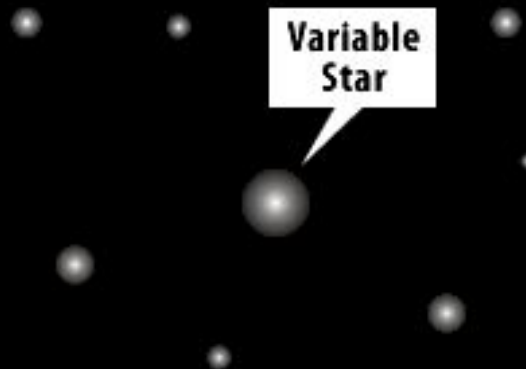


Variabilities & Instabilities

★ in Stars ★

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**This is definite enough to fill
an entire lecture**



Questions this lecture will address

What kind of variabilities are known ?

Are all stars variable or just a some special types ?

What leads to the variability, which mechnismen are known ?

Can variability trigger instability or vice versa ?

Topics and Structur of the lecture

- Formation of stars and stellare structure
- stellar evolution
- mass loss and stellar winds
- photometric & spectroscopic variabilities
- intrinstic & extrinstic variabilities
- timescales and amplitudes of the variabilities
- physical mechanism

History und Nomenclature

1. Stellar Variability and the ancient egyptian calender

egypt 3000 years ago:

A calenders was made it contained marks of “lucky” and “unlucky” days. This draws back to observations and first notes about variability of the star **Algol**.

It was also named **Demons Star**.

A rather regular periode of 2.85 days was mentioned in the calender.



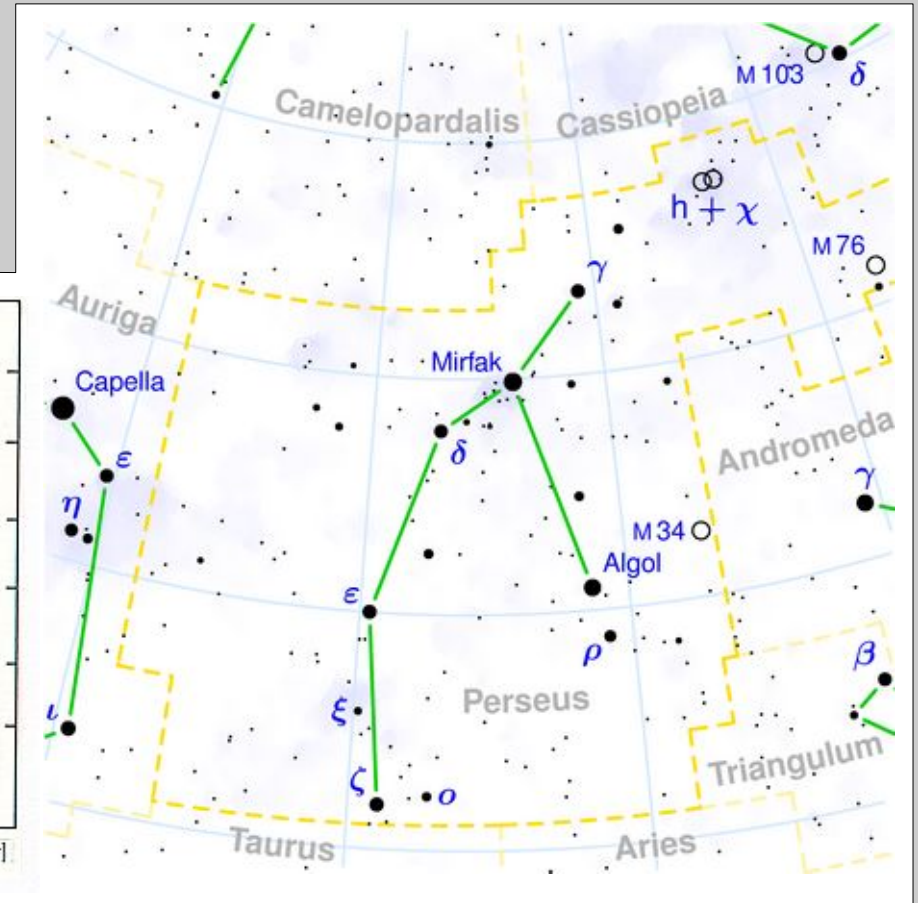
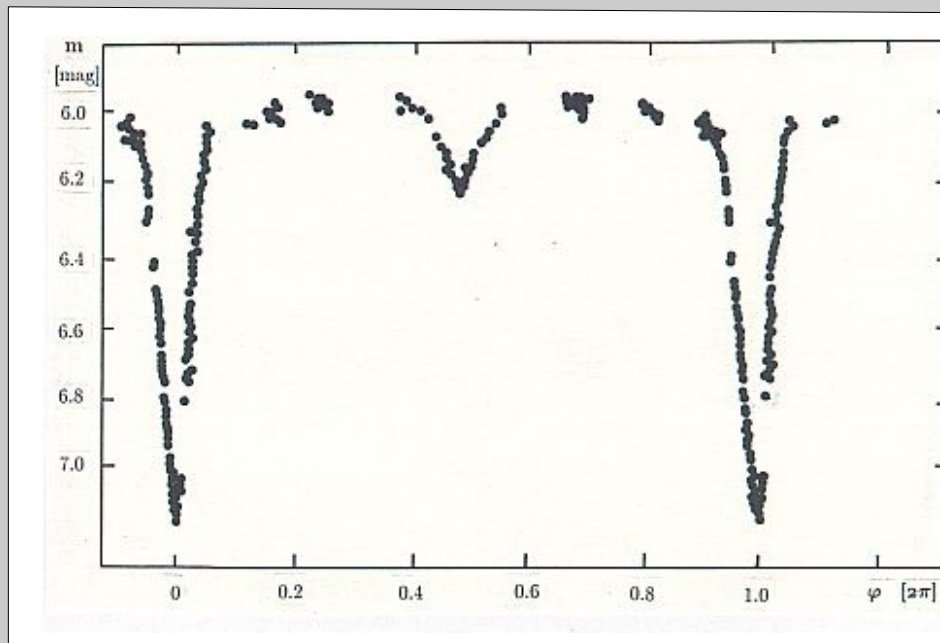
... its supposed to be the regular angry “steaming” of a demon
→ lucky and unlucky days



