

Supernova remnants A science case for AtLAST ?

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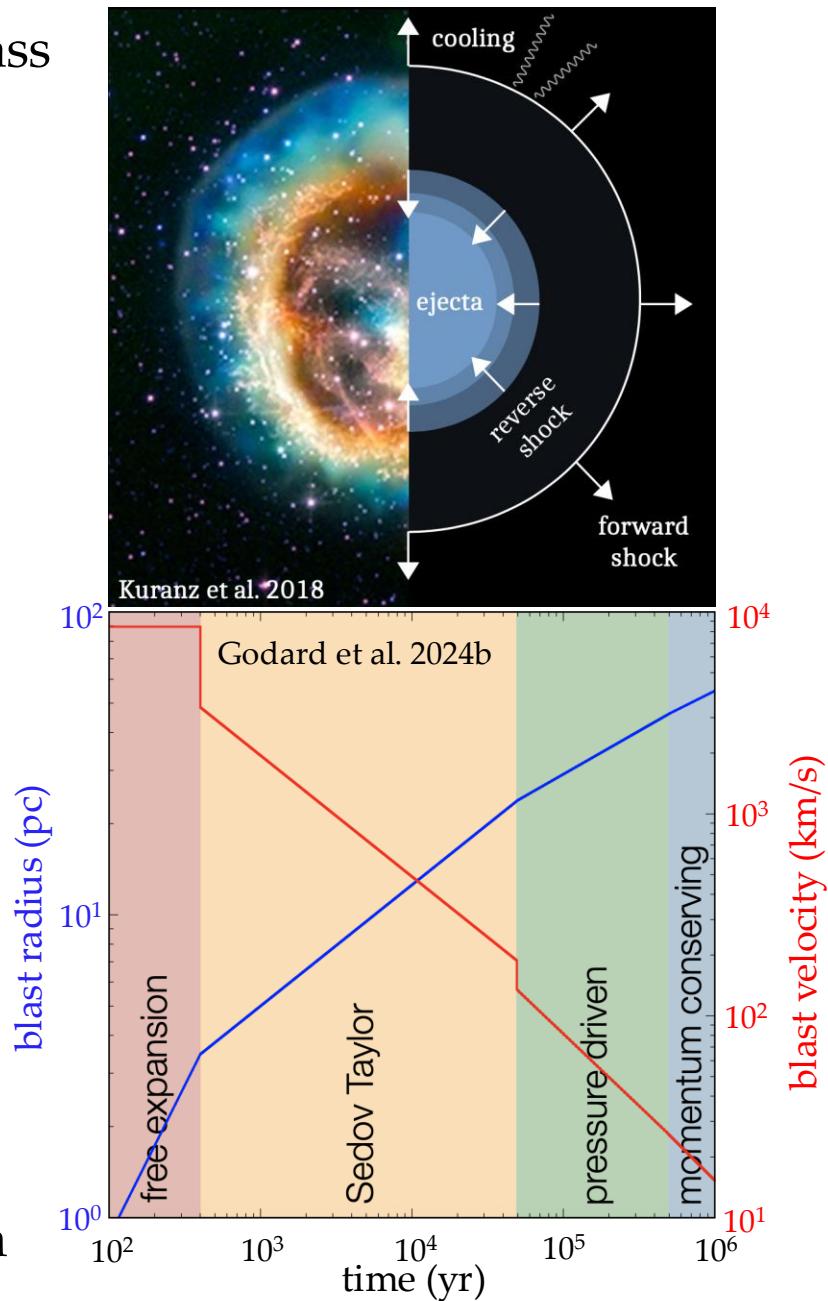
- Why study supernova remnants ?
- CO lines & Dust continuum
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- Star formation
- Perspectives: towards cosmic ray science

Why study supernova remnants ?

Supernova Remnants

- SN explosion types at Chandrasekhar mass stellar self gravitational attraction
 > electron degeneracy pressure
 - Ia = thermonuclear white dwarf binary
 - II, Ib, Ic = core-collapse massive star
- The 4 **VERY** theoretical stages of SNRs:

| phase | Shock velocity (km/s) | Emission of photons | Acceleration of CRs |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| free expansion | 10^4 | yes | YES |
| Sedov-Taylor | 10^4 – few 10^2 | yes | YES |
| Pressure-driven | few 10^2 – few 10 | YES | no |
| Momentum-conserving | < few 10 | YES | no |



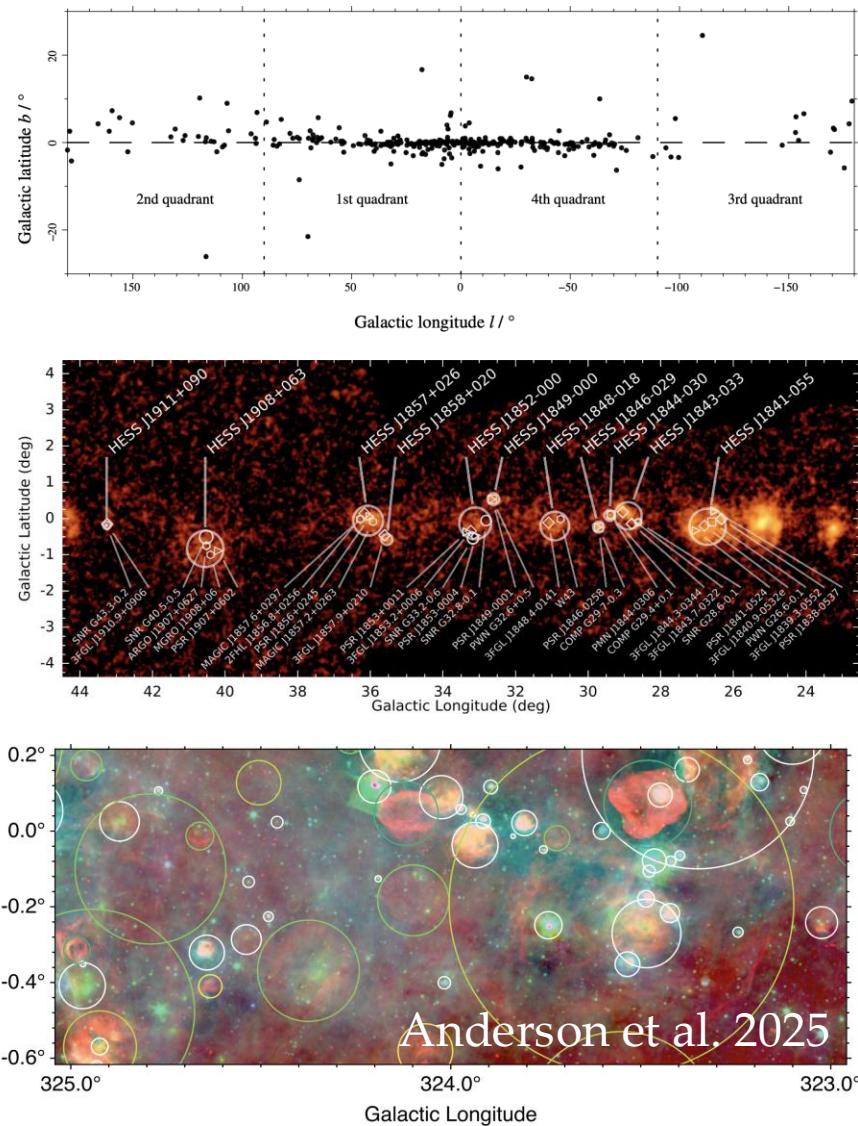
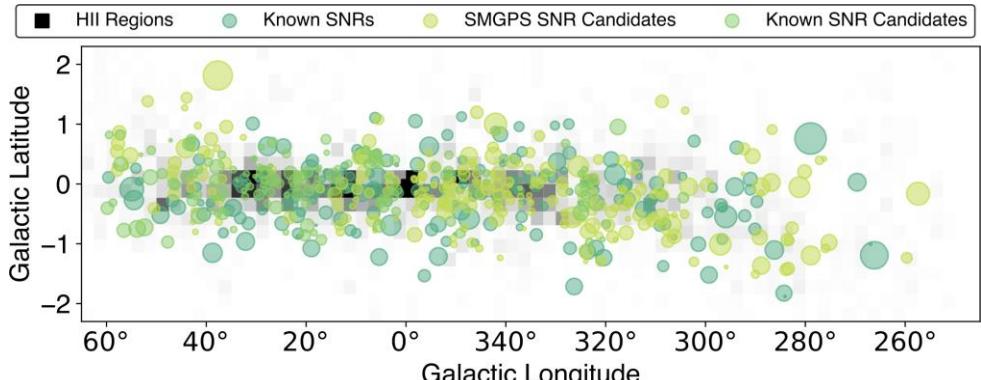
- Until the fade away time:
 Feedbacks: shocks, photons, CRs production

Because they are there

- The Green catalog: Green et al. 2025:
 - mostly from radio
 - **310** Galactic SNRs (+21, -5 w.r.t. 2019)

- The SNRcat: Ferrand & Safi-Harb 2012:
 - from X-ray and γ -ray
 - **383** Galactic SNRs

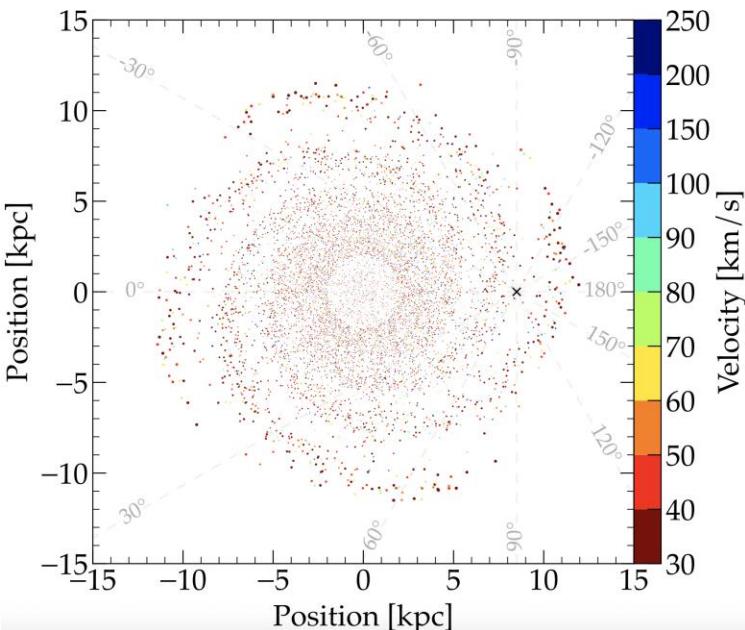
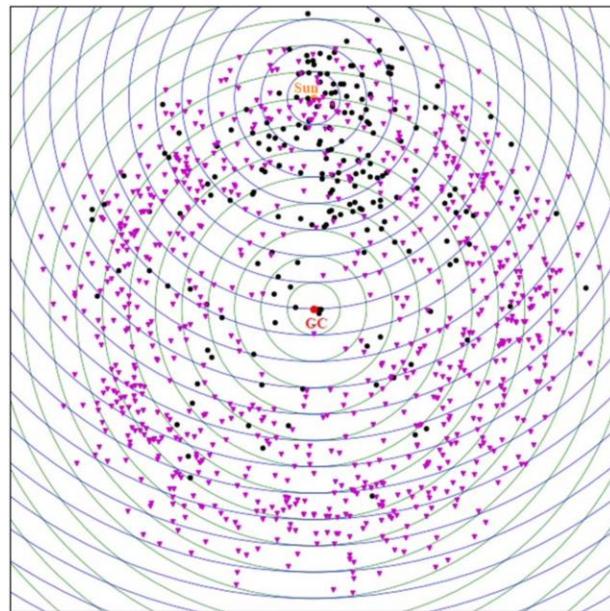
- Low frequency Radio observations:
 - MeerKAT: continuum without MIR
 - **+237** new Galactic SNR candidates



- How many more with the SKA ?

