

# $^{26}\text{Al}$ from massive-star clusters: theory and observations

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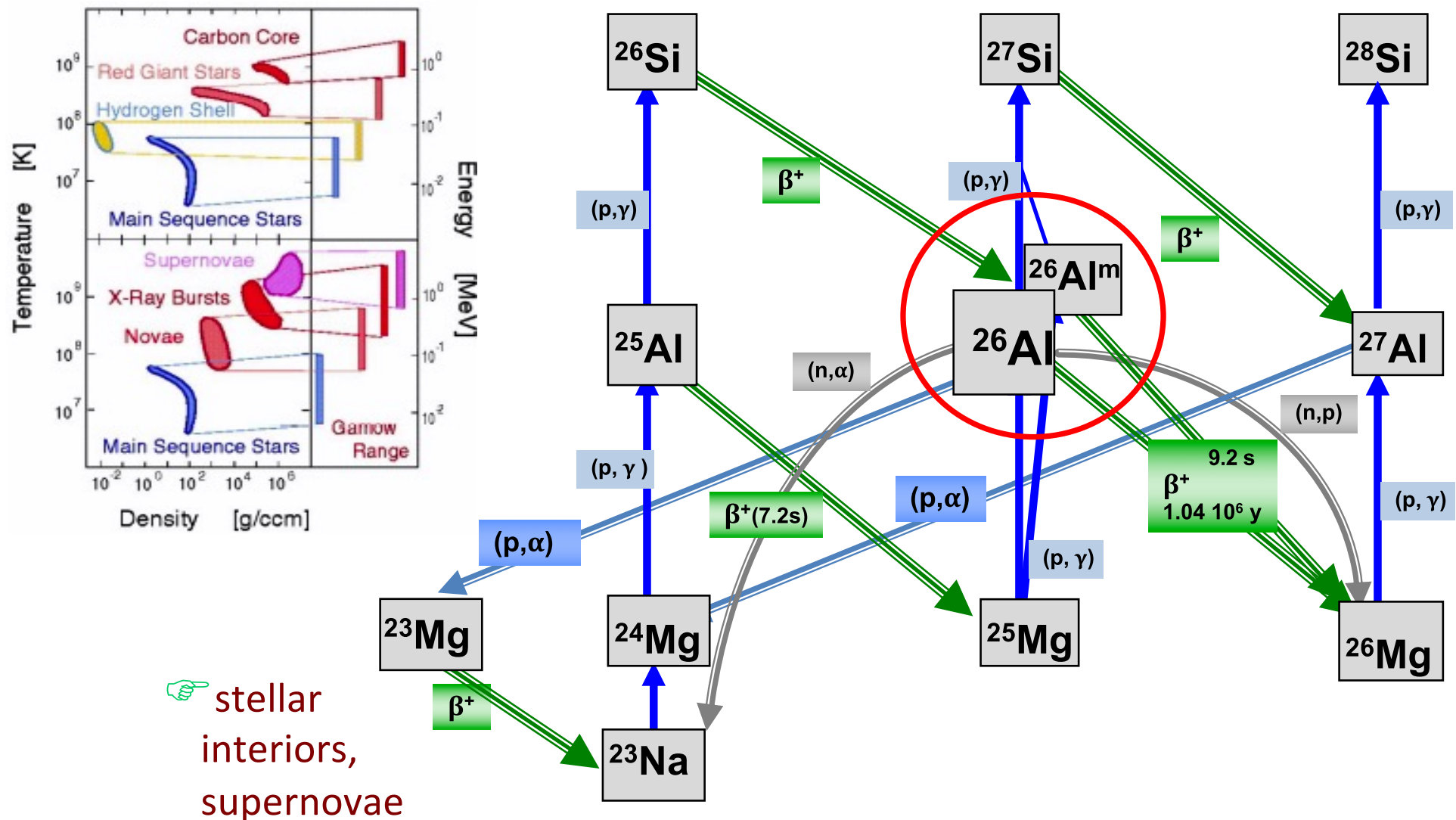
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with work from (a.o.)  
Martin Krause, Karsten Kretschmer, Moritz Pleintinger,  
Thomas Siegert, Rasmus Voss, Wei Wang, Christoph Weinberger

# Nuclear reactions to produce $^{26}\text{Al}$

p capture during H burning in stellar core, + H shell in AGB stars,...novae...)

★ The Na-Al-Mg cycle: production versus destruction reactions...

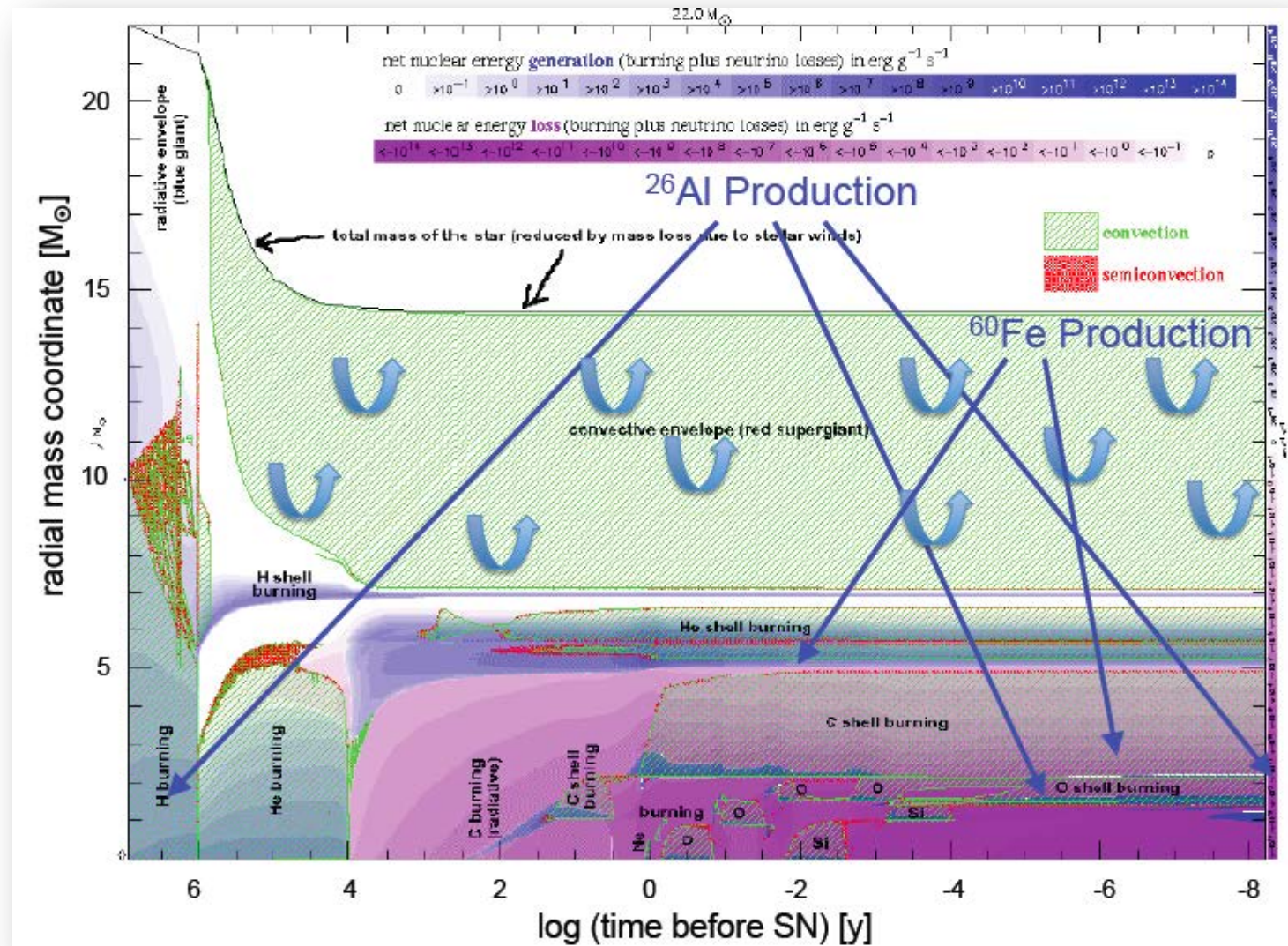




# Radioactivities from massive stars: $^{60}\text{Fe}$ , $^{26}\text{Al}$

→ Messengers from Massive-Star Interiors!

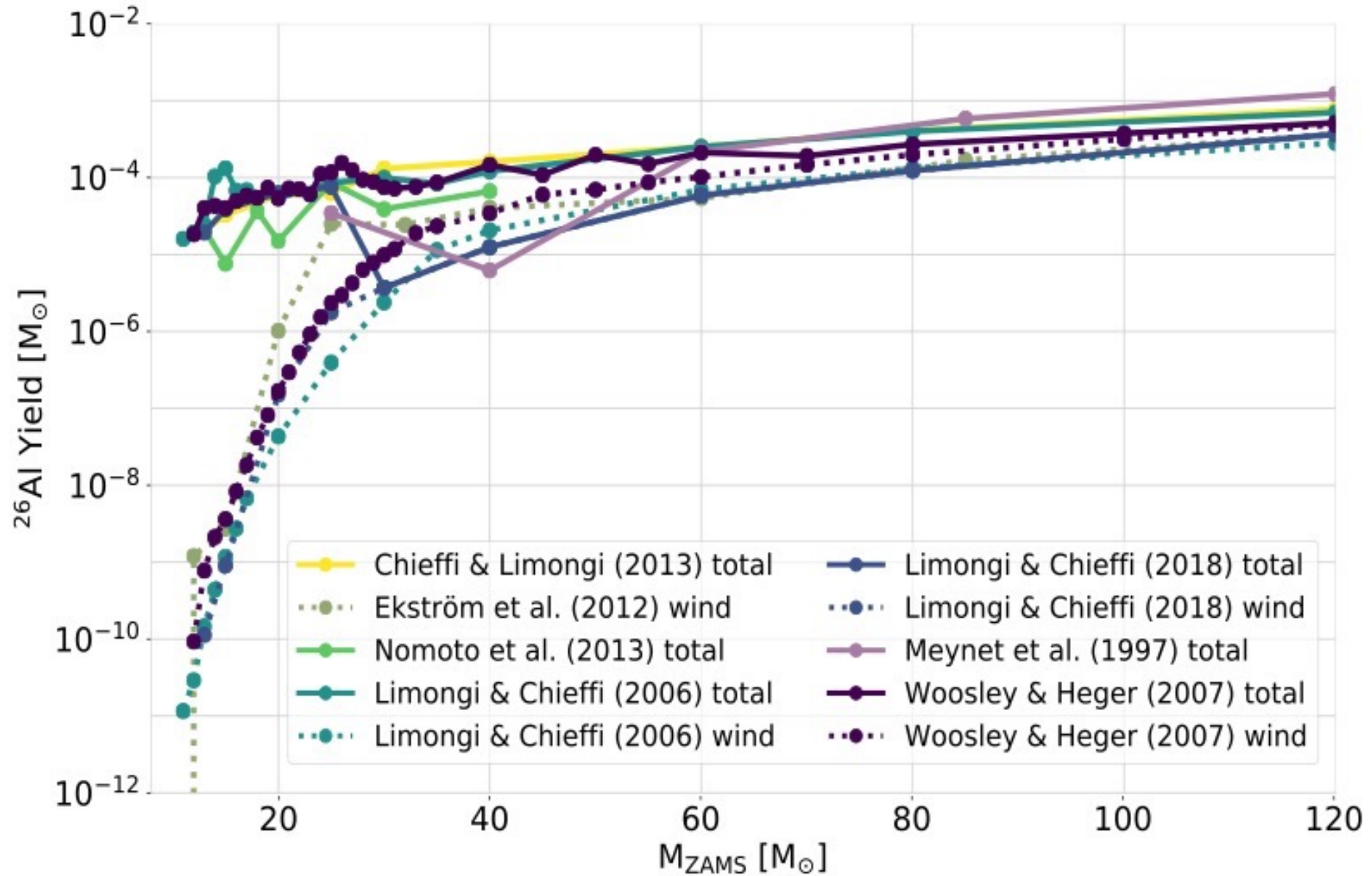
...complementing neutrinos and asteroseismology!



Processes:

- ★ *Hydrostatic fusion*
- ★ *WR wind release*
- ★ *Late Shell burning*
- ★ *Explosive fusion*
- ★ *Explosive release*

# $^{26}\text{Al}$ Yields versus mass, for massive stars and their SNe



☞ ccSNe dominate for lower-mass range,  
winds dominate over explosive ejecta for more-massive stars



# Studying Massive-Star Groups (including nucleosynthesis)

Voss R., et al., 2009

- We model the “outputs” of a massive star ensemble and their supernovae from theory

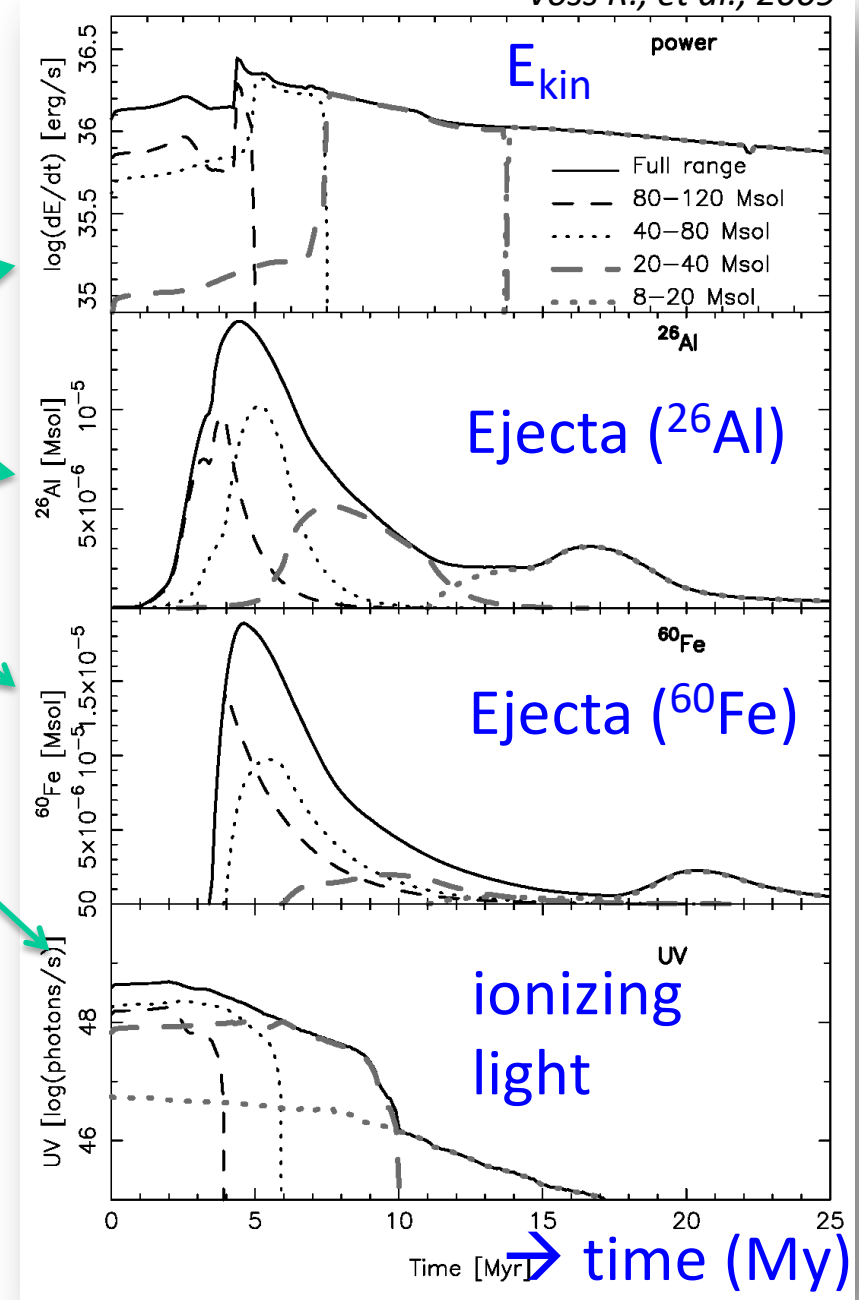
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- Ionizing Radiation

- We get observational constraints from

- Star Counts
- ISM Cavities
- Free-Electron Emission
- Radioactive Ejecta

→ obtain cluster / model validation

with adjusted parameters to match observational constraints



# Nuclear $^{26}\text{Al}$ Gamma-Ray Line Telescopes

## INTEGRAL

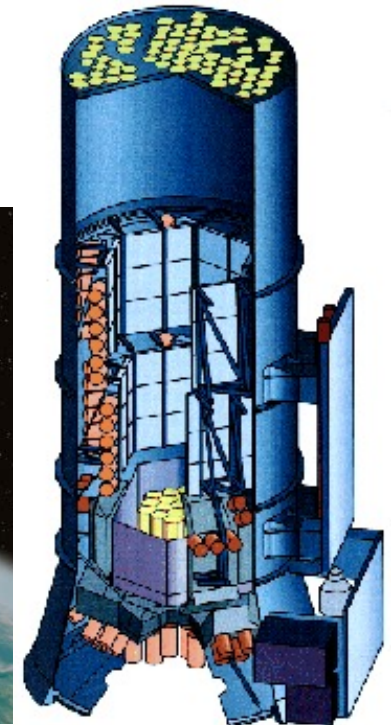
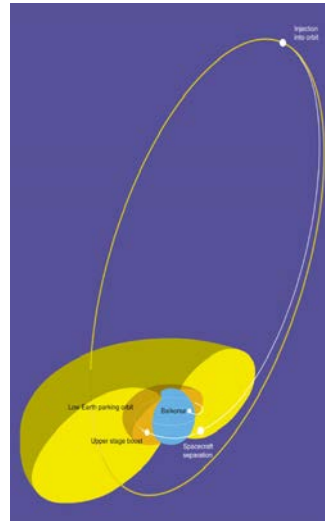
2002-2025 (..2029)

