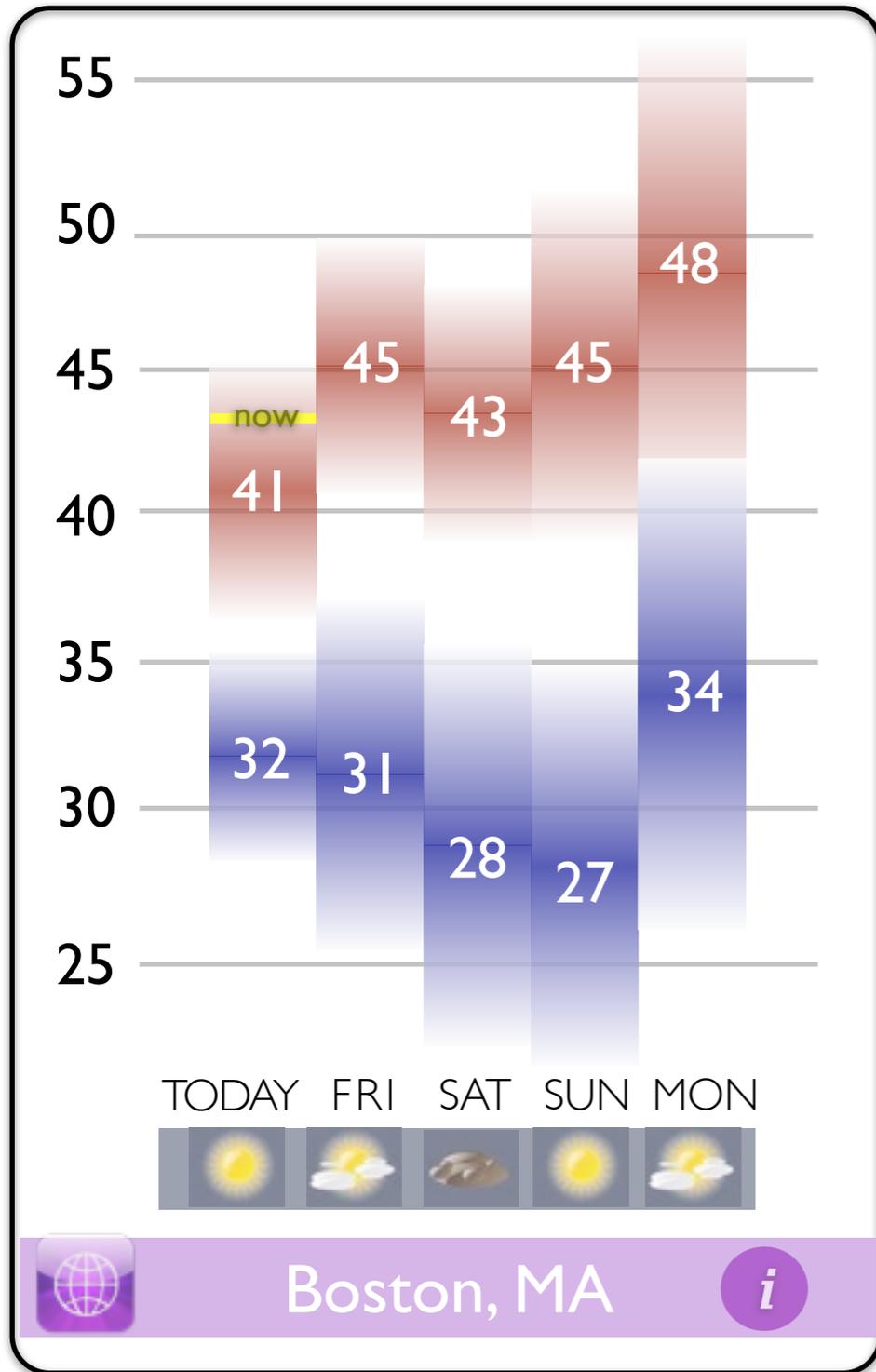
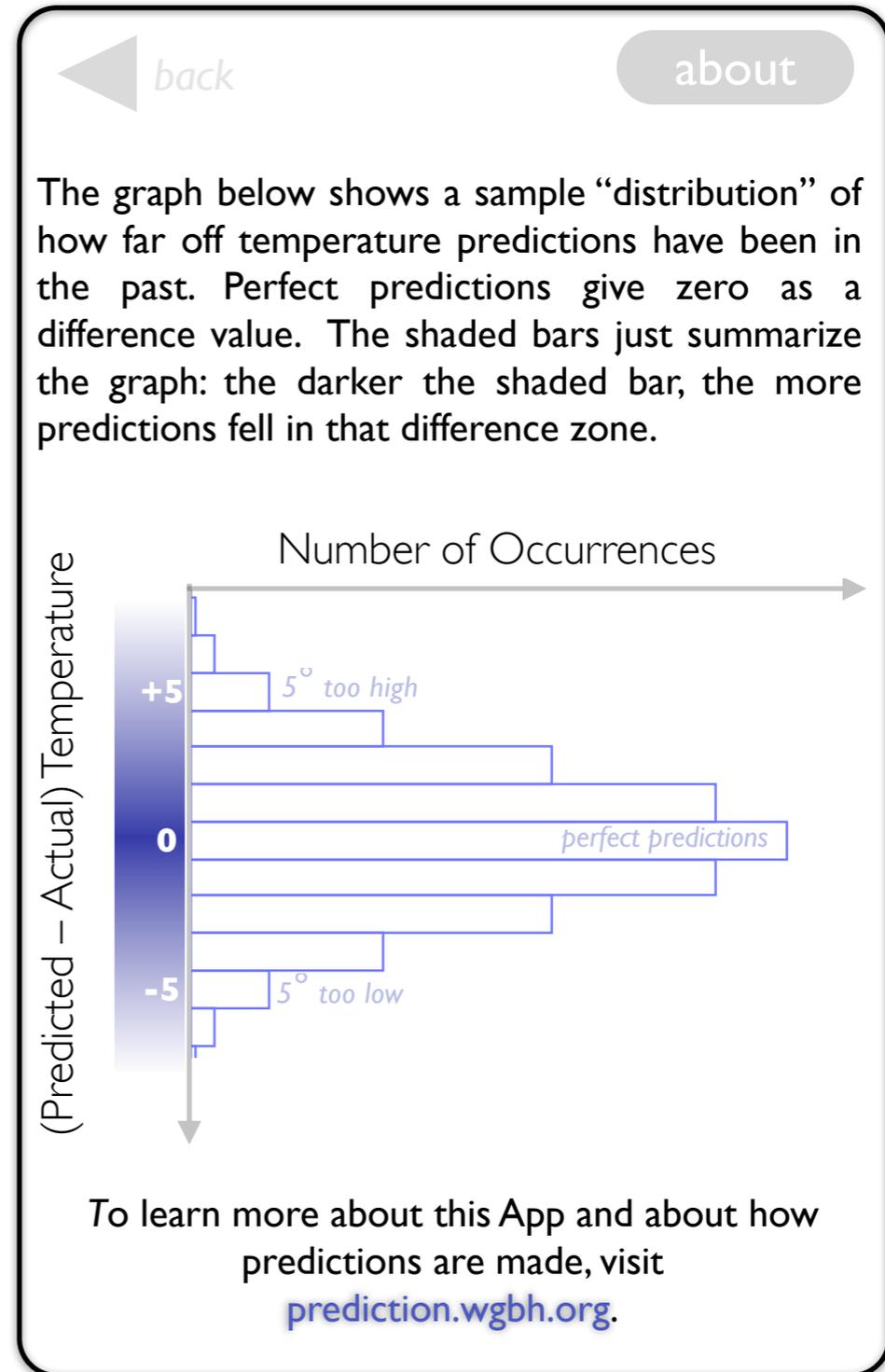


While you are waiting...here's an in-the-works [iPhone] App on "Uncertainty" being made in conjunction with my course & a project on "Prediction" we're doing at WGBH...

main screen



info screen



goes to location screen



goes to info screen



goes to about screen

From Baby Pictures to Baby Stars: What Scientists *Can* See



*What kind of
credentials are
those??*

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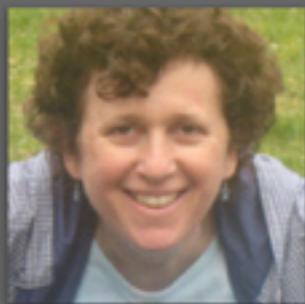
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fun this was!



IMG_3343



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View



Confirm Name



Edit



Rotate



Flag



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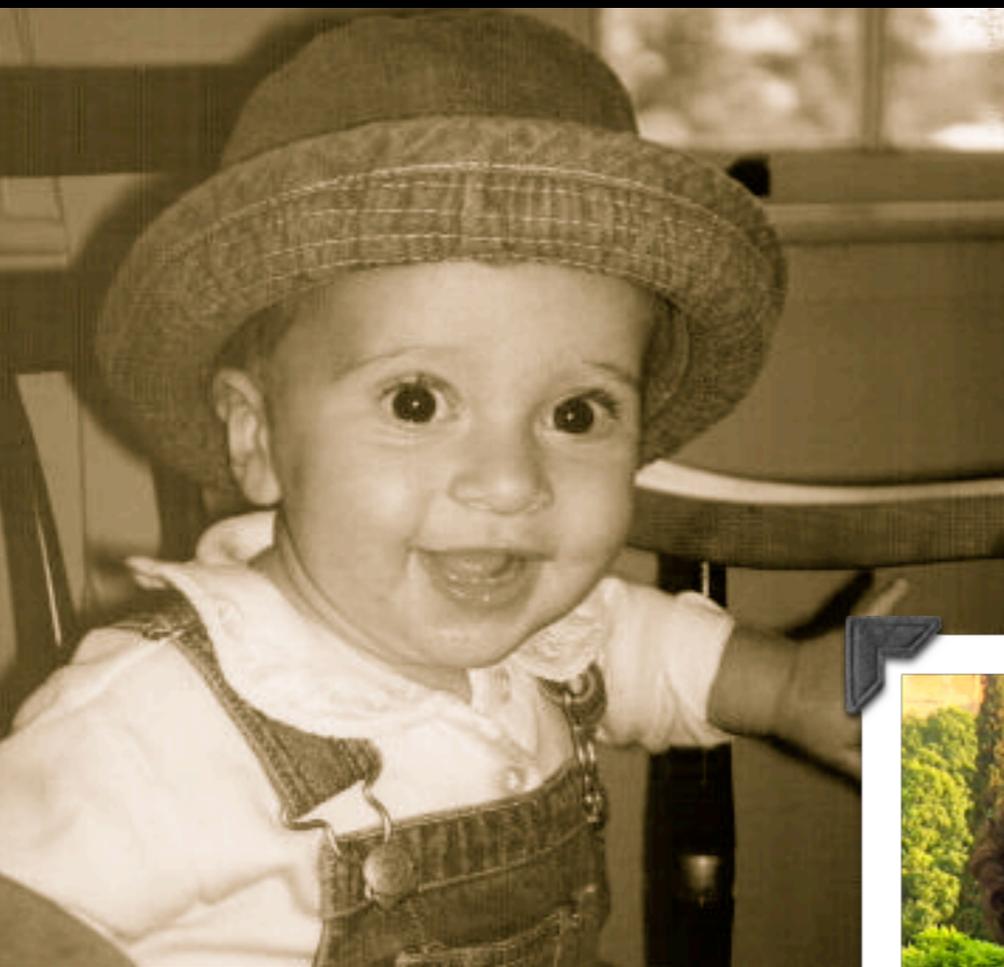
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iWeb



iDVD





19 out of 22?

You & I **can see** what I will show thanks to...

Astronomical Medicine & 3D PDF: Mike Halle, Michelle Borkin, Jens Kauffmann, Doug Alan, Ron Kikinis, Erik Rosolowsky, Nick Holliman, Jonathan Foster, Jaime Pineda, Héctor Arce, Dave Kennedy, Mark Thomas, Timo Hannay & Phil Campbell

WorldWide Telescope: Curtis Wong, Jonathan Fay & Gus Muench + MSR supporters

Touch: Chia Shen & Hanspeter Pfister

Image & Meaning: Felice Frankel & Ros Reid



Cognition

“Tools”

Nature



Cognition

“Tools”

Nature





*These limit what we
“can” see.*



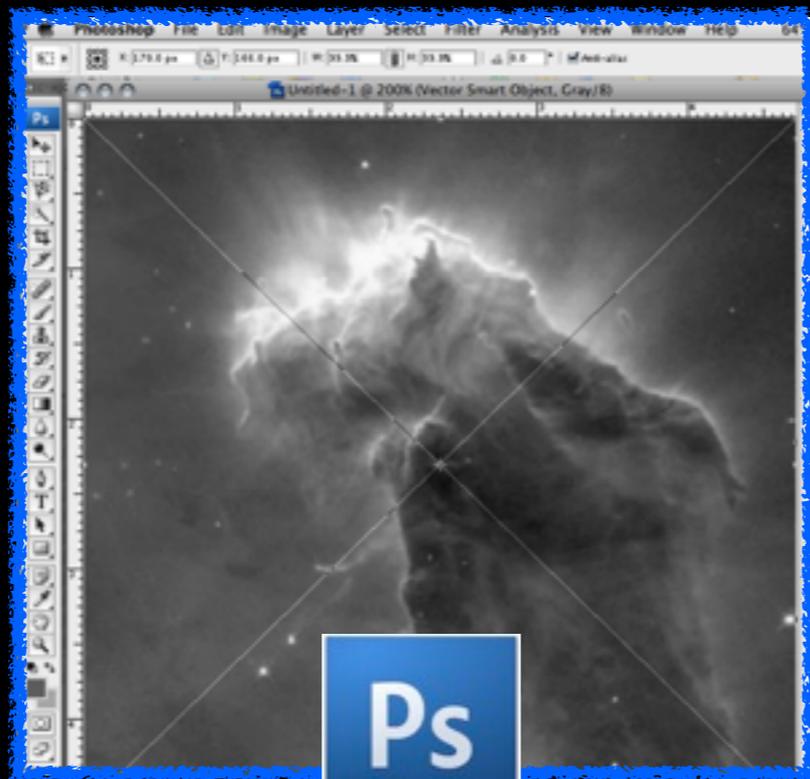
(hardware)



My Fuller Meaning of “Tools”



(nerdware)



(imageware)

Nature?!





Can this process ever be generalized in a
“theory of data graphics”?

Shall we discuss that later??

Baby Stars: What Scientists “Can” See



What Astronomers “Can” See *as distinguished from what they “Cannot” vs. “Could” See*

Can

2D (our sky)

static graph(ic)s

their own data

baby pix

Cannot

aliens' views

N/A

proprietary data

matches to adult pix

Could

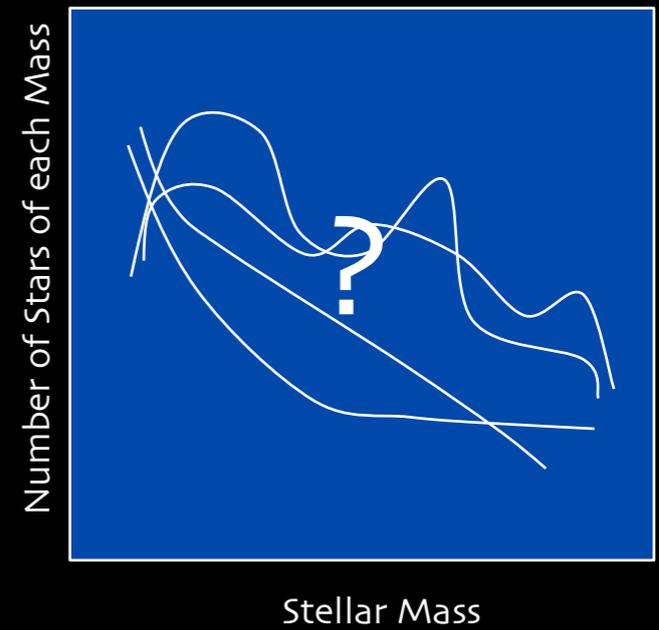
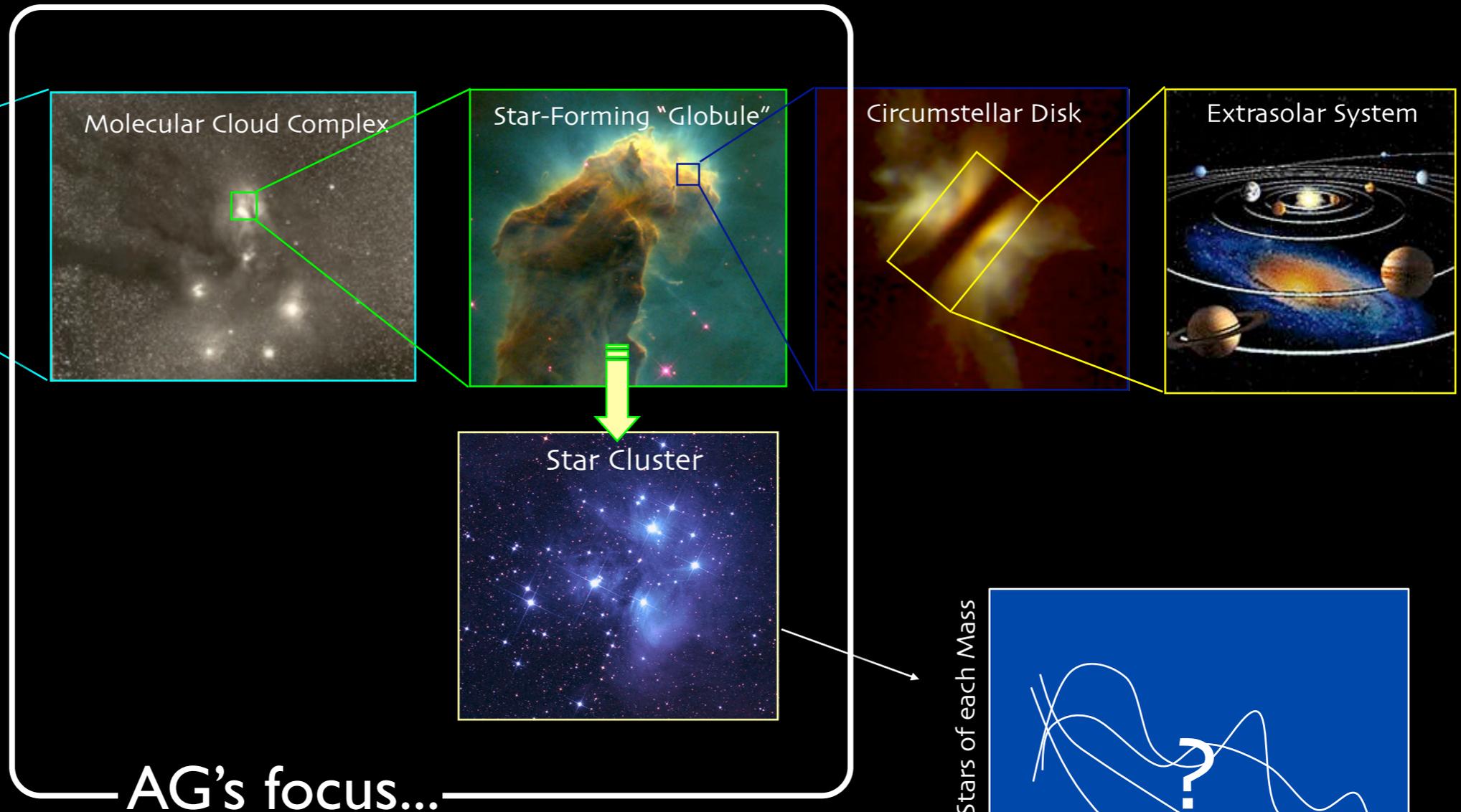
3D proxies, 4D
Astronomical Medicine

interactive
graph(ic)s
3D PDF, “3D” DataDesk w/selector

“free” data
WWT, Google Sky

with practice?...