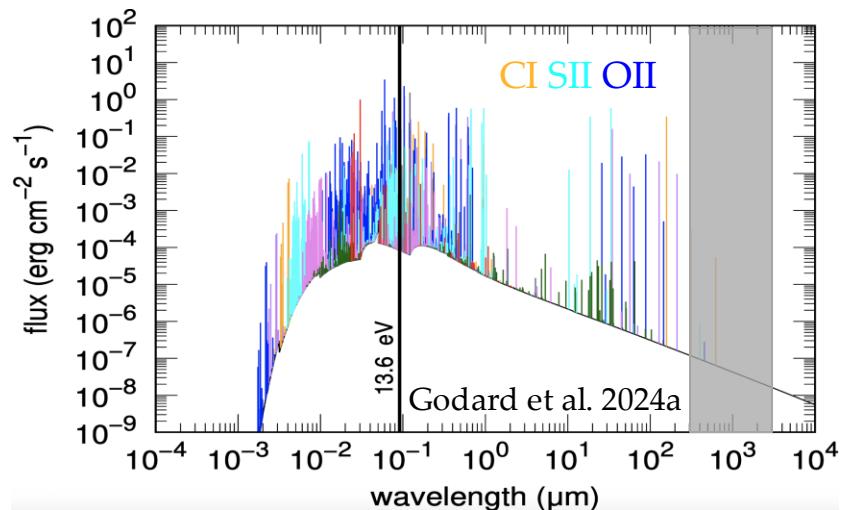
Because they are there

- Li et al. 1991: 1000 predicted (155 then observed)
- Ranasinghe & Leahy 2022
 - 1 SN every 40 yrs, $\tau = 60$ kyr \Rightarrow 1500 expected
 - 3500 to 5600 Galactic SNRs
 - Confusion and lack of sensitivity in radio
- Adams et al. 2013:
 - $4.6^{+7.4}_{-2.7}$ Galactic SN/century
 - (Galactic SFR $3.6^{+8.3}_{-3.0} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$)
- Vigoureux et al., in prep. : $\sim 10\,000$
 - ~ 4 Galactic SN/century
 - theoretical model, no interaction (yet)
 - H₂ surface density variation with R_{gal}
 - 4 arms

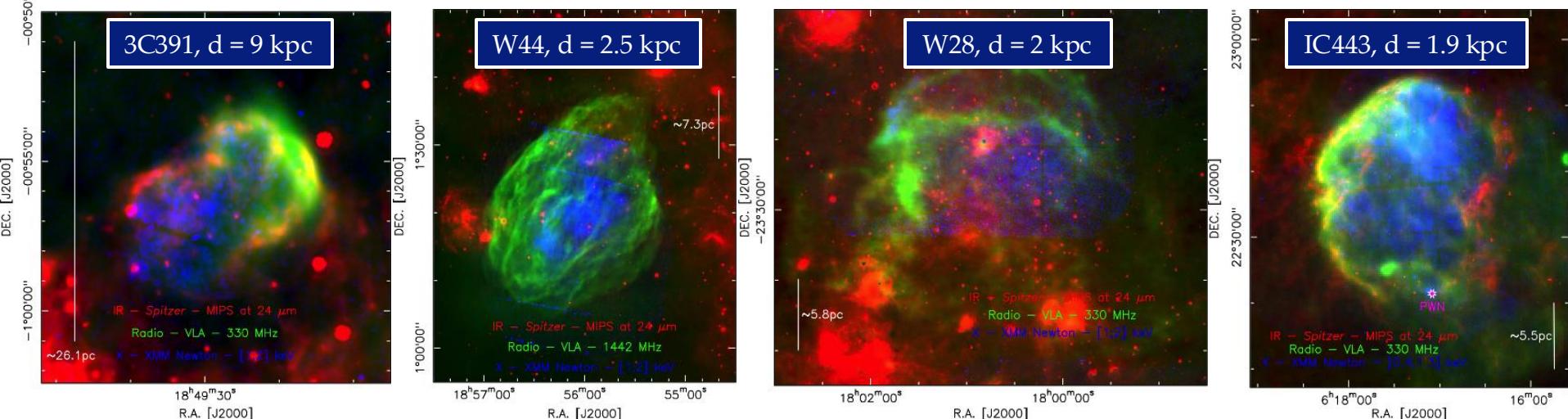


A science case for AtLAST ?

- Marginal for youngest, fastest SNRs:
- $n_H = 1.0 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $v_s = 200 \text{ km/s}$
- 4 lines in AtLAST bands
- CI $E_{\text{up}} = 23.6 \text{ & } 62.5 \text{ K}$, $\nu = 492 \text{ & } 810 \text{ GHz}$
- OII $E_{\text{up}} = 38605 \text{ K}$, $\nu = 600 \text{ GHz}$?
- SII $E_{\text{up}} = 21417 \text{ K}$, $\nu = 953 \text{ GHz}$?



- A safe bet: SNRs interacting with their environment:
- APEX program CO lines (+byproducts)
- Herschel WADI KP



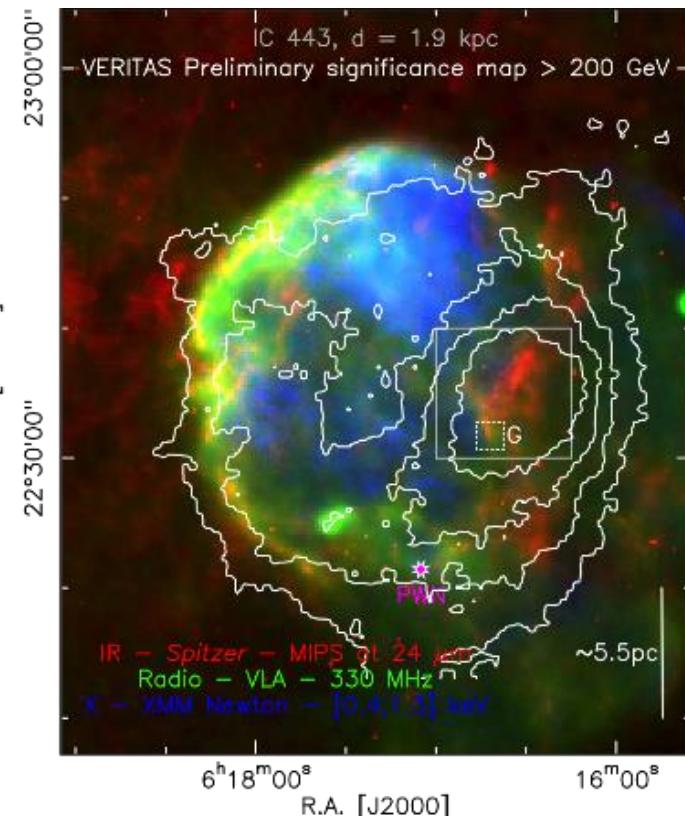
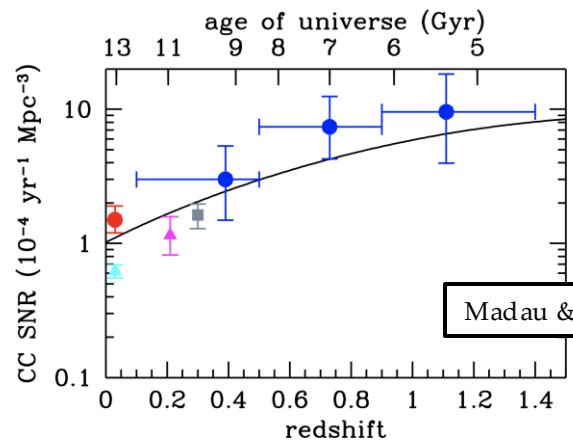
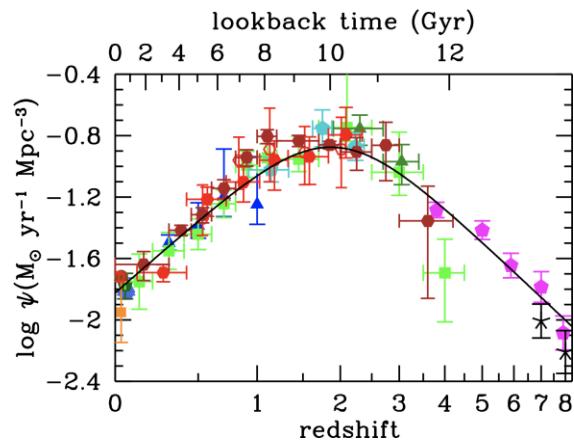
A science case for AtLAST.

- Over long times (> 10 kyr) and large scales (> 10 pc), evolved SNRs:
 - inject shock waves, photons, CRs in the ISM

→ Can we quantify the energetic and chemical impacts of SNRs on the ISM ?
- coexist with star formation episodes