historic papyrus calendar
dated 1271-1163 B.C..

Historie und Nomenklatur

Algol was the first Variable star known ...



nomenclature of stars

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name according to decreasing luminosity

greek letter + constellation followed by

latin letter + constellation (Bayer System)

α Cen ... ε Eri ... ω Ser

A Cen ... E Eri ... S Ser

End 18 century: naming according to this system in the largest Constellation - Serpent (snake) – reached **letter S**.

At the same time photography \leftrightarrow time sequences possible

\rightarrow the discovery of variable stars was easy and therefore booming.

Nomenclature was extended \leftrightarrow fine tuned.

Motivated by Friedrich W. Argelander it was now for non variable stars:

non variable stars will be given numbers like 4 Cyg

... note not all of these are stars anymore 47 Tuc is a star cluster...

Nomenklatur für Variable Sterne

For Variable Stars the rule was now:

rule 1: if the stars already had a name – **keep it**

rule 2: star has no previous name = newly discovered

Latin letter > S + constellation

→ R to Z

→ RR, RS...RZ, SS, ST...SZ, TT...TZ to ZZ

→ AA, AB... AZ, BB, BC...BZ bis QZ but without JJ...JZ

example: RR Lyrae

leads to 334 per constellation, beyond that

V + number + constellation

→ V for Variable and a number > 334

Example V335, V336, ... **V383 Mon** →

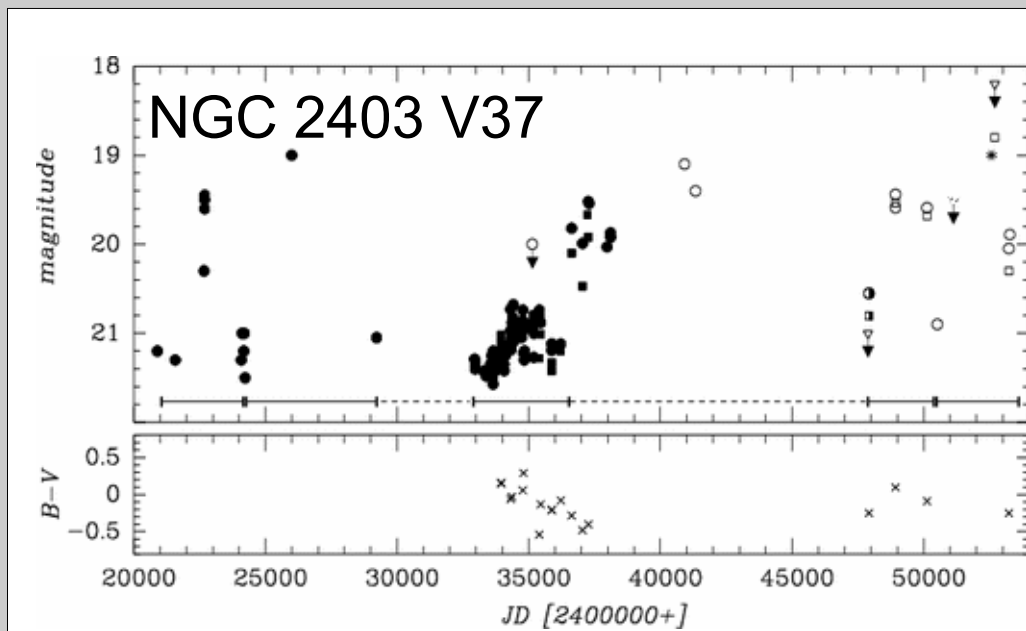


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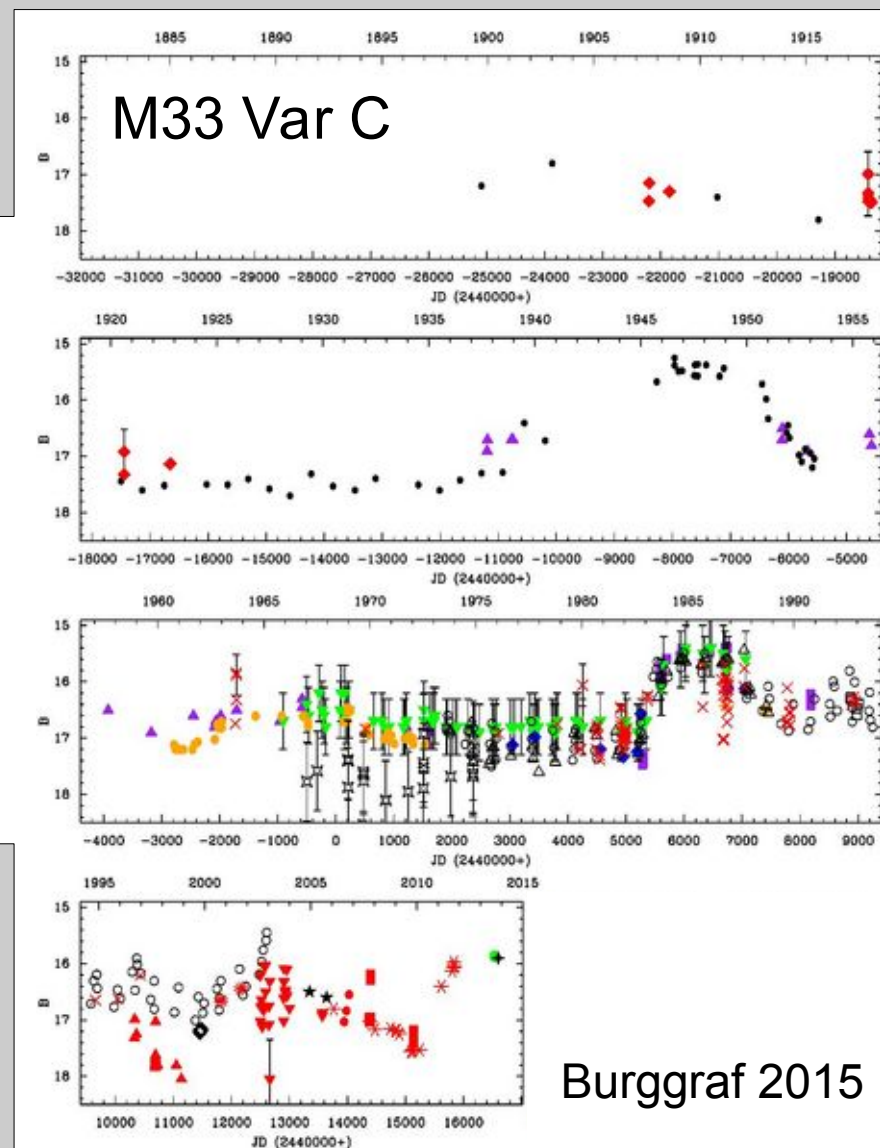
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Galaxyname V1, V2 or Var 1, Var 2 or/and Var A , Var B