Star (and Planet, and Moon) Formation 101



What Astronomers “Can” See *as distinguished from what they “Cannot” vs. “Could” See*

Can

2D (our sky)

static graph(ic)s

their own data

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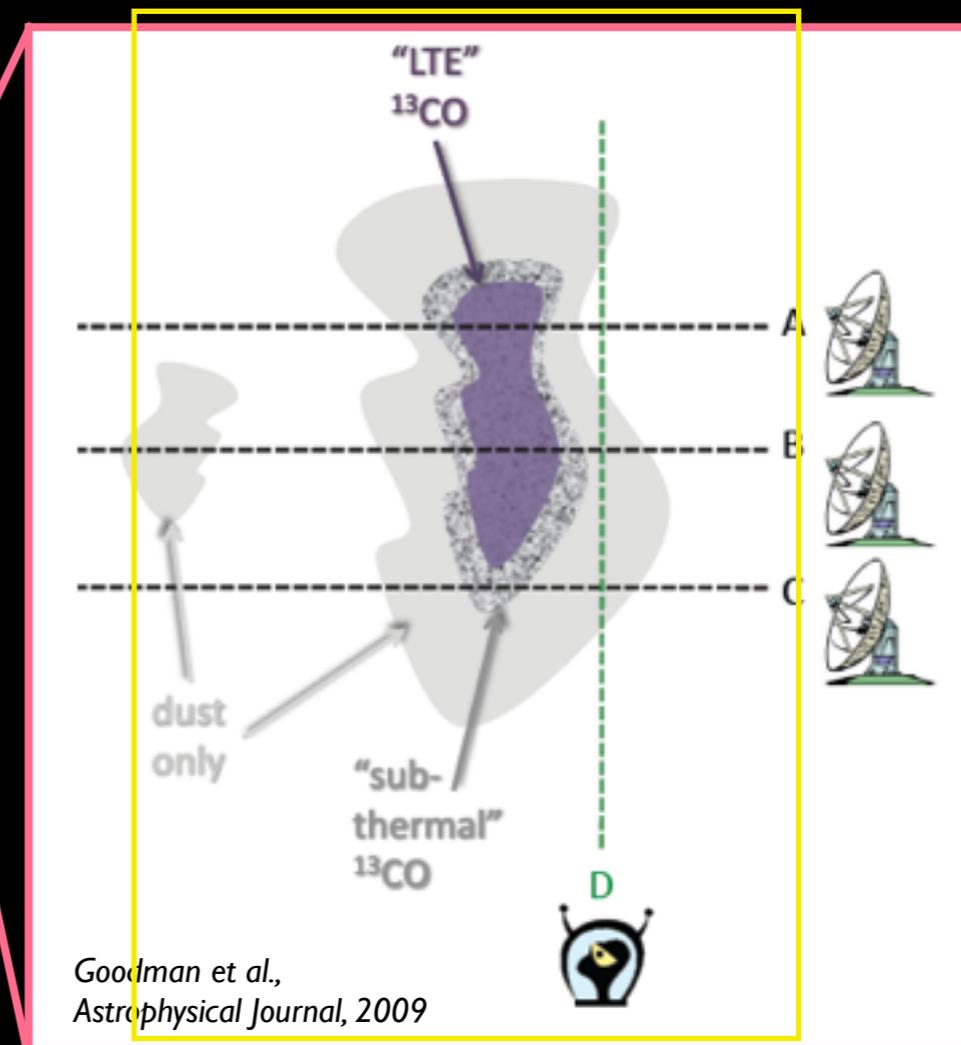
Cannot

aliens' views

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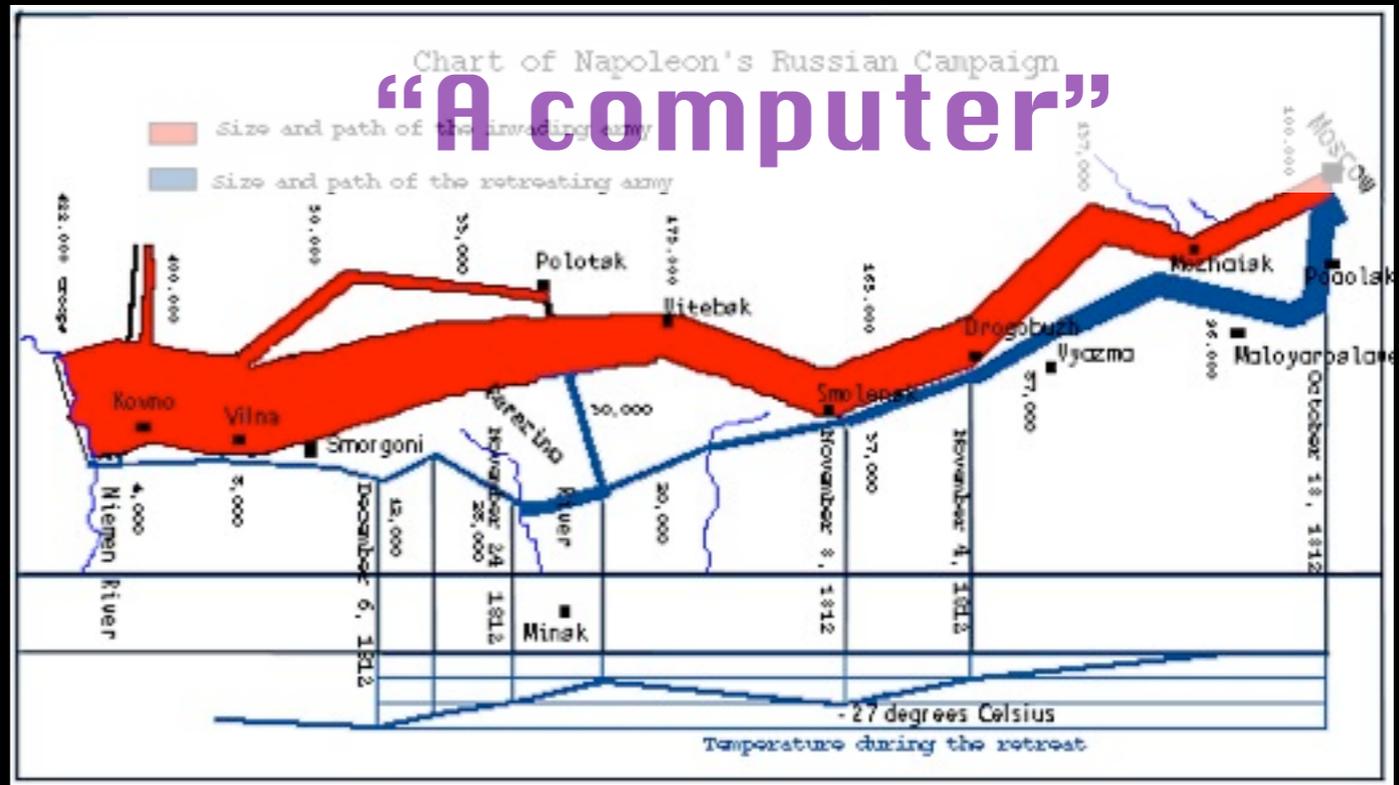
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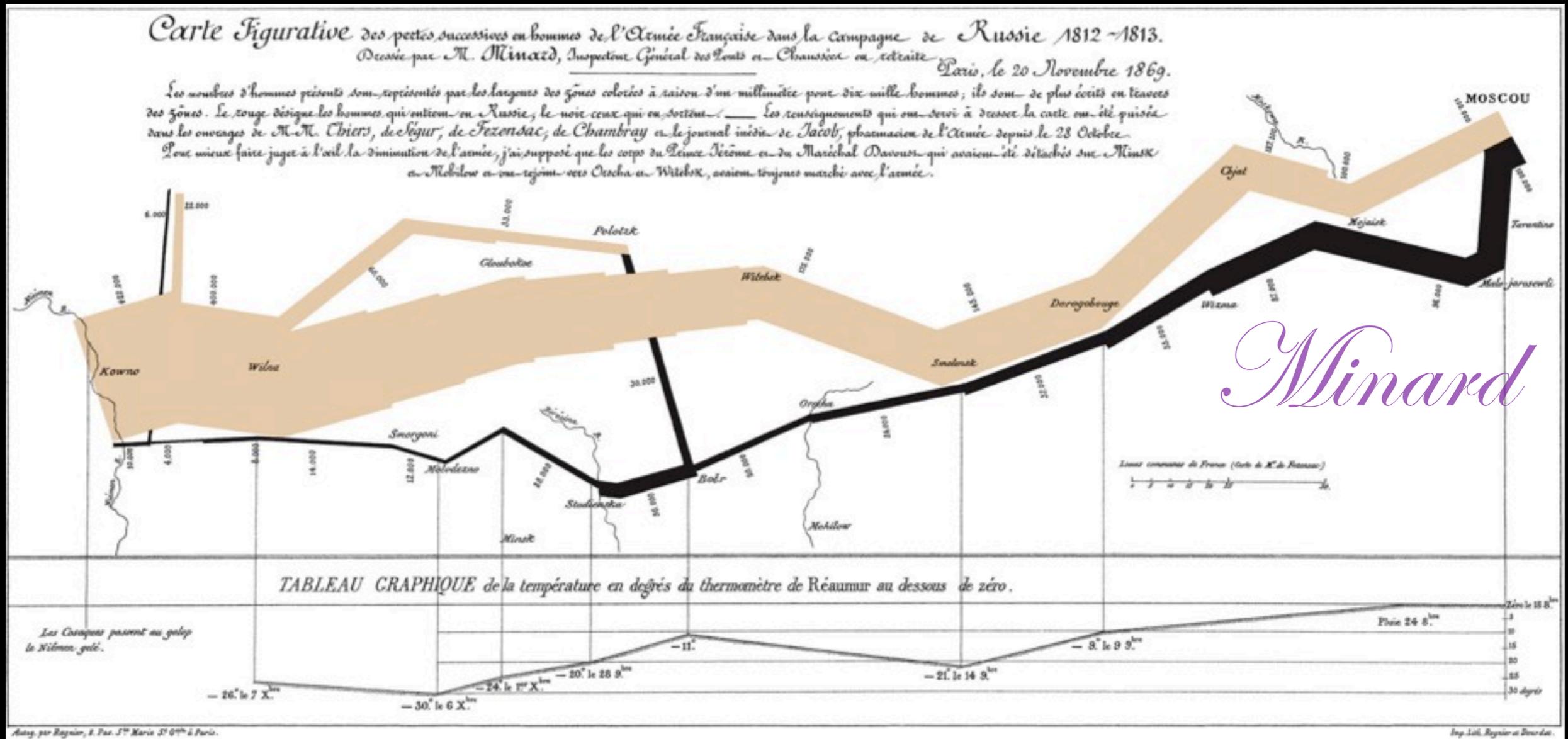
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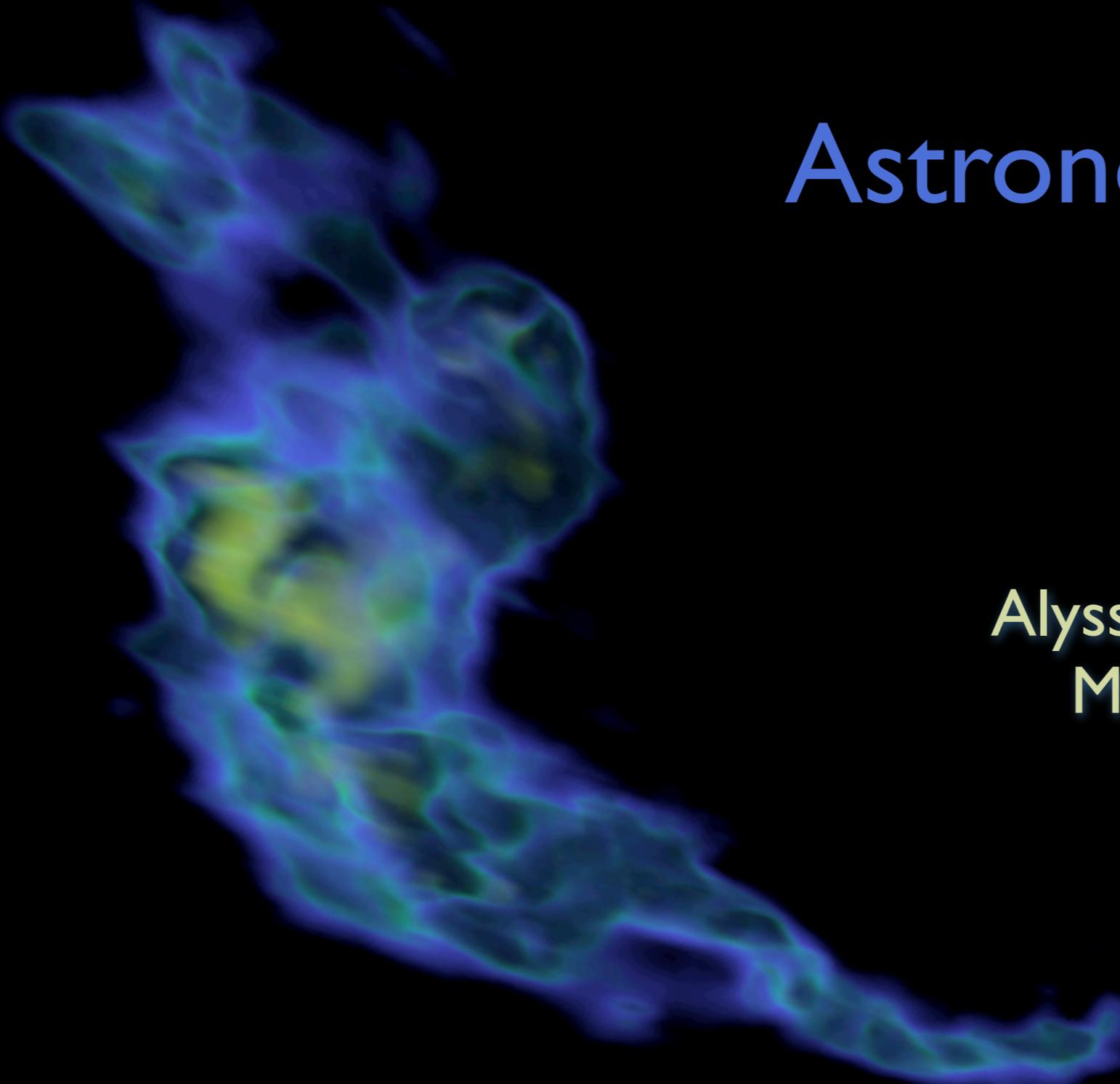
-?-

Are creativity and discovery held back from “could” by confining technological tools?



“A computer”





Astronomical Medicine

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The Astronomical Medicine Story



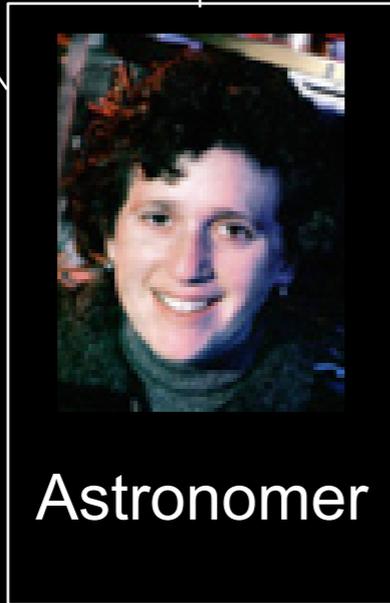
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Computer Scientist

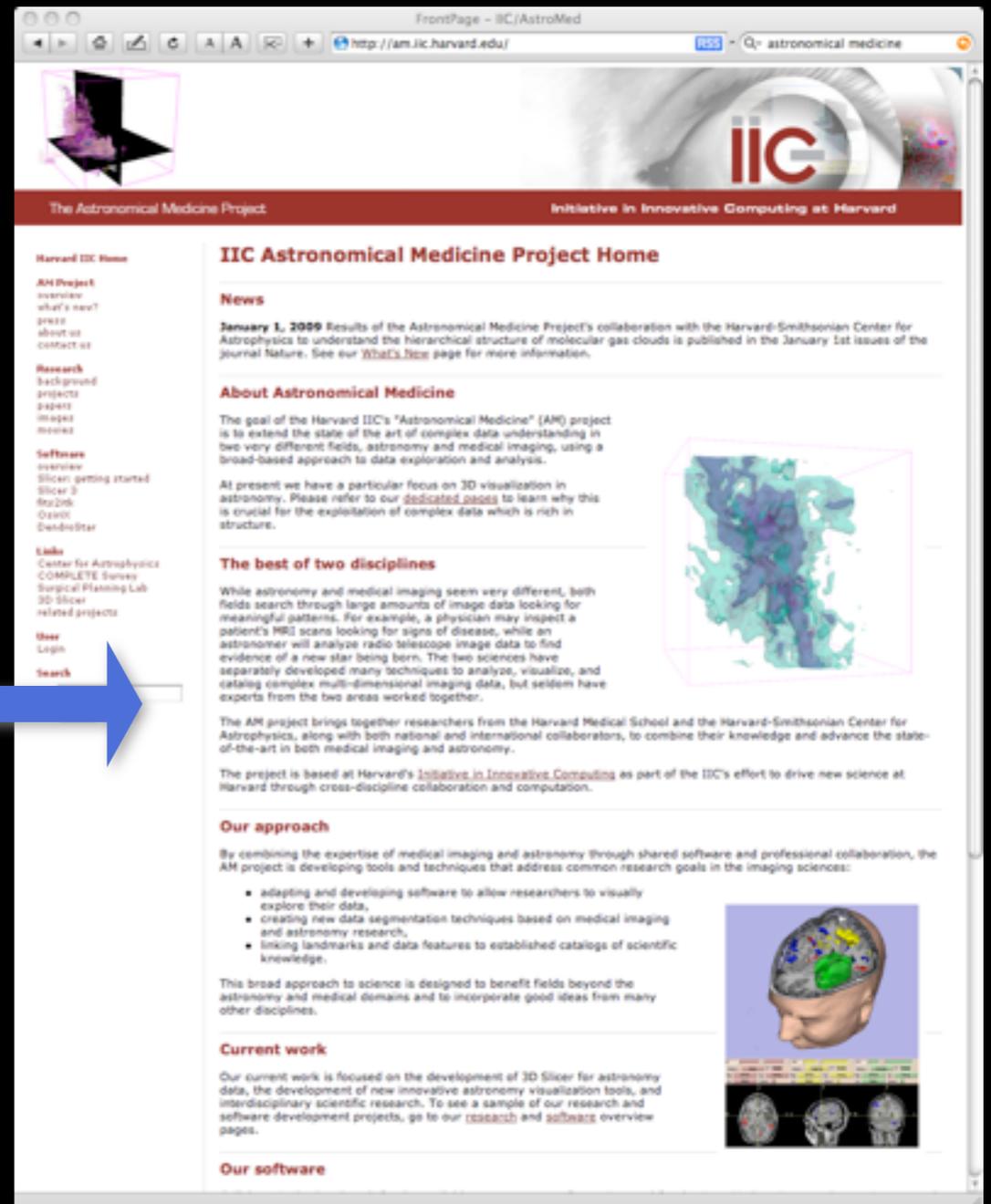


Unsuspecting Undergrad



Astronomer

“Viz has failed the scientific community...”



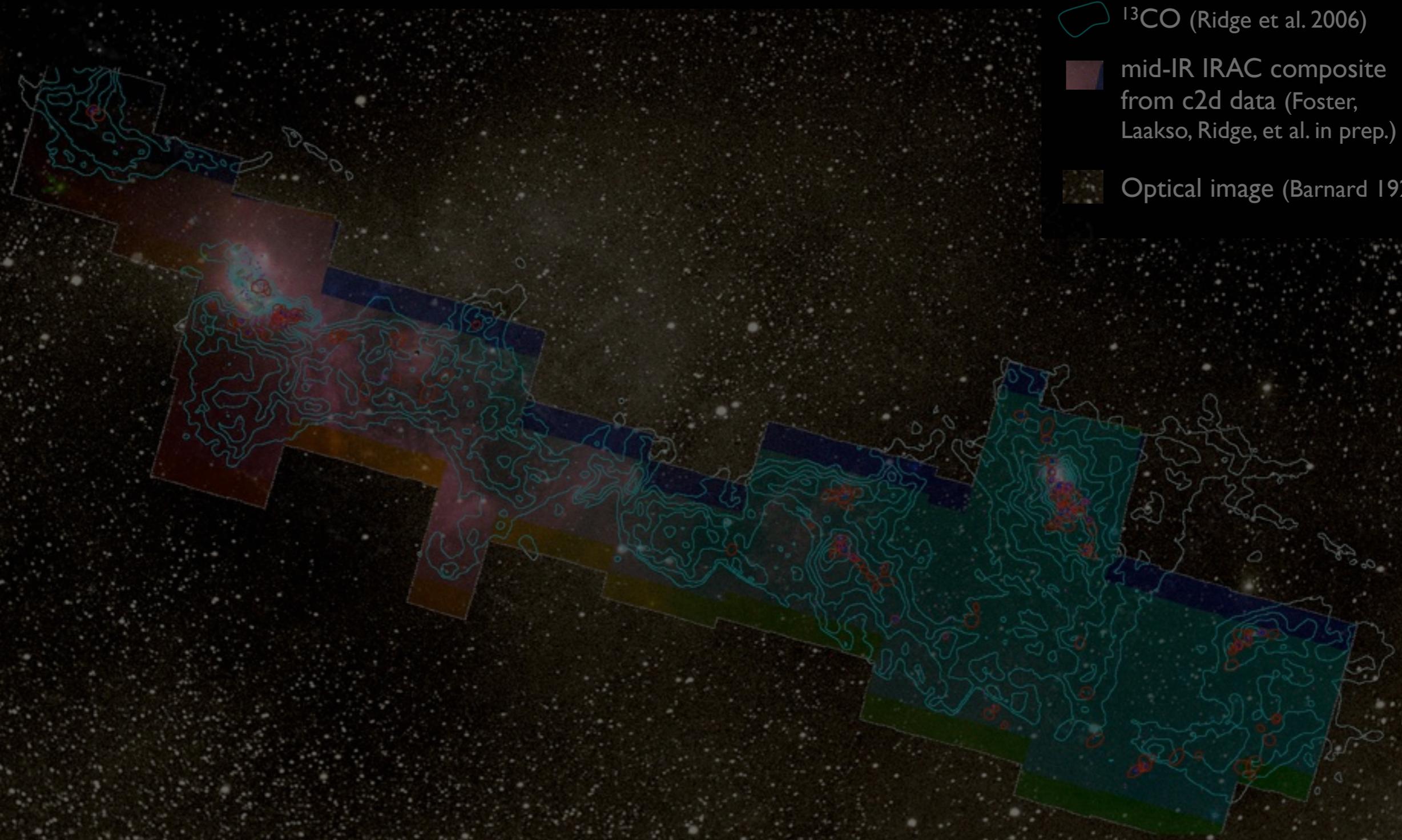
- +Nick Holliman (CS, 3D expert)
- +Doug Alan (S/W Engineer)
- +Jens Kauffmann (postdoc)
- +Erik Rosolowsky (postdoc) + ...