ESA

high E resolution

Ge detectors

15-8000 keV



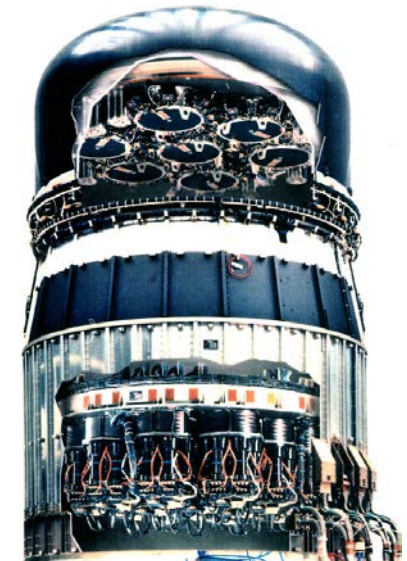
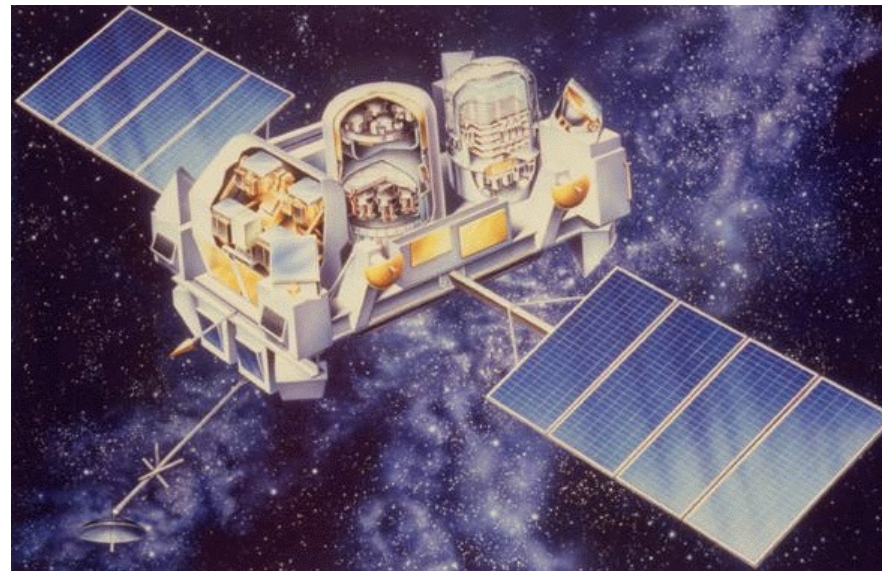
## CGRO-COMPTEL

1991-2000

NASA

Compton  
Telescope

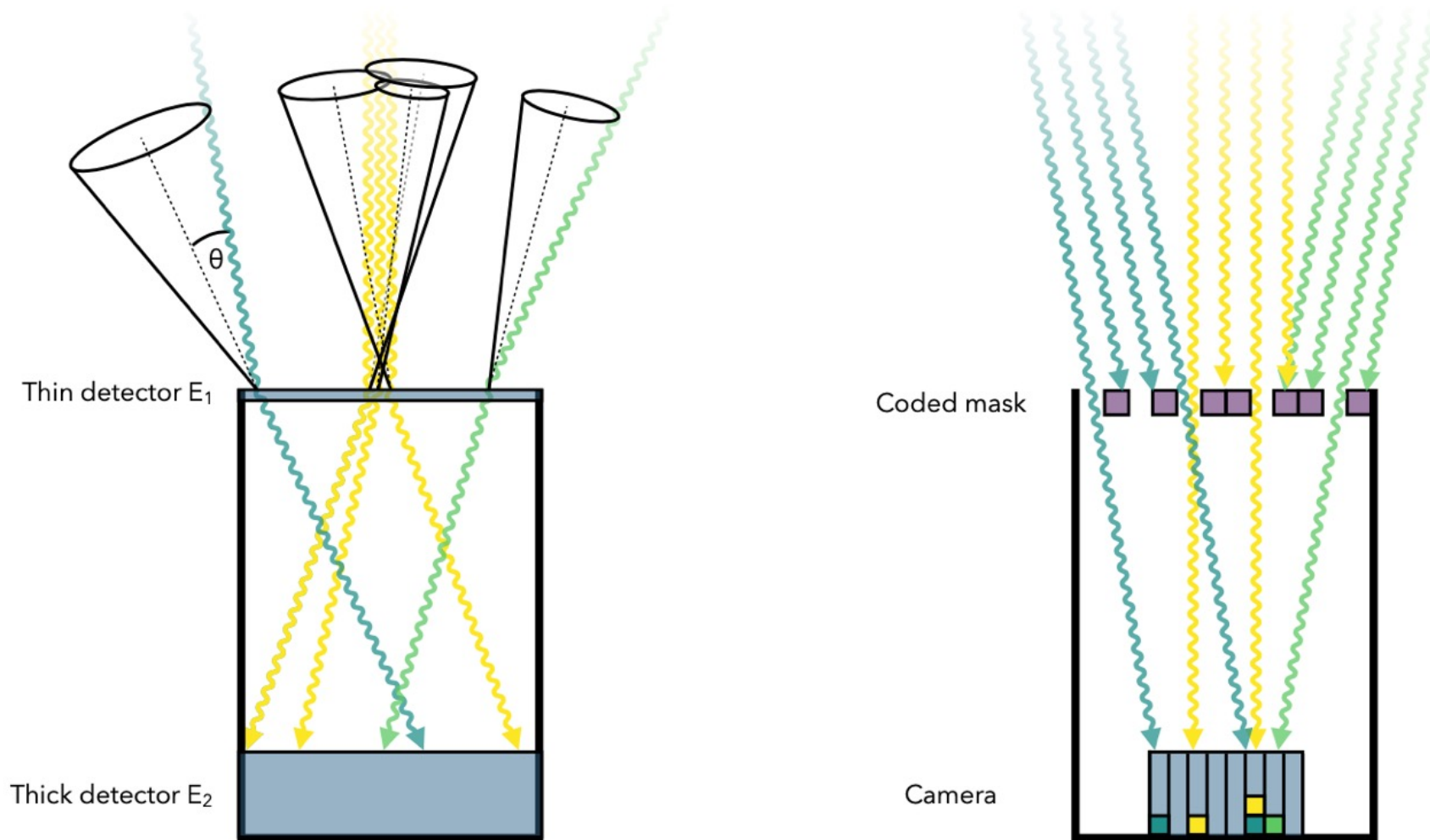
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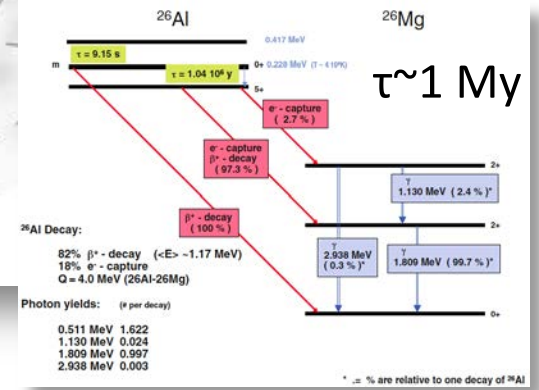
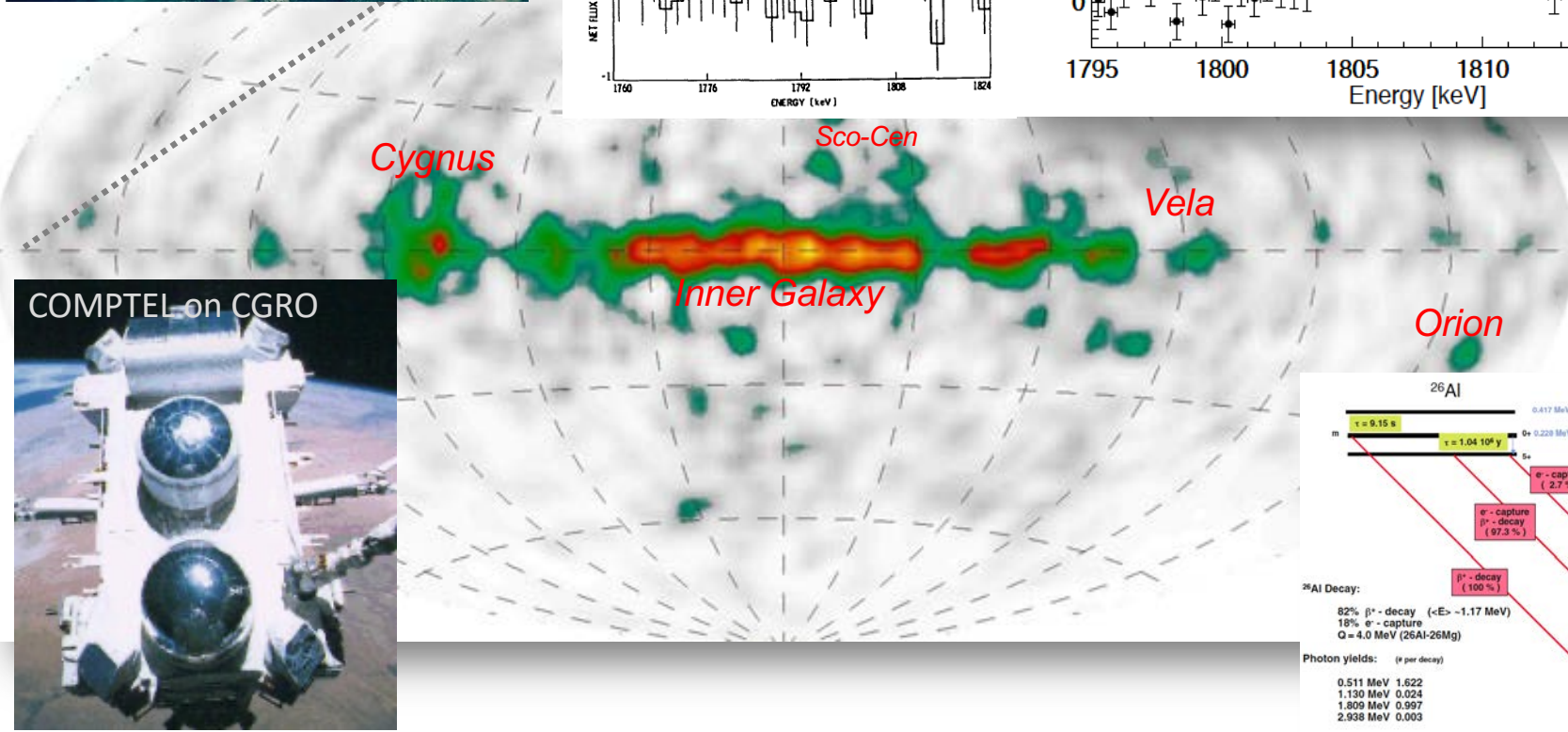
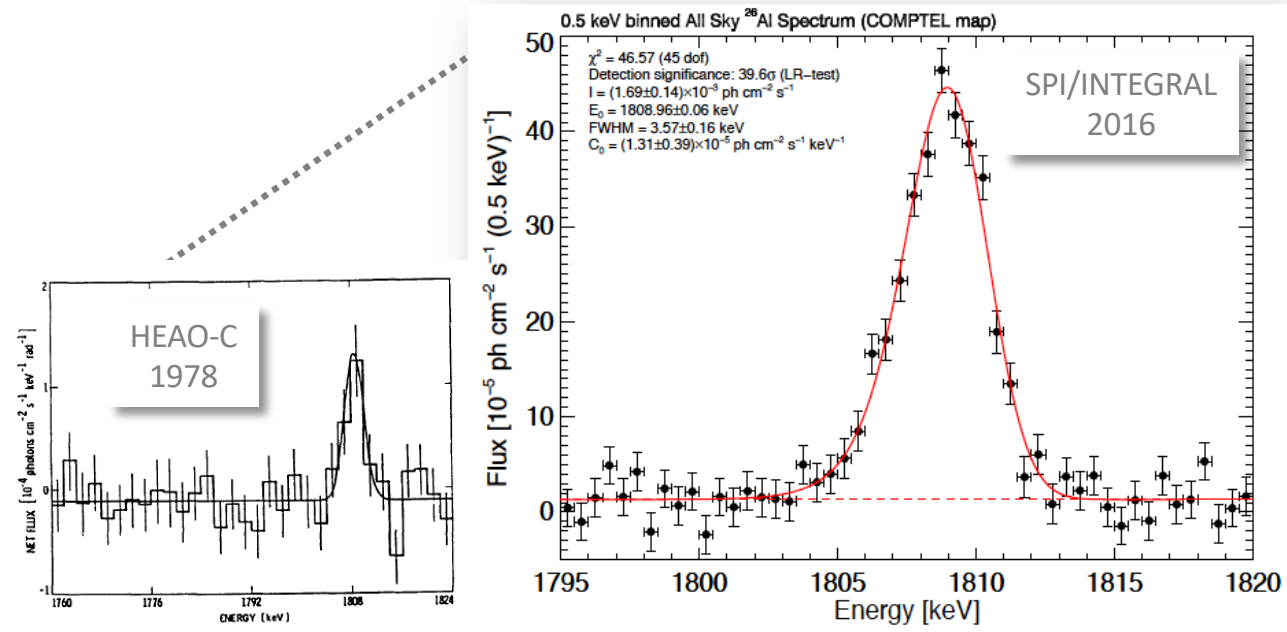
# Imaging principles for a MeV-range $\gamma$ -ray telescope

- Compton Telescopes and Coded-Mask Telescopes



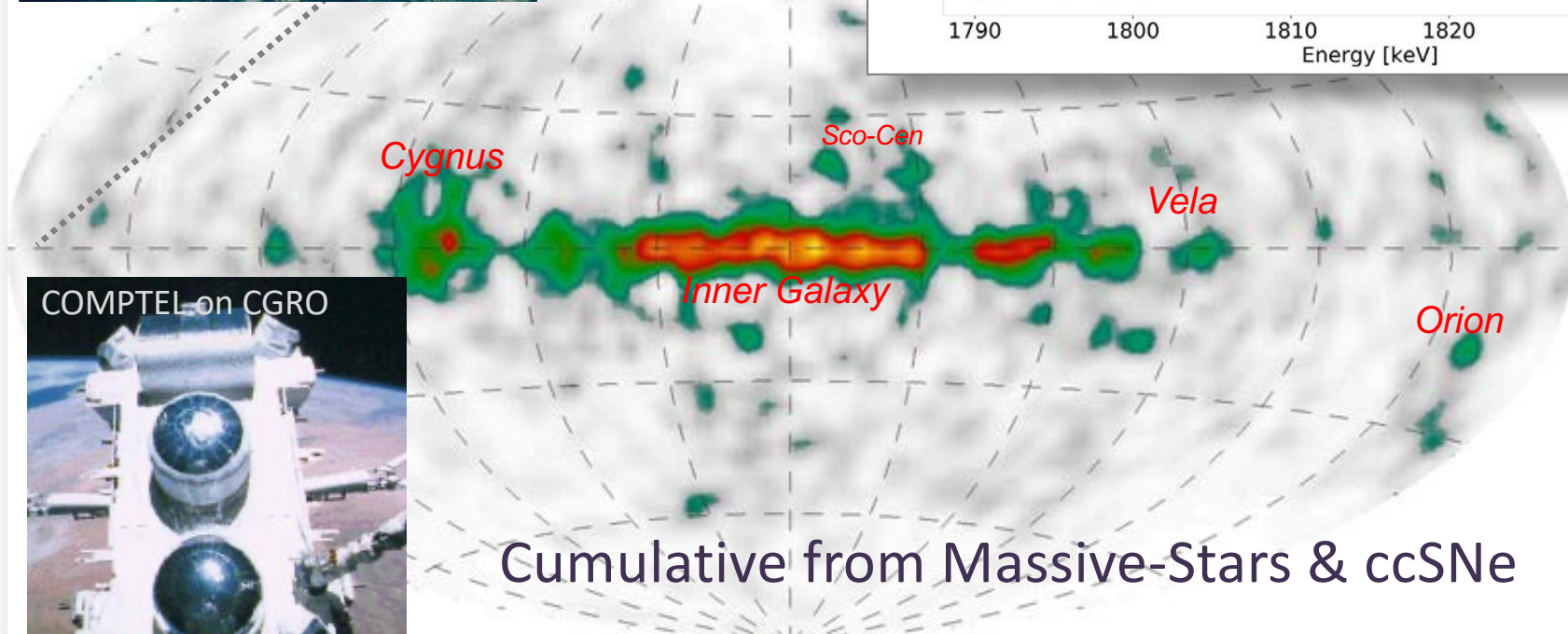
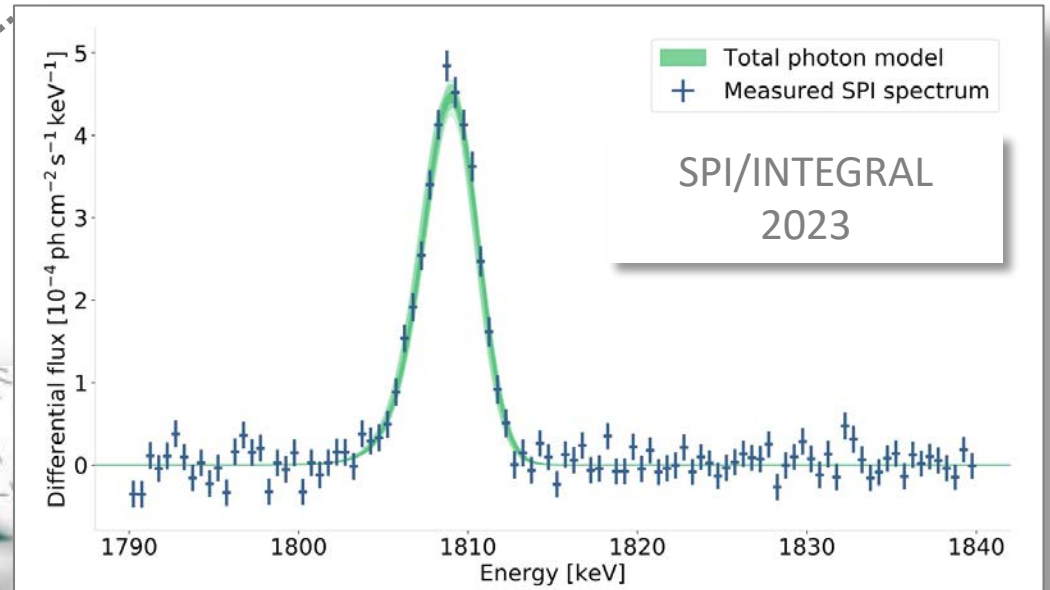
Achievable Sensitivity:  $\sim 10^{-5}$  ph cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, Angular Resolution  $\geq$  deg