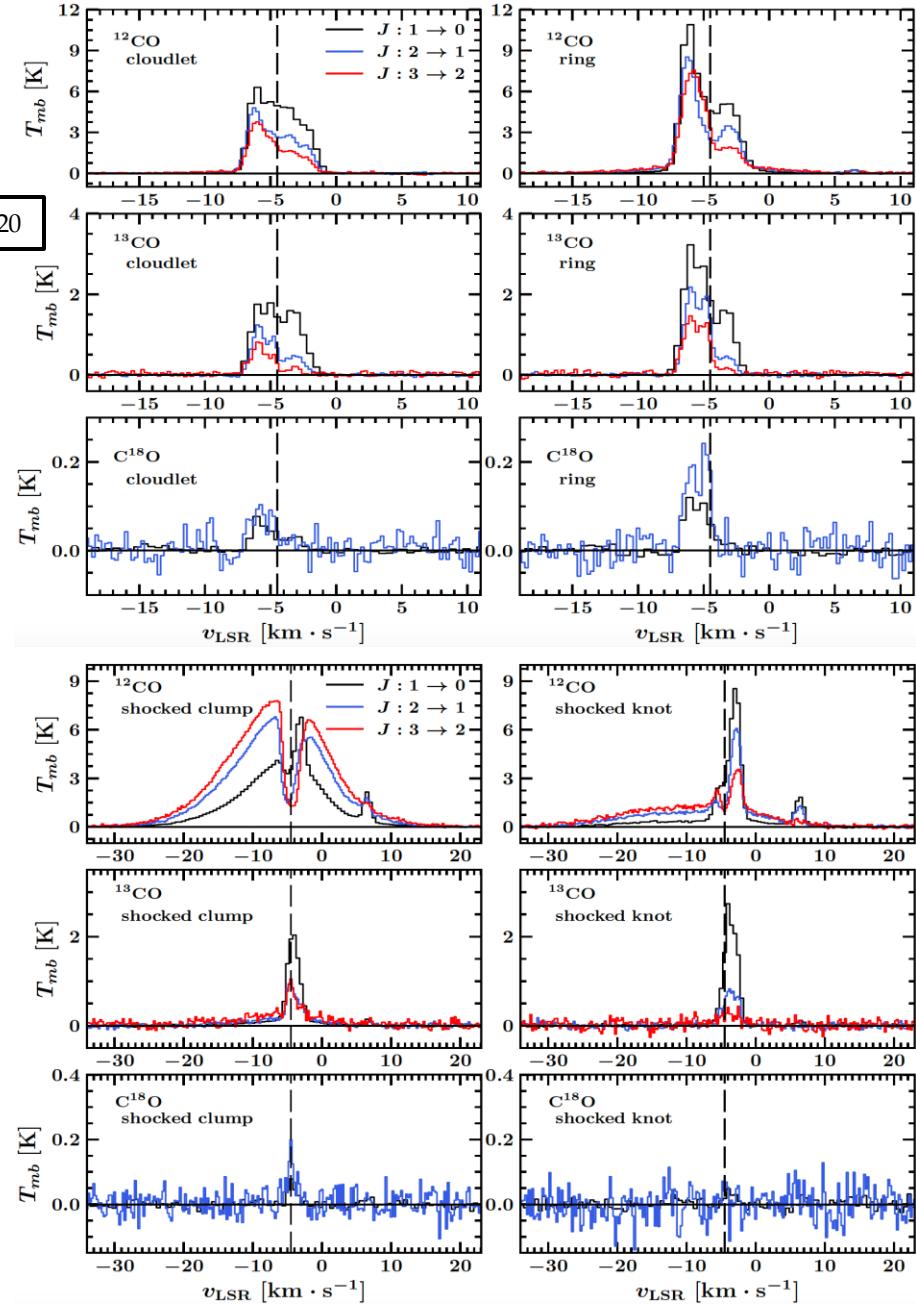
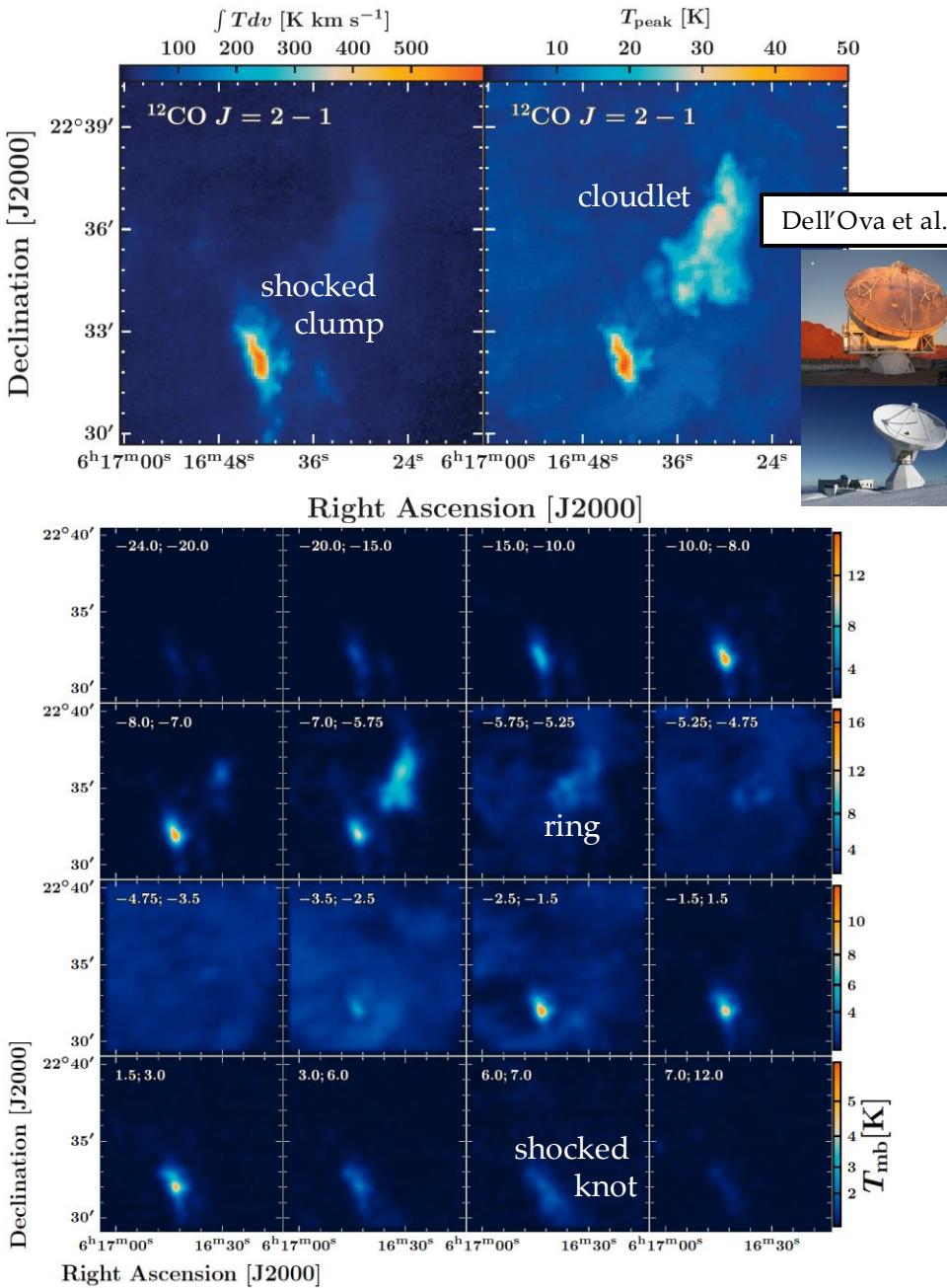
→ Can we characterize star formation in SNRs environment, if any ?

- AtLAST sweet spot: FoV



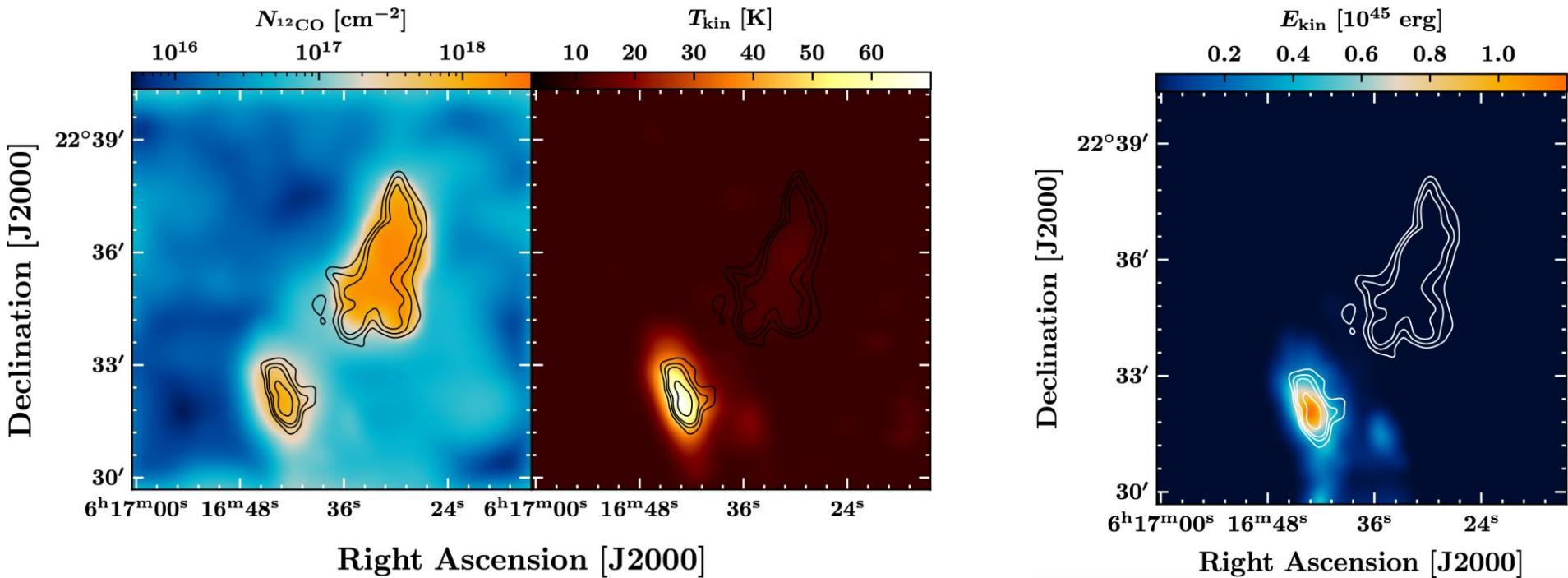
CO lines & dust continuum
velocities, densities, masses, temperatures,
radiation fields