COMPLETE = COordinated Molecular Probe Line Exinction Thermal Emission

image size: 520 x 274
view size: 1305 x 733
WL: 63 WWT 01

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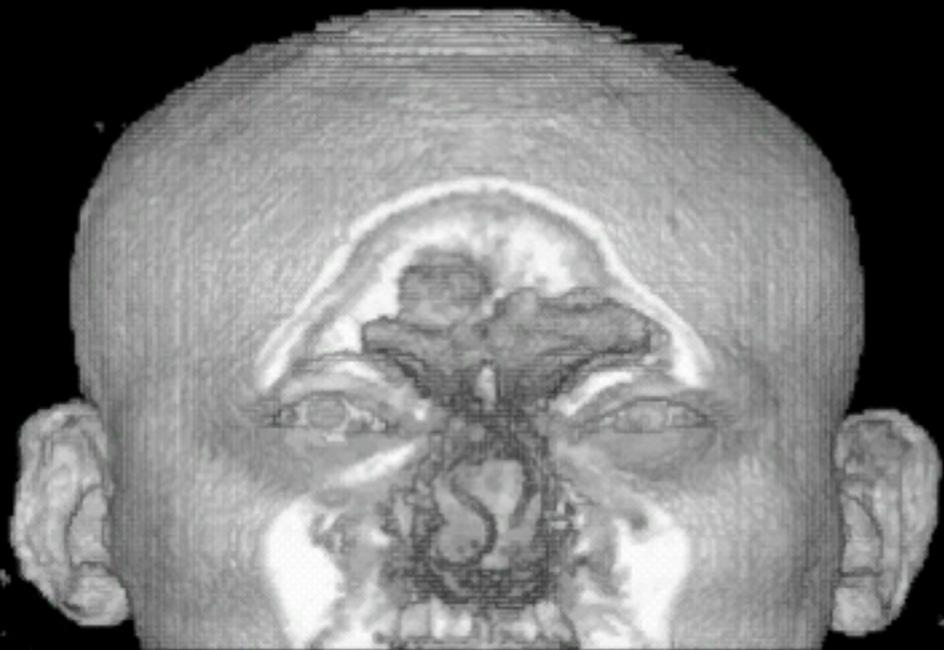


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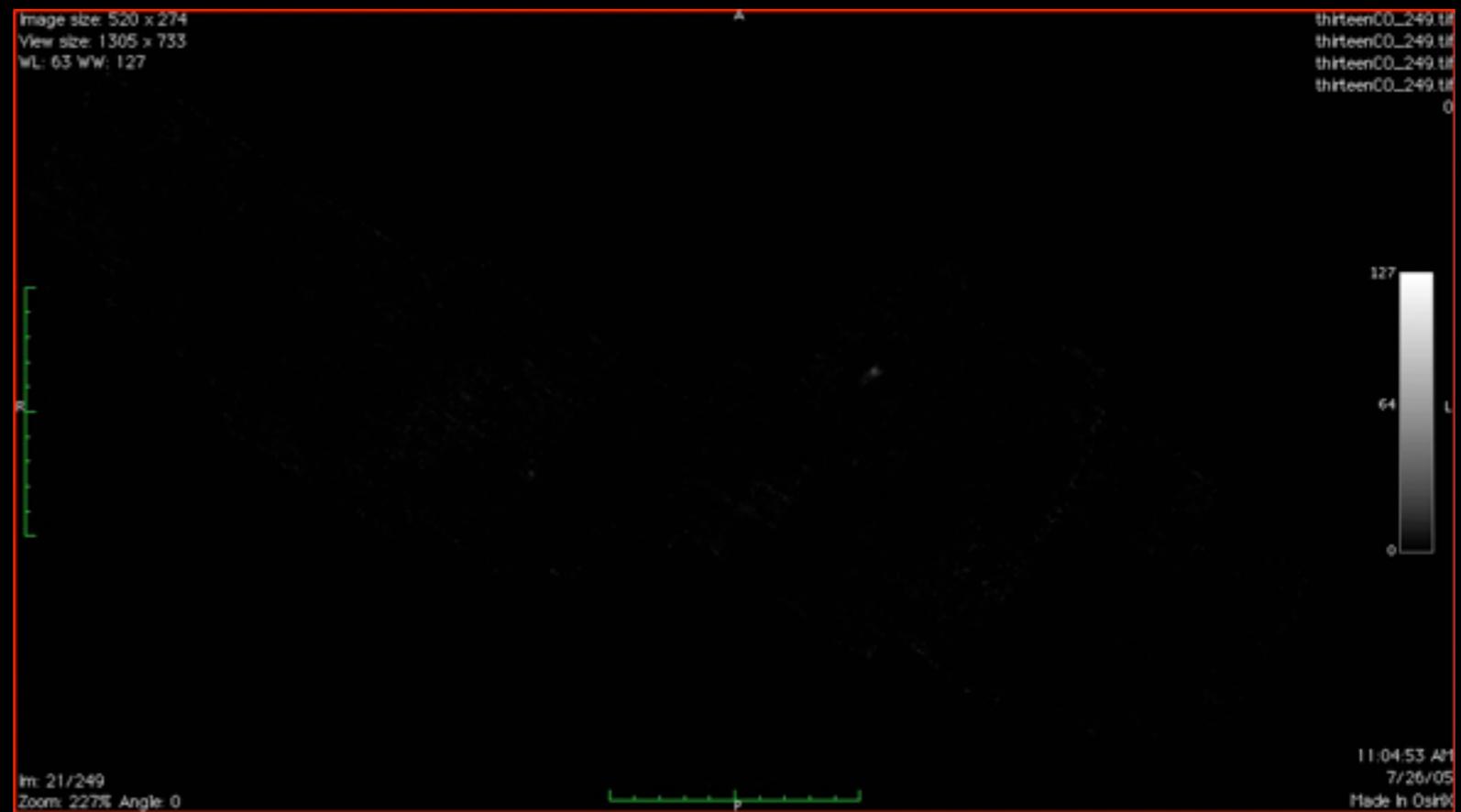
“Astronomical Medicine”

“KEITH”



“z” is depth into head

“PERSEUS”

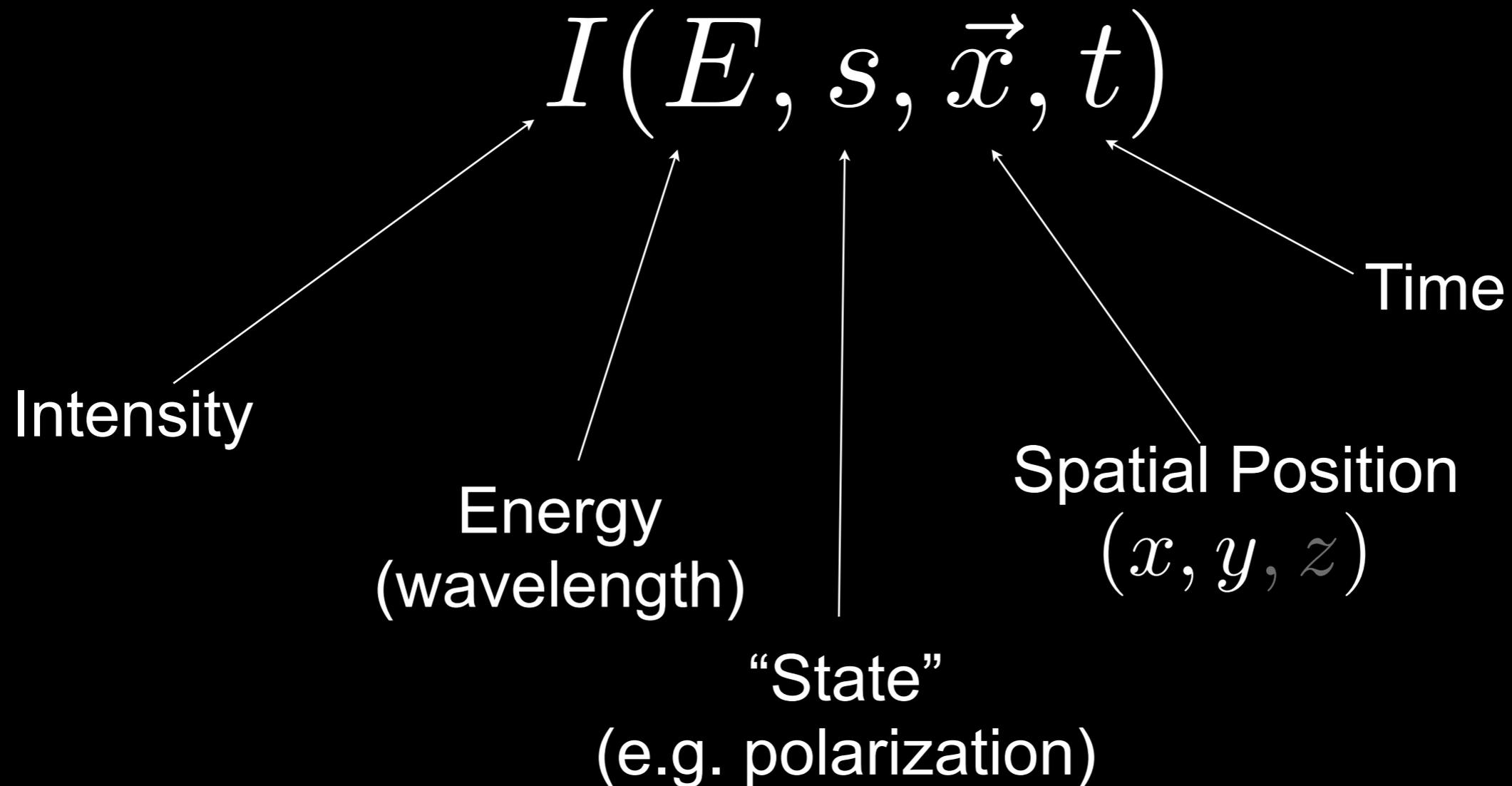


“z” is line-of-sight velocity

(This kind of “series of 2D slices view” is known in the Viz as “the grand tour”)



What can we observe?



...and the science is in the interpretation of these measurements into physical quantities & processes.

What can we observe?

$$I(\vec{x})$$

Intensity



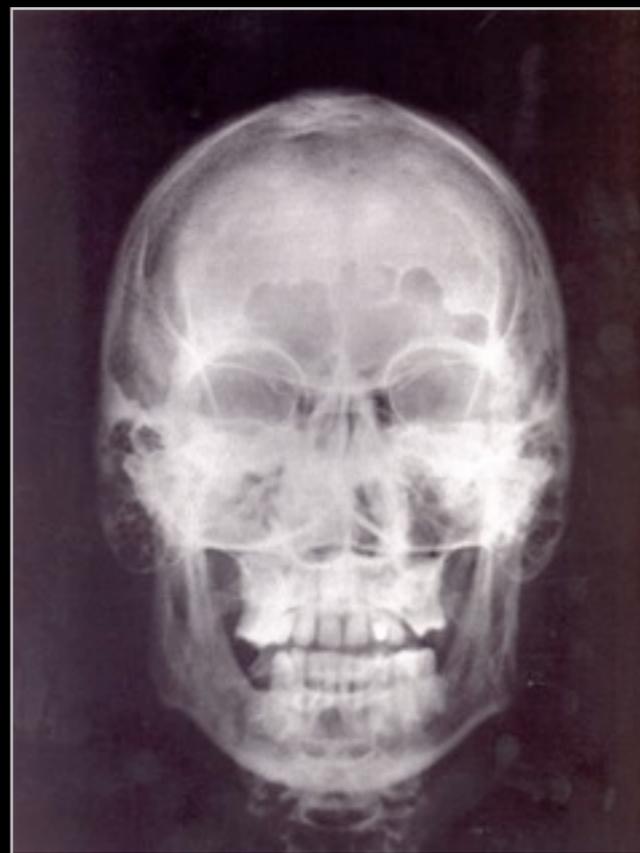
Optical Single-Band
Image of NGC1333

Spatial Position
(x, y)

What can we observe?

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Intensity



Spatial Position
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X-Ray of Human Skull, c. 1920

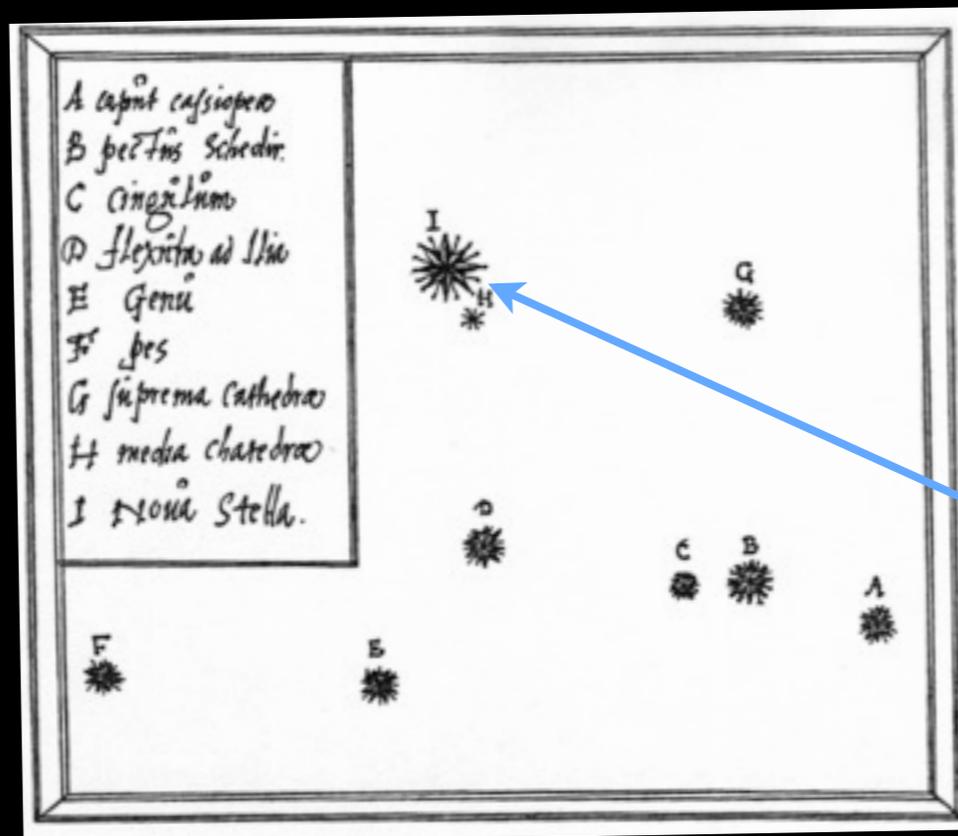
What can we observe?

$$I(\vec{x}, t)$$

Intensity

Time

Spatial Position
(x, y, z)



“Nova Stella”
of Tycho, 1572

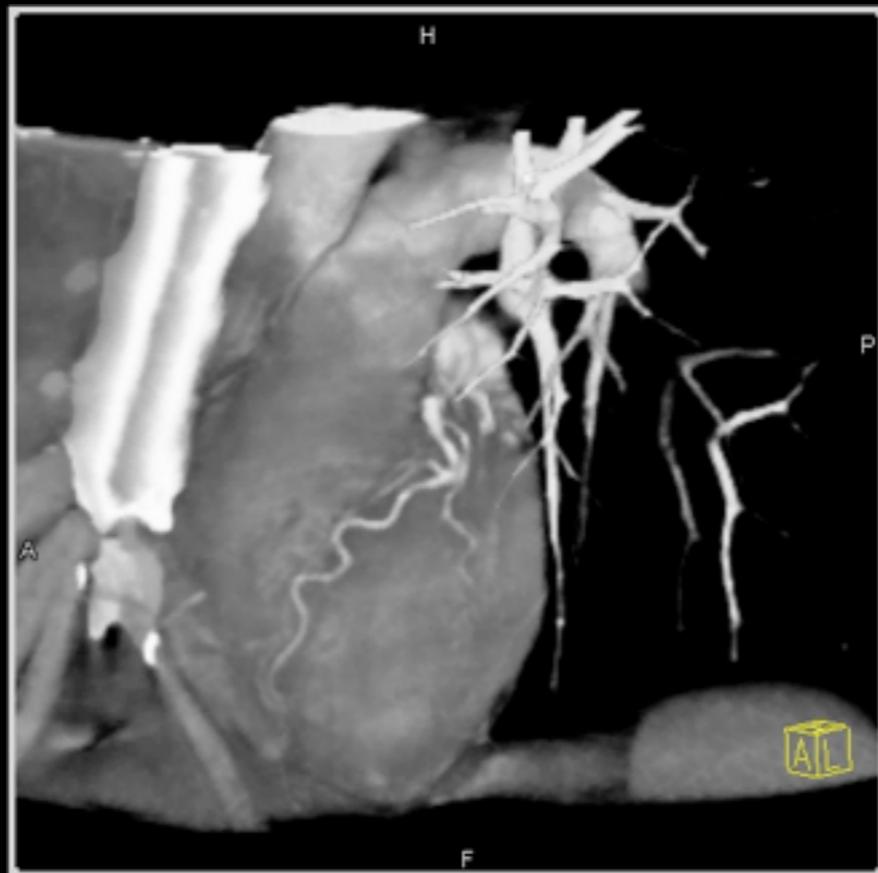
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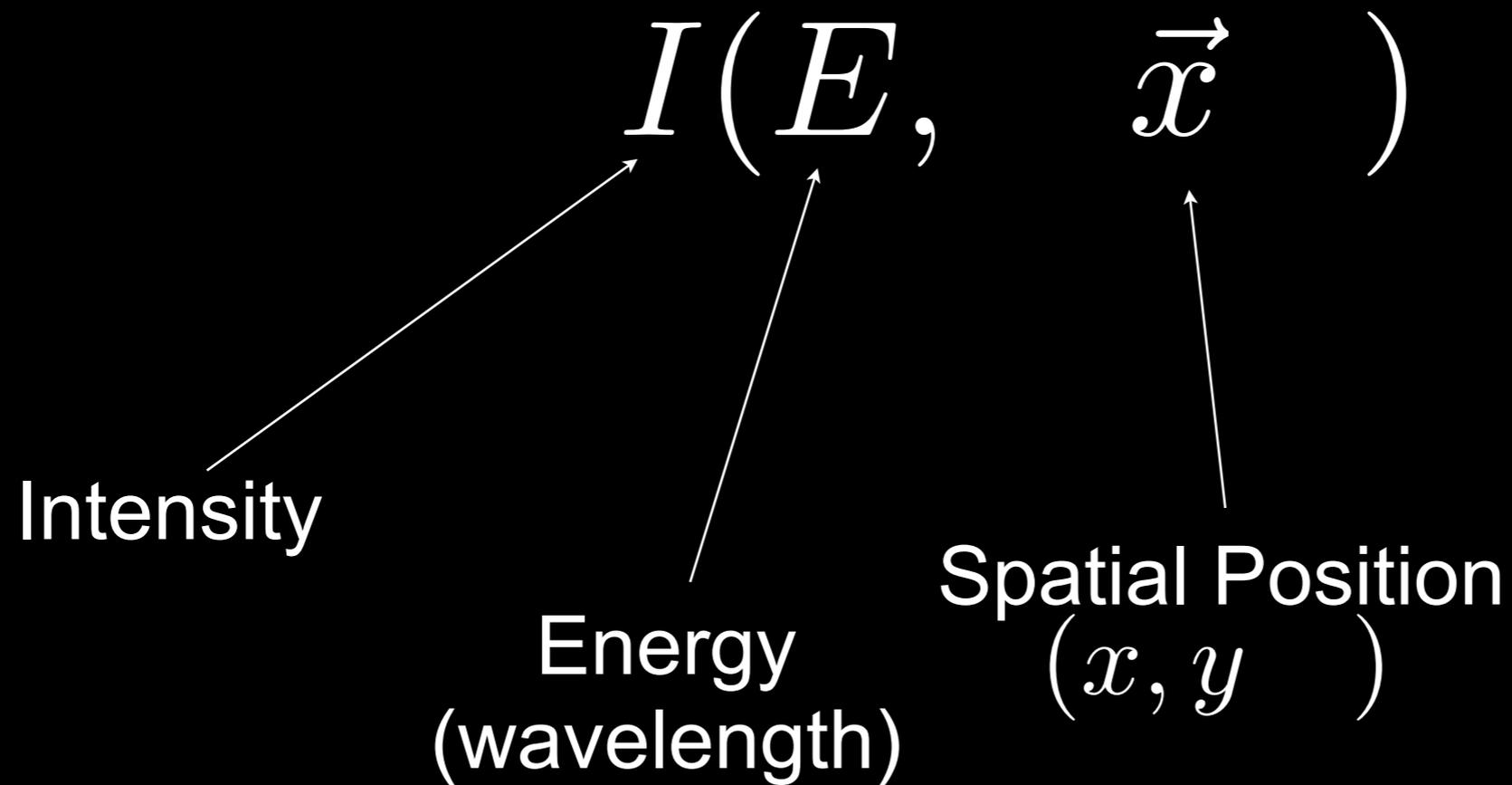
Time