# $^{26}\text{Al}$ $\gamma$ -rays from the Galaxy





# $^{26}\text{Al}$ $\gamma$ -rays and the galaxy-wide massive star census



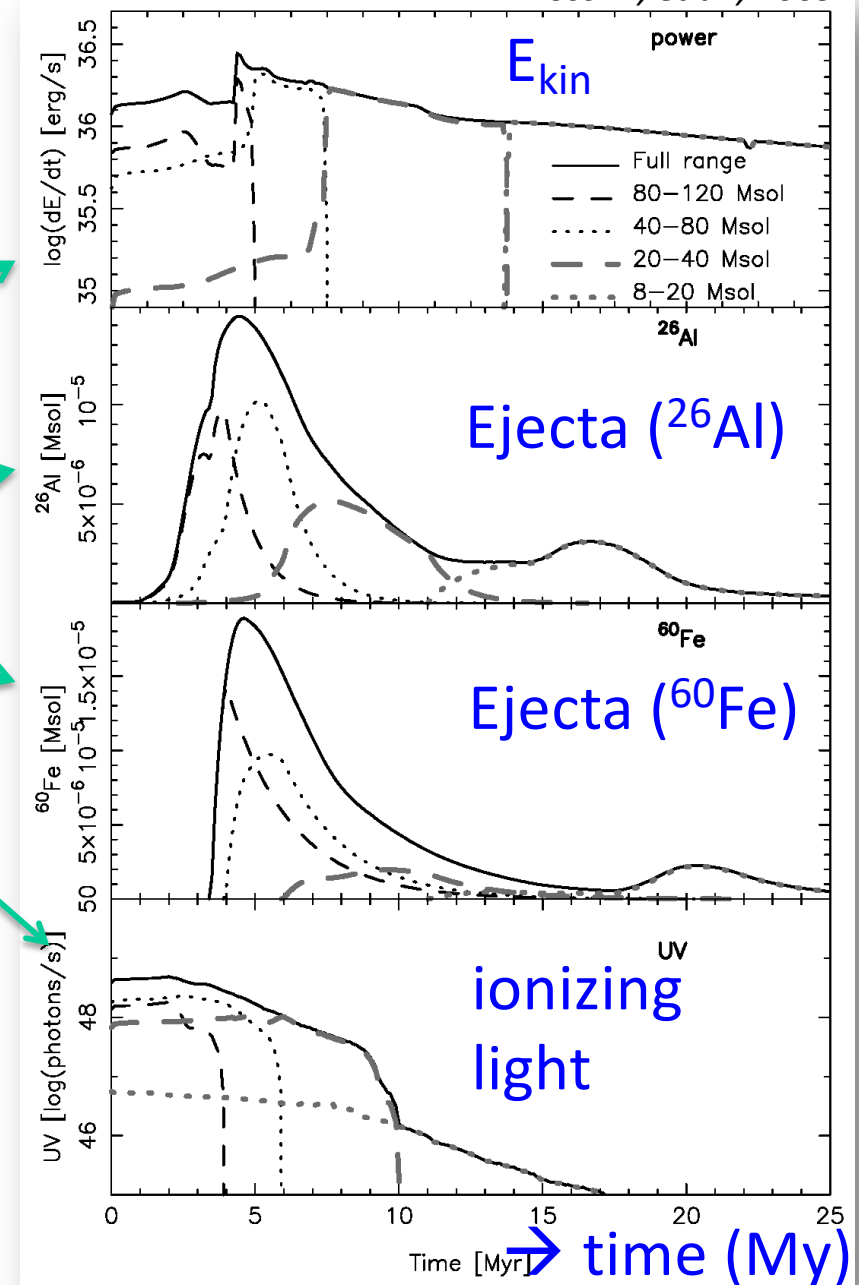
Cumulative from Massive-Stars & ccSNe

$\gamma$ -ray flux  $\rightarrow$  cc-SN Rate =  $1.3 (\pm 0.6)$  per Century

# Massive-Star Groups: Population Synthesis

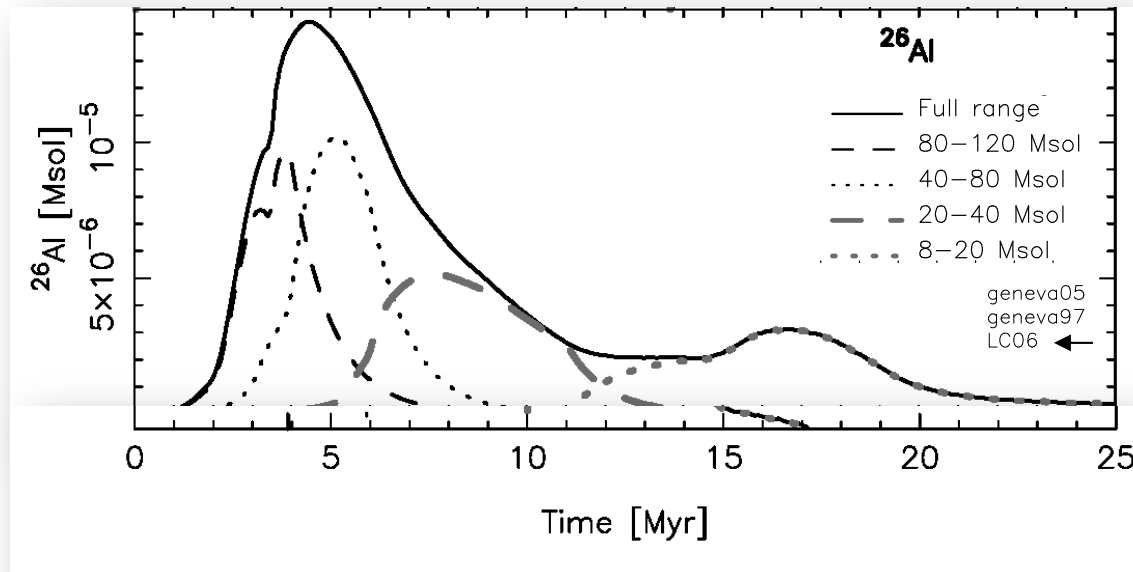
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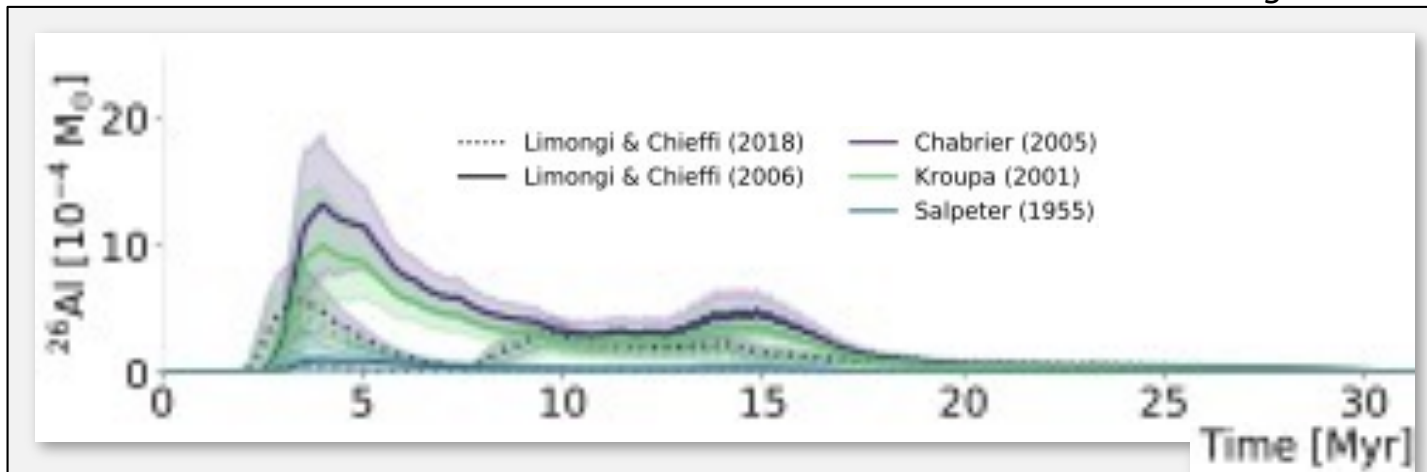
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  - IMF variants & sampling
  - Nucleosynthesis yield alternatives
  - Explodability variants

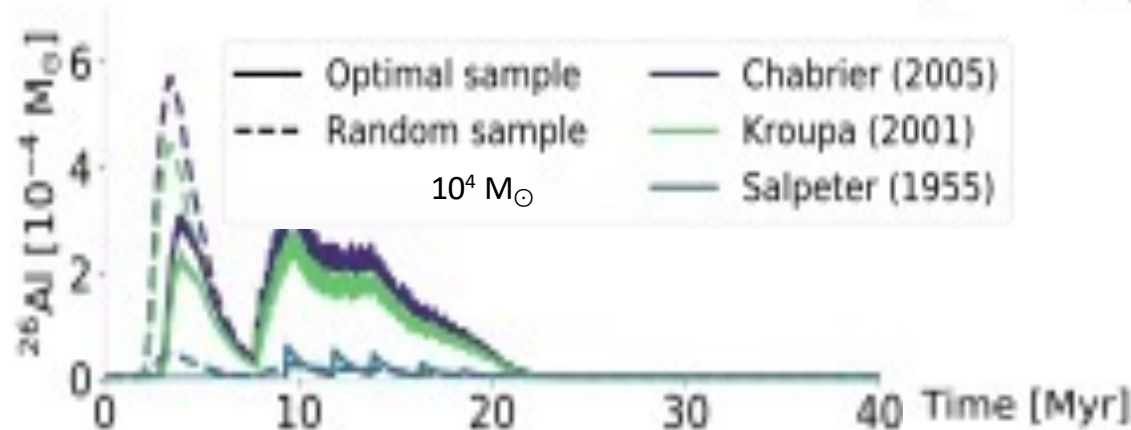
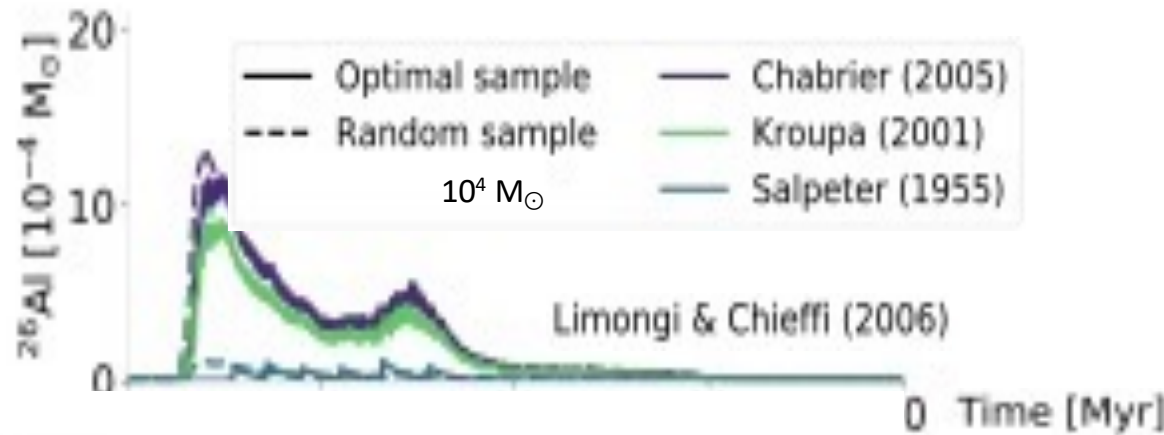
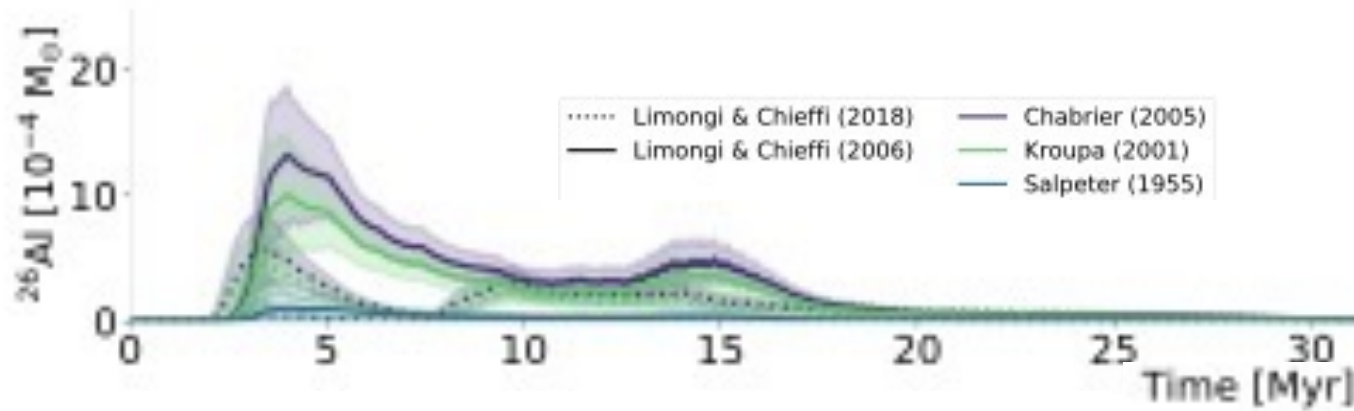
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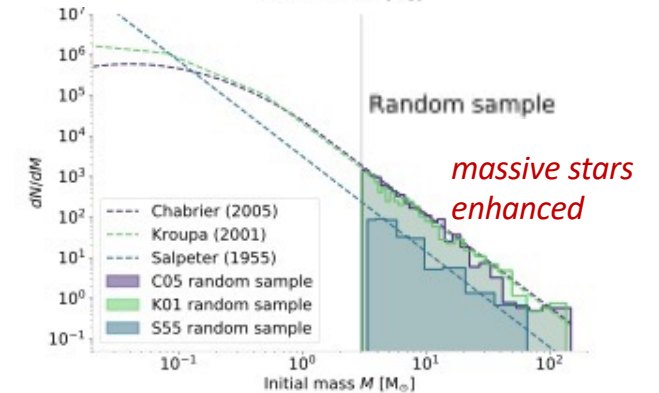
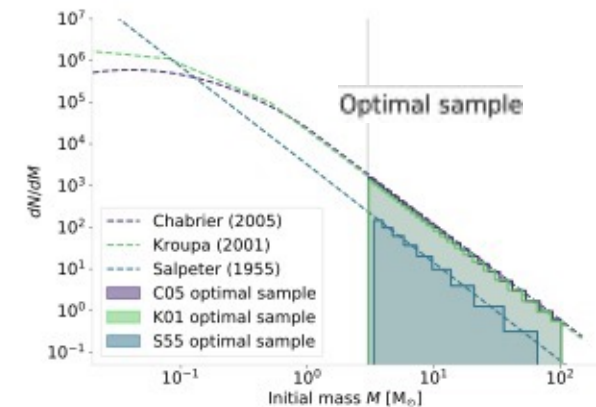
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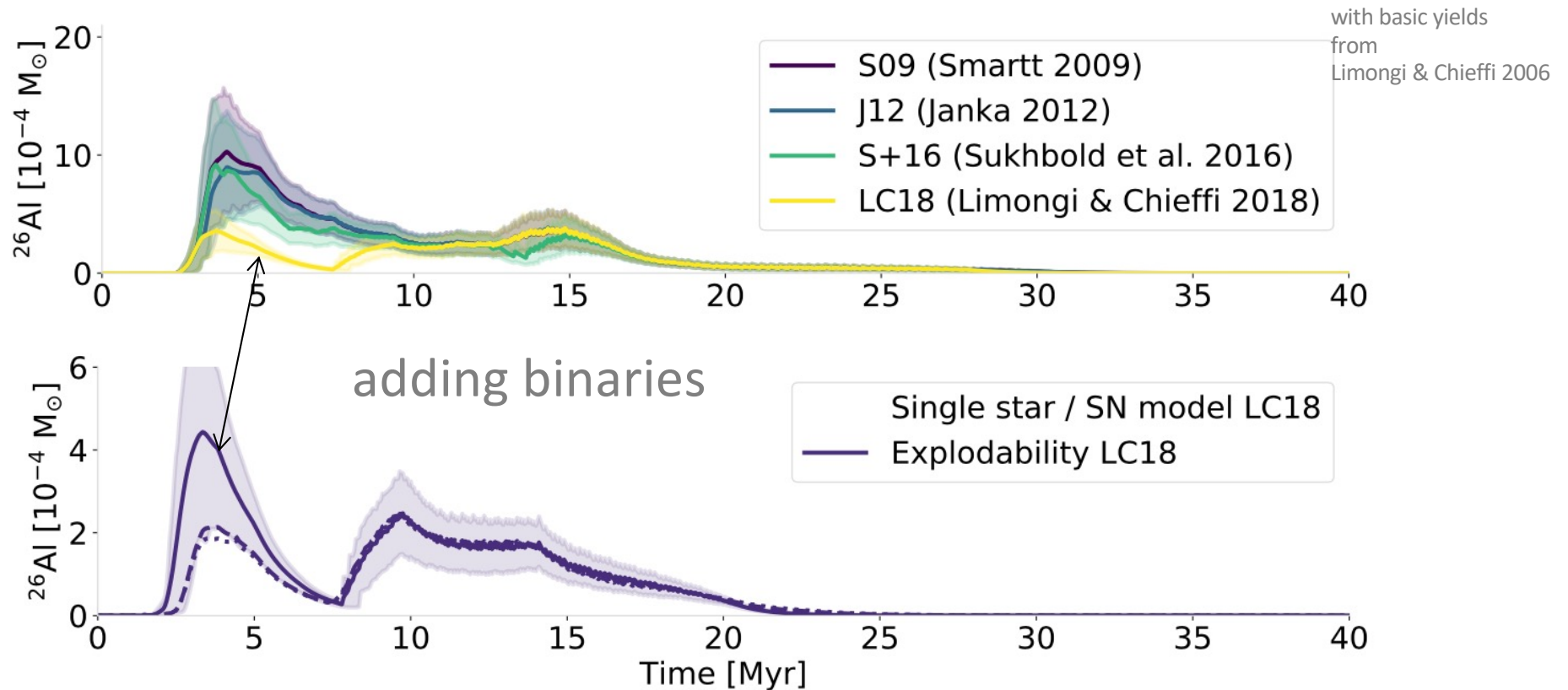