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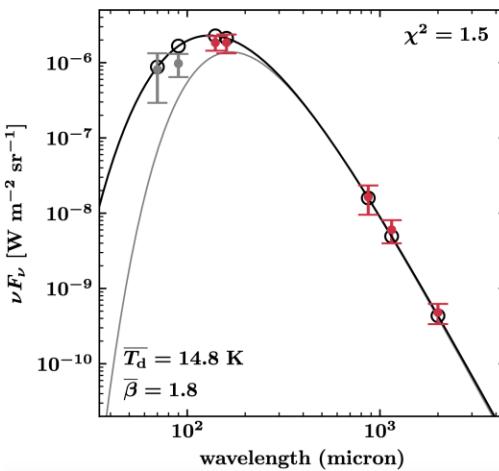
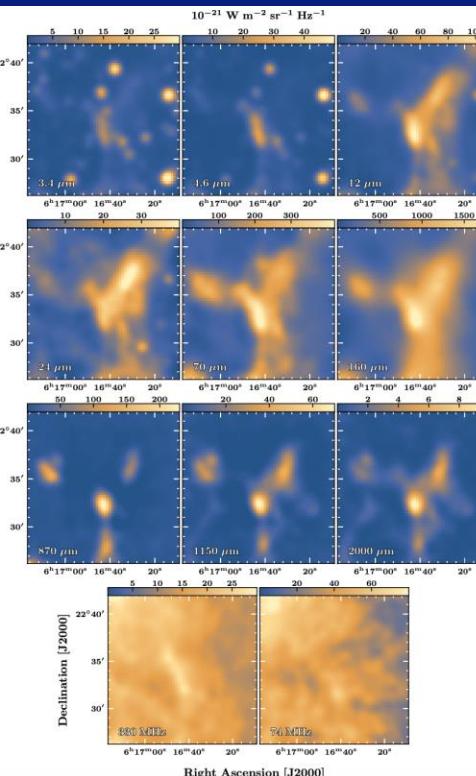
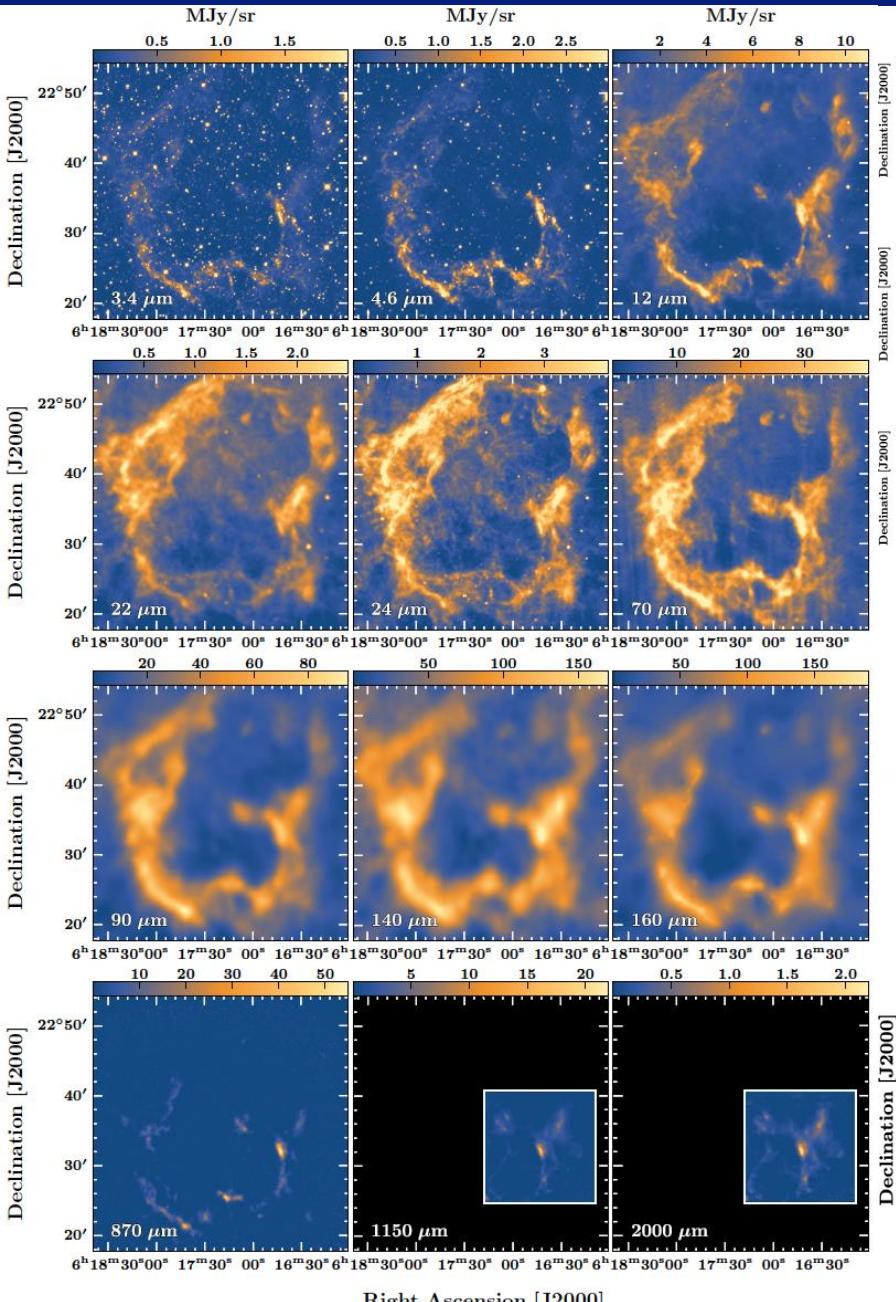
- Assumptions:
 - Excitation diagram approach (maps, isotopologues)
 - LVG approach



- Results:
 - dense structure identification
 - mass & density estimates
 - chemical & energetic impacts

| region | $\bar{N}_{\text{CO}} [10^{17} \text{cm}^{-2}]$ | Mass (M_{\odot}) | $\bar{T}_{\text{kin}} [\text{K}]$ |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| cloudlet (A) | $2.9^{+1.8}_{-1}$ | 180^{+190}_{-80} | 10^{+1}_{-4} |
| ring-like structure (B) | $4.8^{+3.8}_{-1.9}$ | 160^{+190}_{-70} | 12^{+2}_{-4} |
| shocked clump (C) | 2.8^{+2}_{-1} | 80^{+90}_{-40} | 24^{+13}_{-11} |
| shocked knot (D) | $1.6^{+2.2}_{-1.1}$ | 15^{+30}_{-10} | 16^{+7}_{-9} |
| ambient cloud | $0.8^{+1}_{-0.6}$ | 300^{+600}_{-200} | 9^{+2}_{-4} |
| IC443G (extended) | $1.4^{+1.1}_{-0.6}$ | 700^{+900}_{-300} | 10^{+2}_{-1} |

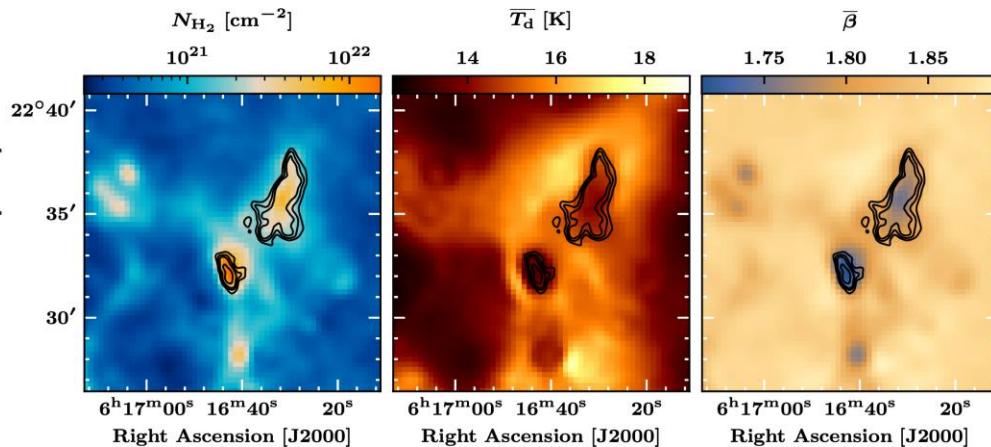
Measuring physical parameters from the dust



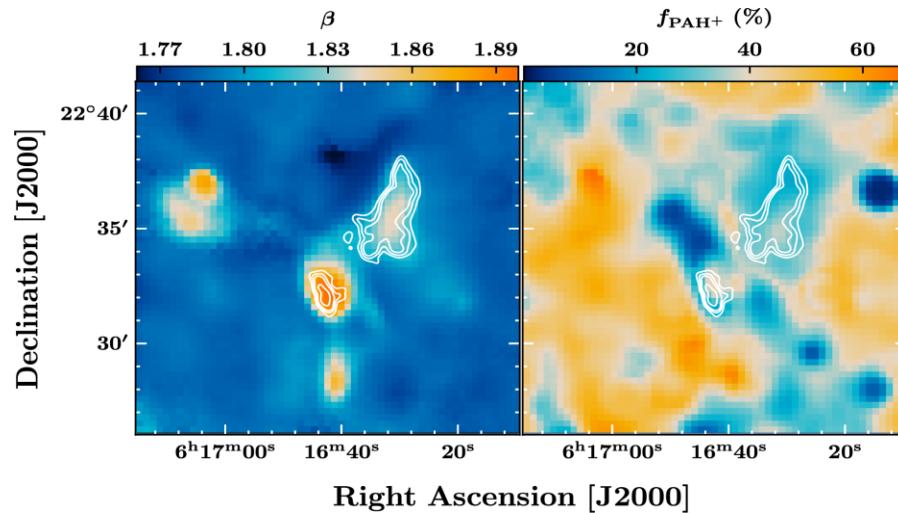
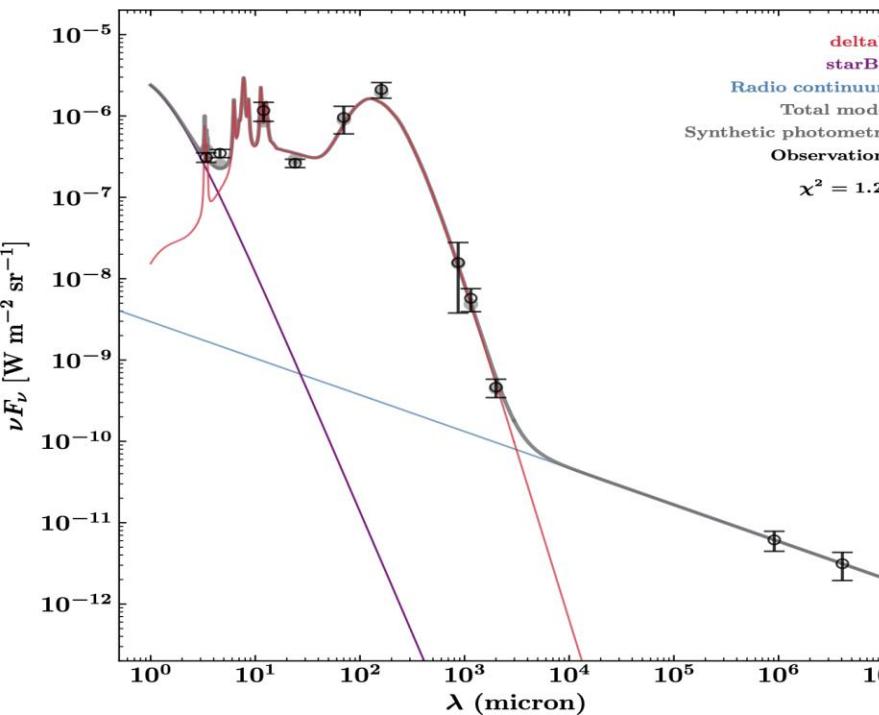
■ PPMAP
(Marsh et al. 2015):

- dense structure
- mass & density
- temperature & beta

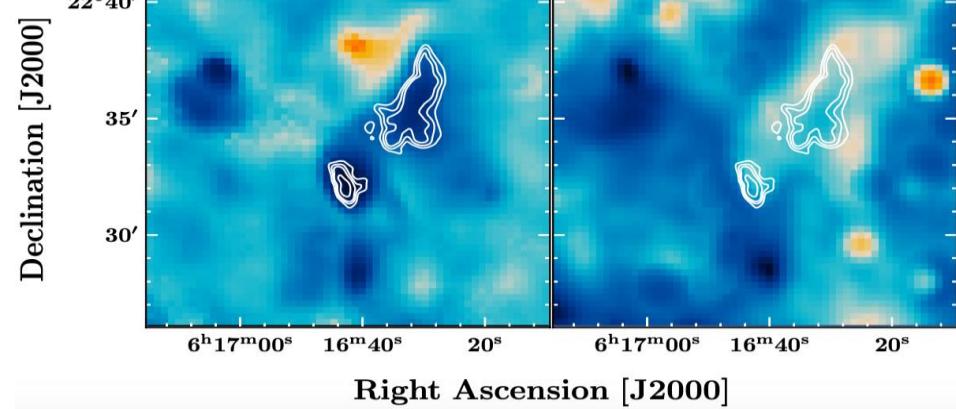
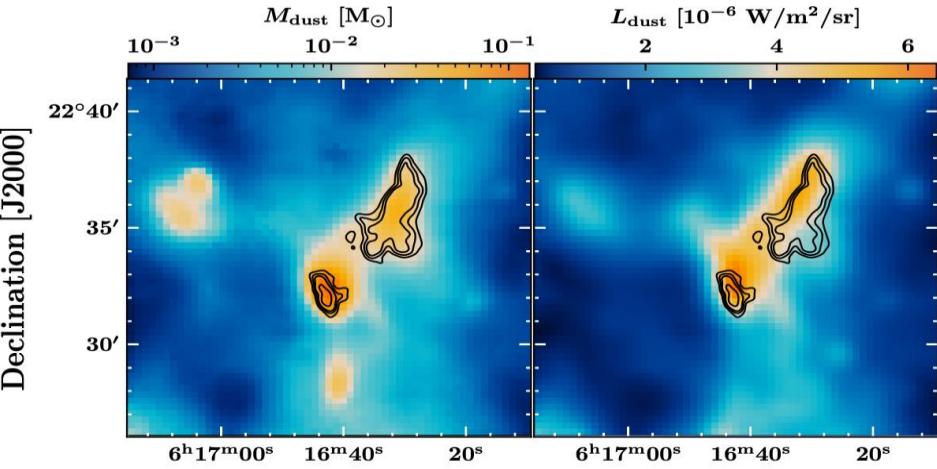
Dell’Ova et al. 2021