Spatial Position
 (x, y, z)



Cardiac Motion

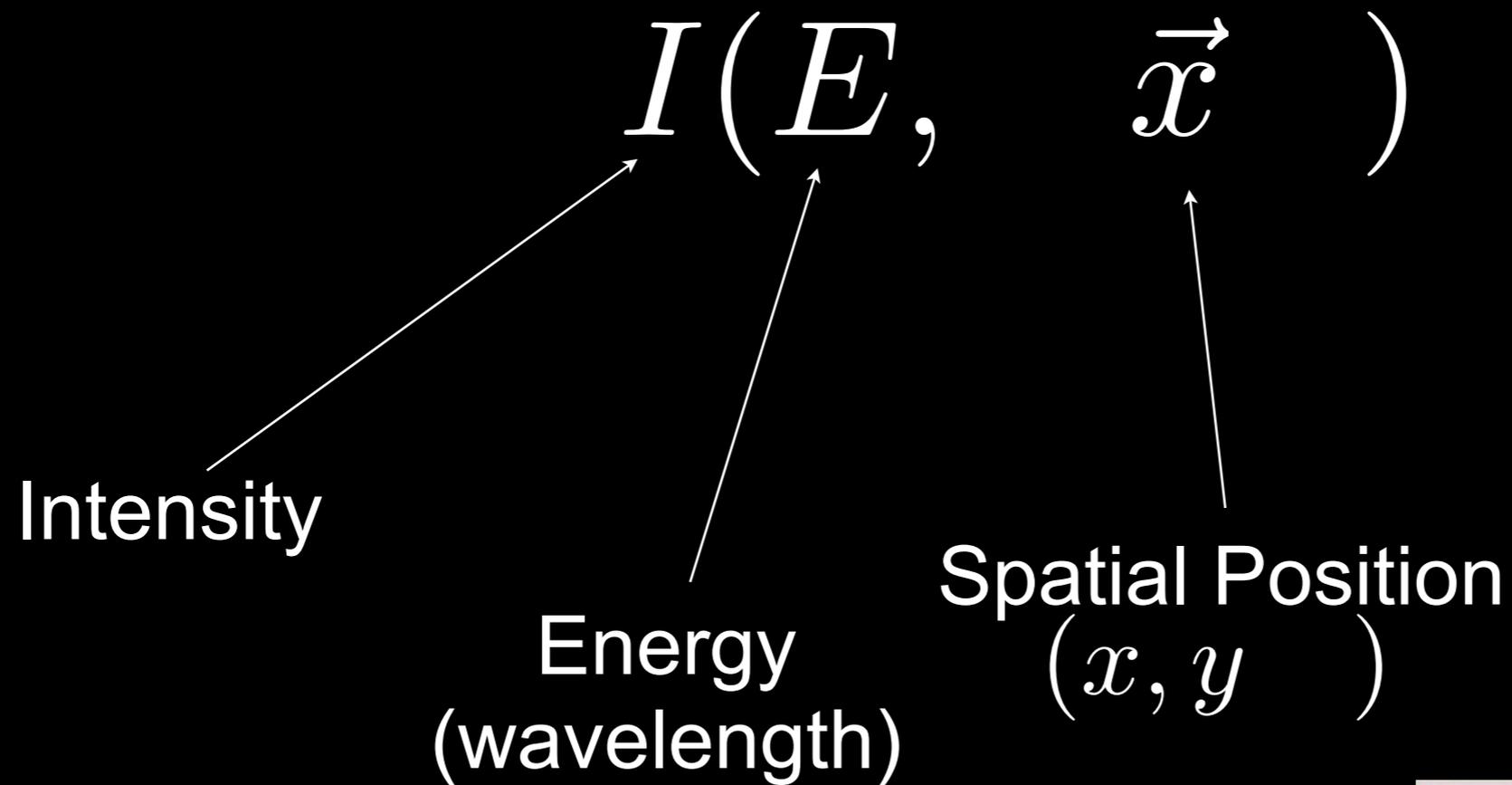
What can we observe?



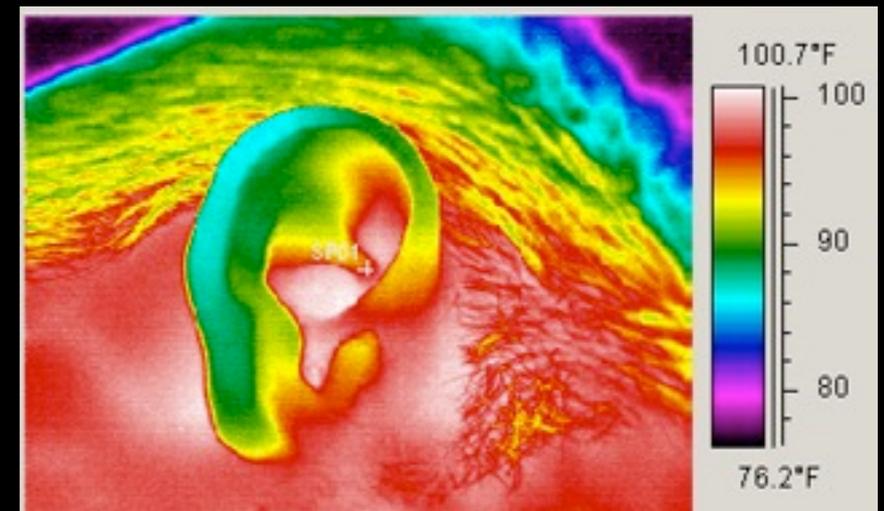
Optical (B,V,R) image
of NGC1333



What can we observe?



Human Ear,
Thermal Infrared



What can we observe?

$$I(s, \vec{x})$$

Intensity

Spatial Position
(x, y)

“State”
(e.g. polarization)

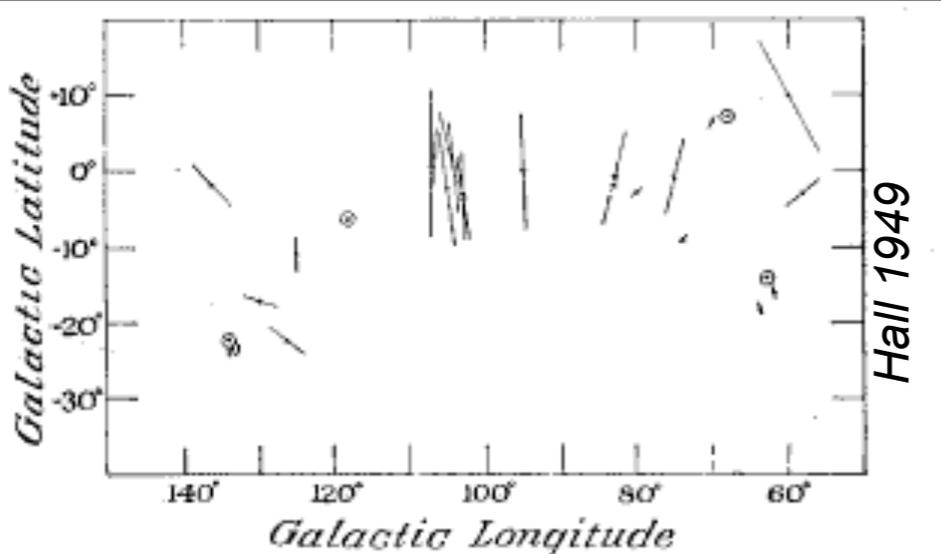


FIG. 4. Observational evidence that there is no one preferential orientation of the plane of polarization. Stars showing no polarization are represented by circles.

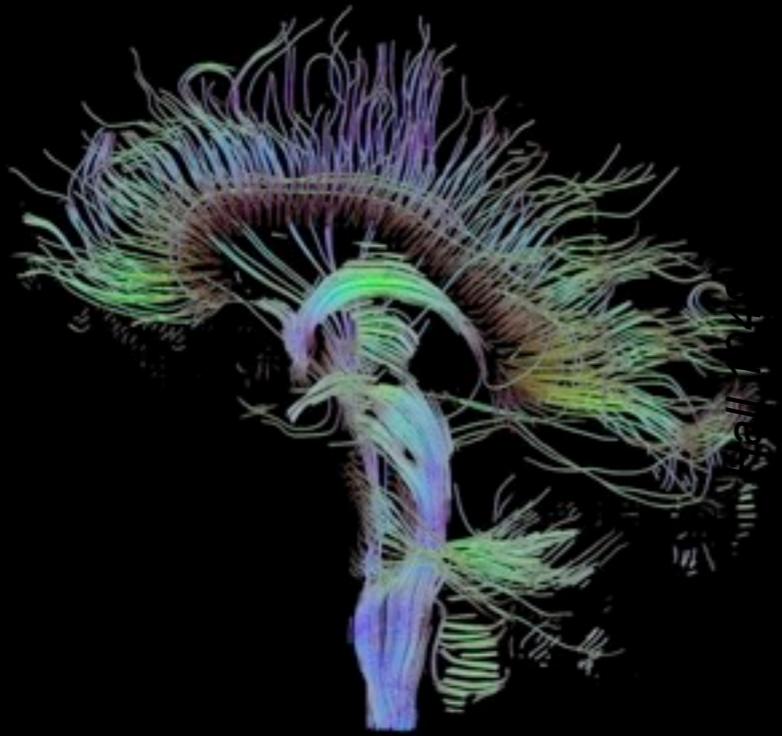
What can we observe?

$$I(s, \vec{x})$$

Intensity

Spatial Position
(x, y, z)

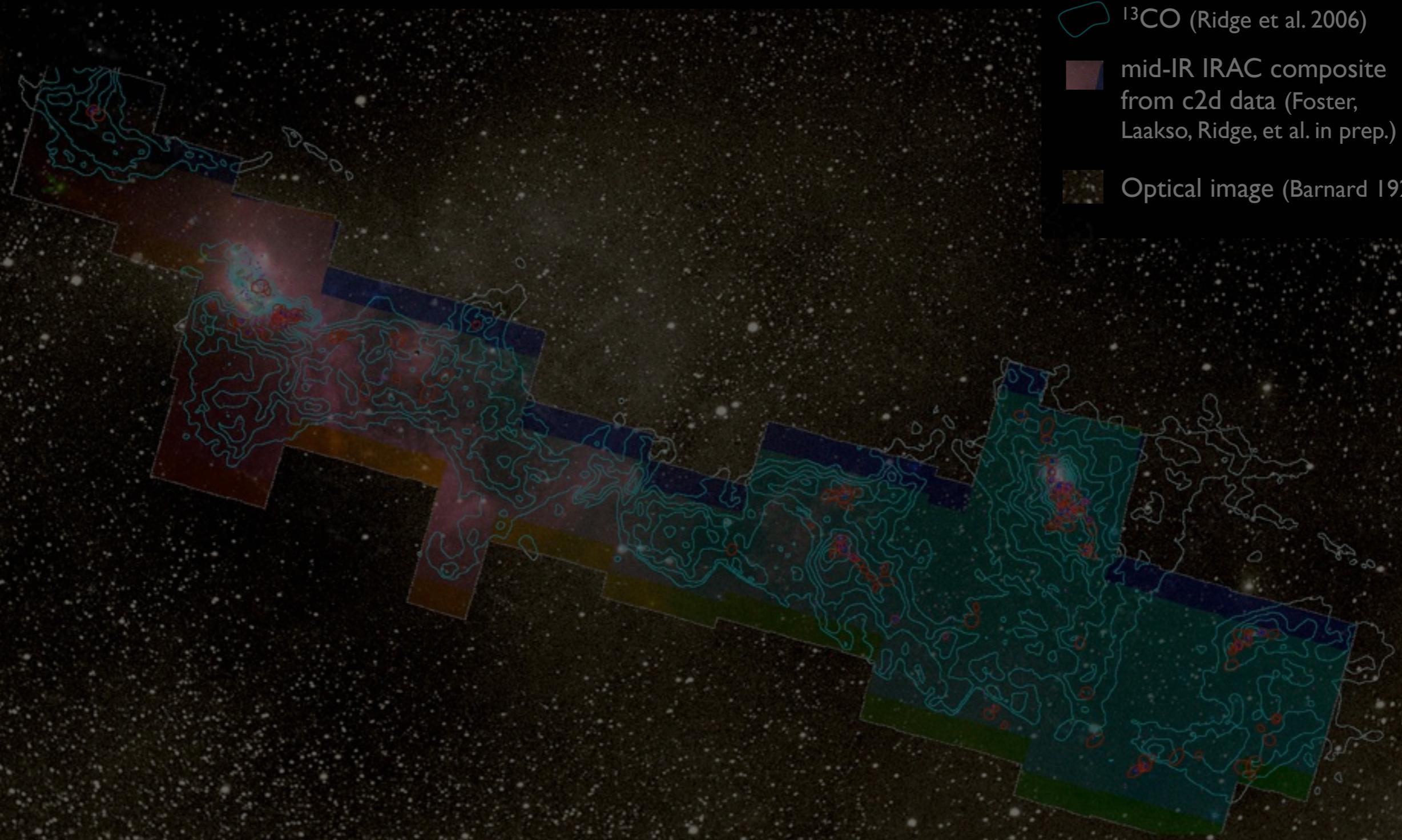
“State”
(~diffusivity)



COMPLETE Perseus

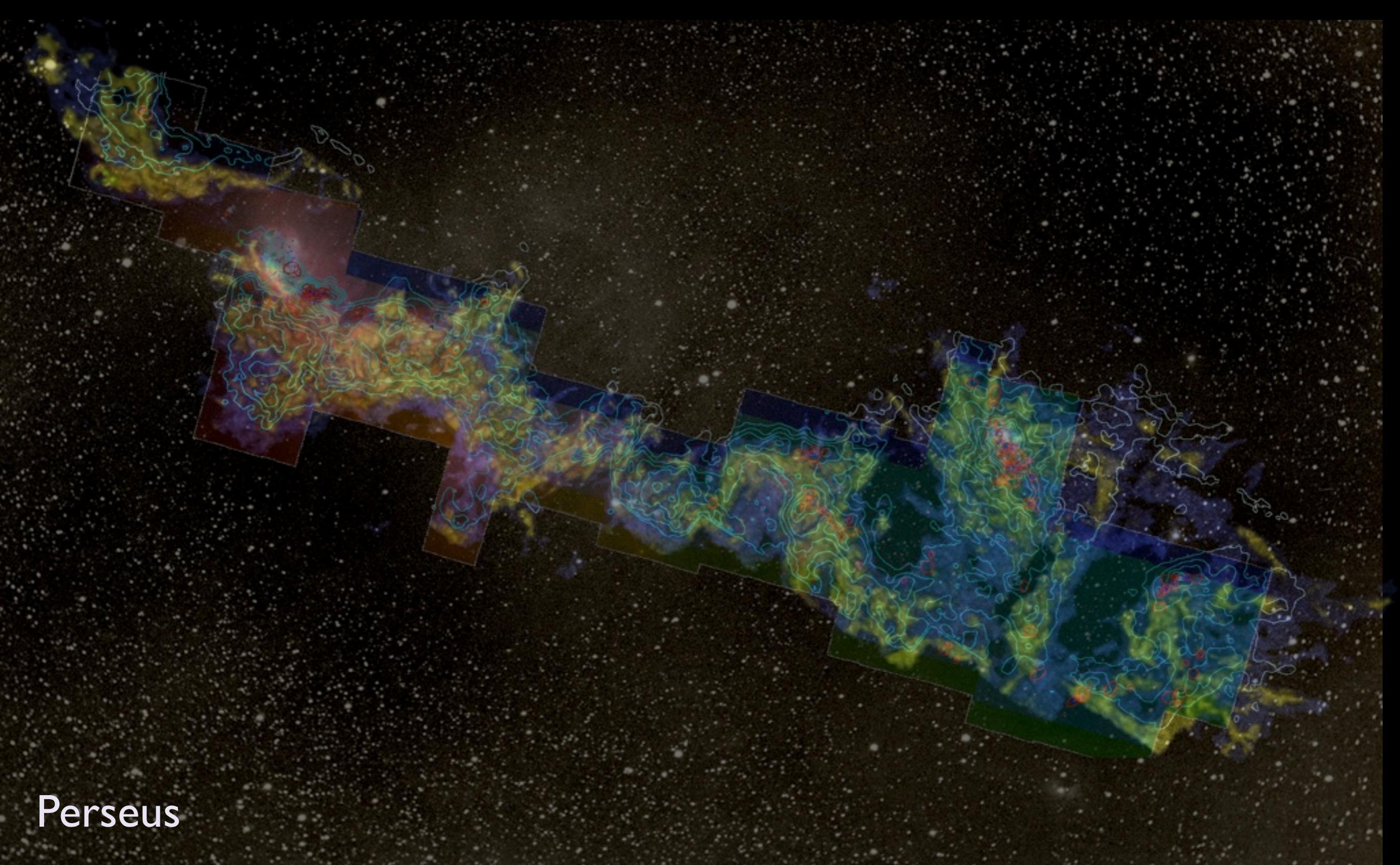
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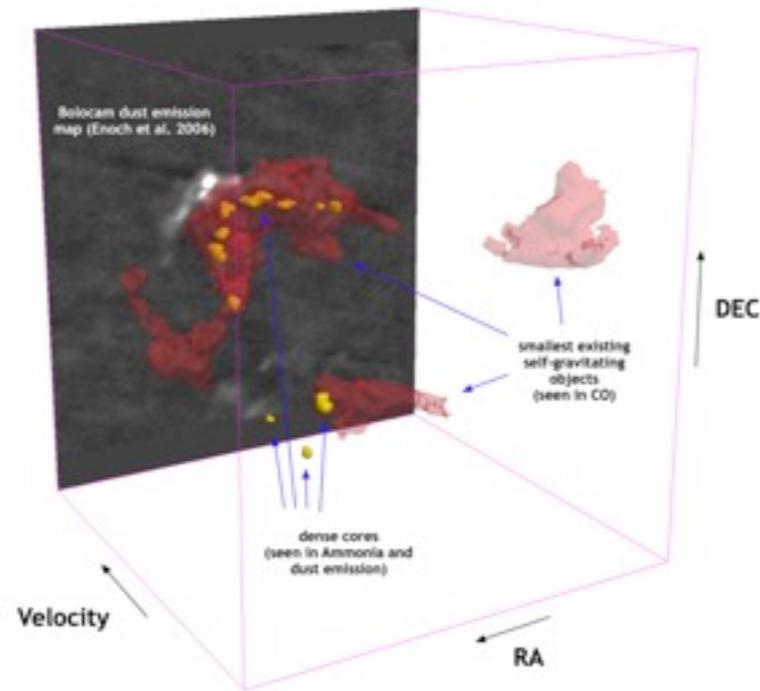




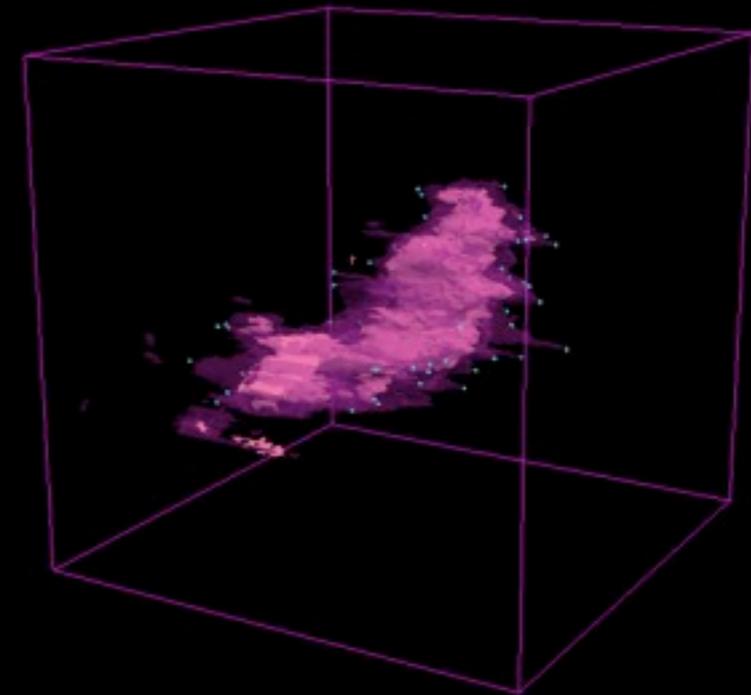
Perseus

3D Viz made with VolView

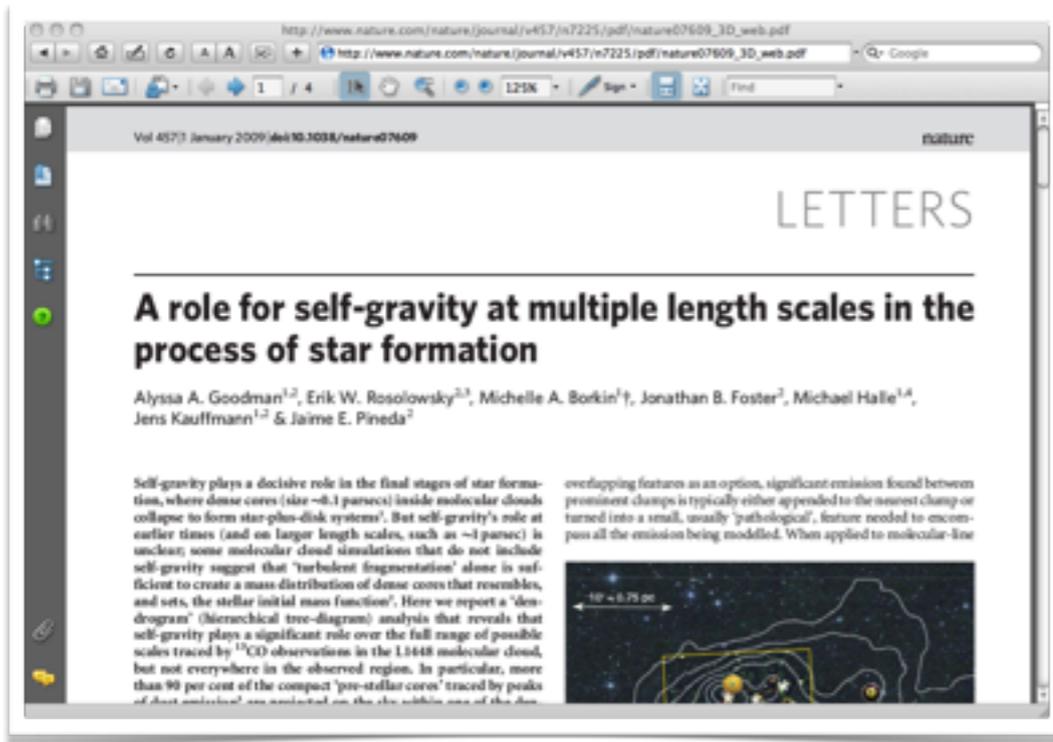
Some of What We've Discovered...