# Population synthesis: impact of different inputs

Acronym	Exploding stellar models
S09	$M_* \geq 8$
J12	$8 \leq M_* \leq 100$ and $140 \leq M_* \leq 260$
S+16	Irregular islands and valleys of explodability
LC18	$8 \leq M_* \leq 25$

variation of explodability

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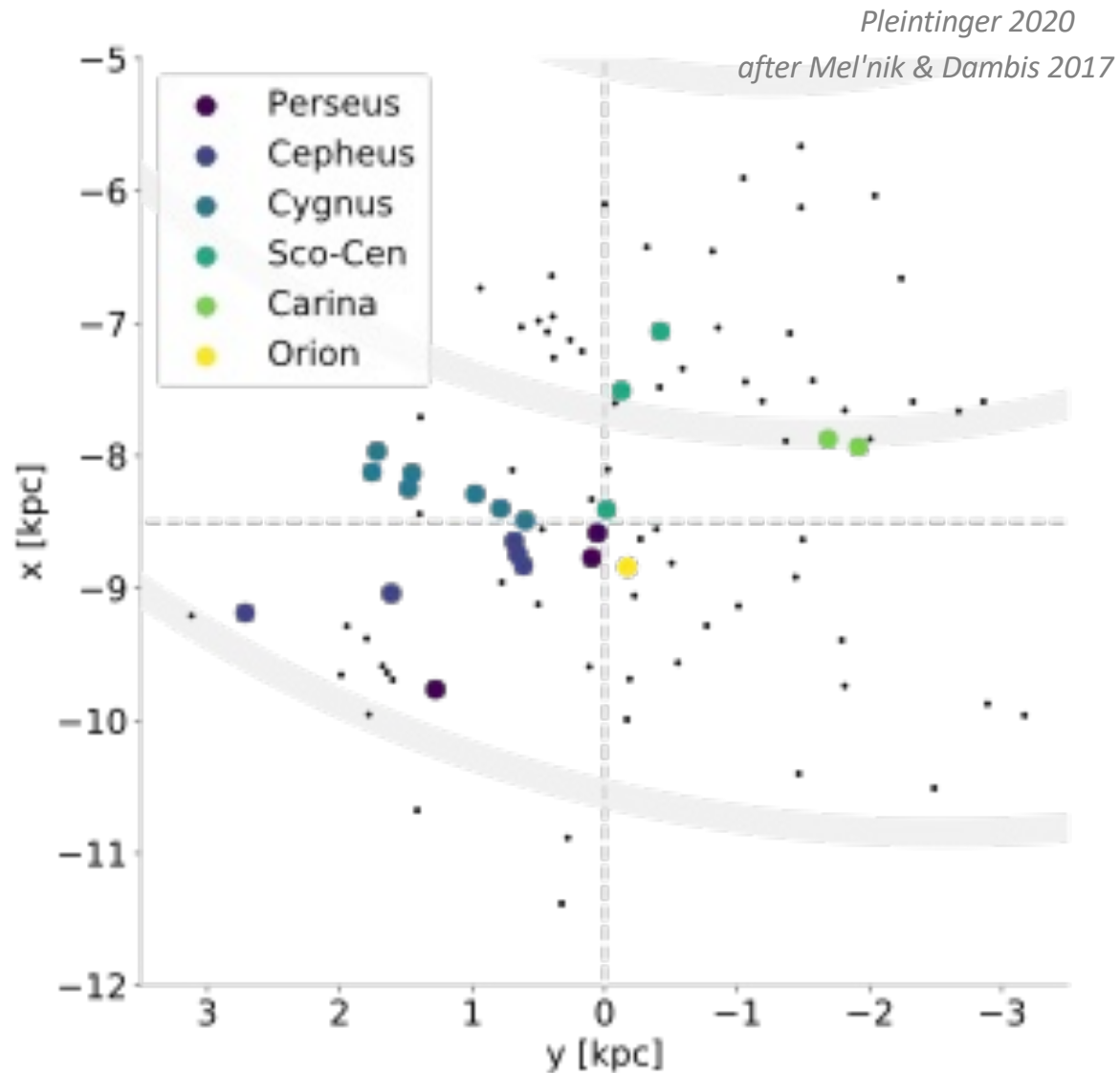


Binary wind yields from Brinkman + 2019

- Binary fraction = 0.0
- - - Binary fraction = 0.7
- ..... Binary fraction = 0.9

# Our use of star clusters throughout the Galaxy

Gaia-supported nearby clusters expected to be  $^{26}\text{Al}$  sources



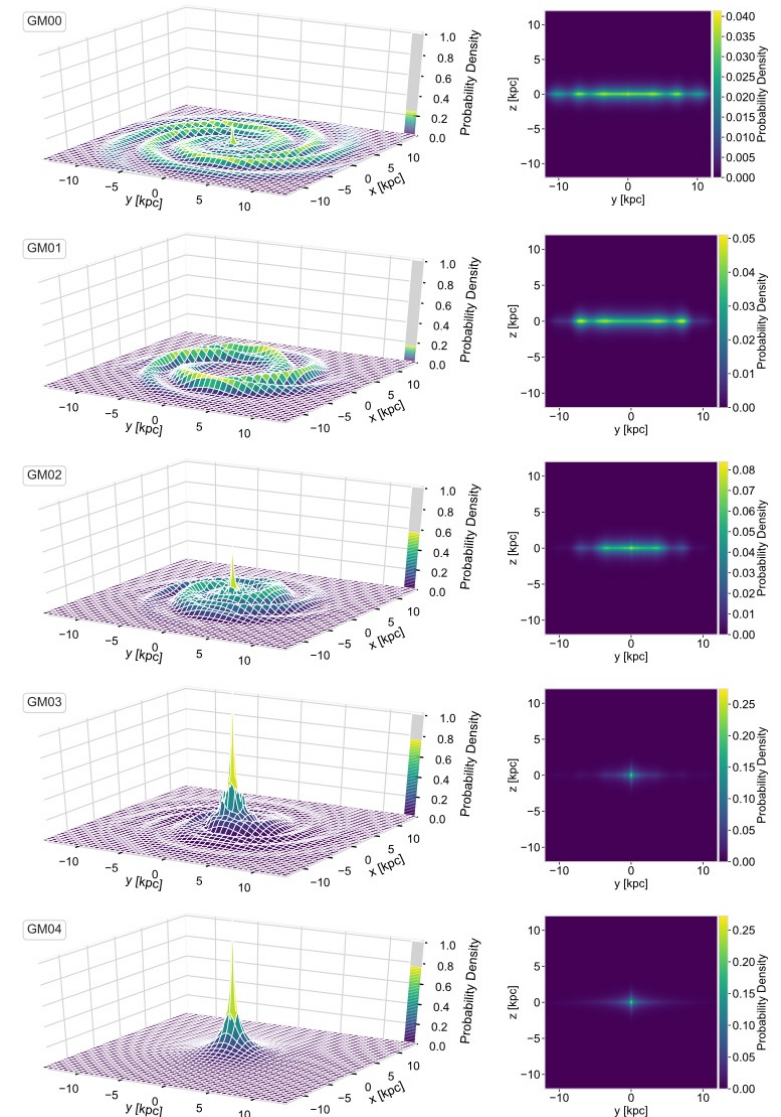
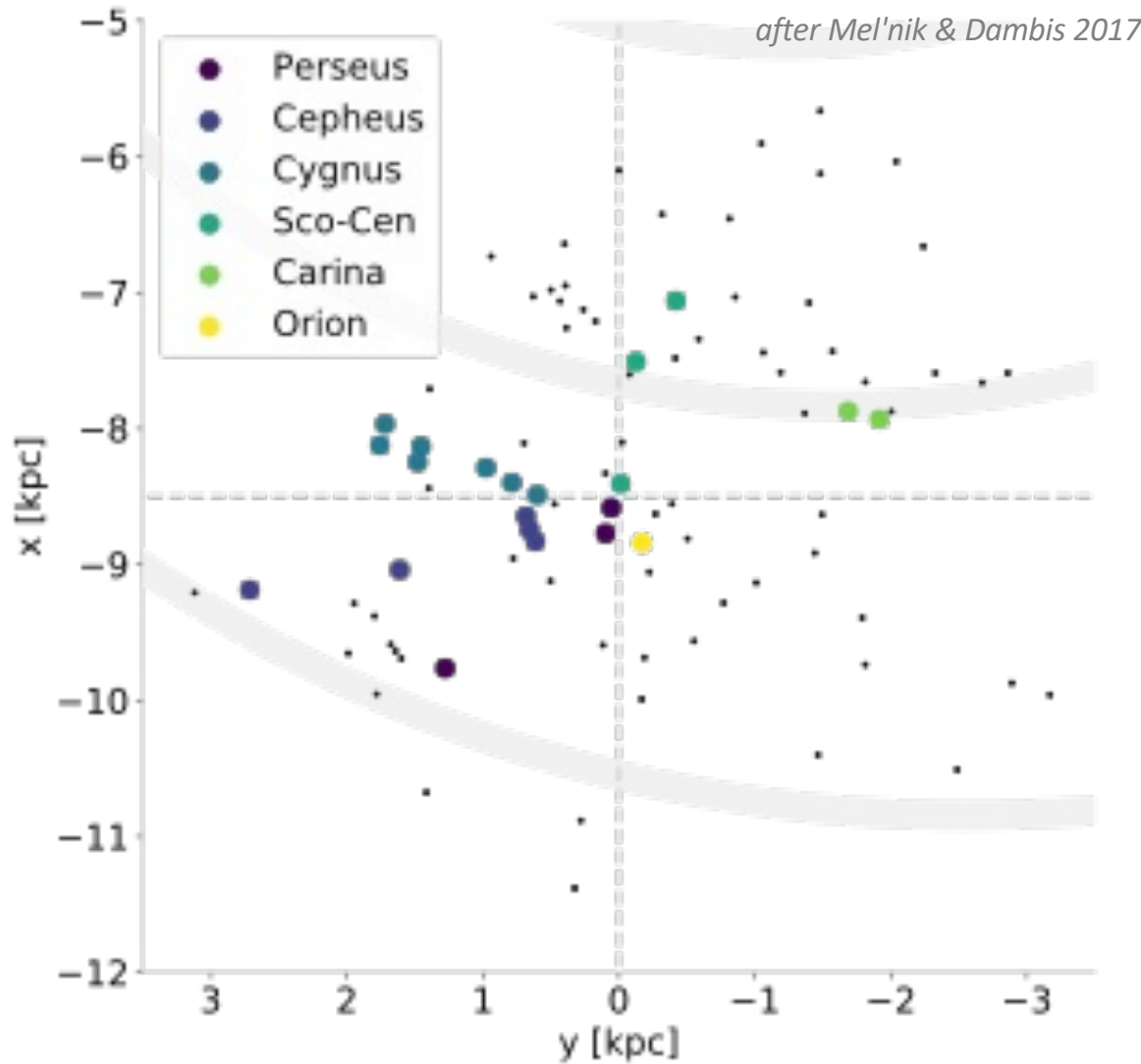


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sampling distant clusters from a large scale model

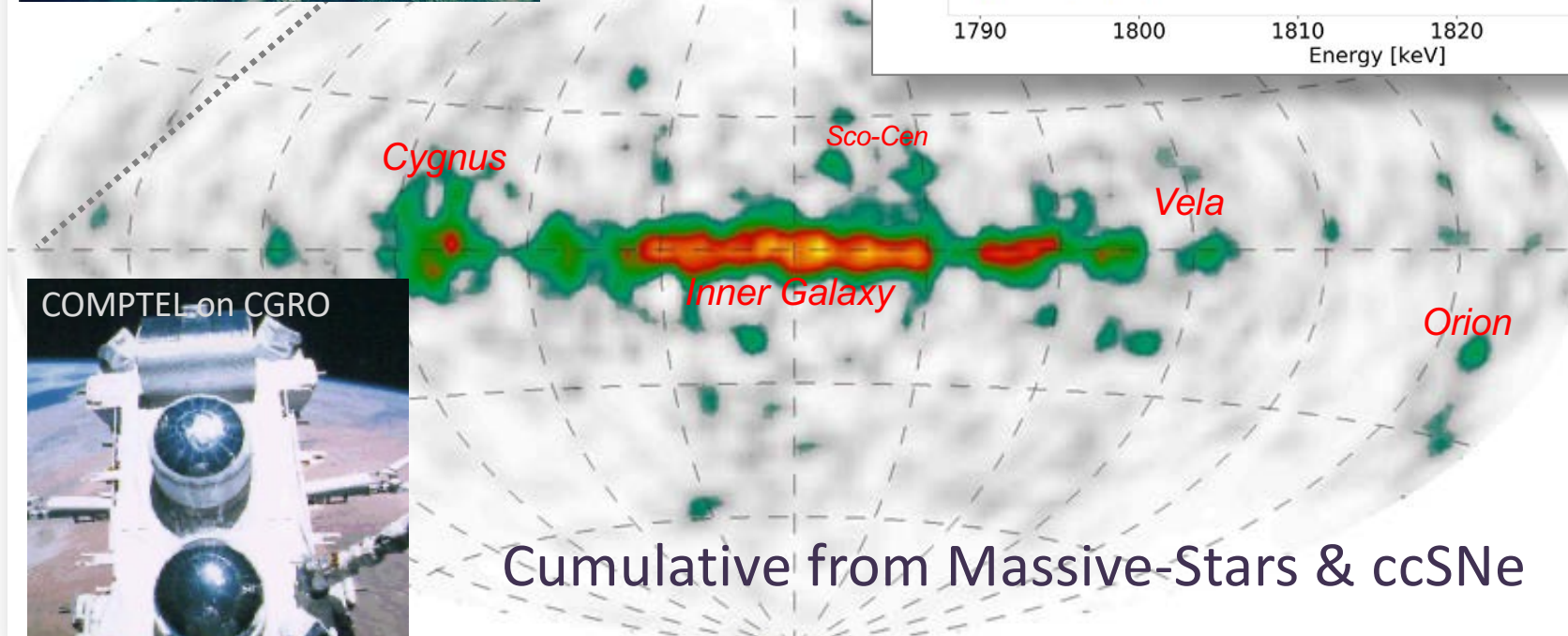
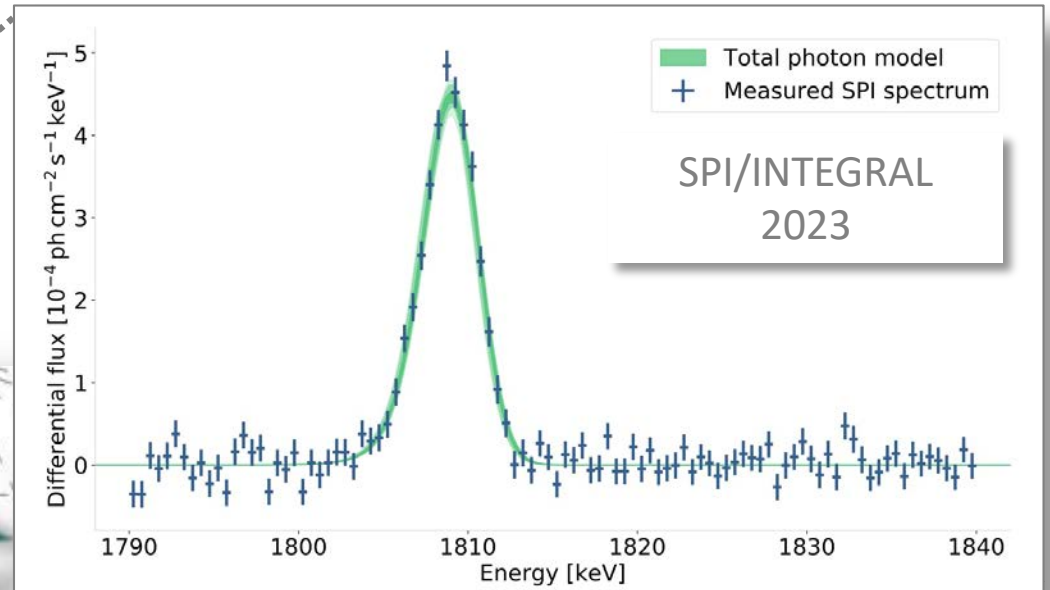






