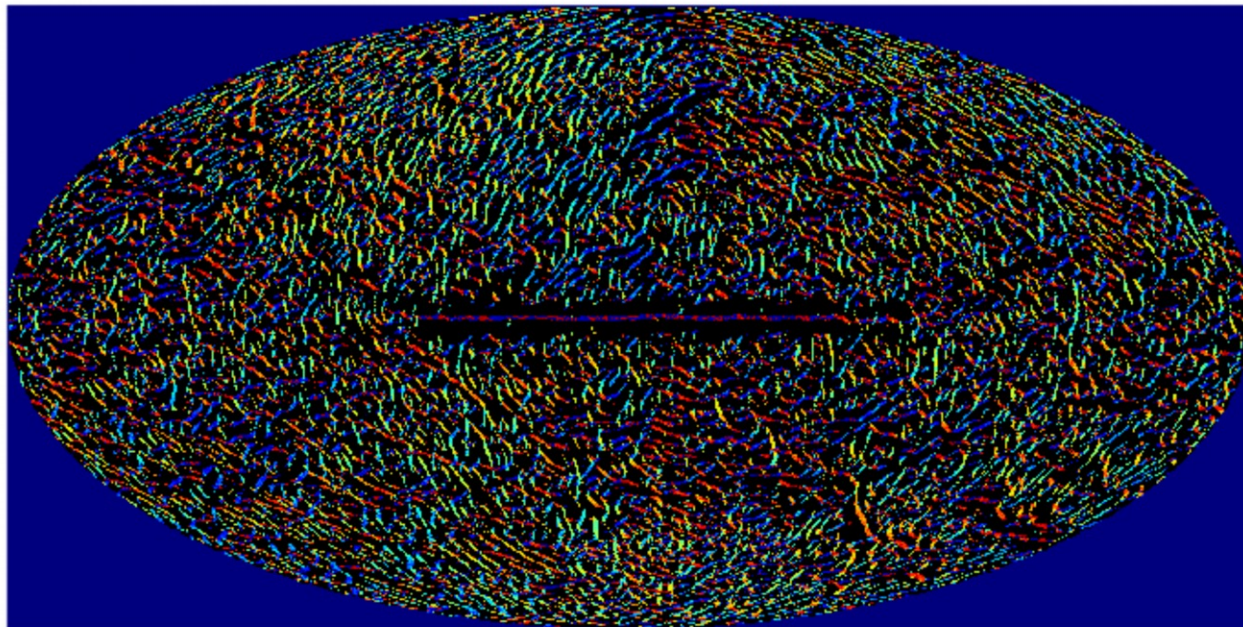
Scale: 2 arcmin





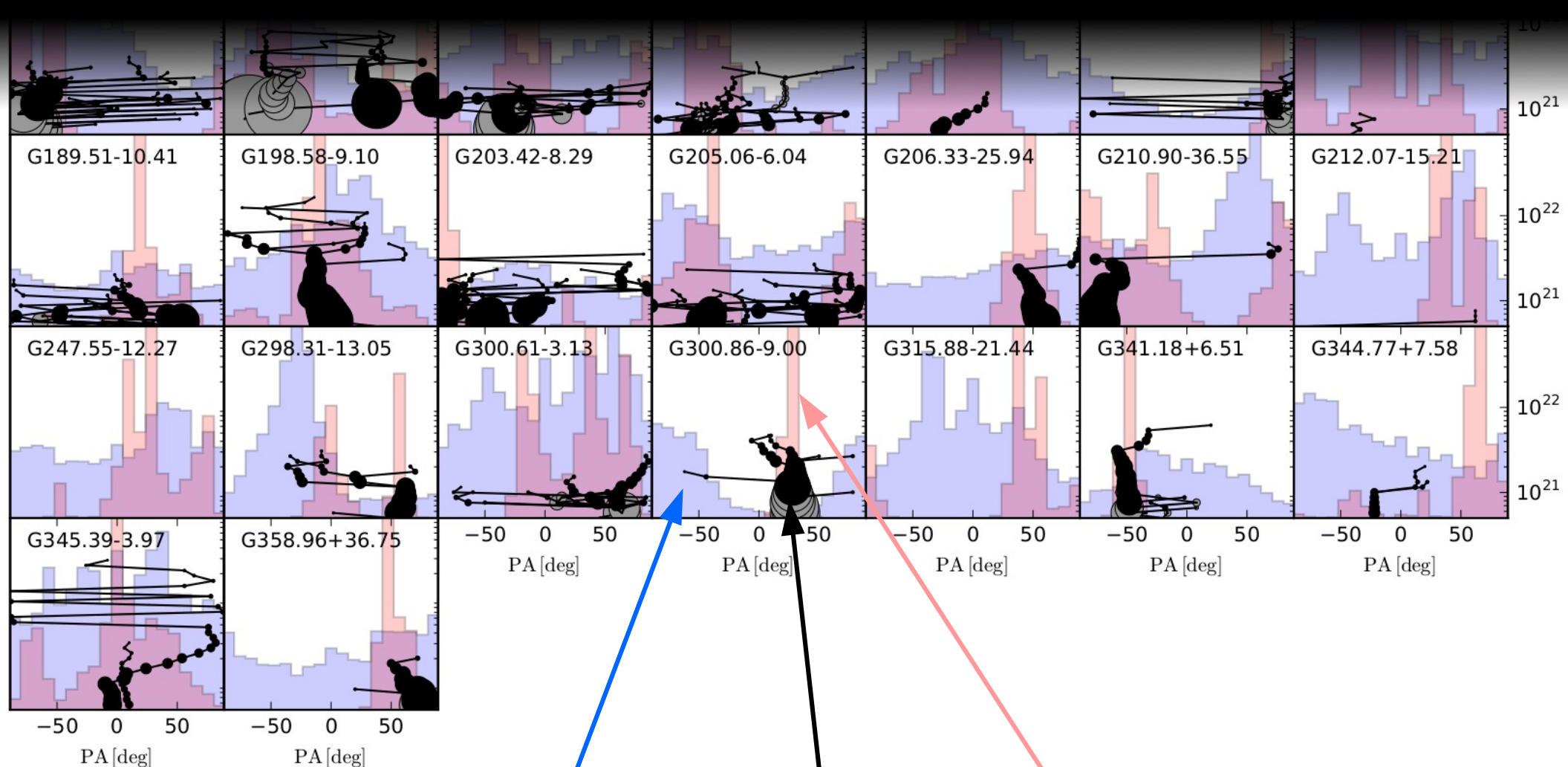


Planck 857GHz,  
~50 million pixels...



*Filament* template,  
 $F_1 = 2^\circ$ ,  $F_2 = 6^\circ$

- $\theta$  plotted for pixels with S in the uppermost 10%
- calculation ~20 sec...



Anisotropy at small scales (low  $N$ )

Clump orientation

Anisotropy at large scales (high  $N$ )