Measuring physical parameters from the dust



- HerBIE Results (Galliano et al. 2018):
 - dense structure identification
 - mass & density estimates
 - chemical impacts
 - IR to UV Radiation field estimate



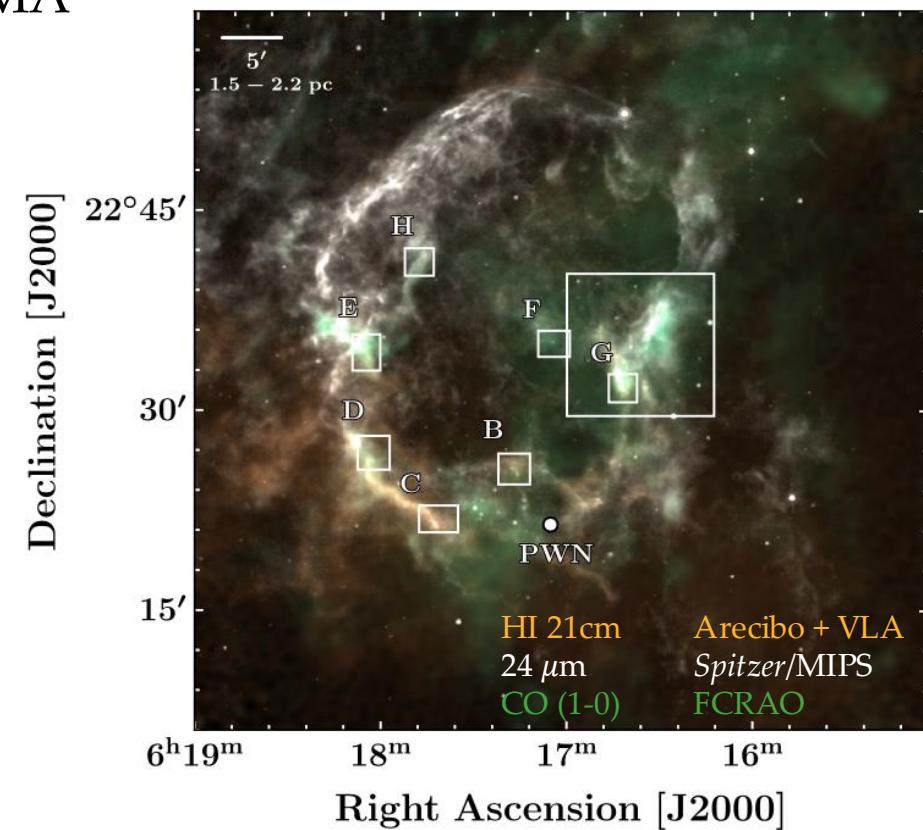
Synergies

- Lines, on much smaller fields:
 - H₂ from *Spitzer* and JWST (e.g., Dell’Ova et al. 2024)
 - CO from *Herschel*, ALMA, NOEMA

- Dust emission (SEDs building):
 - All other IR telescopes

- Low frequency Radio observations:
 - SKA pathfinders and precursors
 - contributions to SEDs:
 - synchrotron (polarized)
 - free-free (unpolarized)

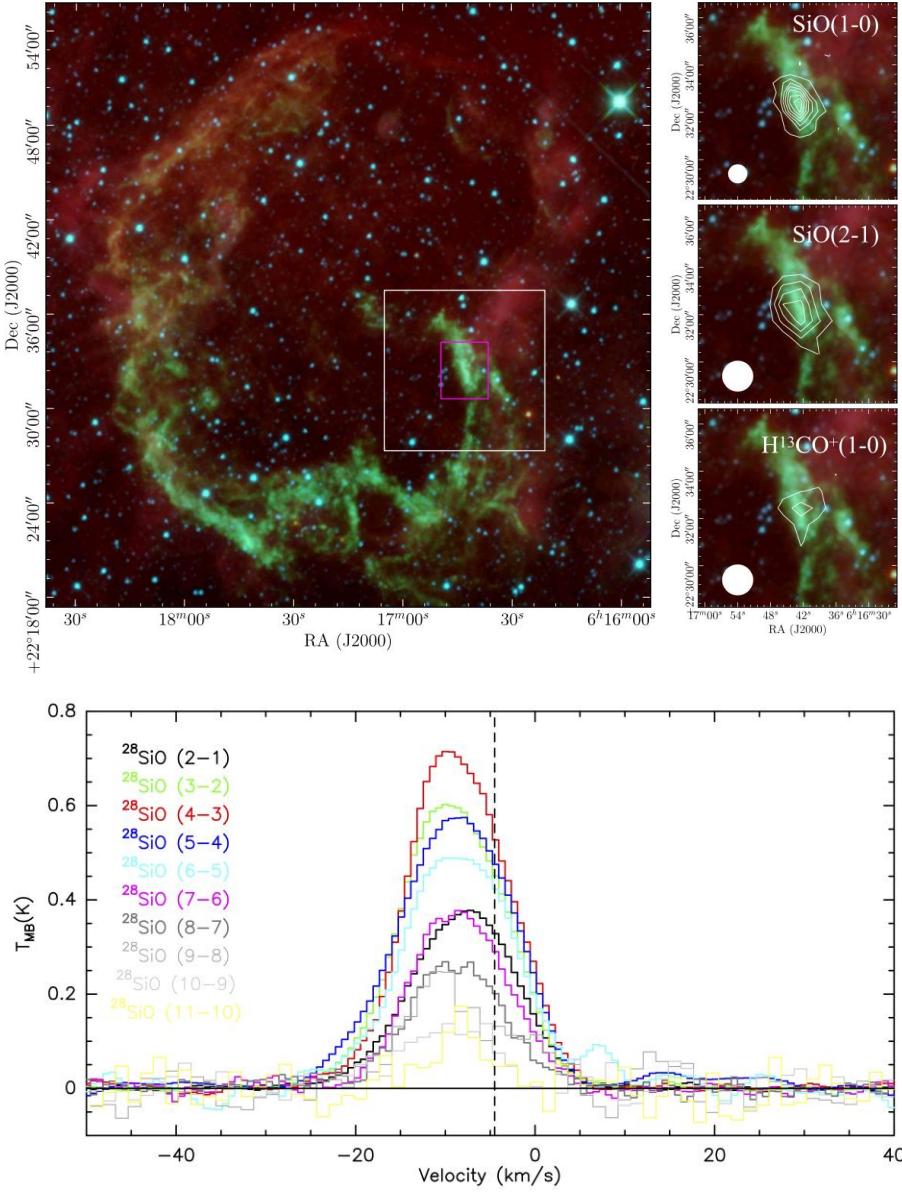
- AtLAST’s unprecedented, adequate specifications:
 - Field of View & Angular resolution
 - Spectral coverage (CO J_{up} = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 + cold dust)



Feedbacks

Shocks, photons, cosmic rays

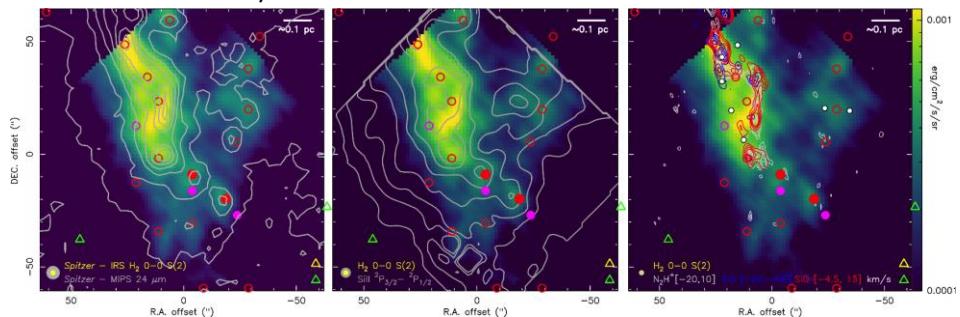
Shocks: SiO lines (and shock models)



- Cosentino et al. 2022:
 - 12m ARO maps
 - ²⁸SiO (1-0) & (2-1)

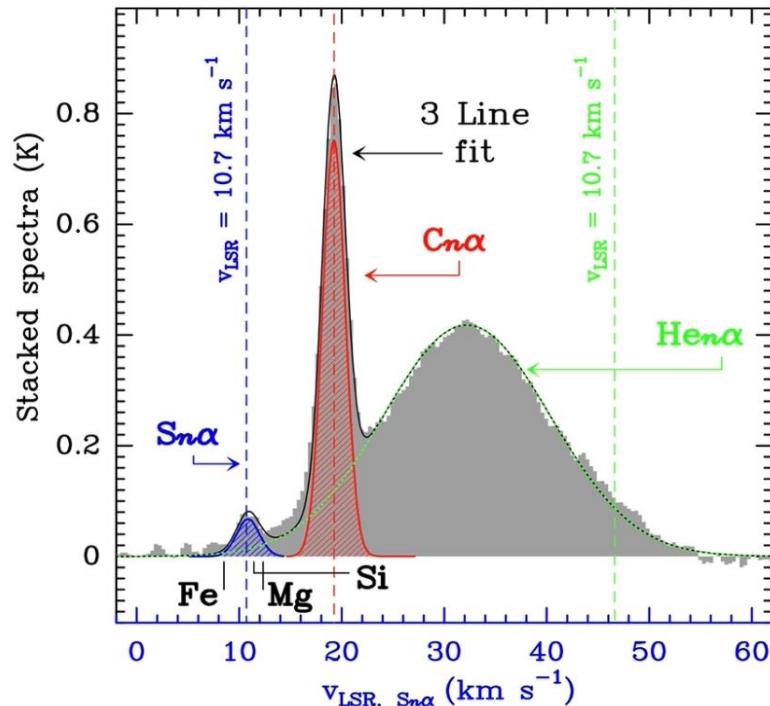
- Unpublished I30m/APEX data:
 - Spectral survey, 2 positions
 - ~15 hours/line
 - ²⁸SiO, ²⁹SiO, ³⁰SiO
 - (2-1) to (11-10), I30m & APEX

- Necessary synergies:
 - Complement with Si/SiII
 - Si ³P₁-³P₀ & ³P₂-³P₁ (129.7 & 68.5 μm), *Herschel-PACS*
 - Si⁺ ²P_{3/2}-²P_{1/2} (34.82 μm), *Spitzer-IRS*
 - CO & H₂, Chemical surveys (IC443: van Dishoeck et al. 1993 & W28: Mazumdar et al. 2022)
 - ALMA/NOEMA