# $^{26}\text{Al}$ $\gamma$ -rays and the galaxy-wide massive star census

Pleintinger+2023

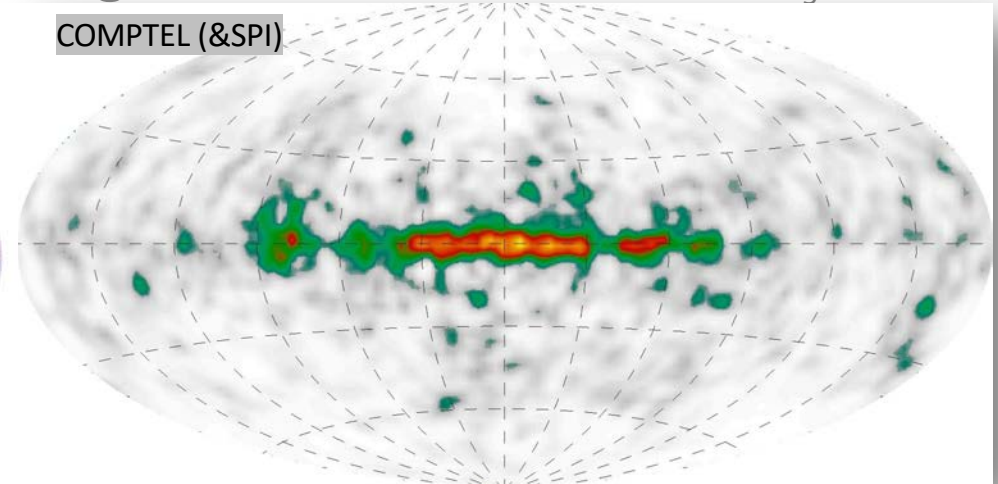
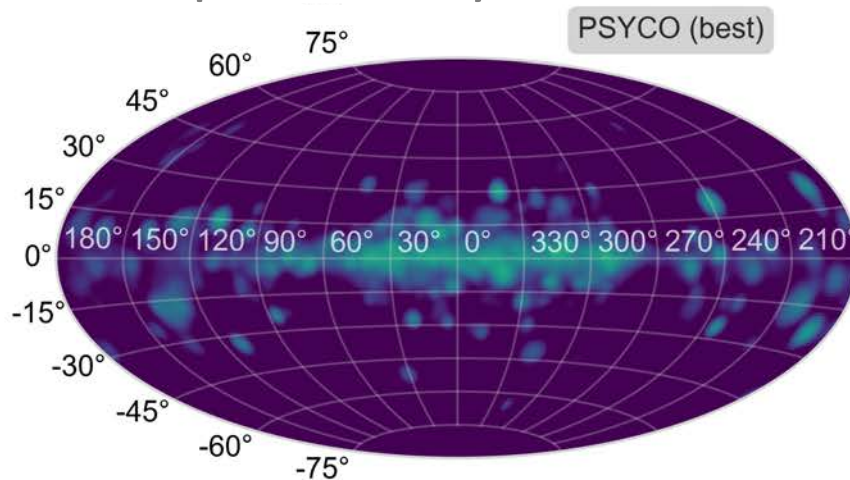


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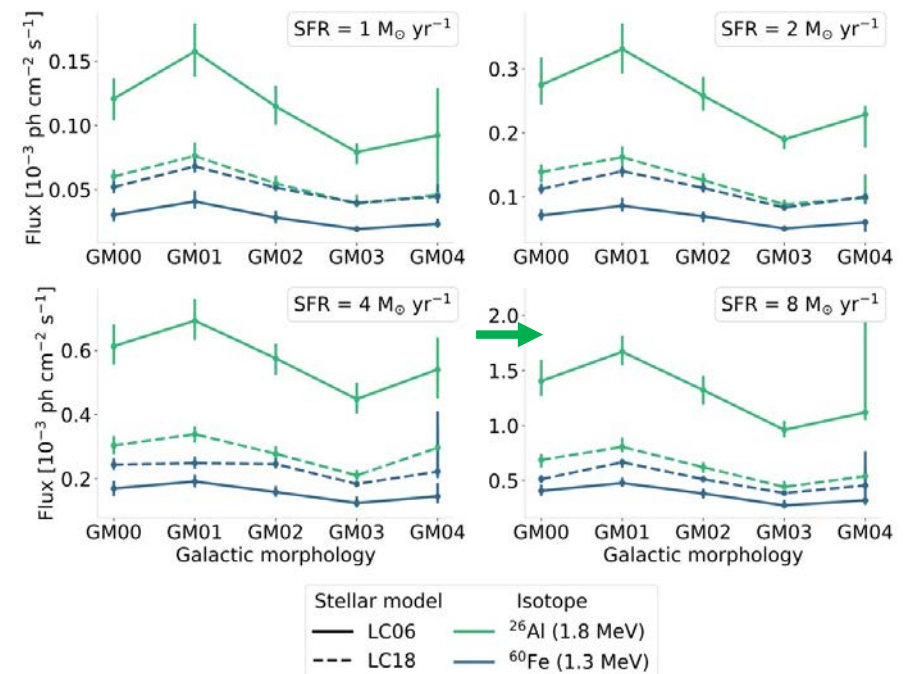
# Diffuse radioactivity throughout the Galaxy

Galactic Population Synthesis Modelling versus observations

(Pleintinger 2020)  
Siegert+ 2023



- 👉 PSYCO modeling: (30000 sample optimisation)
  - best: 4-arm spiral 700 pc, LC06 yields, SN explosions up to  $25 M_{\odot}$
- 👉 SPI observation: → full sky flux  $(1.84 \pm 0.03) 10^{-3} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- 👉 flux from model-predicted  $^{26}\text{Al}$ :
  - $(0.5..13) 10^{-4} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  → too low
- 👉 Best-fit details (yield, explodability) depend on superbubble modelling (here: sphere only)



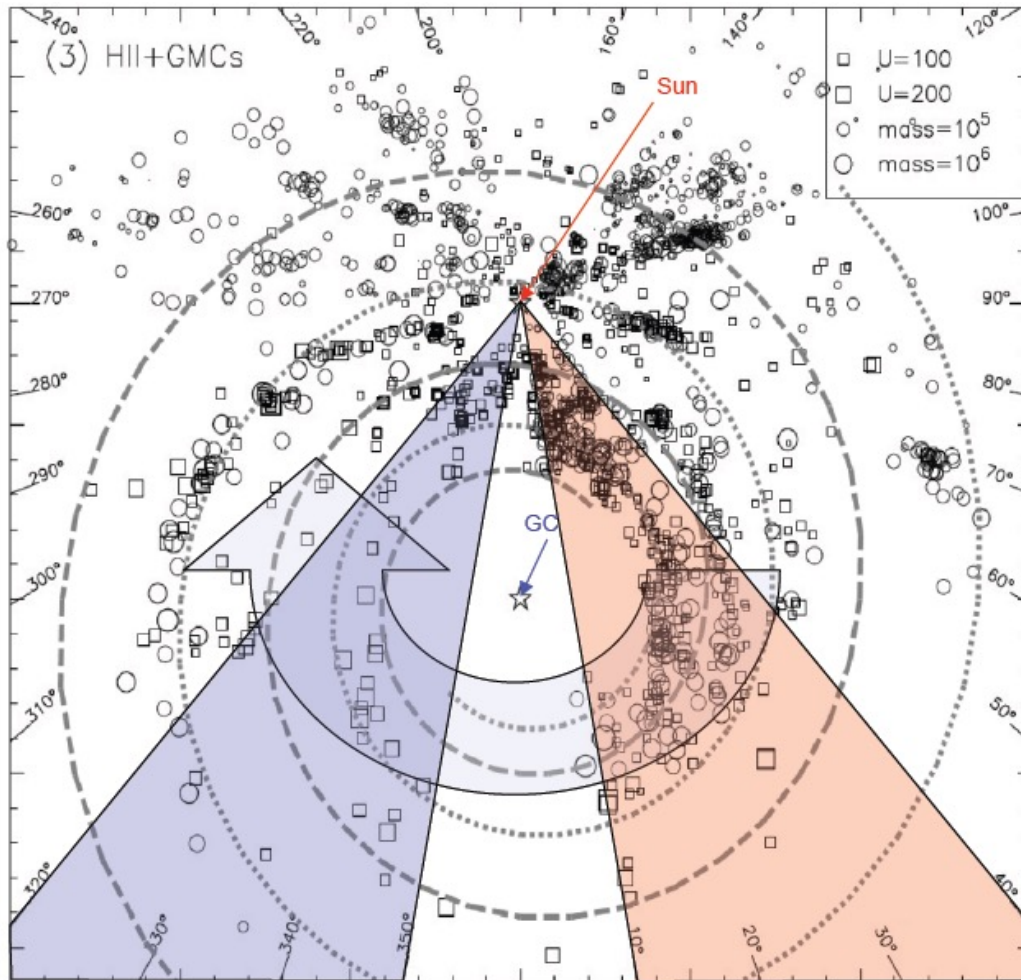
cmp. Gaia/2MASS:  $\sim 3.3 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (Zari+2022) 18

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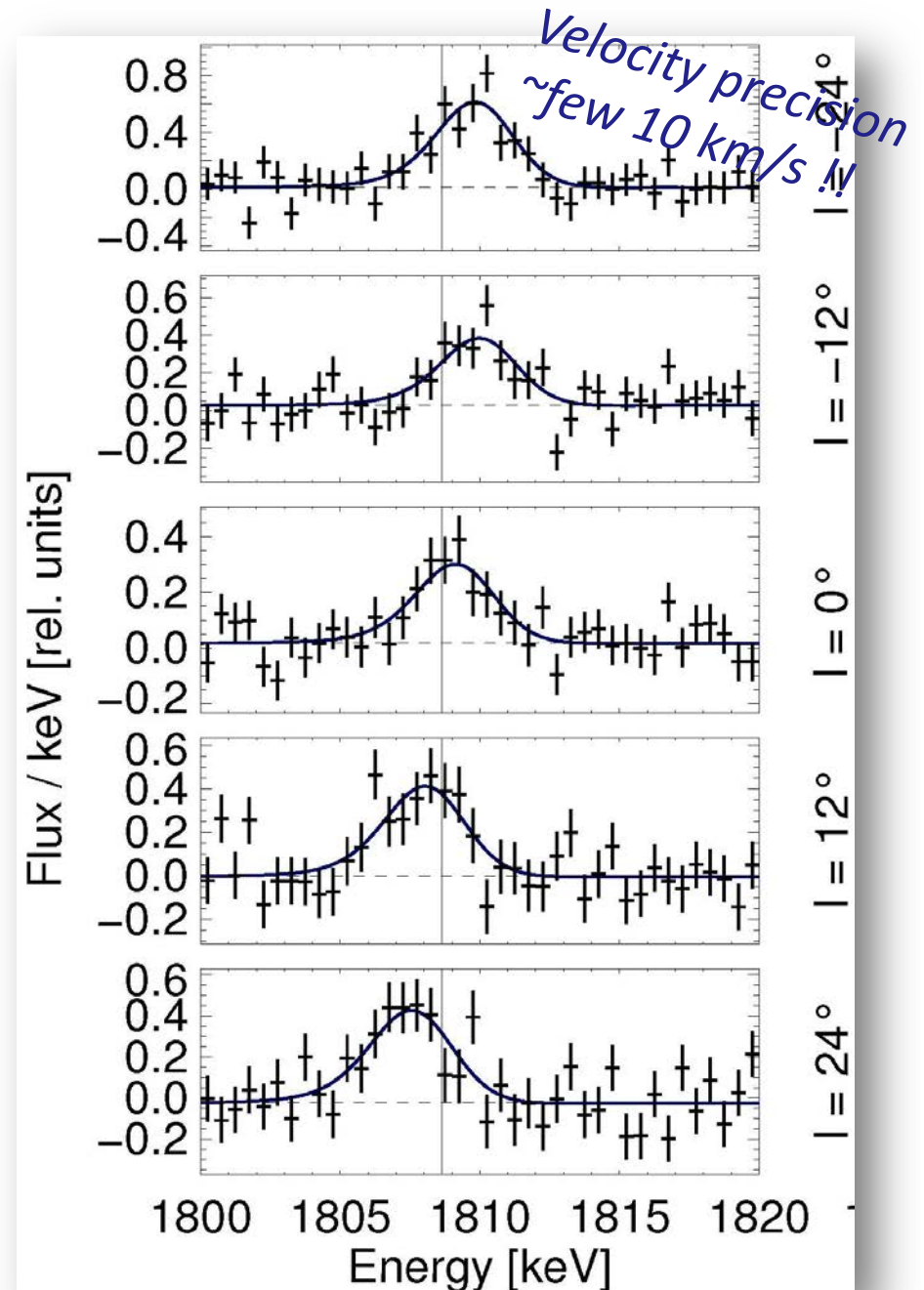


# Massive Star Groups in our Galaxy: $^{26}\text{Al}$ $\gamma$ -rays

👉 Large-scale Galactic rotation

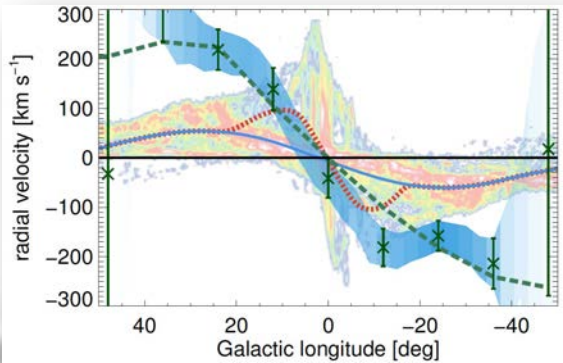


Kretschmer et al., A&A (2013)

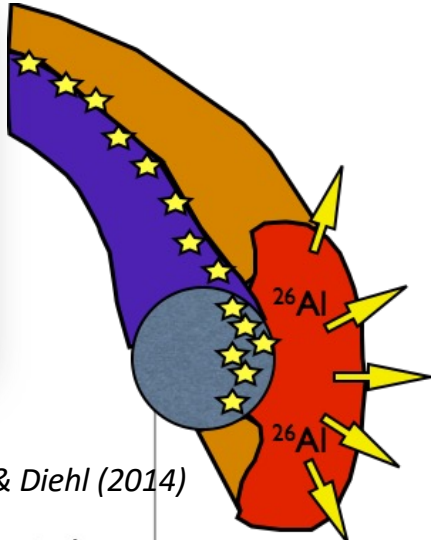


# How massive-star ejecta are spread out...

Superbubbles extended away from massive-star groups



Kretschmer+(2013)



Krause & Diehl (2014)

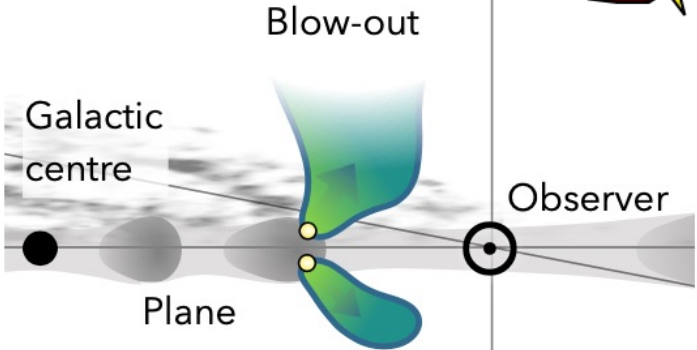
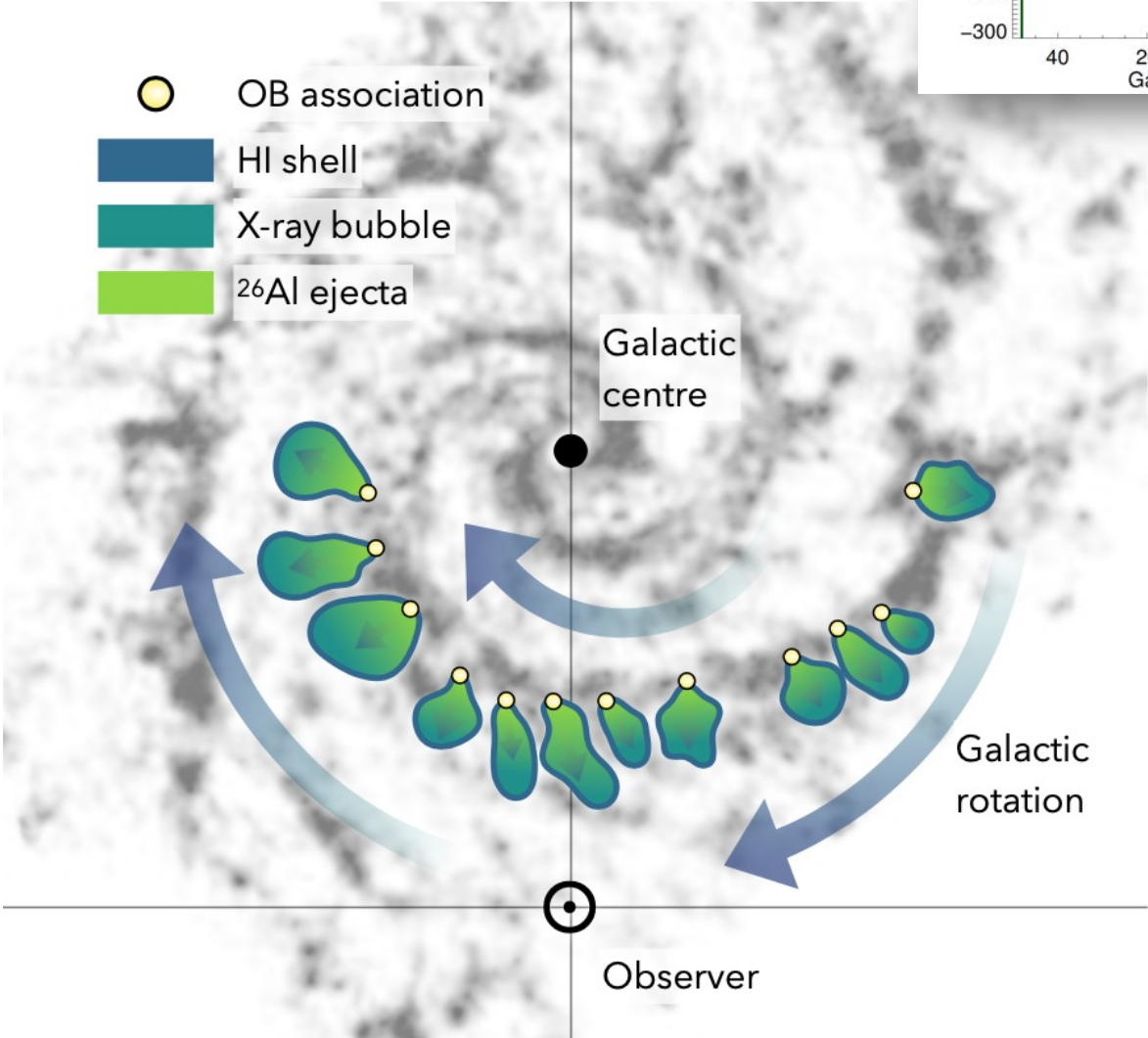