Examples: NGC 2403 V37, M33 Var C



Weis & Bomans 2005



Burggraf 2015

star formation

stellare parameters

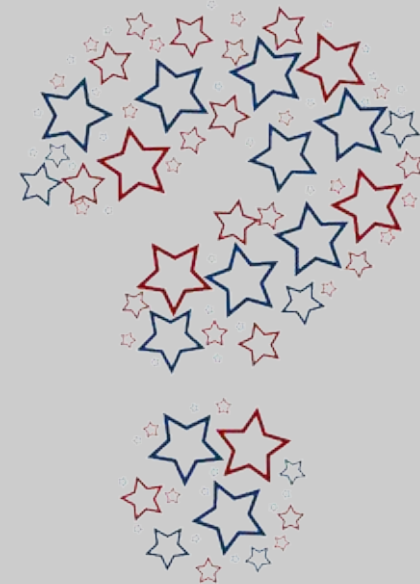
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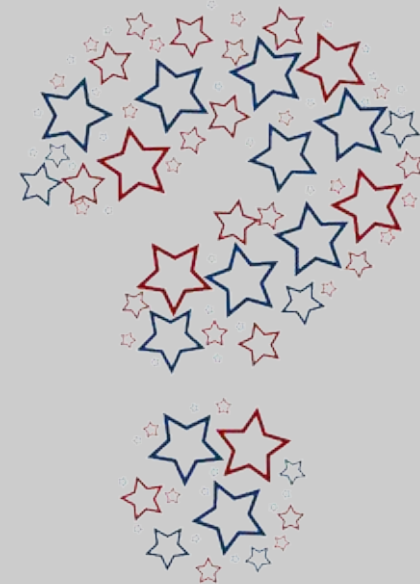
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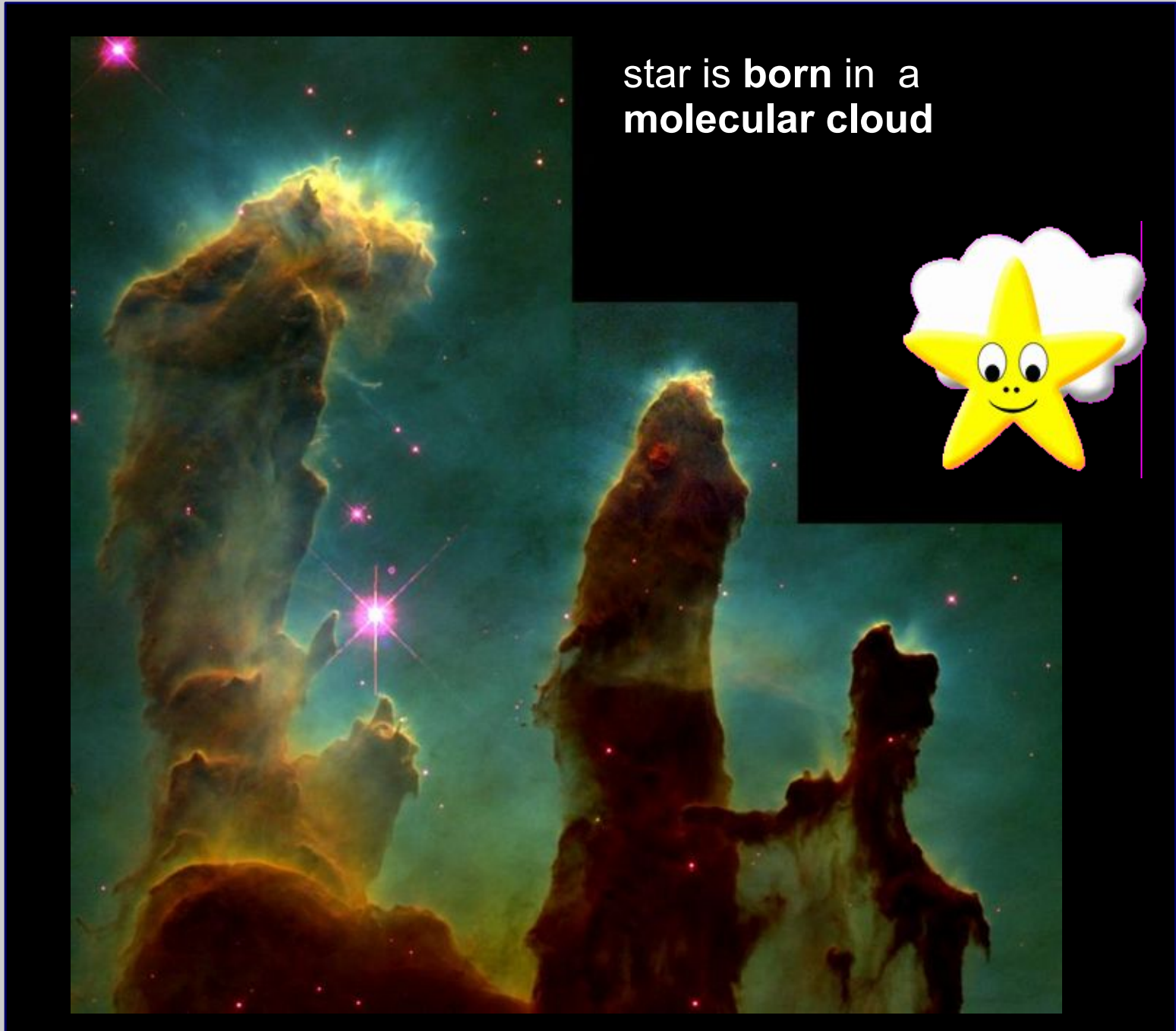