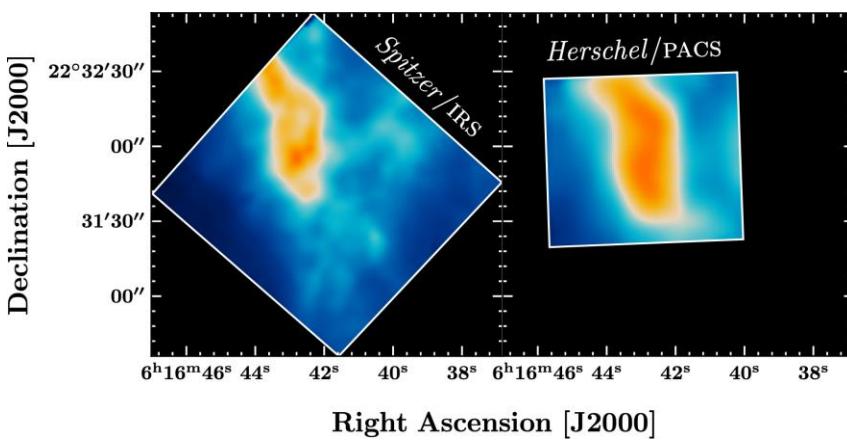


Photons: CI, C₂H (and PDR or irradiated shock models), RRLs

- Disentangle shocks from PDR-like effects
 - CI (Joblin et al. 2018)
 - ${}^3\text{P}_1 - {}^3\text{P}_0$, $E_{\text{up}} = 23.6 \text{ K}$, $\nu = 492 \text{ GHz}$
 - ${}^3\text{P}_2 - {}^3\text{P}_1$, $E_{\text{up}} = 62.5 \text{ K}$, $\nu = 810 \text{ GHz}$
 - specific diagnostics: C₂H & C chains
 - Teyssier et al. 2004 PDRs,
 - Beuther et al. 2008 massive SFRs
 - Radio Recombination Lines (RRLs):
 - H, C+He+S
 - Orion Bar: Cuadrado et al. 2019, Goicoechea et al. 2021, Pabst et al. 2024)



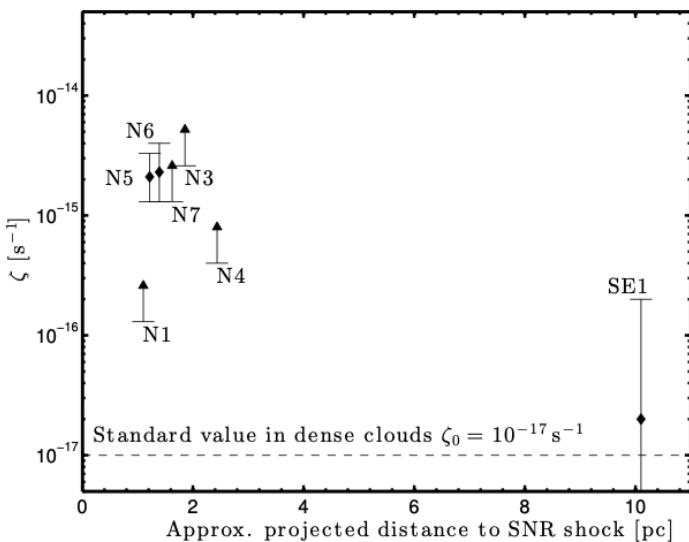
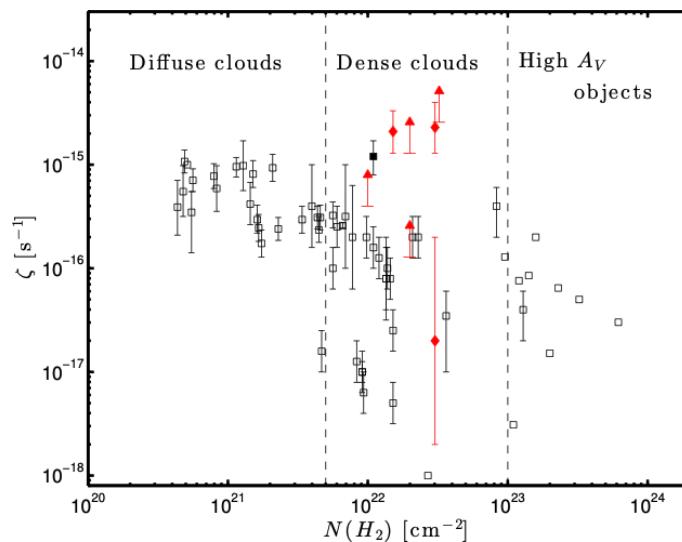
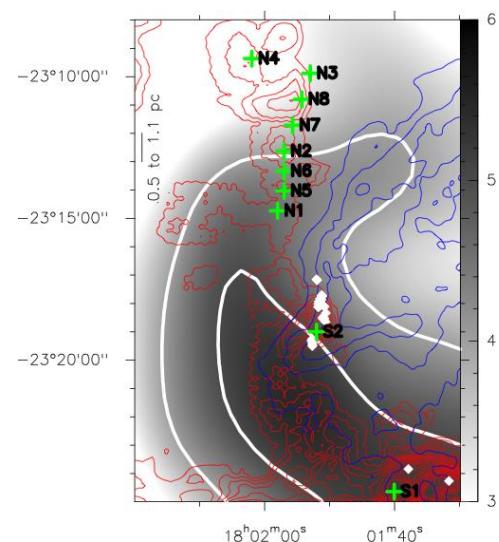
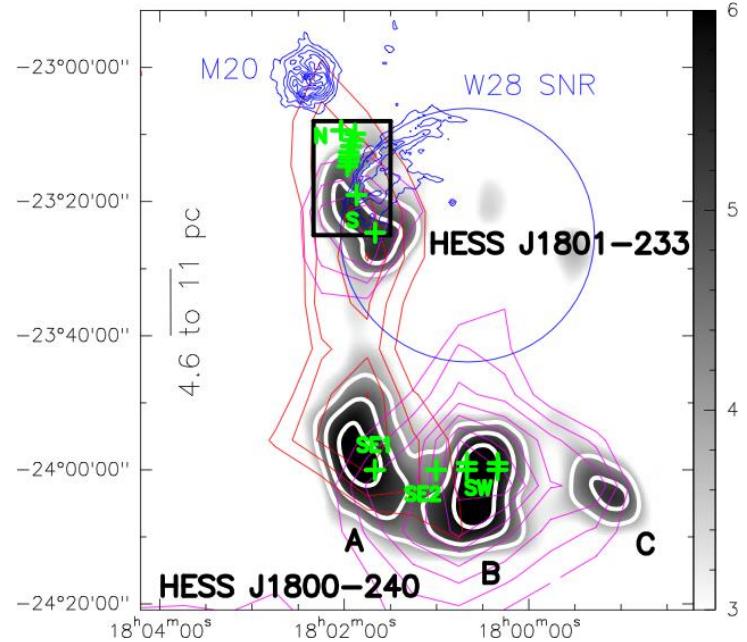
- Important synergies (Joblin et al. 2018):
 - CO & H₂, and chemical surveys
 - dust continuum
 - OI and C⁺ observations (*Herschel*)



Cosmic rays: cosmic ray ionization rate measurements

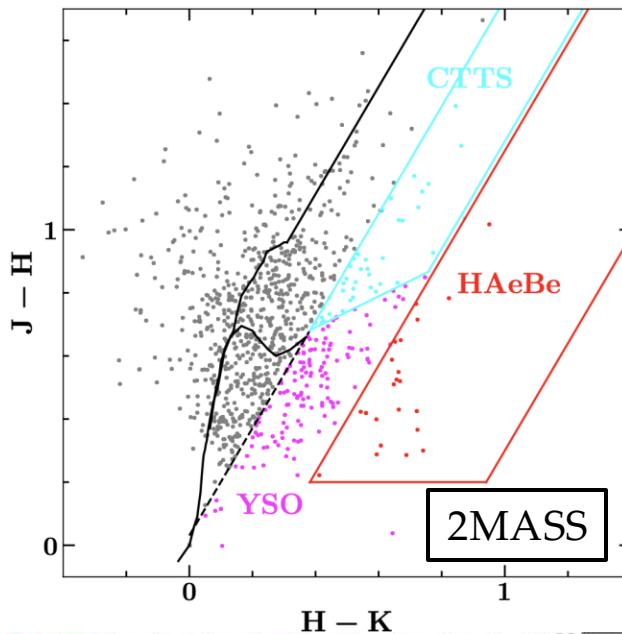
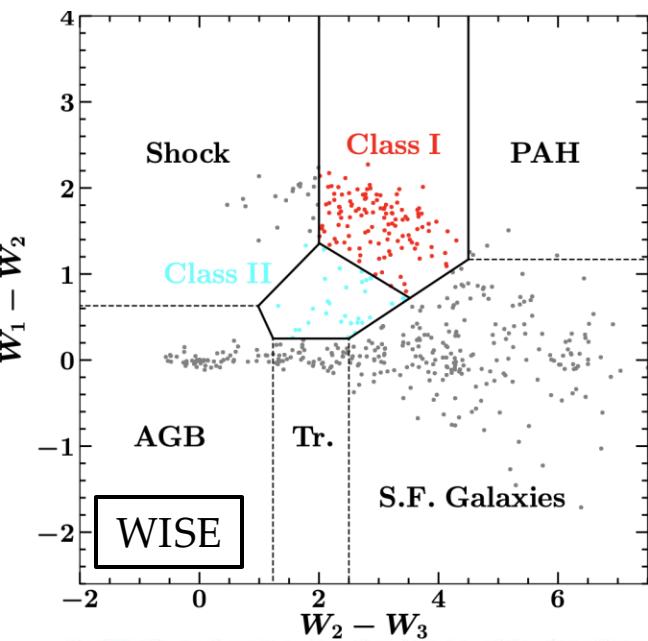
- ζ measurements, Vaupré et al. 2014:
 - in W28 ambient clouds
 - chemical modelling of
- H¹³CO+ (1-0), DCO+ (2-1)
- ¹³CO, C¹⁷O, C¹⁸O (1-0) & (2-1)

- Results:
 - relatively high values
 - above 10^{-17} s^{-1}



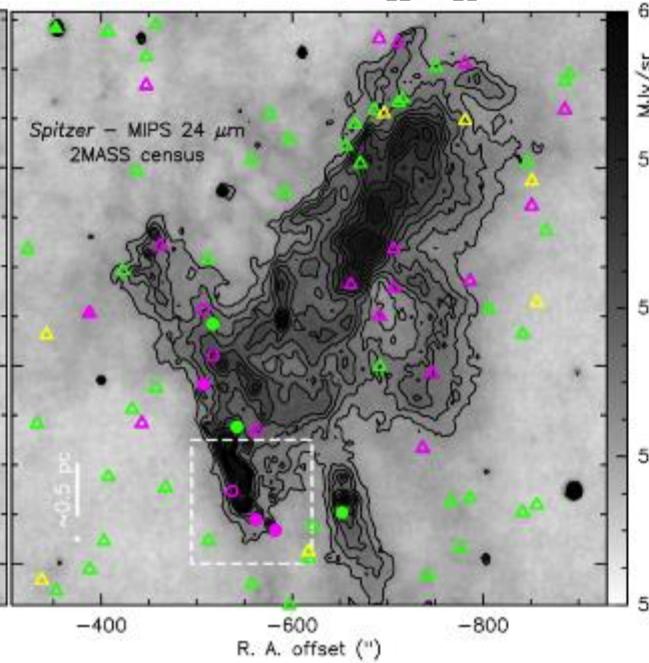
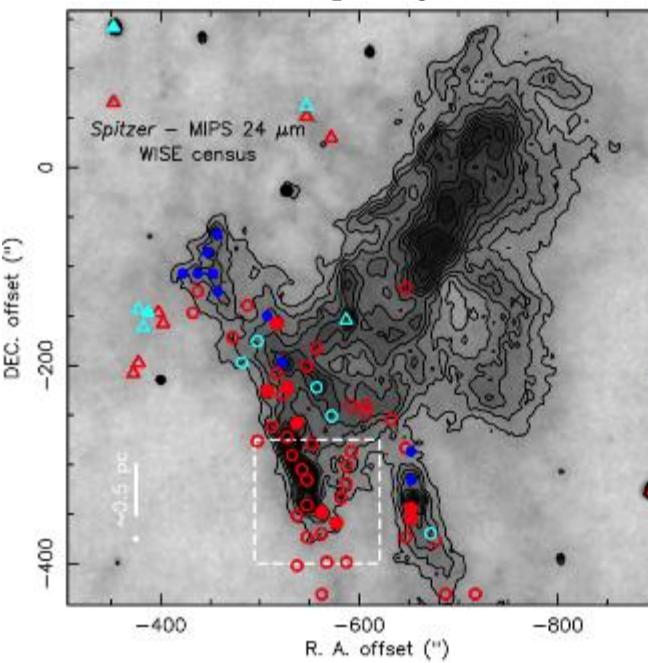
Star formation