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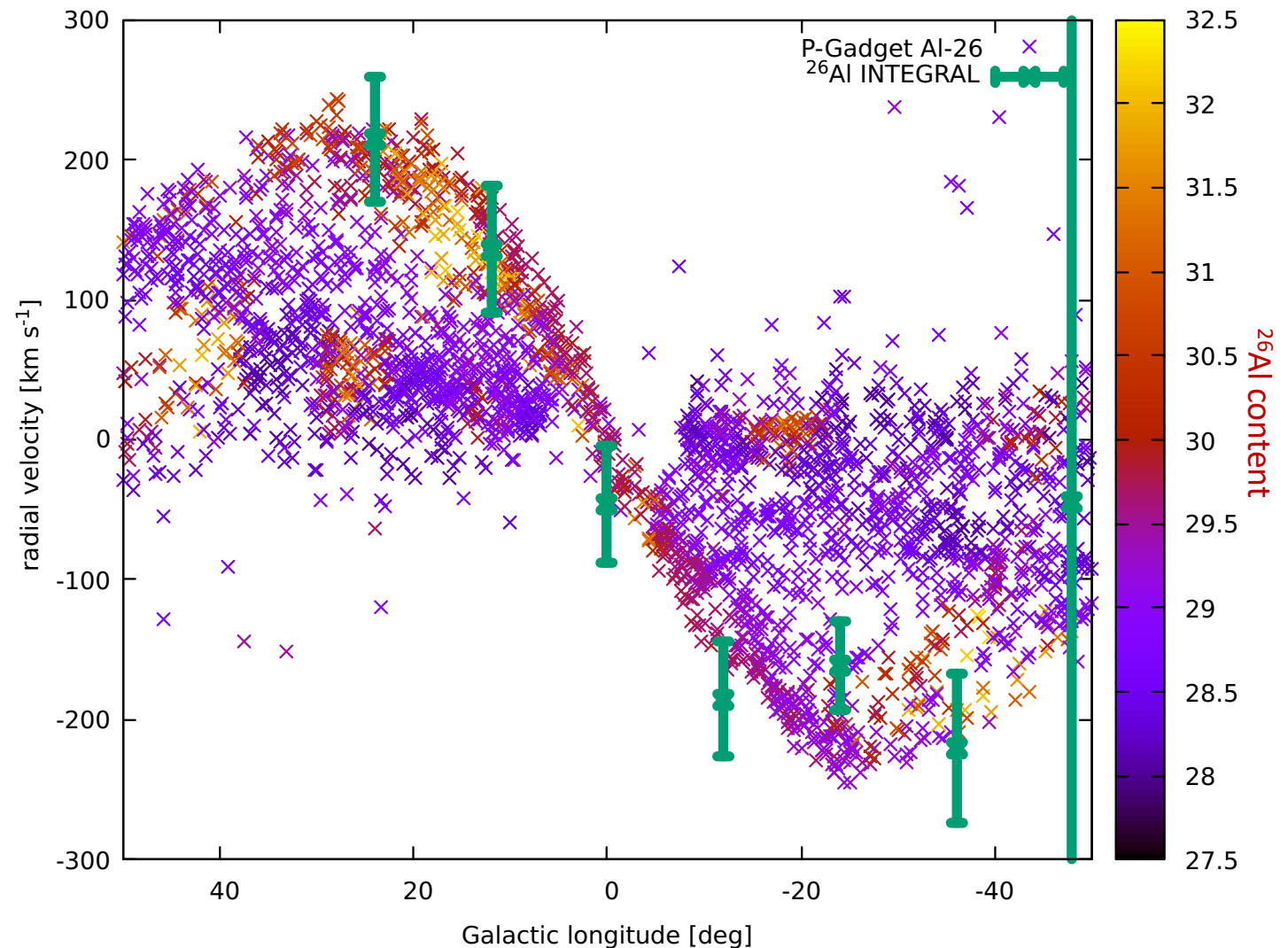


# Simulations of (inhomogeneous) galactic evolution

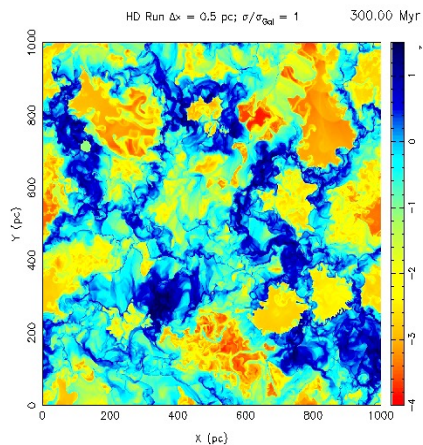
→ ejecta with excess velocities appear naturally within a spiral galaxy

3D SPH simulation: analyze velocities of  $^{26}\text{Al}$ -enriched matter from star formation activity

Wehmeyer & Kobayashi 2022



The dynamic ISM (3D MHD)  
Breitschwerdt & de Avillez 2003

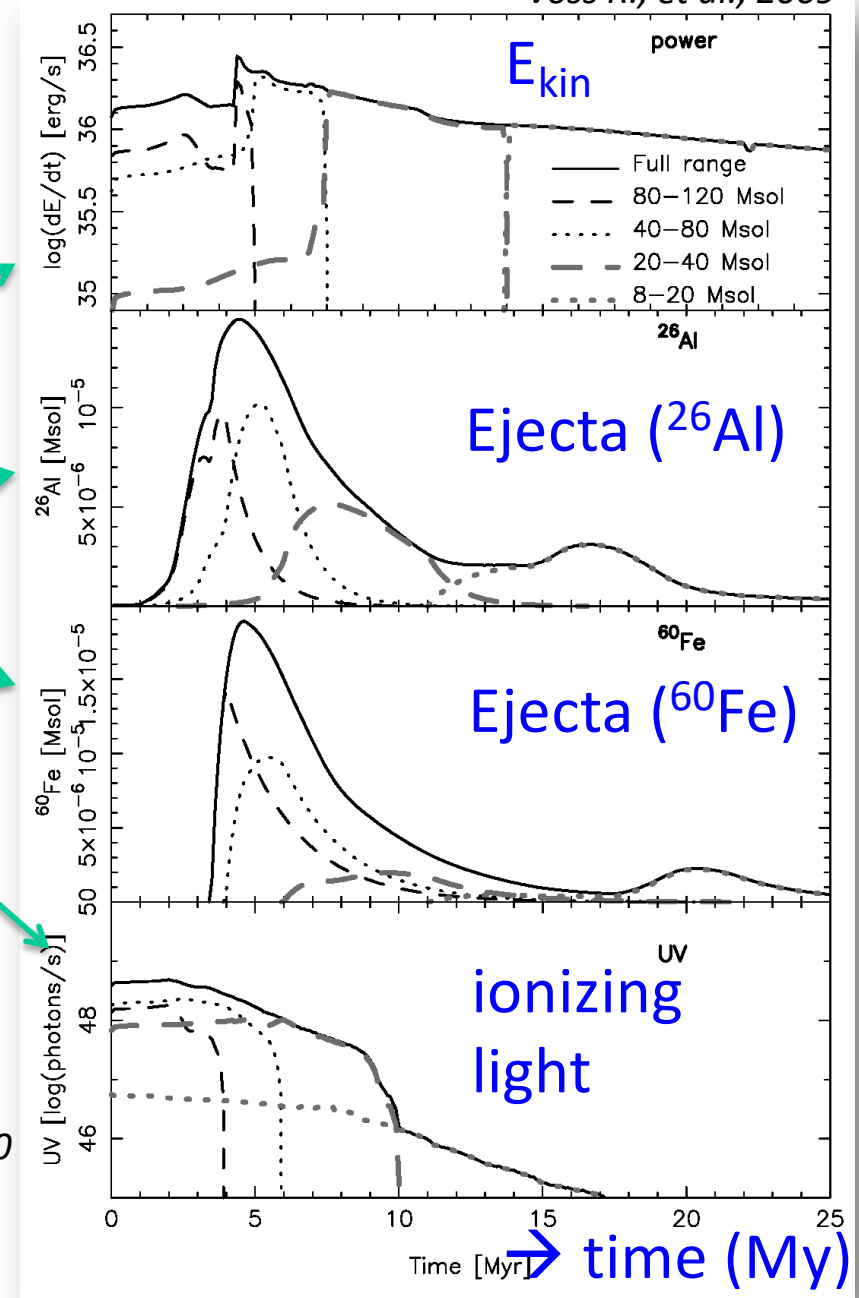




# Studying Massive-Star Groups: Models versus Observations

Voss R., et al., 2009

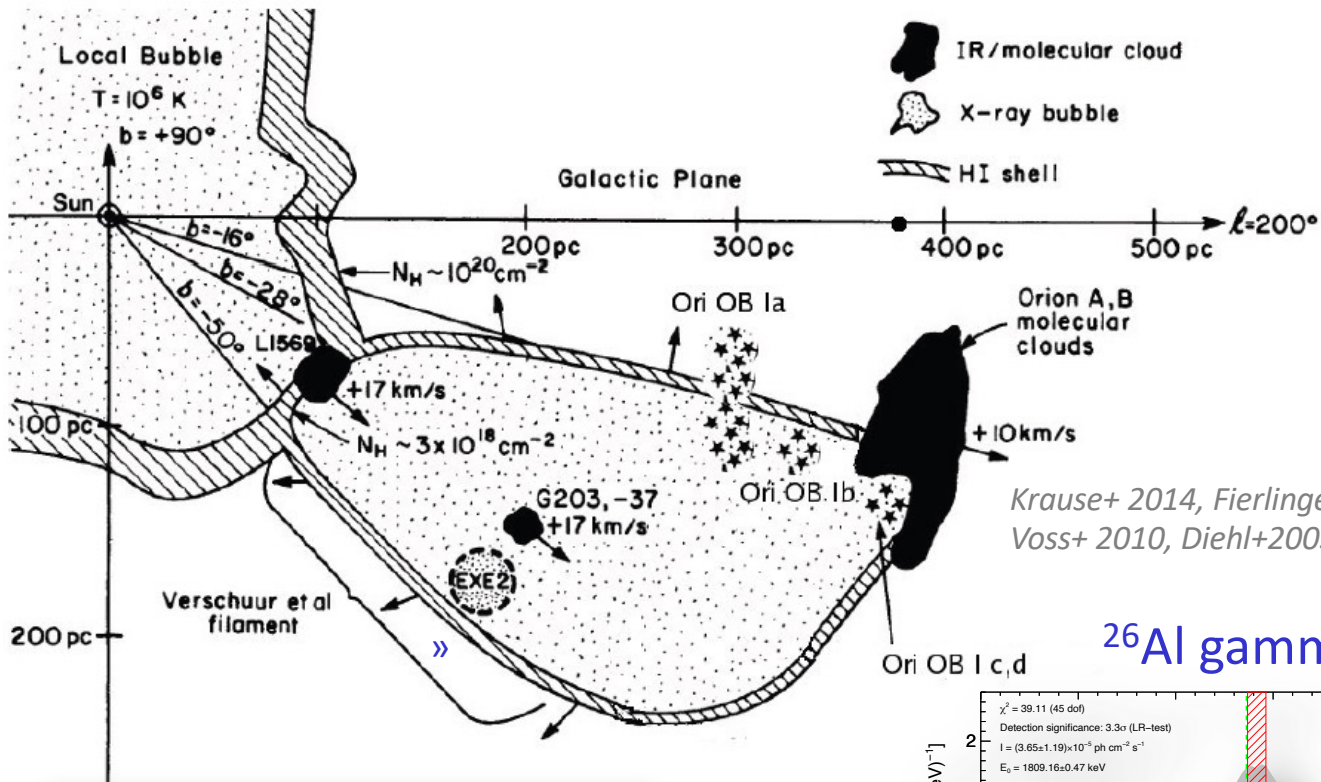
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*Cygnus: Martin P., et al., 2010*  
*Orion: Voss R., et al., 2010*  
*Carina: Voss R., et al., 2012*  
*Sco-Cen: Diehl R., et al., 2010*

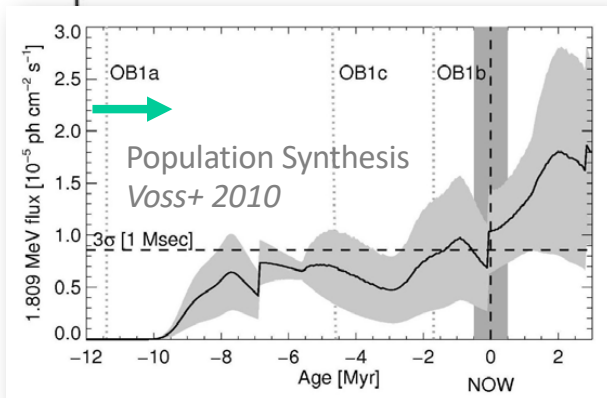
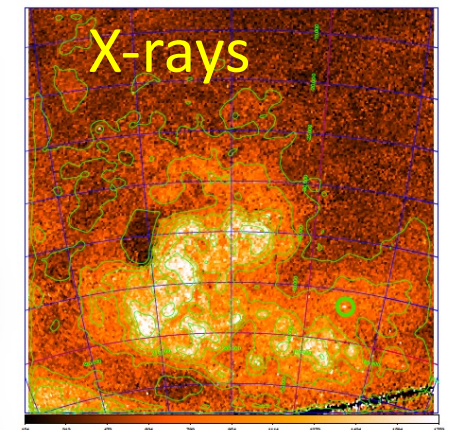
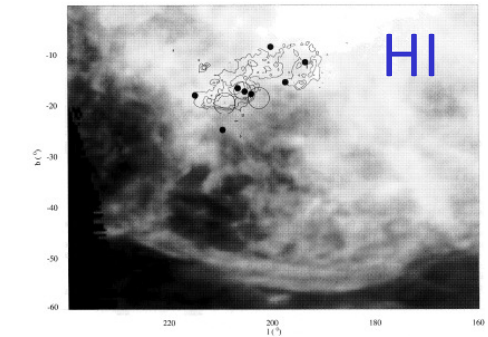
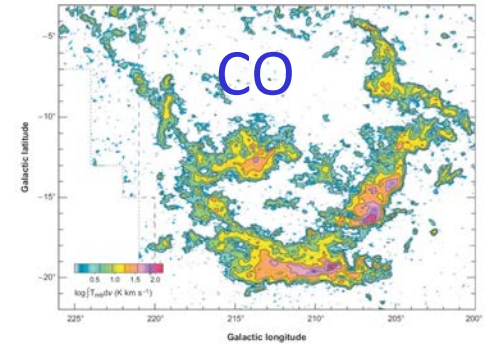
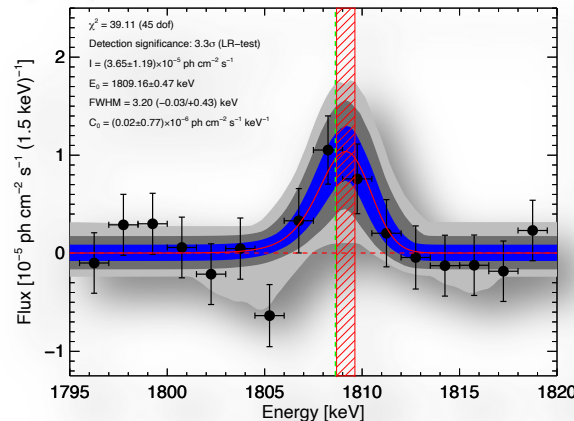
# Orion-Eridanus: A superbubble blown by stars & supernovae