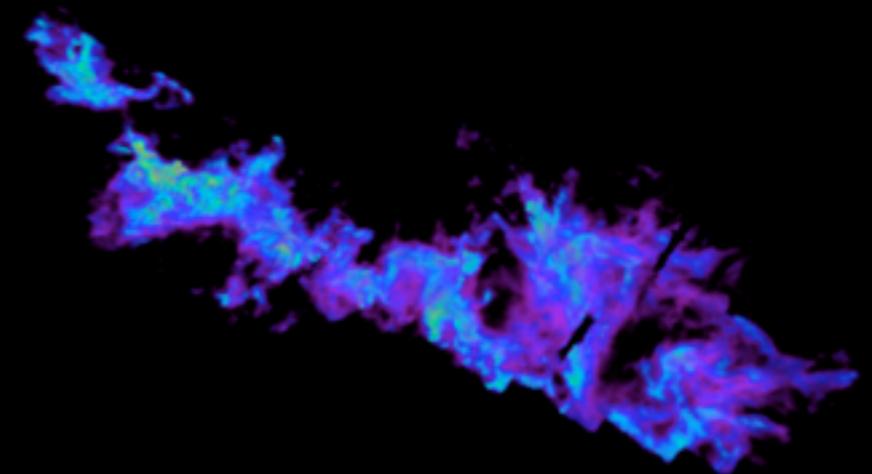
*Cores nest in cocoons
(Kauffmann et al. 2009)*



*Tripled Outflows
(Borkin et al. 2008, Arce et al. 2009a)*



*Gravity Matters
(Goodman et al. 2009)*



*Shells Rule
(Arce et al. 2009b)*

“Seeing” the Role Self-Gravity in Star Formation

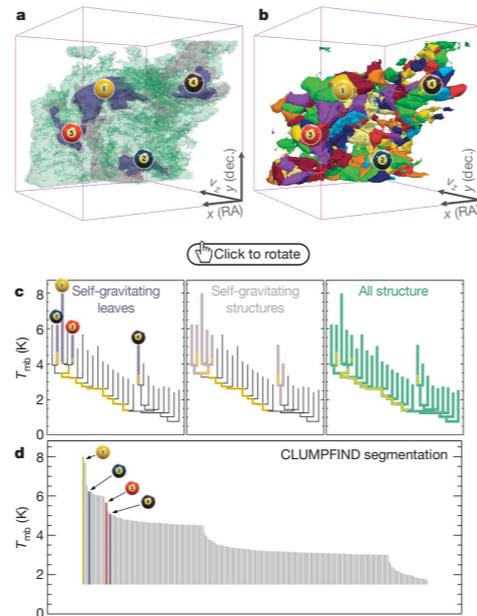


Figure 2 | Comparison of the ‘dendrogram’ and ‘CLUMPFIND’ feature-identification algorithms as applied to ^{13}CO emission from the L1448 region of Perseus. **a**, 3D visualization of the surfaces indicated by colours in the dendrogram shown in **c**. Purple illustrates the smallest scale self-gravitating structures in the region corresponding to the leaves of the dendrogram; pink shows the smallest surfaces that contain distinct self-gravitating leaves within them; and green corresponds to the surface in the data cube containing all the significant emission. Dendrogram branches corresponding to self-gravitating objects have been highlighted in yellow over the range of T_{mb} (main-beam temperature) test-level values for which the virial parameter is less than 2. The x - y locations of the four ‘self-gravitating’ leaves labelled with billiard balls are the same as those shown in Fig. 1. The 3D visualizations show position–position–velocity (p - p - v) space. RA, right ascension; dec., declination. For comparison with the ability of dendrograms (**c**) to track hierarchical structure, **d** shows a pseudo-dendrogram of the CLUMPFIND segmentation (**b**), with the same four labels used in Fig. 1 and in **a**. As ‘clumps’ are not allowed to belong to larger structures, each pseudo-branch in **d** is simply a series of lines connecting the maximum emission value in each clump to the threshold value. A very large number of clumps appears in **b** because of the sensitivity of CLUMPFIND to noise and small-scale structure in the data. In the online PDF version, the 3D cubes (**a** and **b**) can be rotated to any orientation, and surfaces can be turned on and off (interaction requires Adobe Acrobat version 7.0.8 or higher). In the printed version, the front face of each 3D cube (the ‘home’ view in the interactive online version) corresponds exactly to the patch of sky shown in Fig. 1, and velocity with respect to the Local Standard of Rest increases from front (-0.5 km s^{-1}) to back (8 km s^{-1}).

data, CLUMPFIND typically finds features on a limited range of scales, above but close to the physical resolution of the data, and its results can be overly dependent on input parameters. By tuning CLUMPFIND’s two free parameters, the same molecular-line data set⁸ can be used to show either that the frequency distribution of clump mass is the same as the initial mass function of stars or that it follows the much shallower mass function associated with large-scale molecular clouds (Supplementary Fig. 1).

Four years before the advent of CLUMPFIND, ‘structure trees’⁹ were proposed as a way to characterize clouds’ hierarchical structure

using 2D maps of column density. With this early 2D work as inspiration, we have developed a structure-identification algorithm that abstracts the hierarchical structure of a 3D (p - p - v) data cube into an easily visualized representation called a ‘dendrogram’¹⁰. Although well developed in other data-intensive fields^{11,12}, it is curious that the application of tree methodologies so far in astrophysics has been rare, and almost exclusively within the area of galaxy evolution, where ‘merger trees’ are being used with increasing frequency¹³.

Figure 3 and its legend explain the construction of dendrograms schematically. The dendrogram quantifies how and where local maxima of emission merge with each other, and its implementation is explained in Supplementary Methods. Critically, the dendrogram is determined almost entirely by the data itself, and it has negligible sensitivity to algorithm parameters. To make graphical presentation possible on paper and 2D screens, we ‘flatten’ the dendrograms of 3D data (see Fig. 3 and its legend), by sorting their ‘branches’ to not cross, which eliminates dimensional information on the x axis while preserving all information about connectivity and hierarchy. Numbered ‘billiard ball’ labels in the figures let the reader match features between a 2D map (Fig. 1), an interactive 3D map (Fig. 2a online) and a sorted dendrogram (Fig. 2c).

A dendrogram of a spectral-line data cube allows for the estimation of key physical properties associated with volumes bounded by isosurfaces, such as radius (R), velocity dispersion (σ_v) and luminosity (L). The volumes can have any shape, and in other work¹⁴ we focus on the significance of the especially elongated features seen in L1448 (Fig. 2a). The luminosity is an approximate proxy for mass, such that $M_{\text{lum}} = X_{13\text{CO}} L_{13\text{CO}}$, where $X_{13\text{CO}} = 8.0 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km}^{-1} \text{ s}$ (ref. 15; see Supplementary Methods and Supplementary Fig. 2). The derived values for size, mass and velocity dispersion can then be used to estimate the role of self-gravity at each point in the hierarchy, via calculation of an ‘observed’ virial parameter, $\alpha_{\text{obs}} = 5\sigma_v^2 R / GM_{\text{lum}}$. In principle, extended portions of the tree (Fig. 2, yellow highlighting) where $\alpha_{\text{obs}} < 2$ (where gravitational energy is comparable to or larger than kinetic energy) correspond to regions of p - p - v space where self-gravity is significant. As α_{obs} only represents the ratio of kinetic energy to gravitational energy at one point in time, and does not explicitly capture external over-pressure and/or magnetic fields¹⁶, its measured value should only be used as a guide to the longevity (boundedness) of any particular feature.

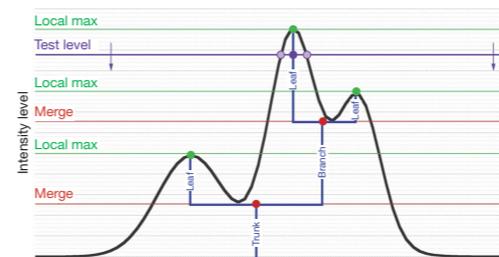


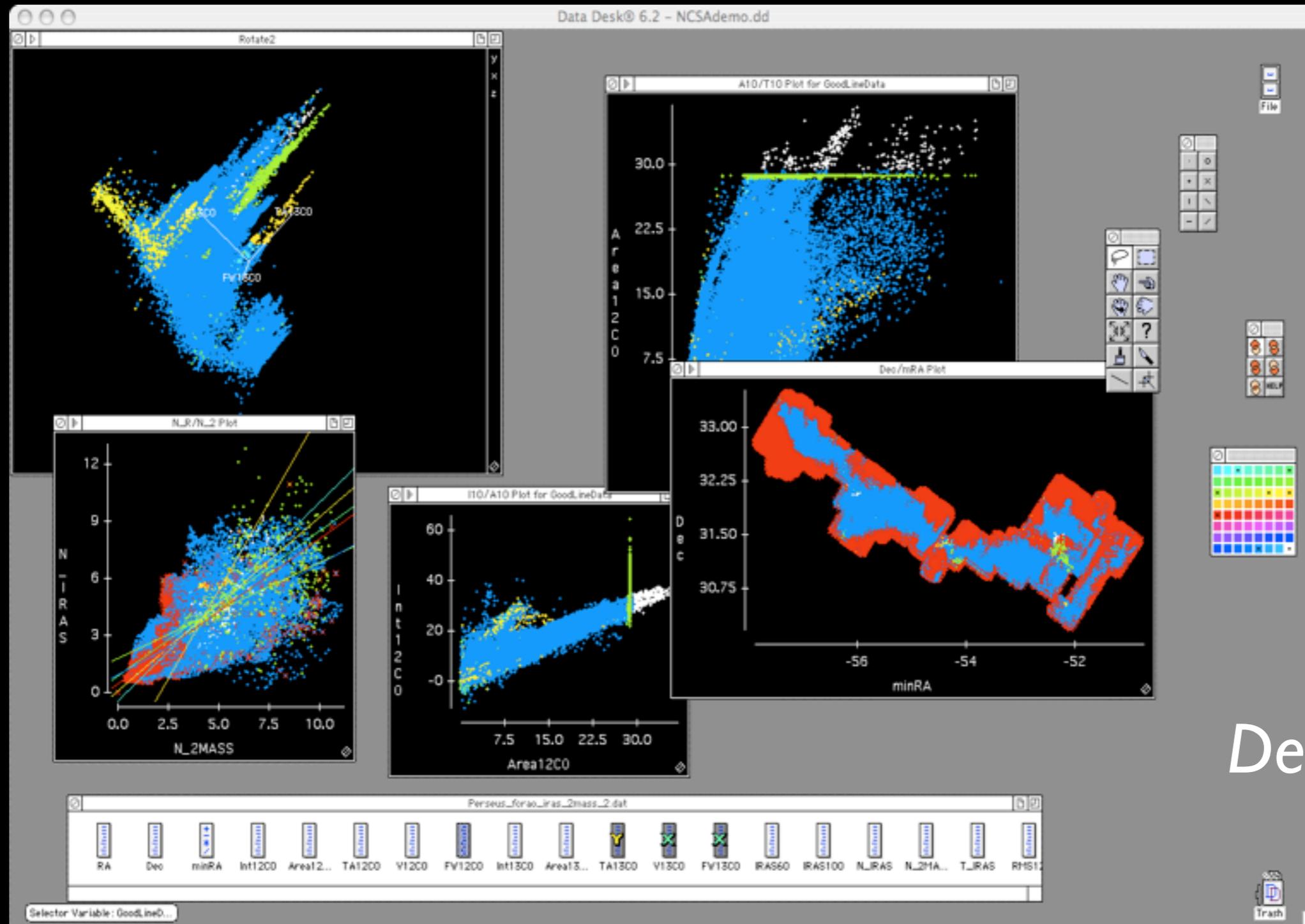
Figure 3 | Schematic illustration of the dendrogram process. Shown is the construction of a dendrogram from a hypothetical one-dimensional emission profile (black). The dendrogram (blue) can be constructed by ‘dropping’ a test constant emission level (purple) from above in tiny steps (exaggerated in size here, light lines) until all the local maxima and mergers are found, and connected as shown. The intersection of a test level with the emission is a set of points (for example the light purple dots) in one dimension, a planar curve in two dimensions, and an isosurface in three dimensions. The dendrogram of 3D data shown in Fig. 2c is the direct analogue of the tree shown here, only constructed from ‘isosurface’ rather than ‘point’ intersections. It has been sorted and flattened for representation on a flat page, as fully representing dendrograms for 3D data cubes would require four dimensions.



Interactivity for the Future

*(from “**Could**” to “**Can**”)*

“Data Desk”



Demo!

If only **DataDesk** were >2D...??
3D selection tools (& interaction) are challenging

The (secret)

Real Slide from Real Astronomy Conference in 2006

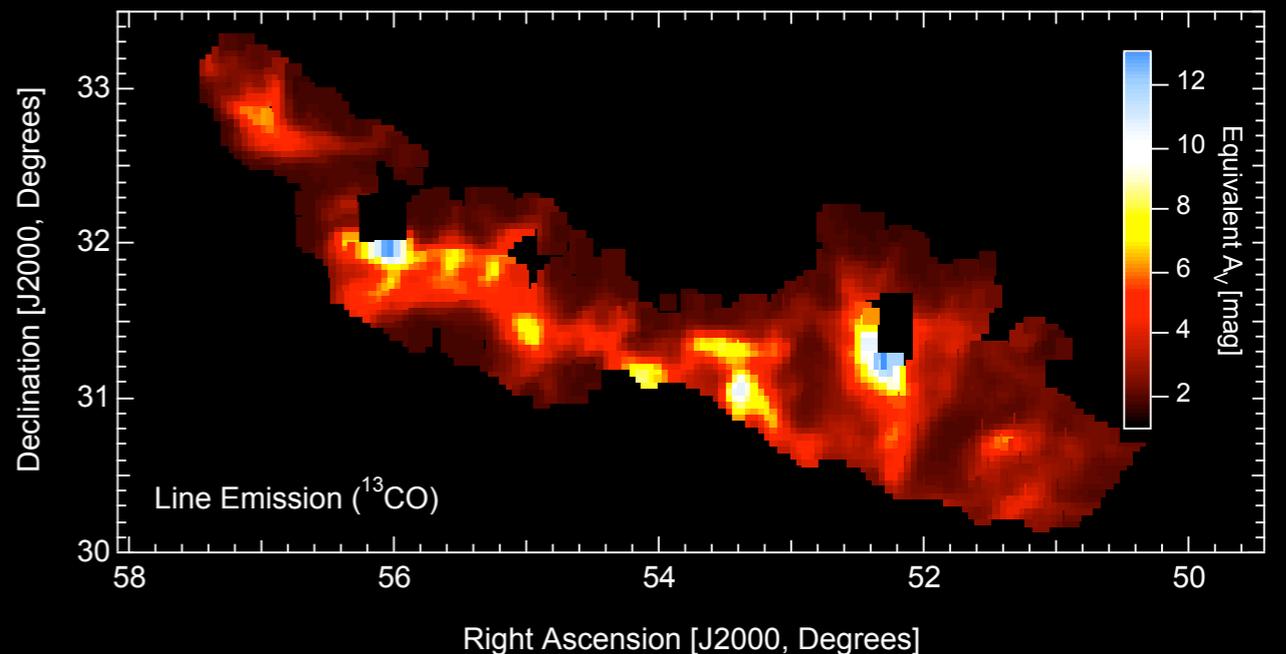
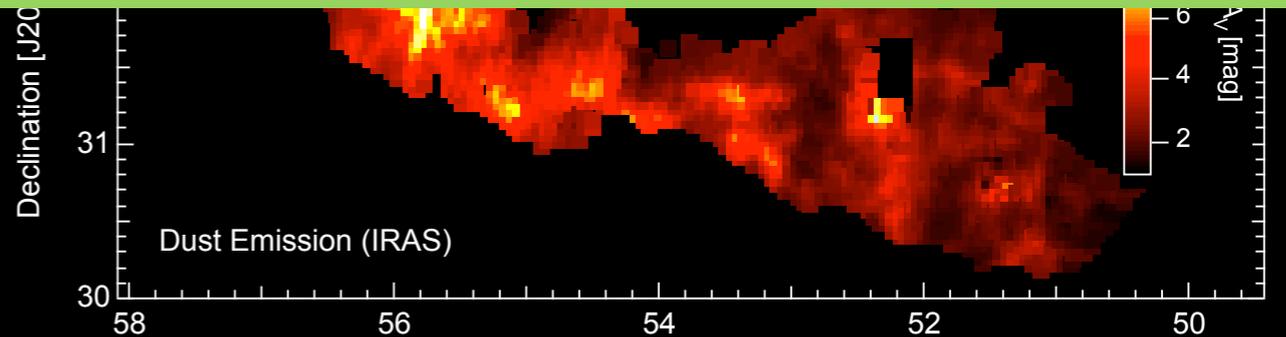
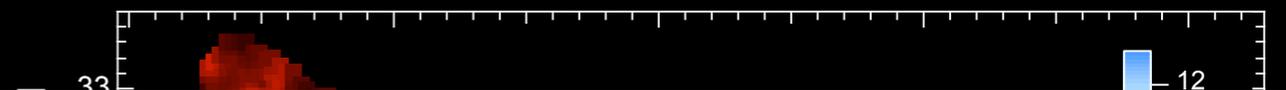
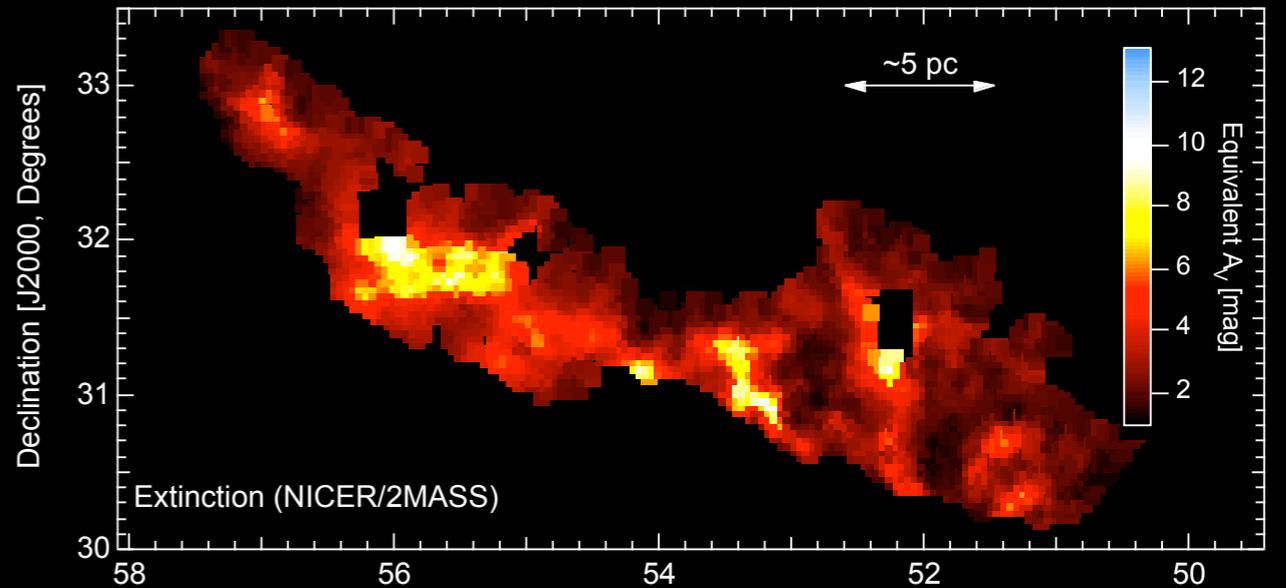
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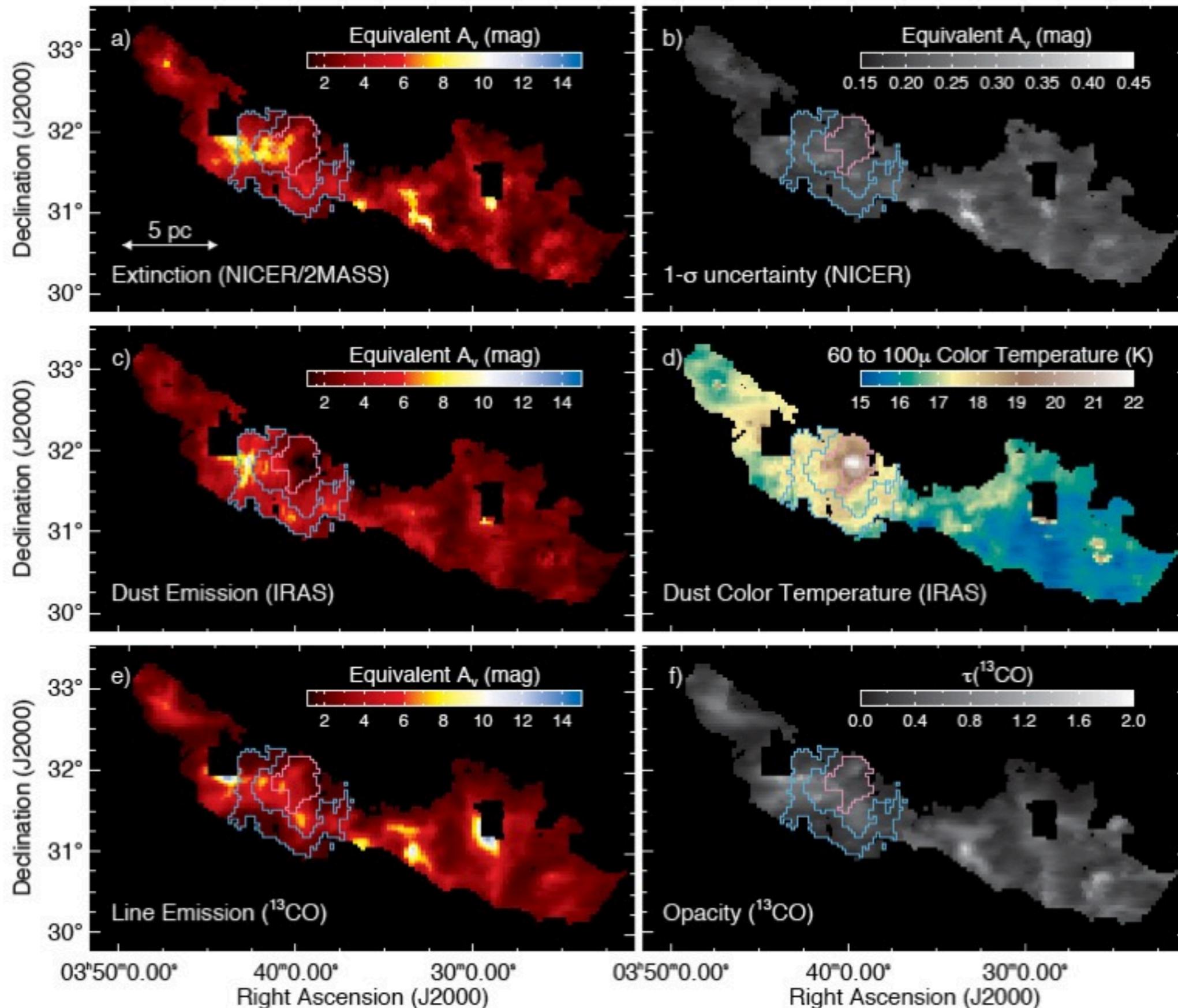
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Dust Em