IR point source detections in IC443G-extended



| Band | λ (μm) | $\Delta\lambda$ (μm) | FWHM('') |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| WISE W_1 | 3.35 | 0.66 | 6.1 |
| WISE W_2 | 4.60 | 1.04 | 6.4 |
| WISE W_3 | 11.56 | 5.51 | 6.5 |
| WISE W_4 | 22.09 | 4.10 | 12.0 |
| 2MASS J | 1.235 | 0.162 | 2.5 |
| 2MASS H | 1.662 | 0.251 | 2.5 |
| 2MASS K | 2.159 | 0.262 | 2.5 |

Dell'Ova et al. 2020



- WISE census:**
- △ Class I, point-like
 - Class I, extended
 - Class I, extended, also seen by 2MASS
 - △ Class II, point-like
 - △ Class II, point like, also seen by 2MASS
 - Class II, extended
 - Shocks (unreliable)
- 2MASS census:**
- △ YSO, point-like
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 - △ CTTS, point-like
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 - △ HAeBe, point-like

What needs to be done : local CMF studies

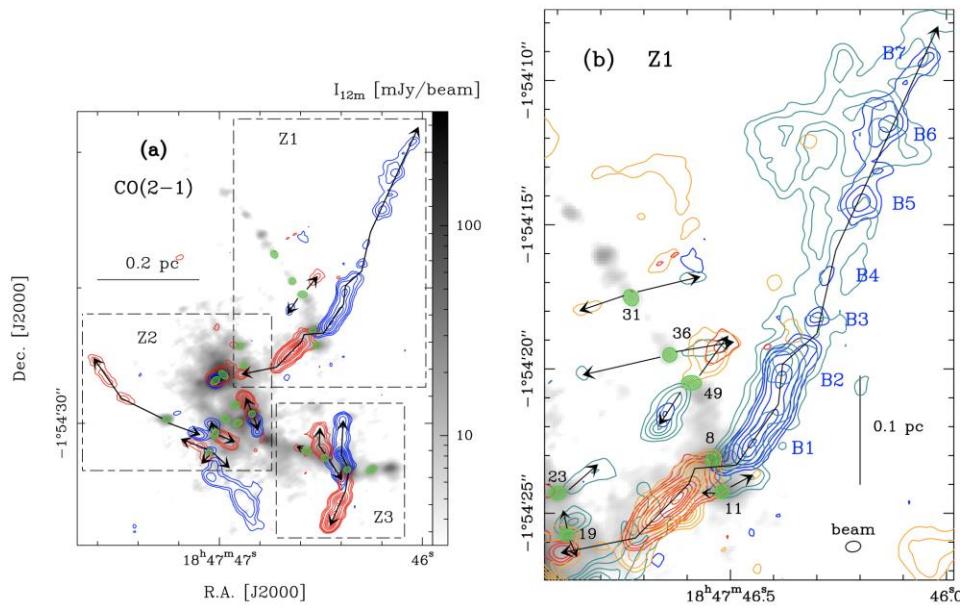
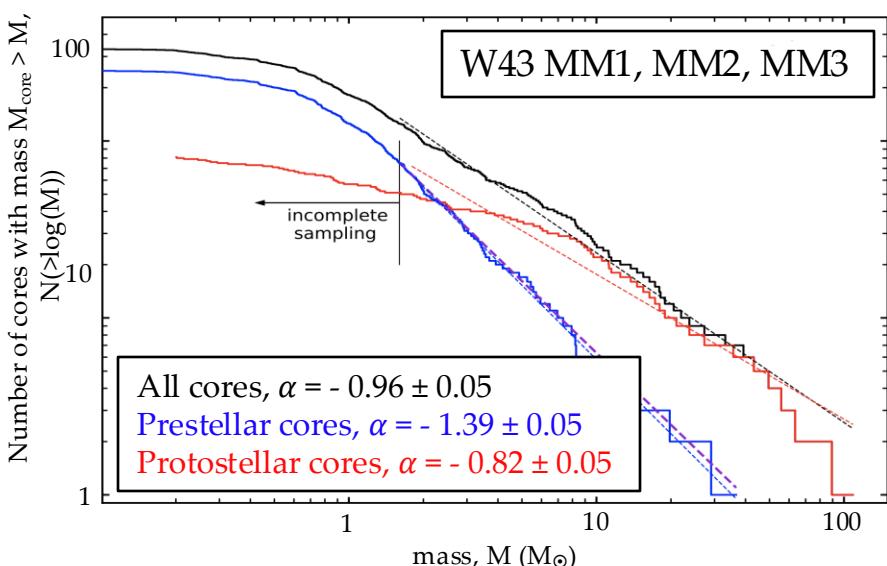
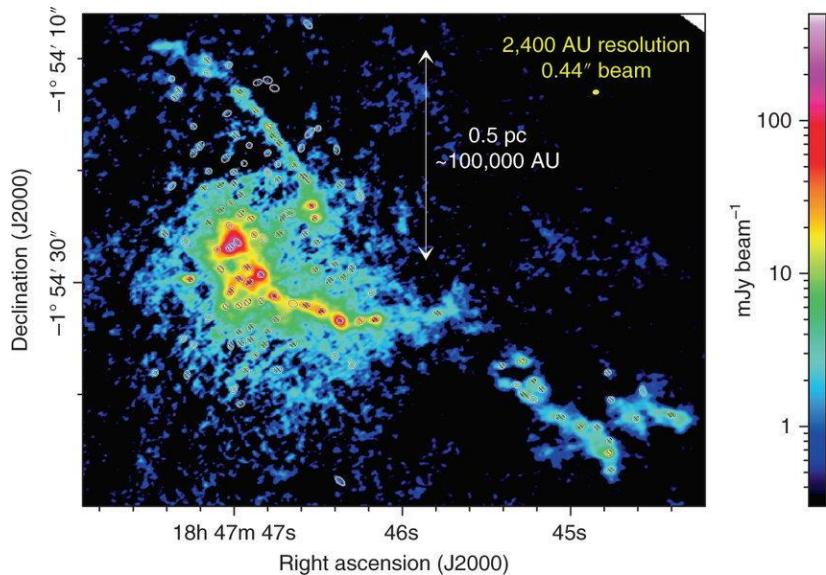
- ALMA-IMF LP (PI F. Motte et al.; Motte et al. 2022, Ginsburg et al. 2022):

- 1 mm & 3 mm continuum : core extraction, CMF building

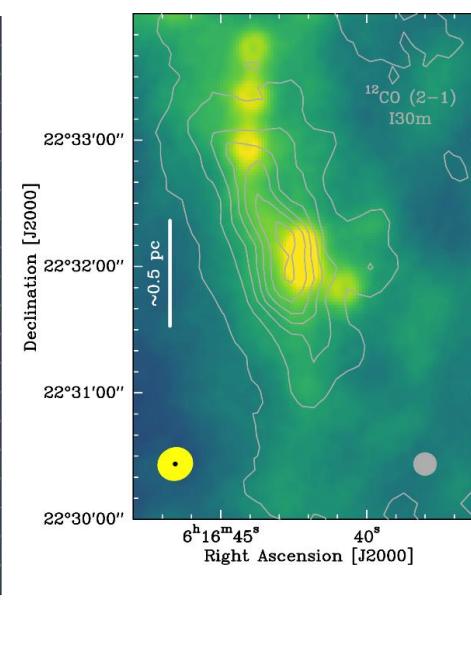
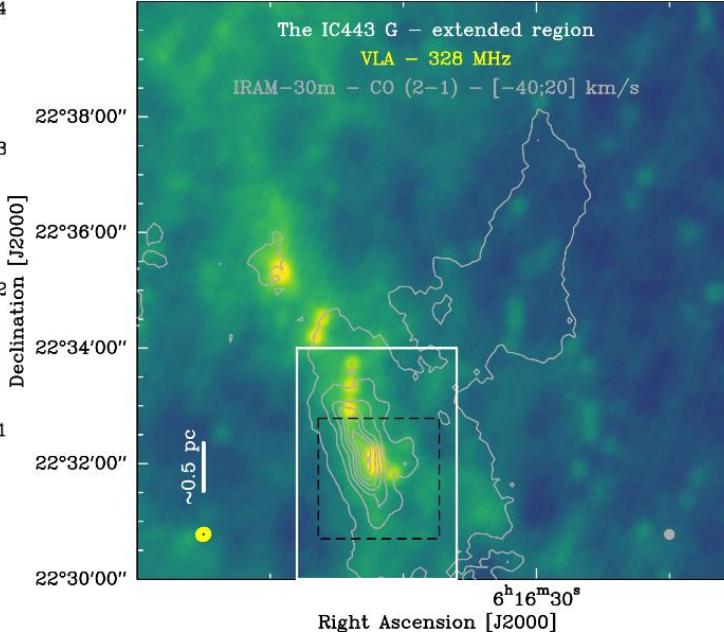
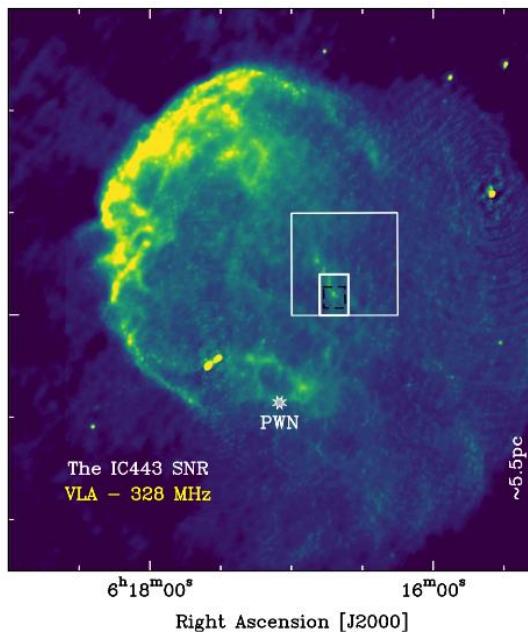
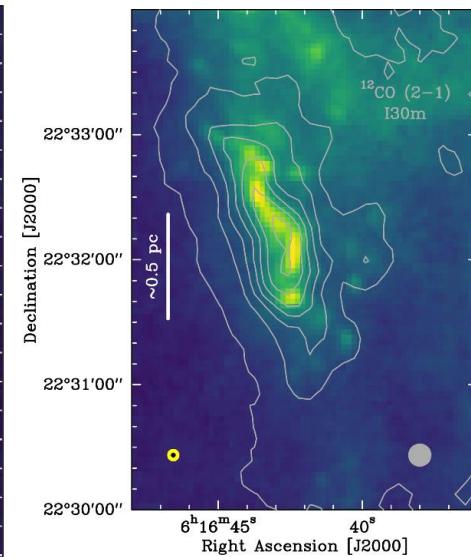
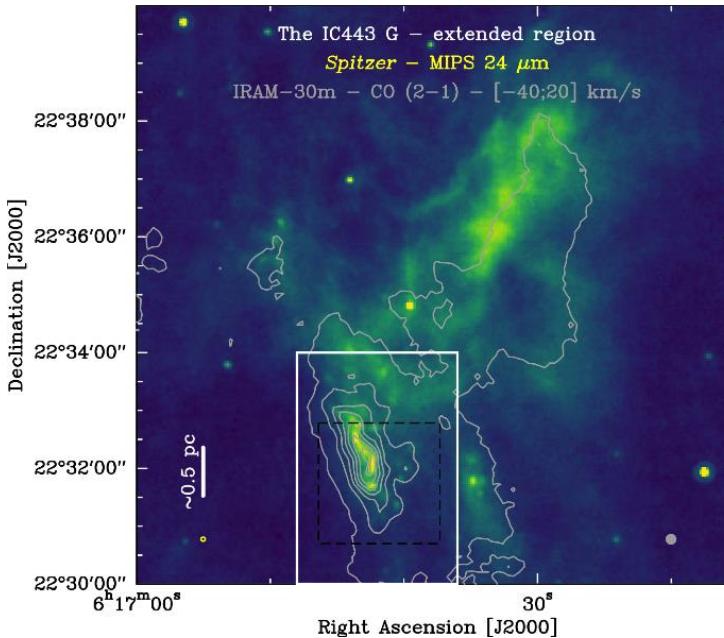
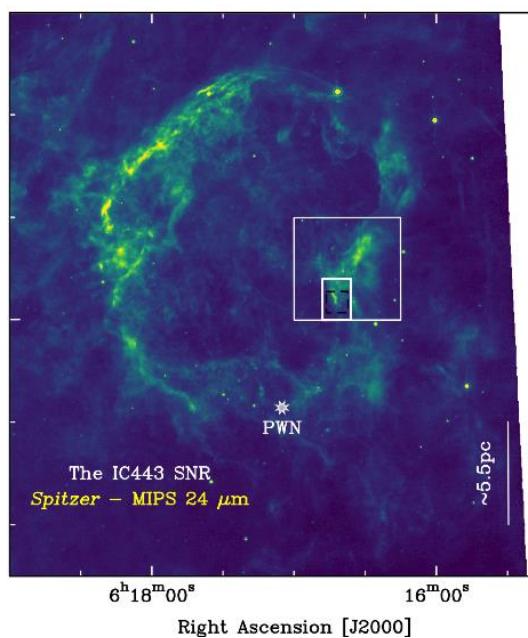
Motte et al. 2018, Pouteau et al. 2022, 2023,
Armante et al., 2024, Louvet et al. 2024