→ GCC-X



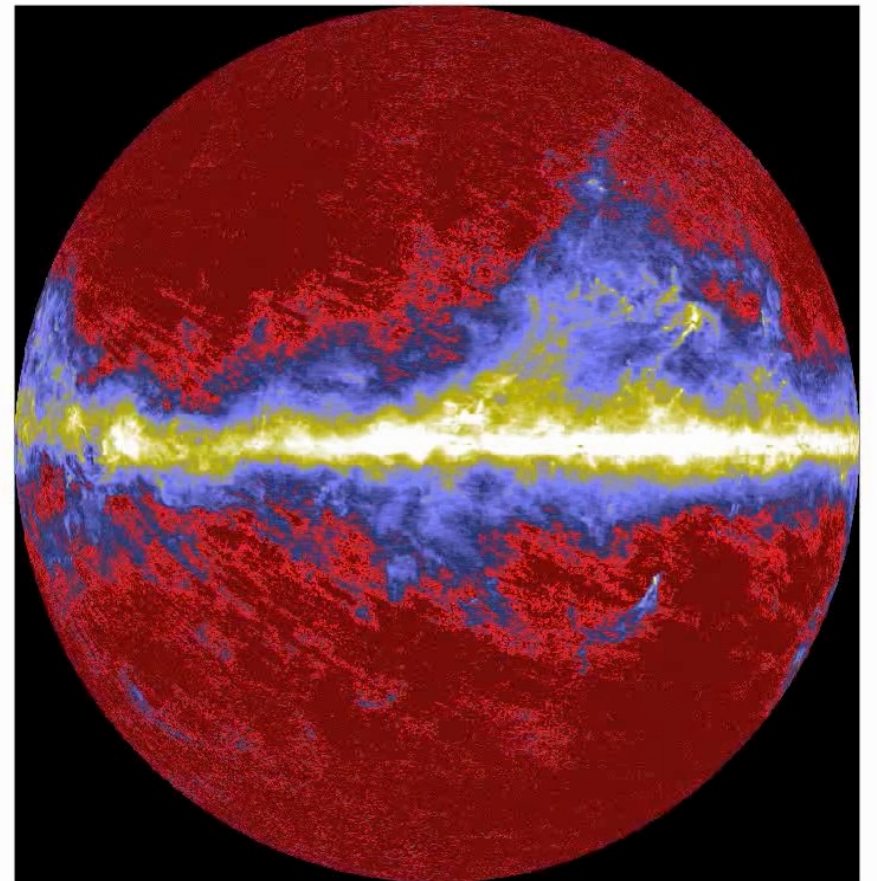
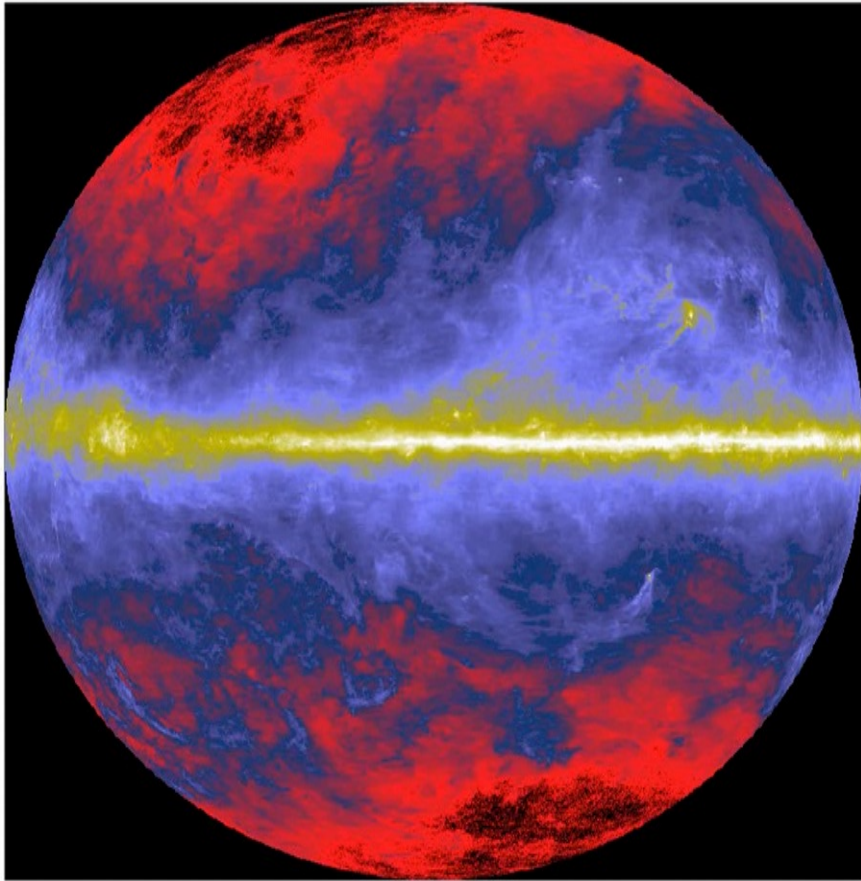
# NIR extinction

- Extinction = **temperature-independent** mass estimate
- (1) All-sky map of NICER & NICEST extinction (2MASS)
  - Healpix maps (NSIDE=2048 – 4096) @ 3.0', 4.5', 12.0'
- (2) For the statistics of intrinsic stellar colours, should one go beyond the covariance matrix description?
  - rarely, unless one has extremely precise photometry
  - knowledge of the **small scale structure** in column density can significantly reduce the noise

M. Juvela, J. Montillaud (2016a): All-sky extinction maps with NICER and NICEST

M. Juvela, J. Montillaud (2016b): Extinction estimation with discretised colour distributions





See also Rowles et al. (2009), Dobashi et al. (2011, 2013)

# Studies of Galactic Interstellar Clouds and Star Formation

- **Dust emission, scattering, extinction**
  - structure of filaments, clumps, cores
  - physical conditions in prestellar clumps
  - **dust evolution** in star-formation process
  - role of magnetic fields
- **Molecular line studies**
  - formation and stability of cores/clumps
  - kinematics – accretion and collapse
  - chemical differences and evolution
- **Modelling**
  - interpretation of observations, clump structure, dust evolution, chemistry, B fields, ...