^{13}CO Emission



FYI: Published, 2009, like this...



Mirage (Bell Labs)

The screenshot displays the Mirage software interface with several key components:

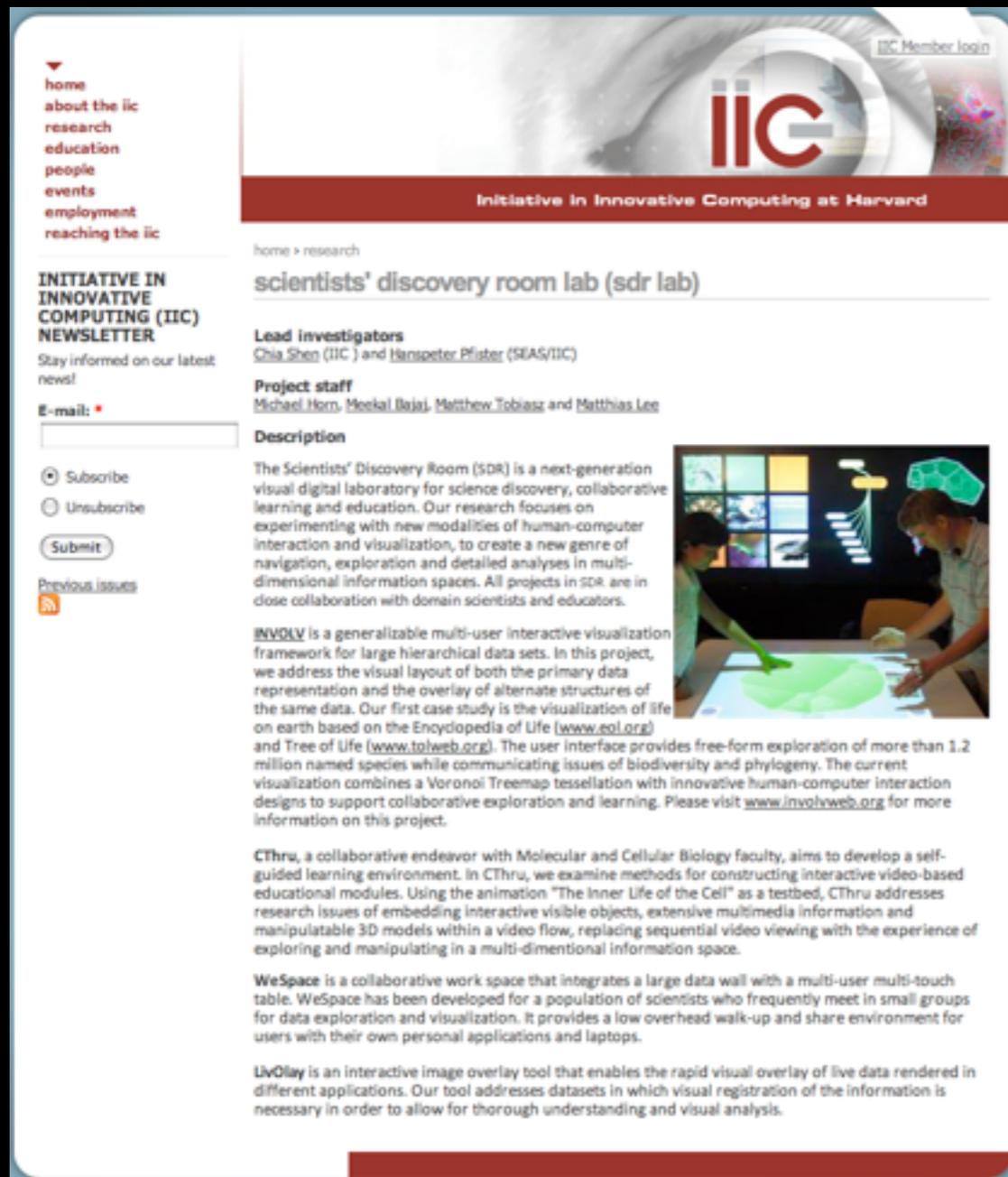
- Tasks Panel:** A table listing completed tasks and their messages.
- Image Viewers:** Two side-by-side windows showing astronomical images. The left window displays a field with green circles around objects, and the right window shows a zoomed-in view of a galaxy cluster.
- Data Table:** A table with columns for object IDs and U/G colors.
- Plot:** A scatter plot showing a linear relationship between two variables, with a red dot highlighting a specific data point.

Task	Status	Message
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SDSSDR2-U-SIAP-RA_9.8...	Completed	Done.
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Loading SDSS-DR2-RA_9...	Completed	Loaded 1 datasets.

Object ID	U	G	B
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587731187818823841	21.79988	20.83762	20.97390
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cf. Avizo (Mercury Systems); some aspects of GenePattern; Taverna...

What we *can* (and others *could*) see off the desktop...



The screenshot shows the website for the Initiative in Innovative Computing at Harvard (IIC). The main content area is titled "scientists' discovery room lab (sdr lab)". It lists lead investigators Chia Shen and Hanspeter Pfister, and project staff Michael Horn, Meekal Bajaj, Matthew Tobiasz, and Matthias Lee. The description states that the SDR is a next-generation visual digital laboratory for science discovery, collaborative learning, and education. It focuses on experimenting with new modalities of human-computer interaction and visualization to create a new genre of navigation, exploration, and detailed analyses in multi-dimensional information spaces. An image shows two people interacting with a large, multi-touch display showing a 3D visualization of a tree structure. Below the main text, there are sections for "INVOLV" (a generalizable multi-user interactive visualization framework), "CThru" (a collaborative endeavor with Molecular and Cellular Biology faculty), "WeSpace" (a collaborative work space), and "LivOlay" (an interactive image overlay tool).

Slideshow: Tabletop Computers *Continued* By Meredith Ringel Morris

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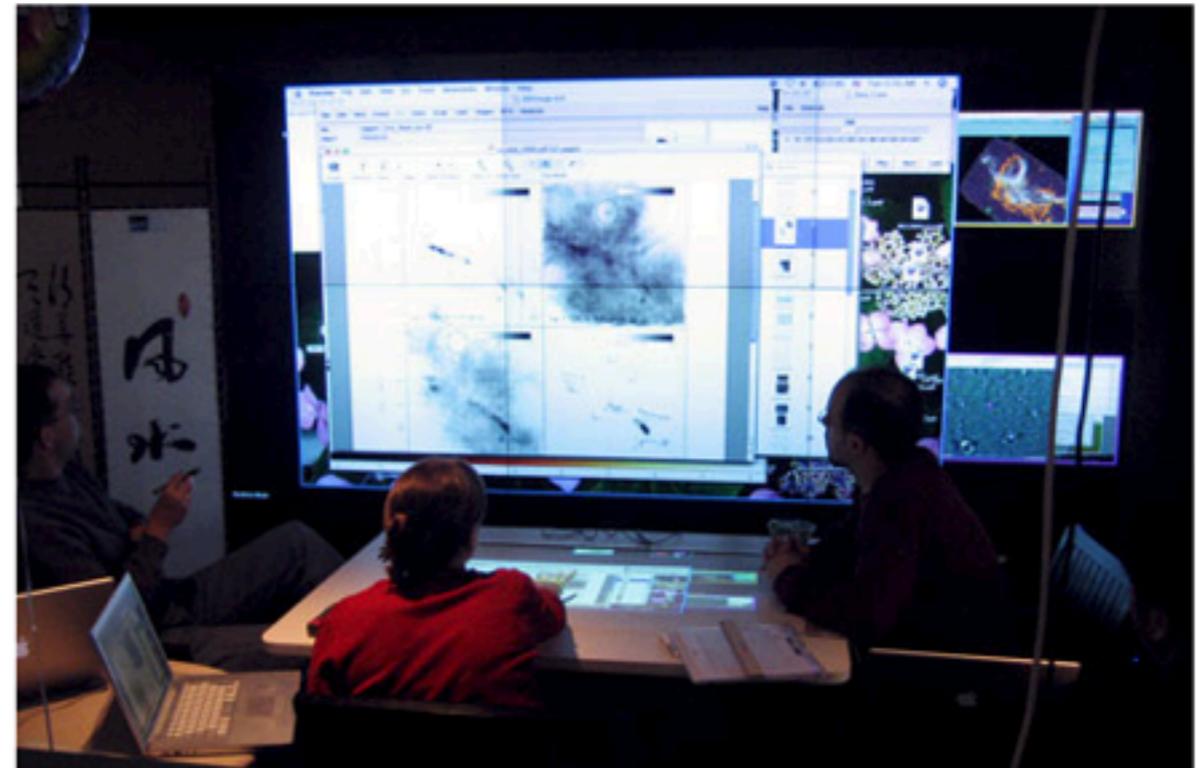


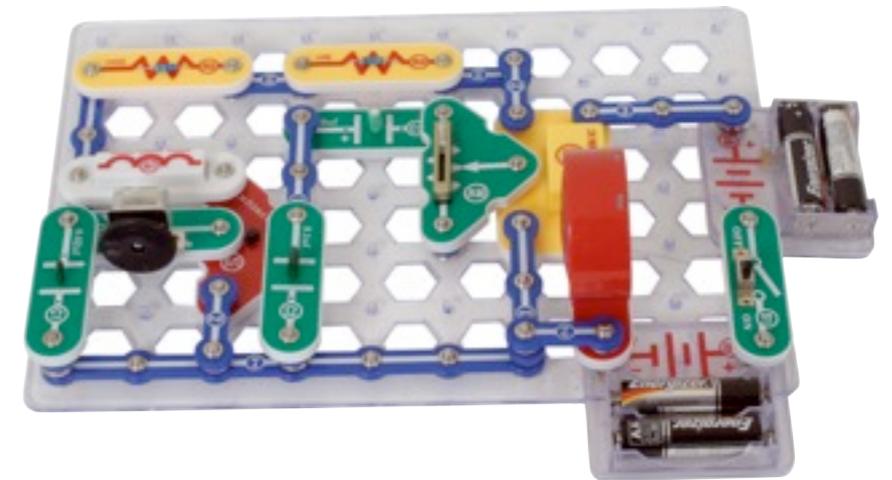
PHOTO: HAO JIANG, DANIEL WIGDOR, CLIFTON FORLINES, AND CHIA SHEN

UBITABLE: Users can interact with surface computers through auxiliary devices, such as laptops, phones, and PDAs. The display on the auxiliary device can convey private or sensitive content to a single user, while group-appropriate content can appear on the tabletop display. Chia Shen and her colleagues at Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories, in Cambridge, Mass., have explored auxiliary interactions with surface computers in their UbiTable project, in which two people with laptops collaborate over a tabletop display. Recently, Shen expanded the UbiTable into an interactive room called the WeSpace. People can share data on their laptops with other people in the room, using both a table and a large display wall. Here, three Harvard University astrophysicists discuss radio and IR spectrum images using the WeSpace.

The Scientists' Discovery Room (Shen & Pfister)



movie courtesy Daniel Wigdor, equipment now in Chia Shen's SDR lab at Harvard SEAS



The *Modular, Personalizable, Approach* we
“Can”, “Could” (& **Should!?**) Take to *Interactions*

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The DendroStar Applet for L1448: Try me!

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Applet DendroStar started

DendroStar (Douglas Alan)

“Made with Processing”
 (see Reas & Fry 2006)

HemoVis : Built with Processing
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320 CT Scan
 Left Coronary Artery
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 (High & Low Flow Rates)
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Built with Processing by Michelle Borkin

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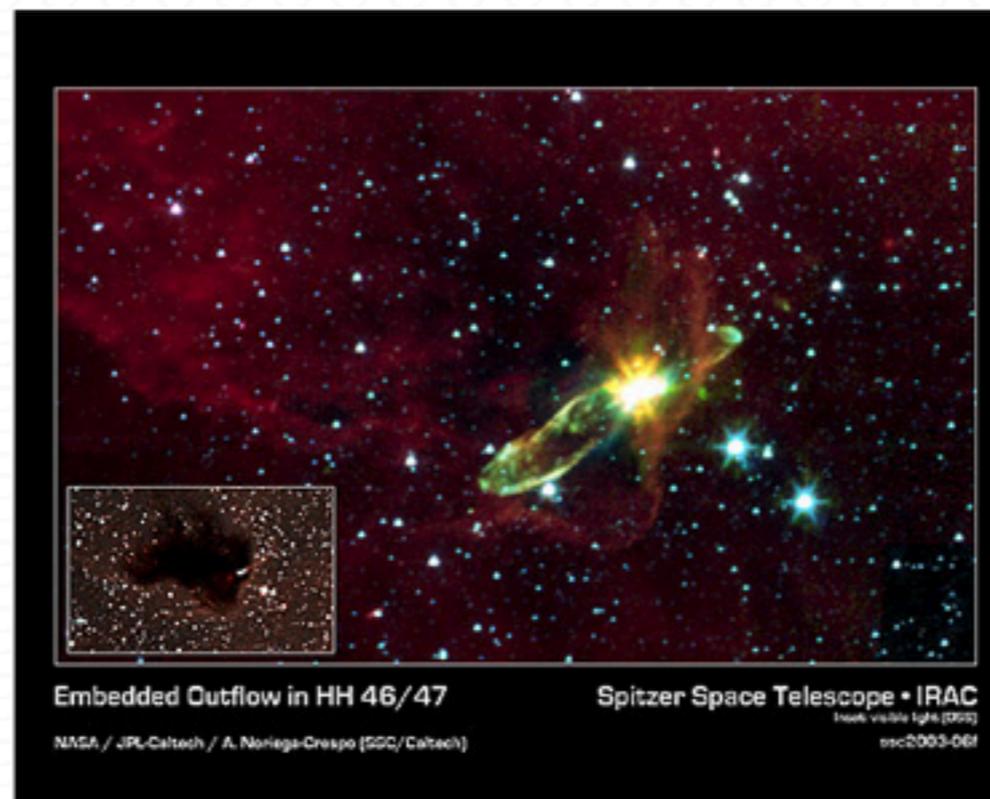
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Embedded Outflow in HH 46/47

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Dark visible light (2003)
ssc2003-06f

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HH46/47

This image from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope transforms a dark cloud into a silky translucent veil, revealing the molecular outflow from an otherwise hidden newborn star. Using near-infrared light, Spitzer pierces through the dark cloud to detect the embedded outflow in an object called HH 46/47. Herbig-Haro (HH) objects are bright, nebulous regions of gas and dust that are usually buried within dark clouds. They are formed when supersonic gas ejected from a forming protostar, or embryonic star, interacts with the surrounding interstellar medium. These young stars are often detected only in the infrared.

The Spitzer image was obtained with the infrared array camera. Emission at 3.6 microns is shown as blue, emission from 4.5 and 5.8 microns has been combined as green, and 8.0 micron emission is depicted as red.