ISM is driven by stars and supernovae → Ejecta commonly in (super-)bubbles



Krause+ 2014, Fierlinger+ 2016, Voss+ 2010, Diehl+2003

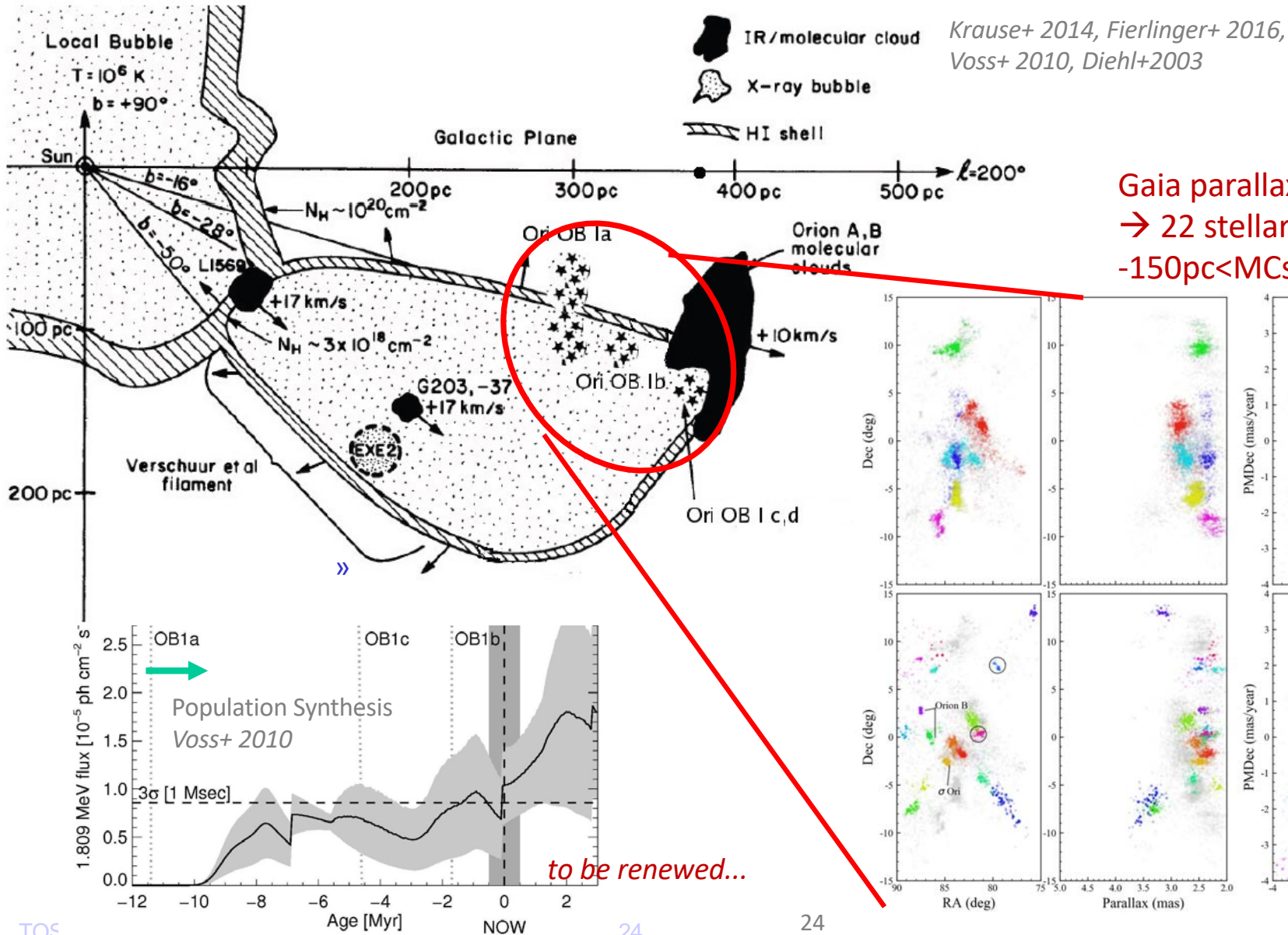
$^{26}\text{Al}$  gamma-rays



# Star and stellar clusters in Orion and the Eridanus shell

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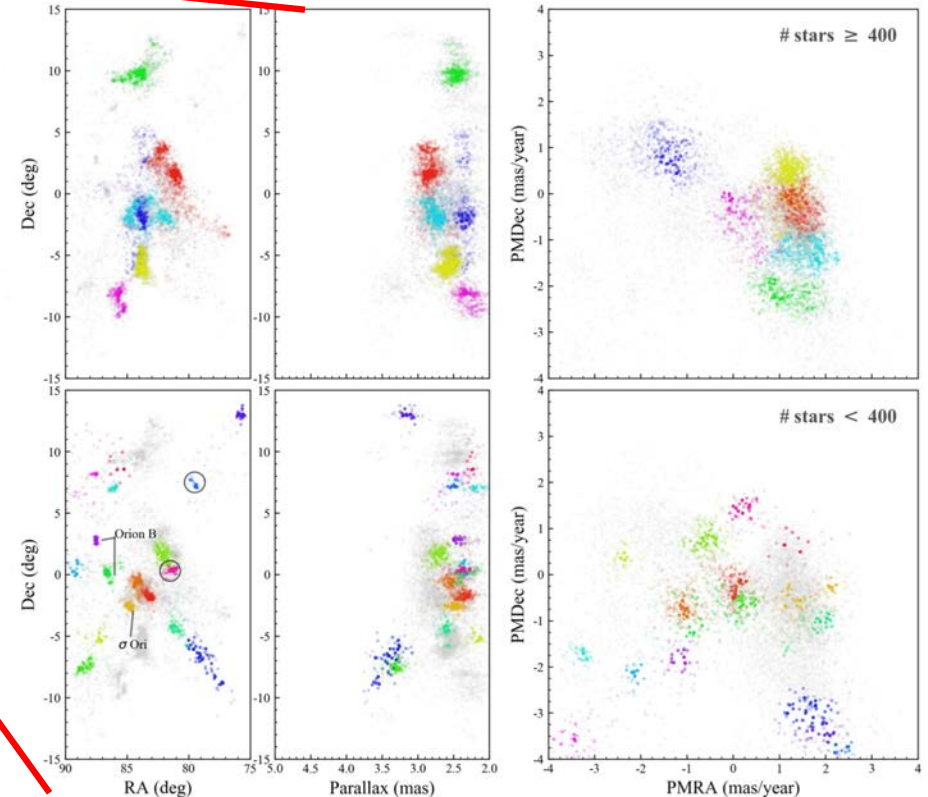
→ Use stellar census for estimation of driving energy & nucleosynthesis ( $^{26}\text{Al}$ )



Gaia parallax analyses

→ 22 stellar groups

-150pc < MCs < 50pc  
 Chen+2020



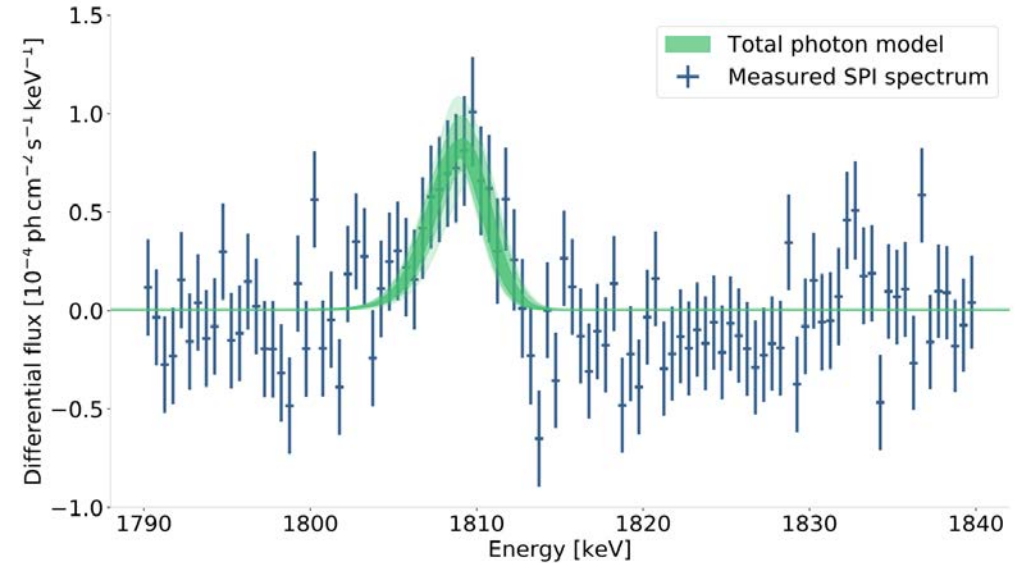
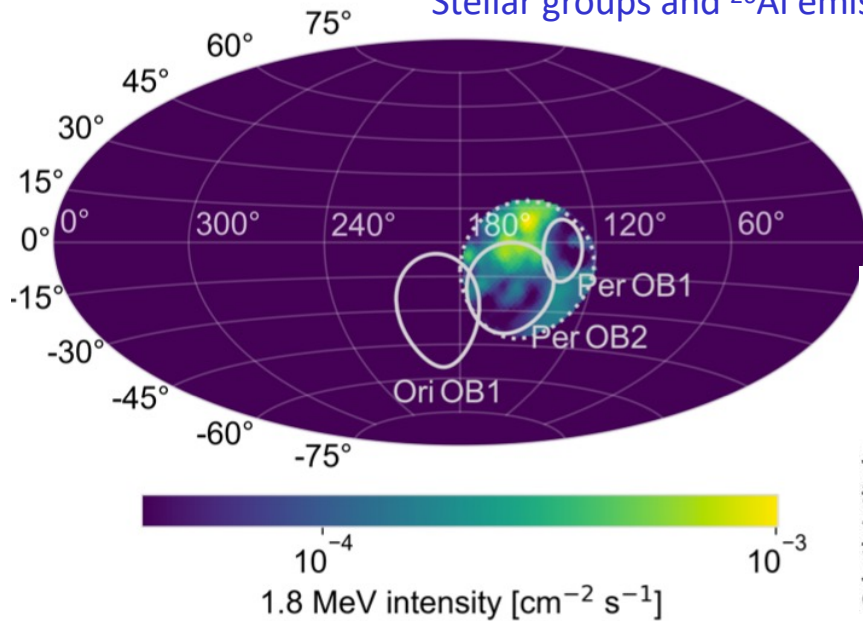


# The Perseus OB Association

Pleintinger 2020

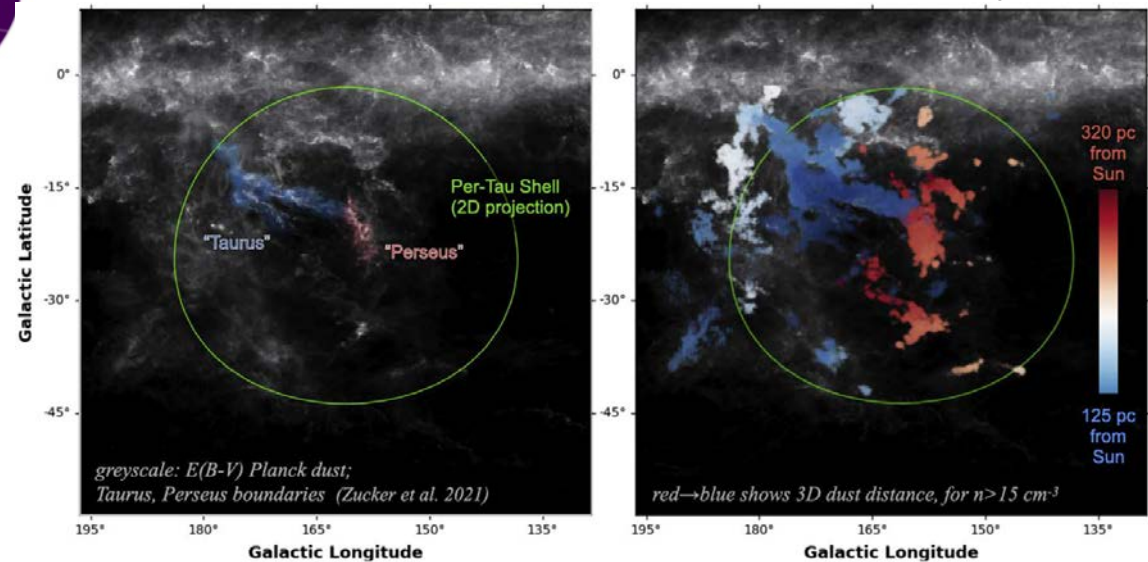
Distance  $\sim 300$  pc (Per OB2);  
 location  $(l,b) = 165^\circ, -15^\circ$ ; age  $\sim 6$  My  
 $^{26}\text{Al}$  signal  $3.6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $>8\sigma$ ),  
 $\sim 3 \cdot 10^{-3} M_\odot$

$^{26}\text{Al}$  flux offset  
 from OB groups  $(l,b) = 149^\circ, -8^\circ$   
 Stellar groups and  $^{26}\text{Al}$  emission



Molecular clouds in the Per-Tau region

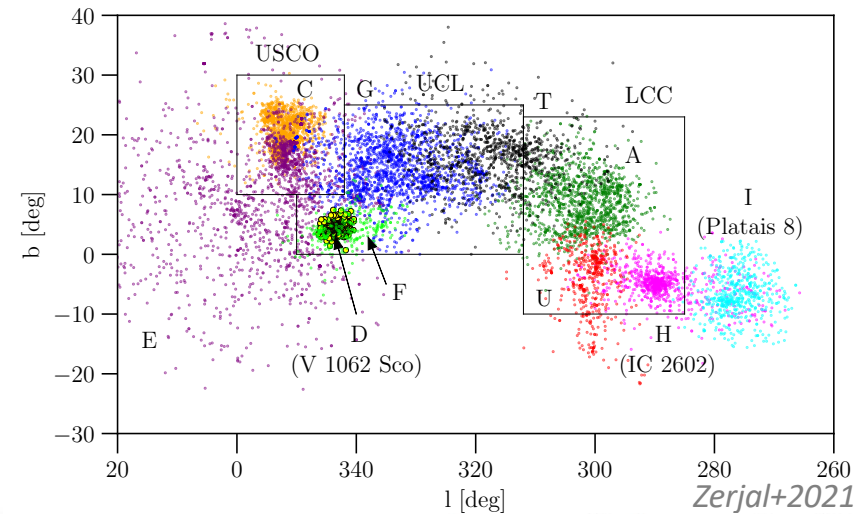
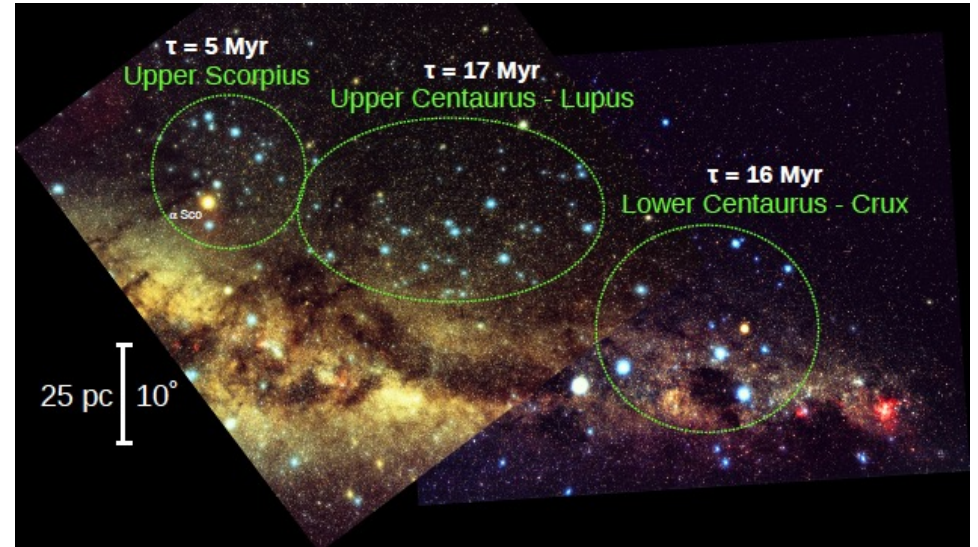
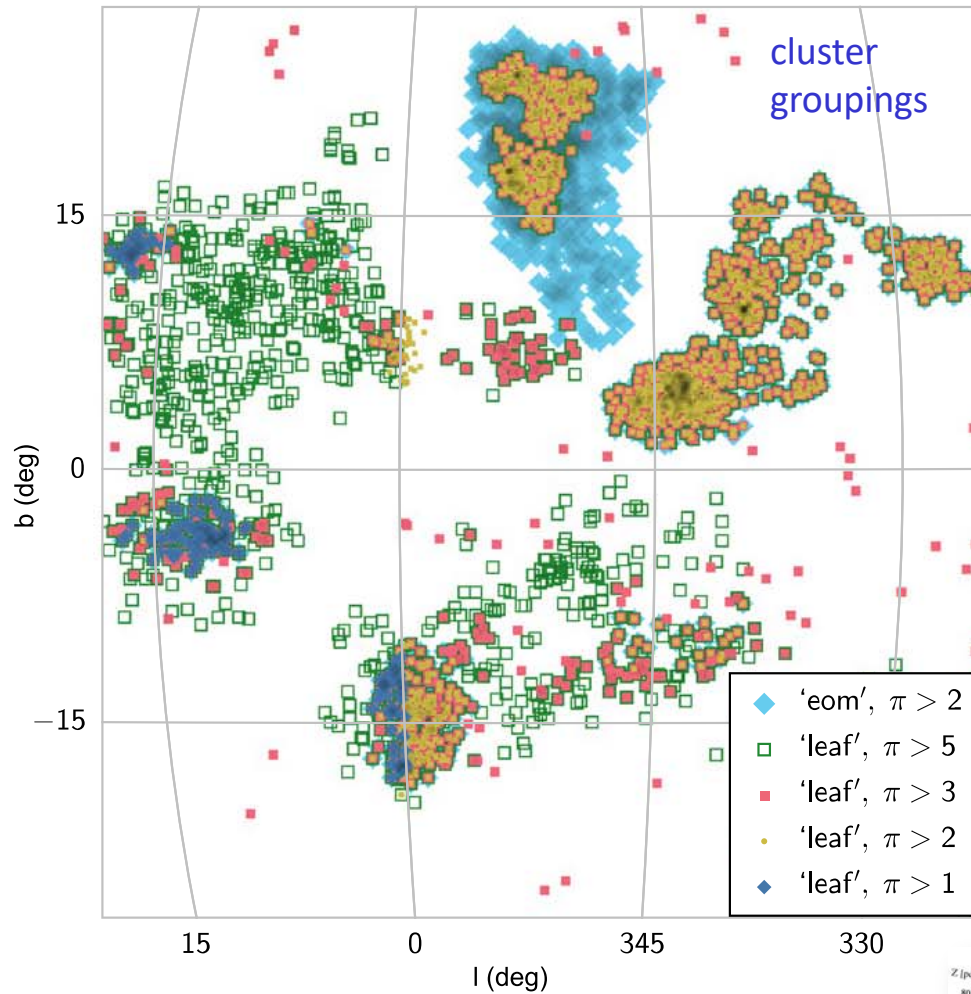
Bialy+ 2021