- CO & SiO lines : outflow detection

Nony et al. 2020, 2023, Armante et al. 2024,
Towner et al. 2024, Valeille-Manet et al. 2024



One last ISM puzzle: synchrotron bubbles or compact HII regions ?



Perspective: towards Cosmic Rays science

A summary

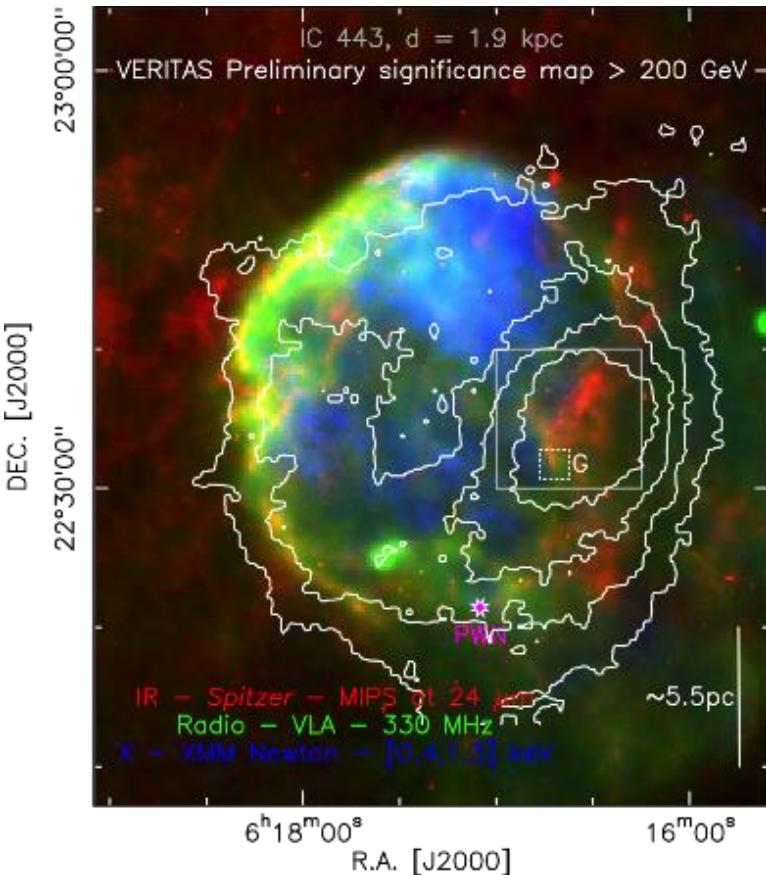
- Based on the CO lines and dust emission, we can:
 - identify dense medium components
 - estimate their mass, density
 - measure the IR-to-mm local radiation field
 - characterize some aspects of the UV field (starlight, PAH⁺/PAH)
 - characterize some dust properties
- Based on observations of selected species, we can:
 - quantify the contribution of shocks and photons to the energy injection
 - measure local cosmic ray ionization rates
- Based on our star formation studies, we can:
 - identify potential pre- and proto-stellar cores, build their CMF
 - start to investigate the potential outflows
 - identify radio bubbles (synchrotron bubbles or compact HII regions)
- All this on huge regions of the sky at high angular & spectral resolutions

A selective summary

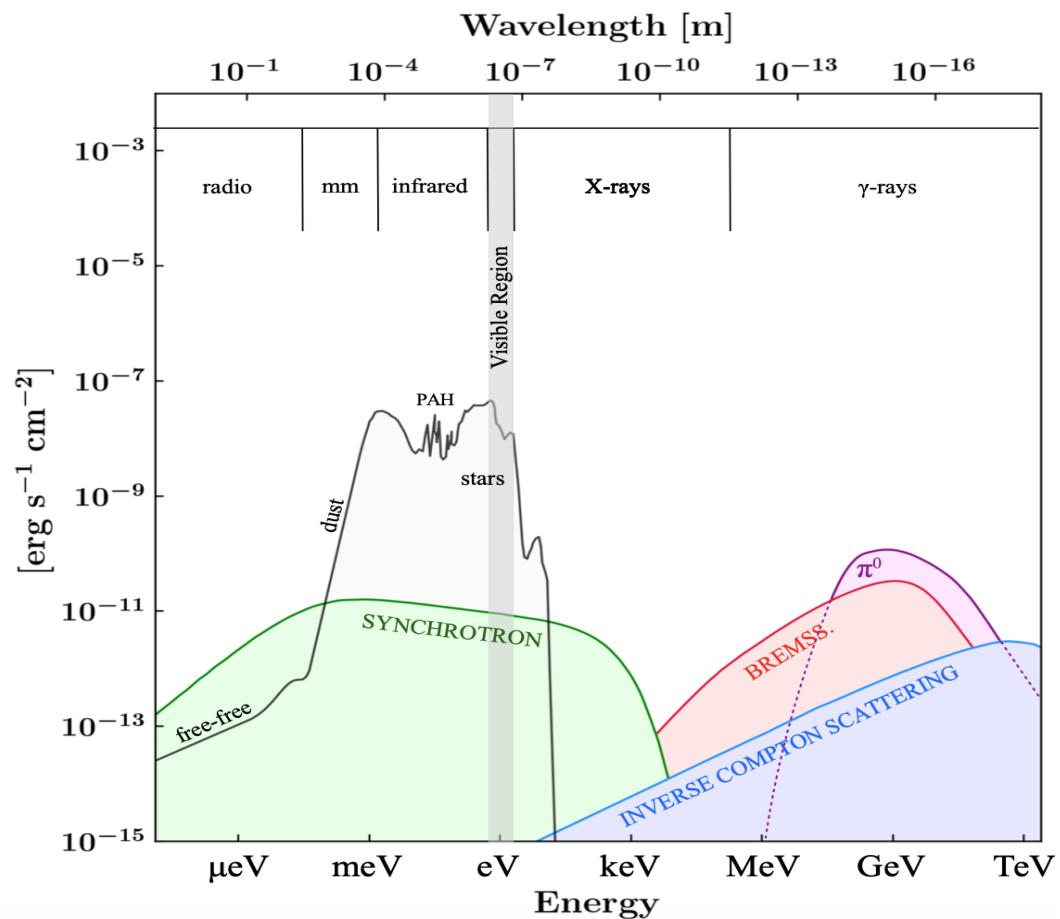
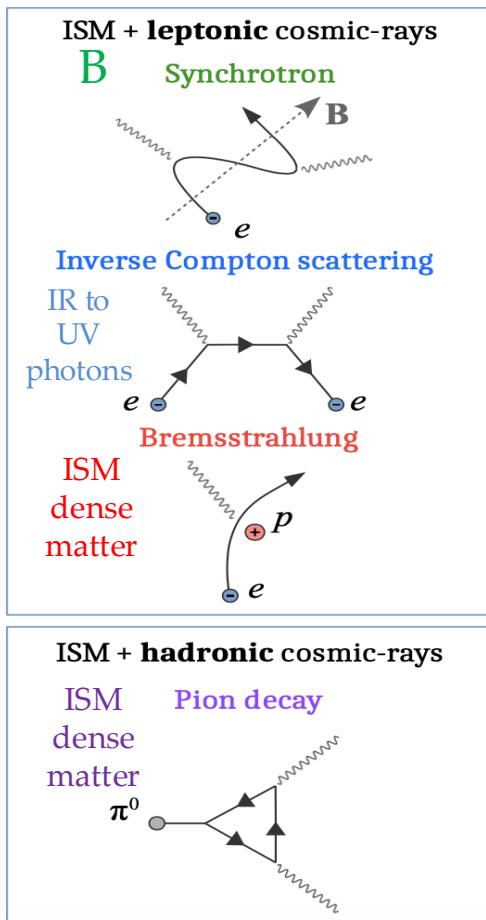
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- The huge FoV means we can participate to the interpretation of the white contours: γ -ray emission, typically obtained at $\sim 0.2^\circ$ resolution (upcoming CTA a few arcmin)



Cosmic rays characterization in evolved SNRs



Thanks for your attention !