HH 46/47 is a striking example of a low-mass protostar ejecting a jet and creating a bipolar or two-sided outflow. The central

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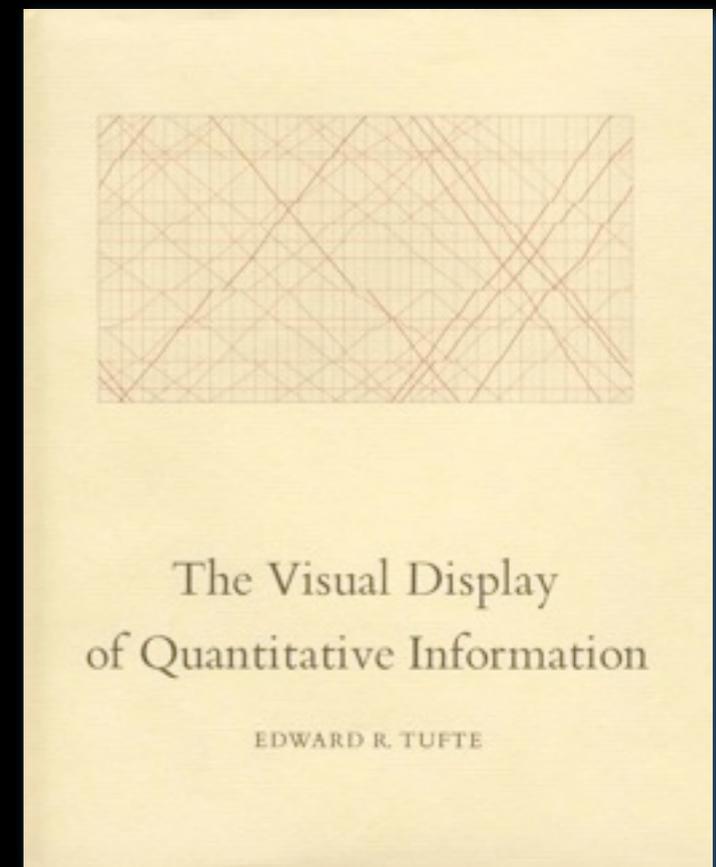
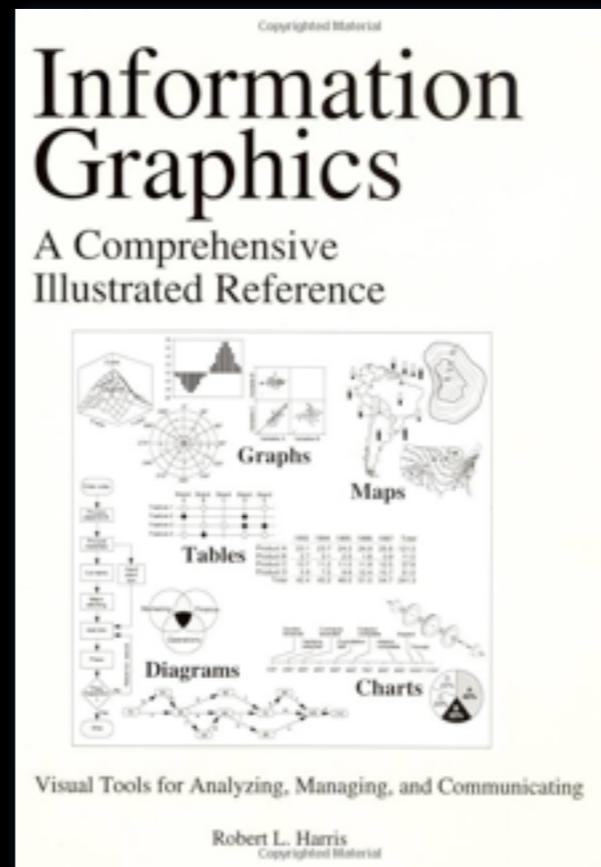
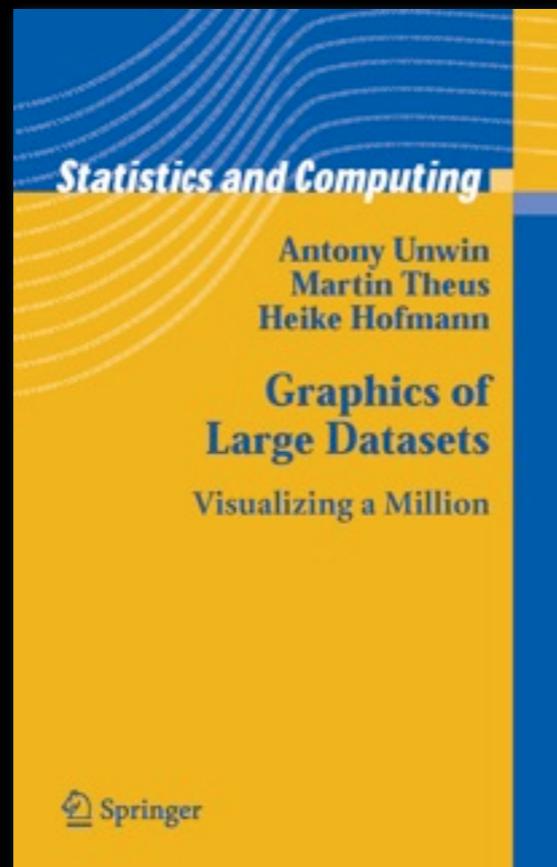
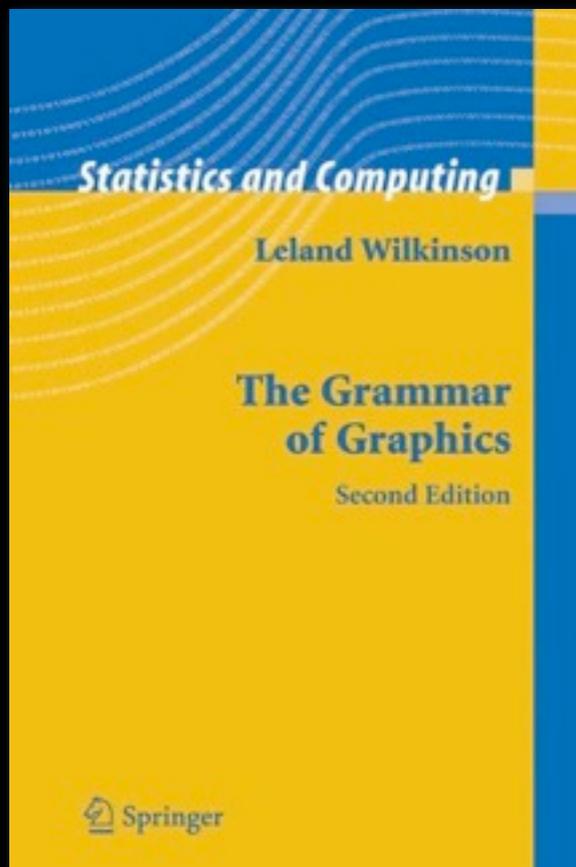
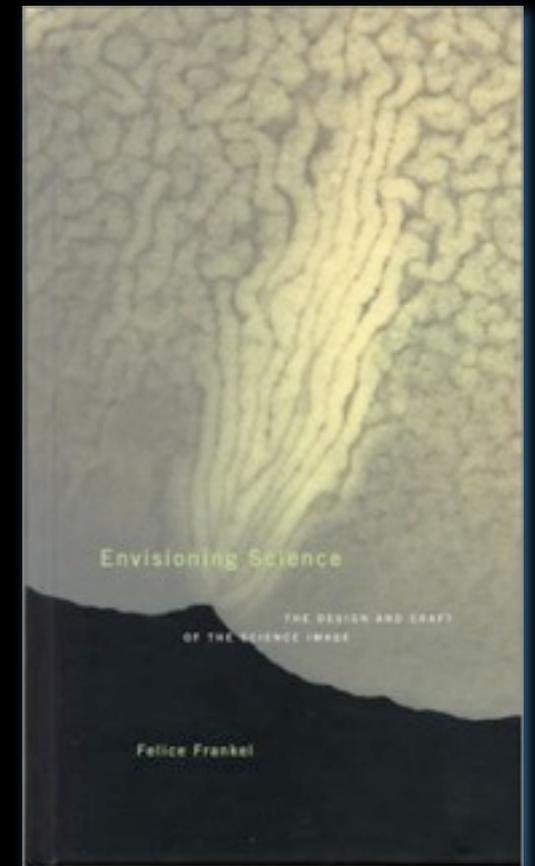
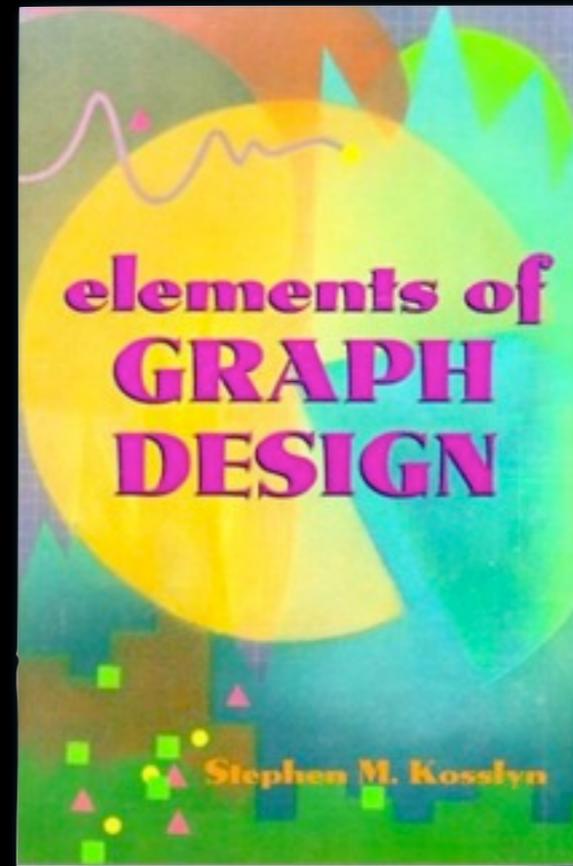
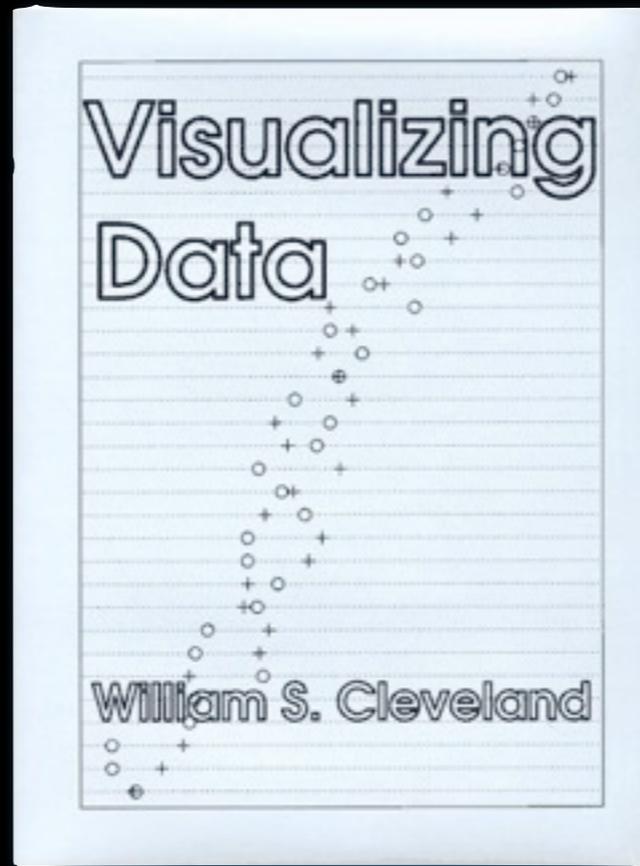
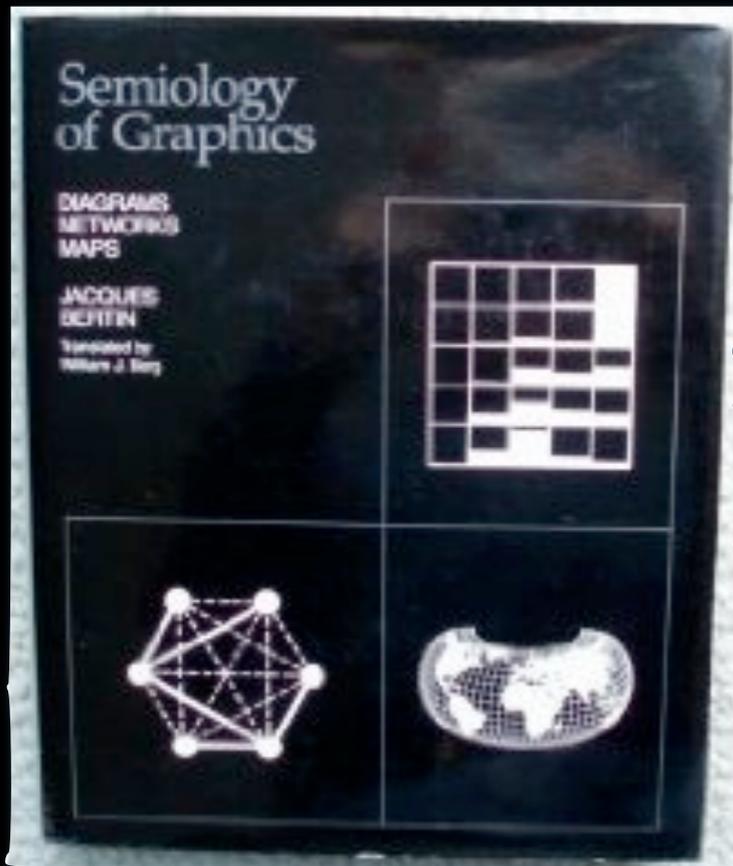
Shall we generalize?...

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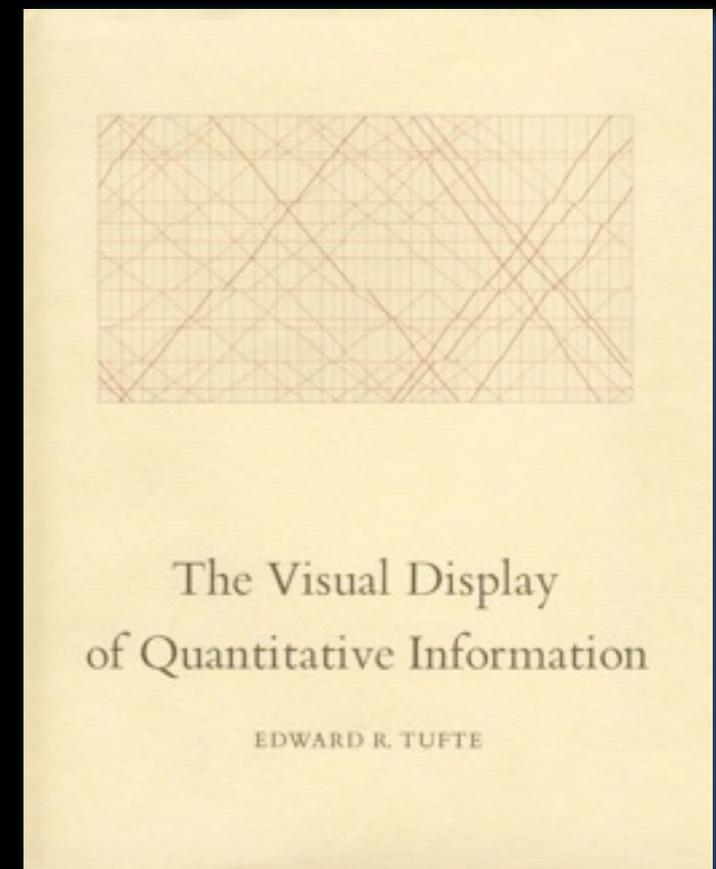
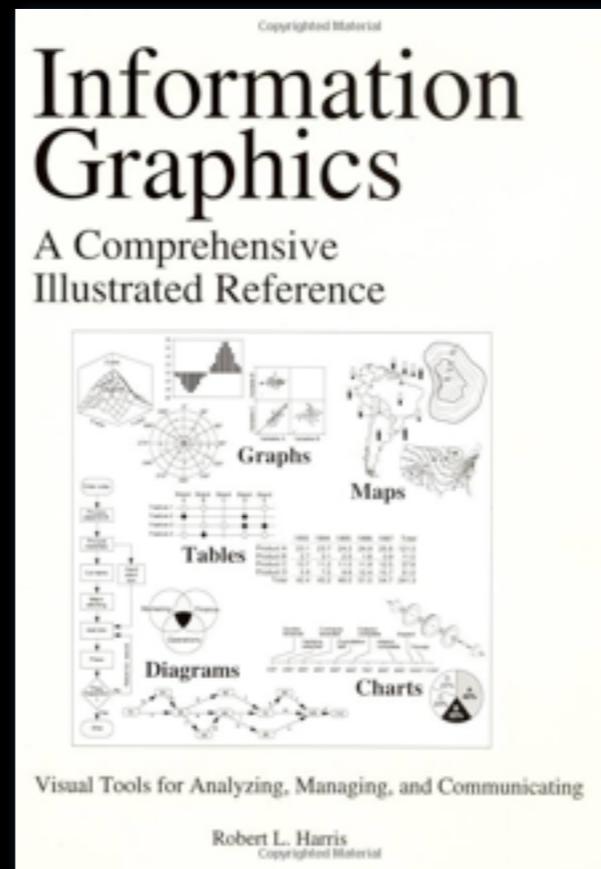
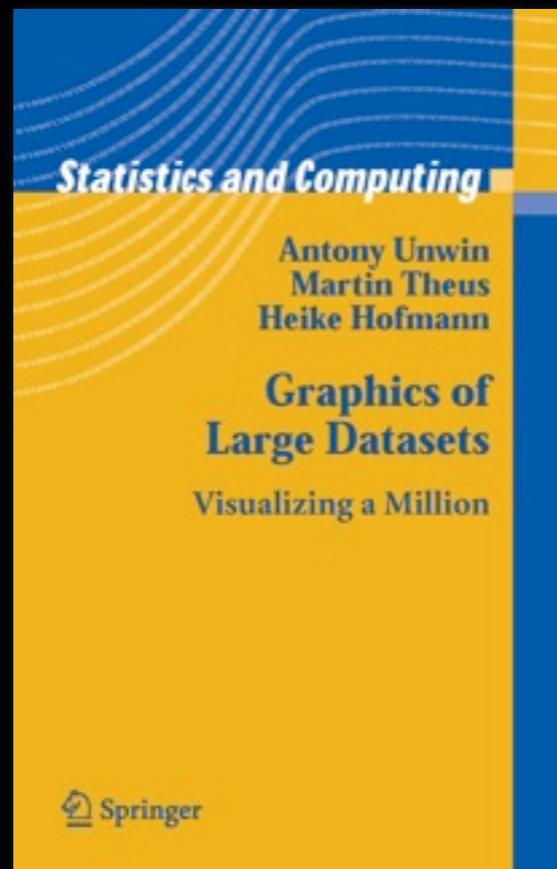
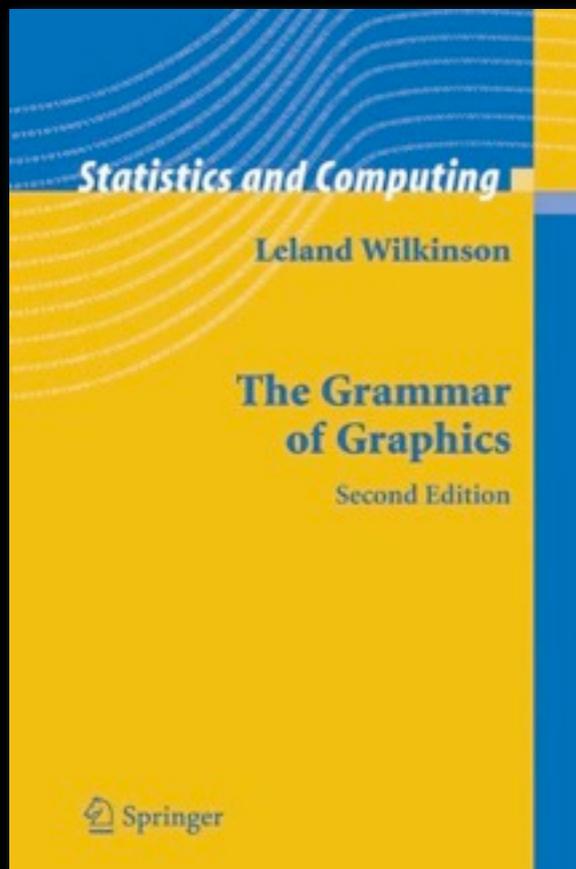
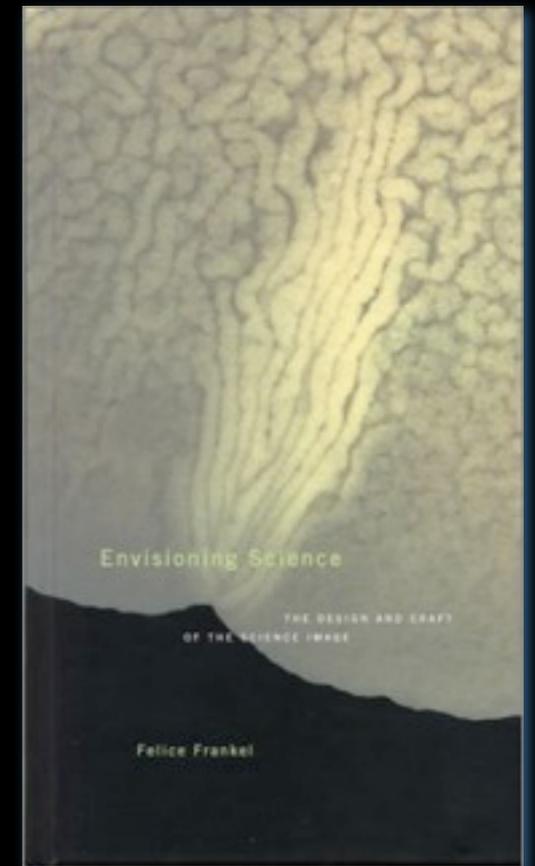
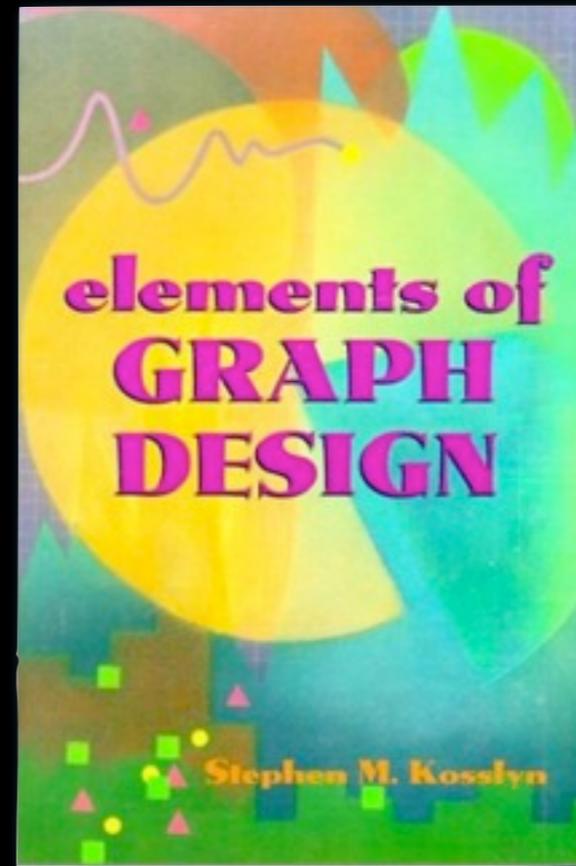
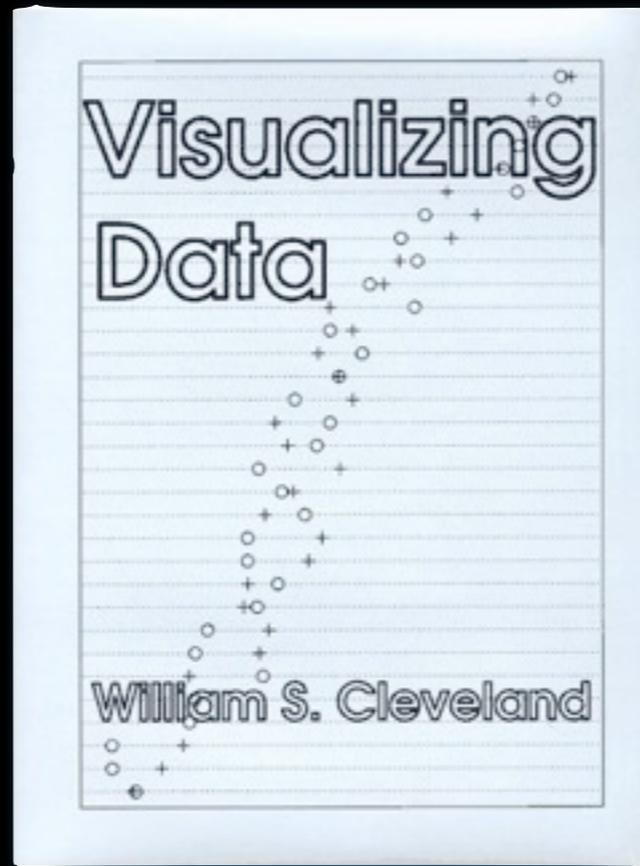
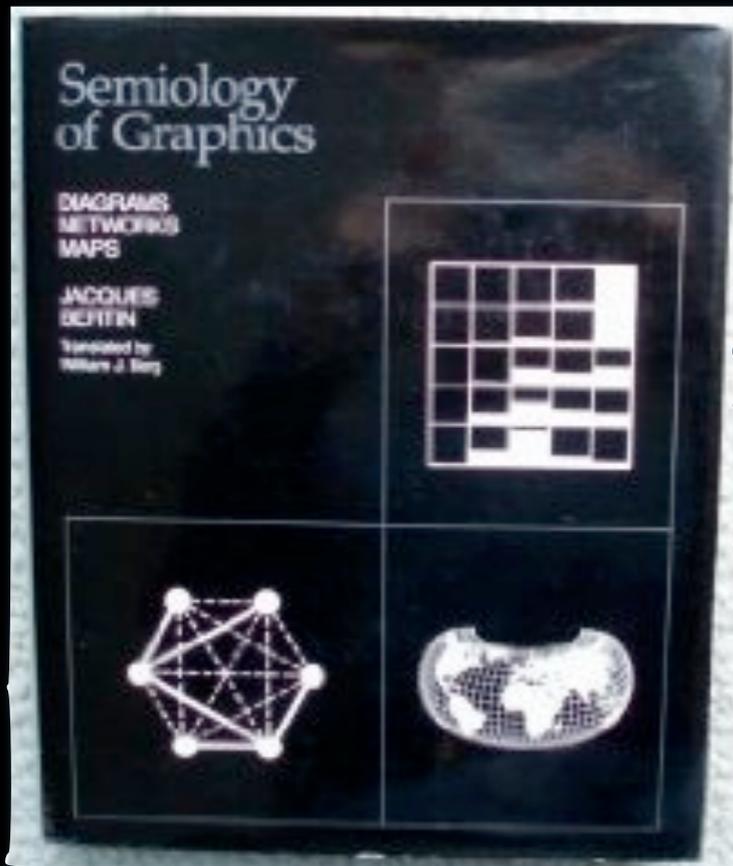
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Dimensionality