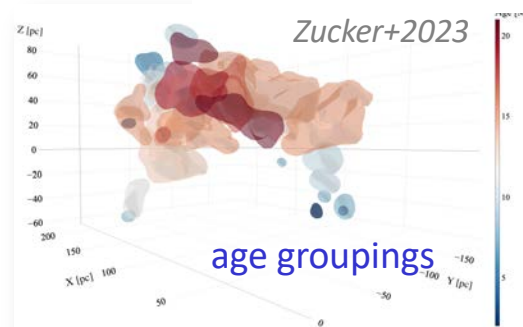
# The Sco-Cen Association: Identifying the entire stellar population

👉 Nearest OB Association (~120pc)

Kounkel&Covey+2019



👉 ~ 15000 member stars now identified



ID	Members			$T_{\text{age}}$ Myr	$\Delta T_{\text{birth}}$ Myr
	$p > 0.5$	$p > 0.8$	$p > 0.9$		
<b>UCL Components</b>					
● T	1056	755	586	15	3
● G	1713	1037	649	13	8
● D	512	422	360		
● F	298	219	187	15	2
<b>LCC Components</b>					
● A	1264	883	639	7	5
● U	490	410	374	9	4
<b>USCO Components</b>					
● C <sup>a</sup>	1444	1253	1119	4	4
● E <sup>a</sup>	1926	1233	887	11	4



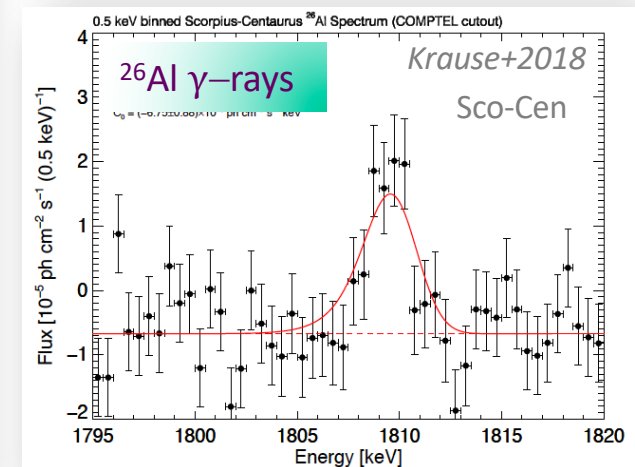
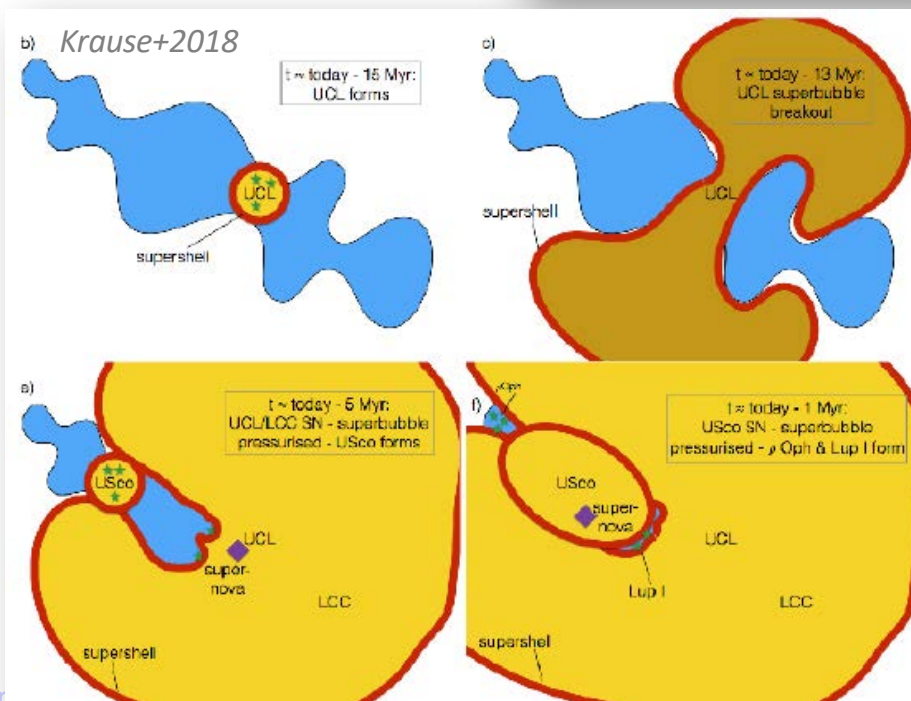
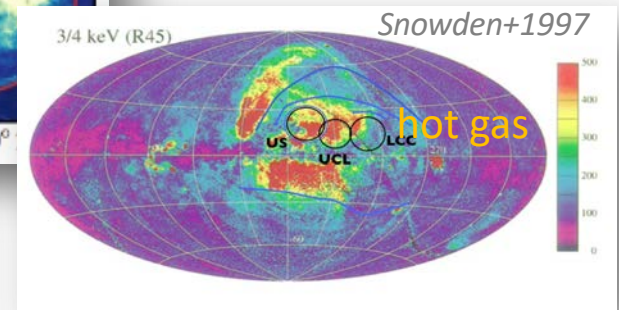
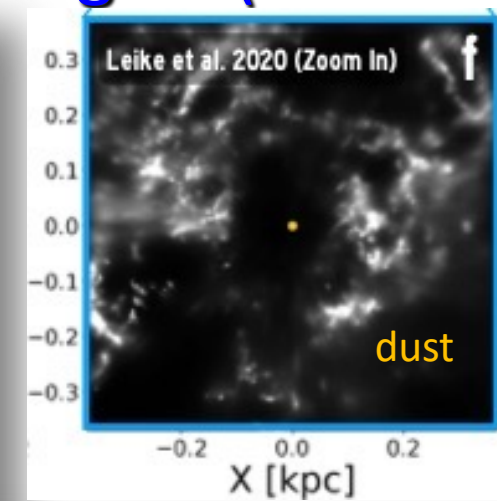
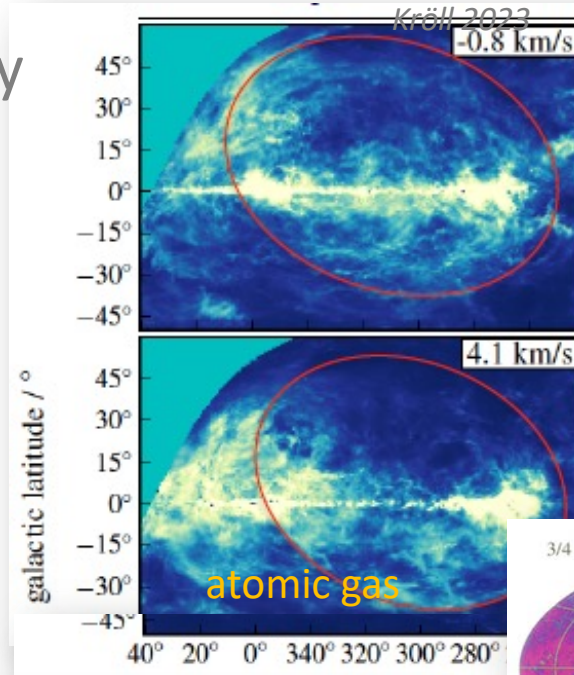
# Stellar feedback in the nearest massive-star region (Sco-Cen)

The nearby ISM holds a variety of cavities and shells

SF in Sco-Cen has been ongoing for  $\sim 15+$  Myr; distance  $\sim 140$  pc

Hot gas and  $^{26}\text{Al}$  seen from SF

$\rightarrow$  "surround & squish" rather than "triggered" star formation



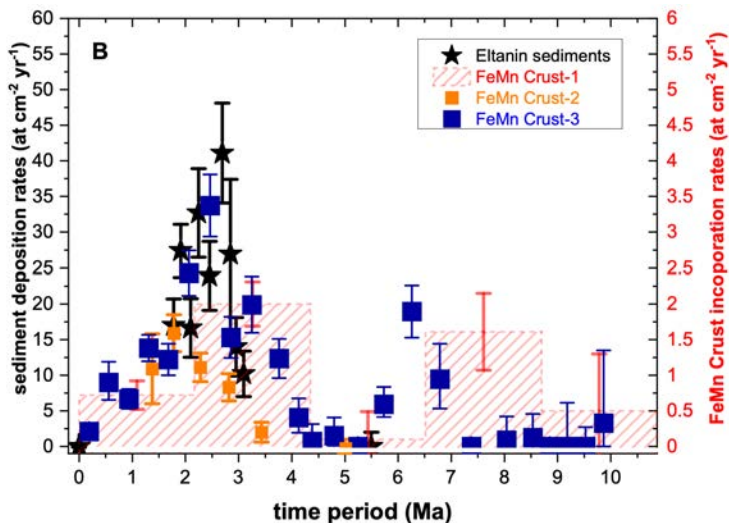
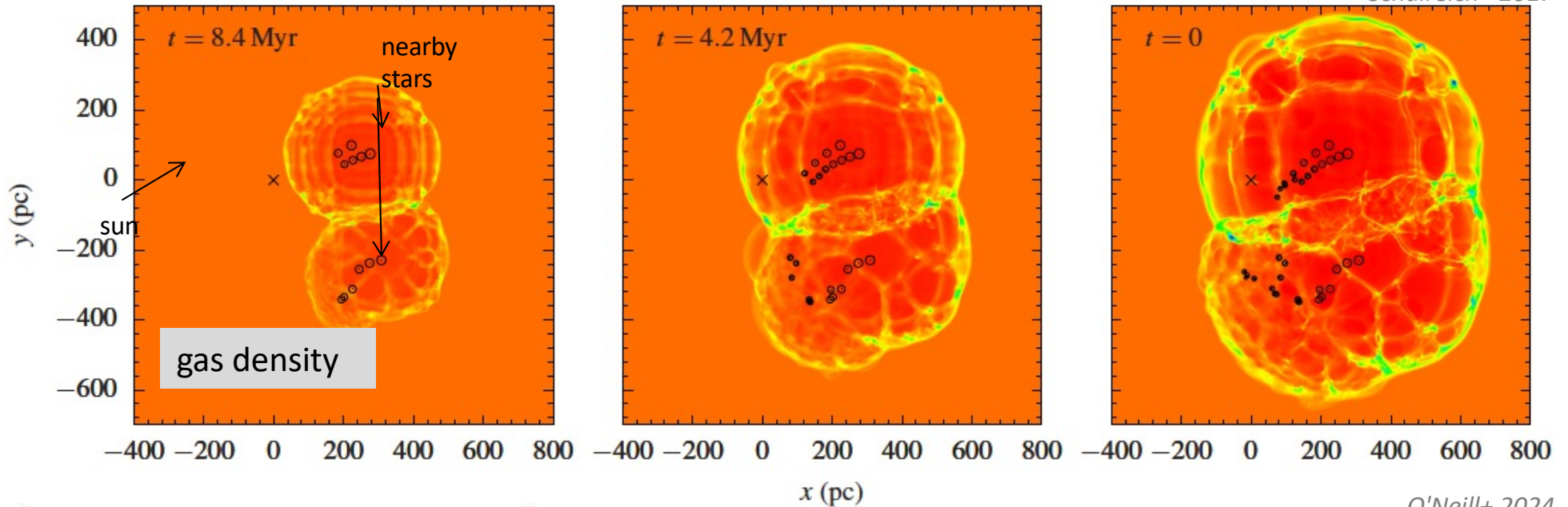


# $^{60}\text{Fe}$ on Earth from recent nearby massive-star activity?

The Sun is (now) located inside a hot cavity (the "Local Bubble")

created by massive-star winds and SN explosions, recent SNe adding ejecta flows

Schulreich+ 2017



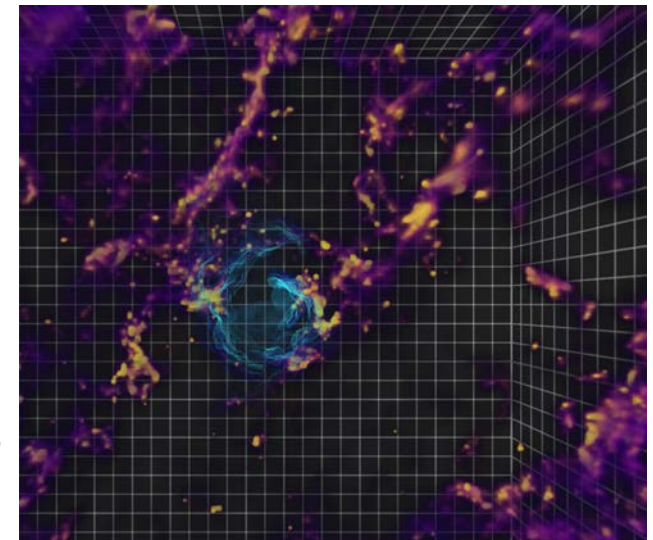
← Ocean crusts show  $^{60}\text{Fe}$  deposition history

(Wallner+ 2015,2016,2021)

recent updates on the solar vicinity with superbubbles, clusters, molecular gas...

(Zucker+ 2022, O'Neill+2024)

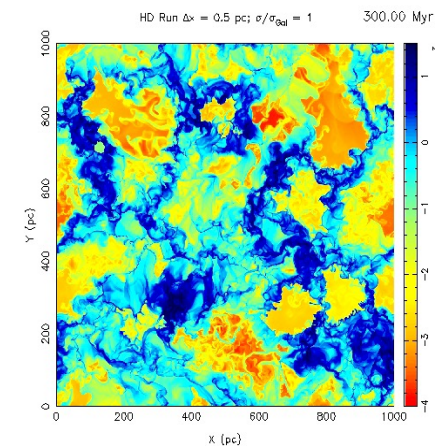
O'Neill+ 2024



# $^{26}\text{Al}$ from massive-star clusters - Summary

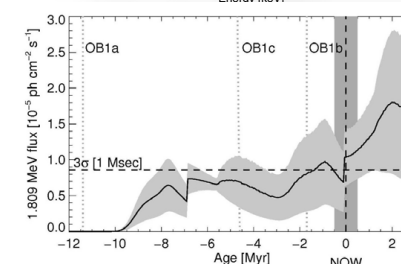
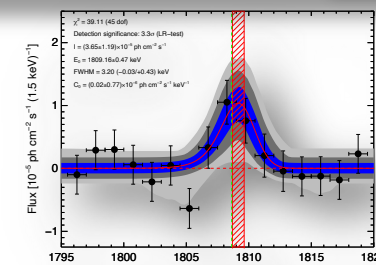
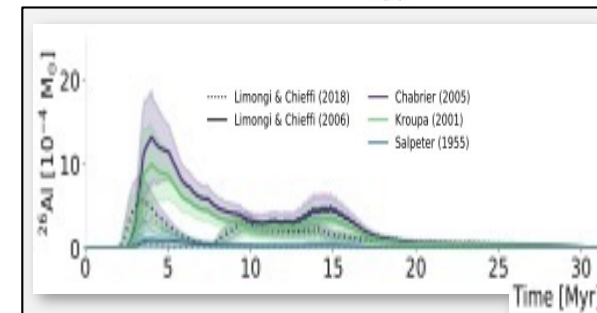
★ Cycling of cosmic gas through sources and ISM is a challenge

- 👉  $^{26}\text{Al}$  preferentially appears in superbubbles
  - massive-star ingestions rarely due to single WR stars or SNe
- 👉 Superbubbles around clusters change ISM dynamics (mixing)
- 👉 Different clusters allow testing stellar/supernova yields
- 👉 Kinematics of  $^{26}\text{Al}$  supports superbubble model



★ Massive-star clusters are dominant sources of  $^{26}\text{Al}$

- 👉 The large-scale galactic bottom-up model provides a convincing model (morphology parameters)
- 👉 Source yields insufficient to explain observations
- 👉 Nearby cluster contributions need a realistic (?!) model for the diffuse extent from their superbubble morphology
- 👉  $^{26}\text{Al}$  observations constrain cluster ages / magnitudes for nearby clusters
- 👉 New (Gaia DR3) results suggest re-analysis of nearby clusters



Thank you!