Rich

Single

Info Modes

*Rich
e.g. "Sound"*

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Representation Strategy

Metaphoric

Representational

Constraints/Contextual Issues

Open

**Proprietary
Content**

IP Rich

No/Low

**Socio-econ
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Another approach:
“A Virtual Graphical
Collaborative”
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Curry, participant at IM2
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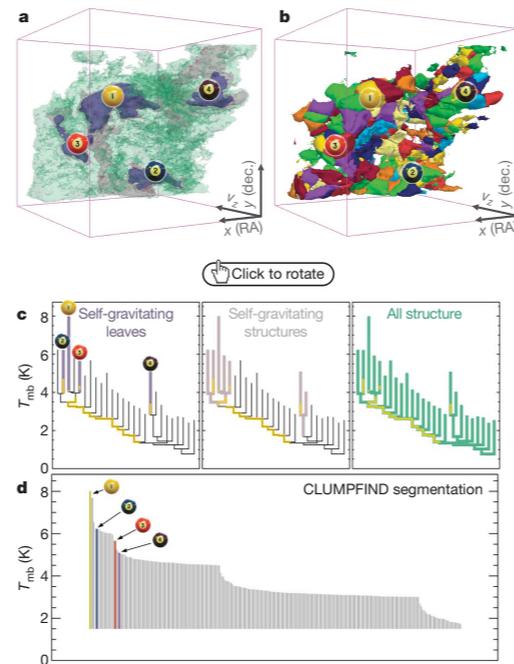


Figure 2 | Comparison of the 'dendrogram' and 'CLUMPFIND' feature-identification algorithms as applied to ¹³CO emission from the L1448 region of Perseus. **a**, 3D visualization of the surfaces indicated by colours in the dendrogram shown in **c**. Purple illustrates the smallest scale self-gravitating structures in the region corresponding to the leaves of the dendrogram; pink shows the smallest surfaces that contain distinct self-gravitating leaves within them; and green corresponds to the surface in the data cube containing all the significant emission. Dendrogram branches corresponding to self-gravitating objects have been highlighted in yellow over the range of T_{mb} (main-beam temperature) test-level values for which the virial parameter is less than 2. The x - y locations of the four 'self-gravitating' leaves labelled with billiard balls are the same as those shown in Fig. 1. The 3D visualizations show position-position-velocity (p - p - v) space. RA, right ascension; dec., declination. For comparison with the ability of dendrograms (**c**) to track hierarchical structure, **d** shows a pseudo-dendrogram of the CLUMPFIND segmentation (**b**), with the same four labels used in Fig. 1 and in **a**. As 'clumps' are not allowed to belong to larger structures, each pseudo-branch in **d** is simply a series of lines connecting the maximum emission value in each clump to the threshold value. A very large number of clumps appears in **b** because of the sensitivity of CLUMPFIND to noise and small-scale structure in the data. In the online PDF version, the 3D cubes (**a** and **b**) can be rotated to any orientation, and surfaces can be turned on and off (interaction requires Adobe Acrobat version 7.0.8 or higher). In the printed version, the front face of each 3D cube (the 'home' view in the interactive online version) corresponds exactly to the patch of sky shown in Fig. 1, and velocity with respect to the Local Standard of Rest increases from front (-0.5 km s^{-1}) to back (8 km s^{-1}).

data, CLUMPFIND typically finds features on a limited range of scales, above but close to the physical resolution of the data, and its results can be overly dependent on input parameters. By tuning CLUMPFIND's two free parameters, the same molecular-line data set⁸ can be used to show either that the frequency distribution of clump mass is the same as the initial mass function of stars or that it follows the much shallower mass function associated with large-scale molecular clouds (Supplementary Fig. 1).

Four years before the advent of CLUMPFIND, 'structure trees'⁹ were proposed as a way to characterize clouds' hierarchical structure

using 2D maps of column density. With this early 2D work as inspiration, we have developed a structure-identification algorithm that abstracts the hierarchical structure of a 3D (p - p - v) data cube into an easily visualized representation called a 'dendrogram'¹⁰. Although well developed in other data-intensive fields^{11,12}, it is curious that the application of tree methodologies so far in astrophysics has been rare, and almost exclusively within the area of galaxy evolution, where 'merger trees' are being used with increasing frequency¹³.

Figure 3 and its legend explain the construction of dendrograms schematically. The dendrogram quantifies how and where local maxima of emission merge with each other, and its implementation is explained in Supplementary Methods. Critically, the dendrogram is determined almost entirely by the data itself, and it has negligible sensitivity to algorithm parameters. To make graphical presentation possible on paper and 2D screens, we 'flatten' the dendrograms of 3D data (see Fig. 3 and its legend), by sorting their 'branches' to not cross, which eliminates dimensional information on the x axis while preserving all information about connectivity and hierarchy. Numbered 'billiard ball' labels in the figures let the reader match features between a 2D map (Fig. 1), an interactive 3D map (Fig. 2a online) and a sorted dendrogram (Fig. 2c).

A dendrogram of a spectral-line data cube allows for the estimation of key physical properties associated with volumes bounded by isosurfaces, such as radius (R), velocity dispersion (σ_v) and luminosity (L). The volumes can have any shape, and in other work¹⁴ we focus on the significance of the especially elongated features seen in L1448 (Fig. 2a). The luminosity is an approximate proxy for mass, such that $M_{lum} = X_{13CO} L_{13CO}$, where $X_{13CO} = 8.0 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km}^{-1} \text{ s}$ (ref. 15; see Supplementary Methods and Supplementary Fig. 2). The derived values for size, mass and velocity dispersion can then be used to estimate the role of self-gravity at each point in the hierarchy, via calculation of an 'observed' virial parameter, $\alpha_{obs} = 5\sigma_v^2 R/GM_{lum}$. In principle, extended portions of the tree (Fig. 2, yellow highlighting) where $\alpha_{obs} < 2$ (where gravitational energy is comparable to or larger than kinetic energy) correspond to regions of p - p - v space where self-gravity is significant. As α_{obs} only represents the ratio of kinetic energy to gravitational energy at one point in time, and does not explicitly capture external over-pressure and/or magnetic fields¹⁶, its measured value should only be used as a guide to the longevity (boundedness) of any particular feature.

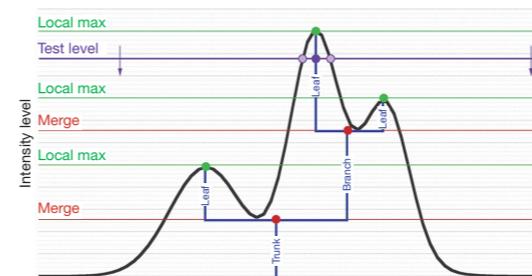


Figure 3 | Schematic illustration of the dendrogram process. Shown is the construction of a dendrogram from a hypothetical one-dimensional emission profile (black). The dendrogram (blue) can be constructed by 'dropping' a test constant emission level (purple) from above in tiny steps (exaggerated in size here, light lines) until all the local maxima and mergers are found, and connected as shown. The intersection of a test level with the emission is a set of points (for example the light purple dots) in one dimension, a planar curve in two dimensions, and an isosurface in three dimensions. The dendrogram of 3D data shown in Fig. 2c is the direct analogue of the tree shown here, only constructed from 'isosurface' rather than 'point' intersections. It has been sorted and flattened for representation on a flat page, as fully representing dendrograms for 3D data cubes would require four dimensions.

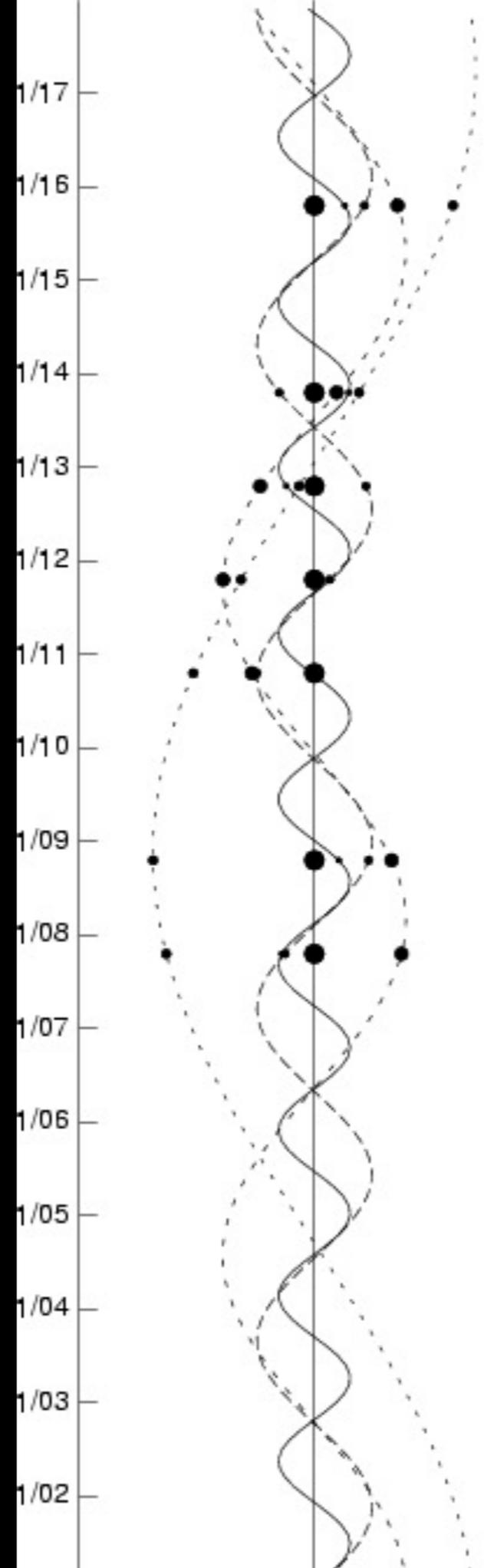
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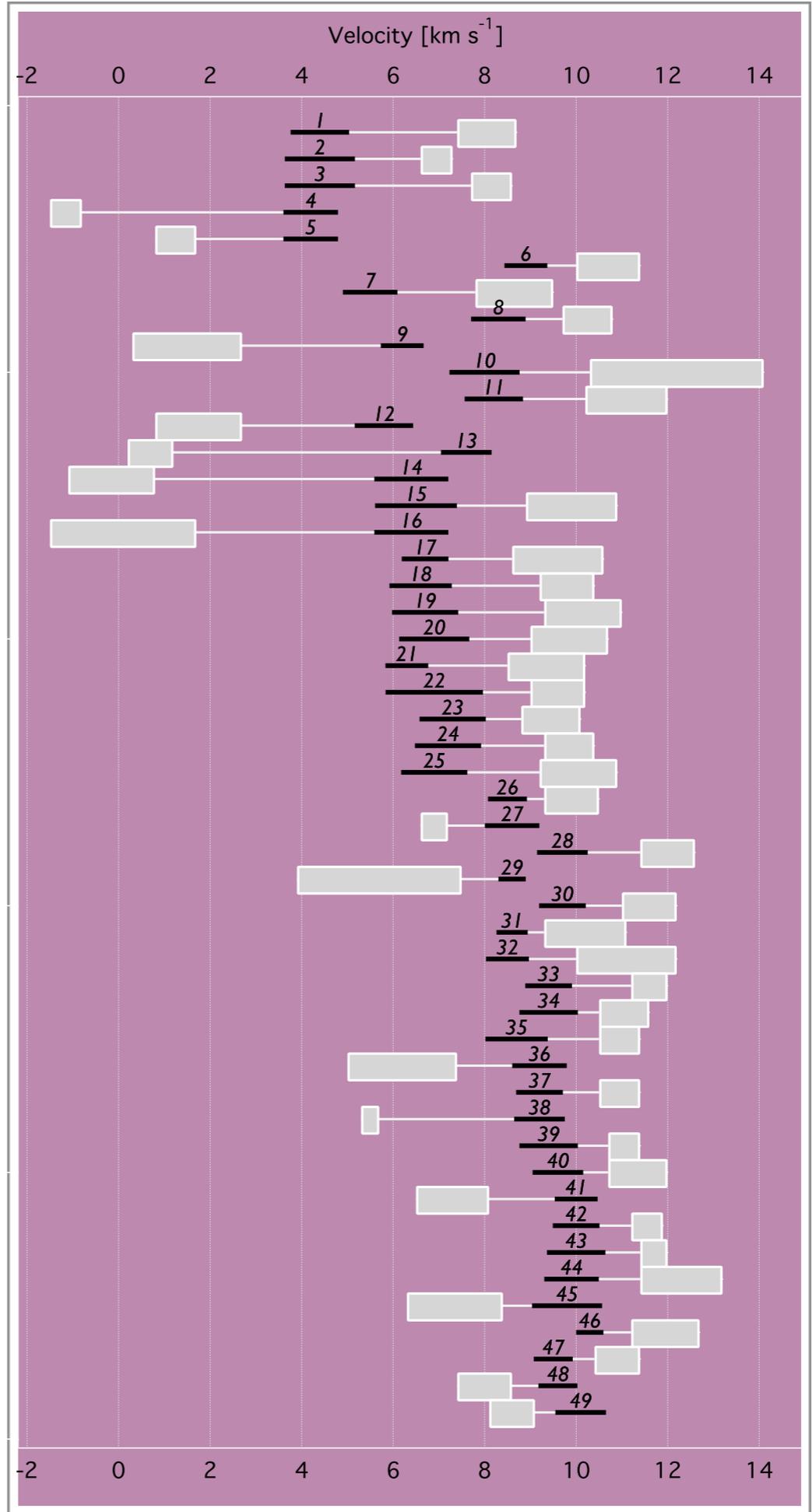
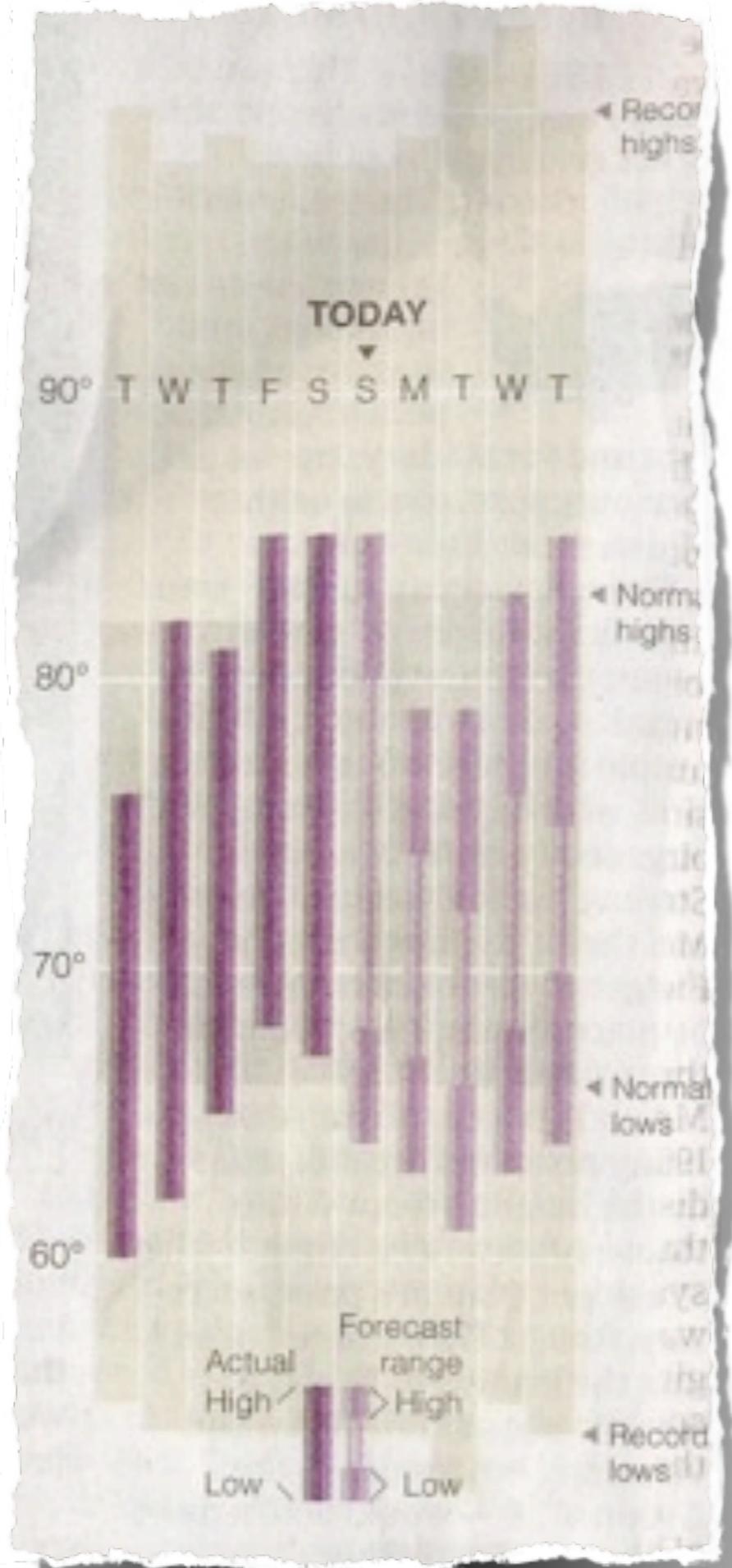
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