star formation

What is a star



Stellar evolution – star formation



star formation

Molecular clouds are stable, could gas/dust clouds

$$E_{\text{pot}} = \frac{-3 G M^2}{5 R} \quad E_{\text{kin}} = \frac{3}{2} N k T \quad N = \frac{M}{\mu m_{\text{H}}} \rightarrow E_{\text{kin}} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{M}{\mu m_{\text{H}}} k T$$

Virial Theorem: $E_{\text{pot}} = 2E_{\text{kin}}$ plus $M = V \rho$ & $V = 4/3 \pi R^3$
 $E_{\text{pot}} \leftrightarrow$ gravitation $E_{\text{kin}} \leftrightarrow$ ideal gas

→ Jeans Masse

$$M_{\text{Jeans}} = \left(\frac{5kT}{G\mu m_{\text{H}}} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{3}{4\pi\rho} \right)^{1/2}$$

stable if $M < M_{\text{jeans}}$ instable if $M > M_{\text{jeans}}$

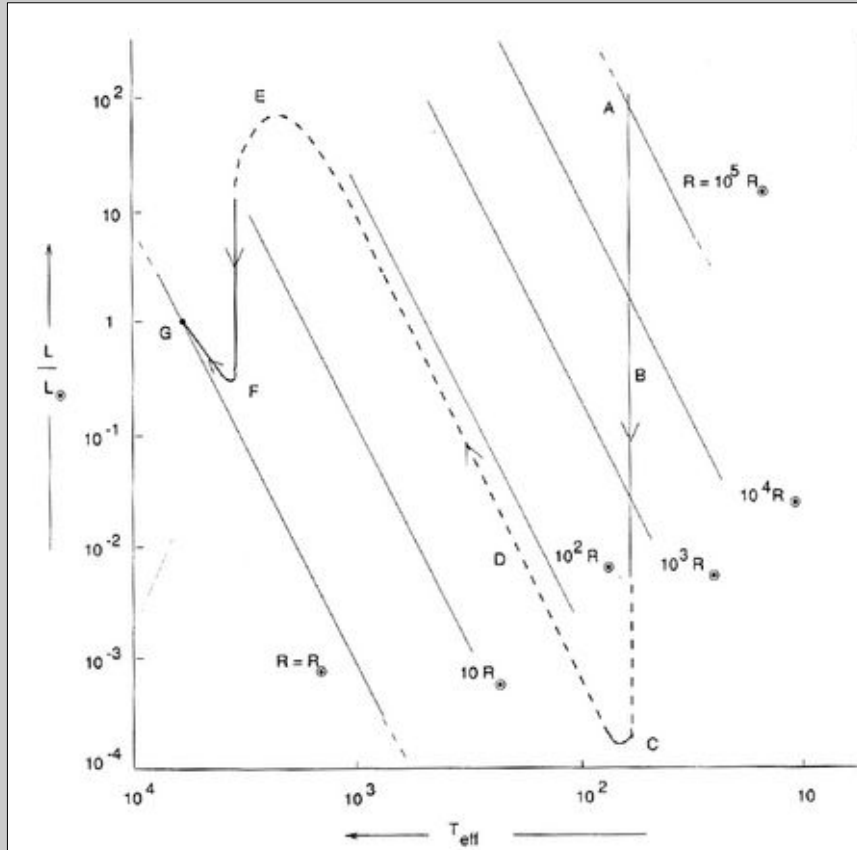
→ if T low and ρ high it beomes instabil → a collaps occurs

↔ if $T \approx 10\text{-}20$ K, $\rho \approx 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ↔ cloud 10 - 1000 M_{\odot}

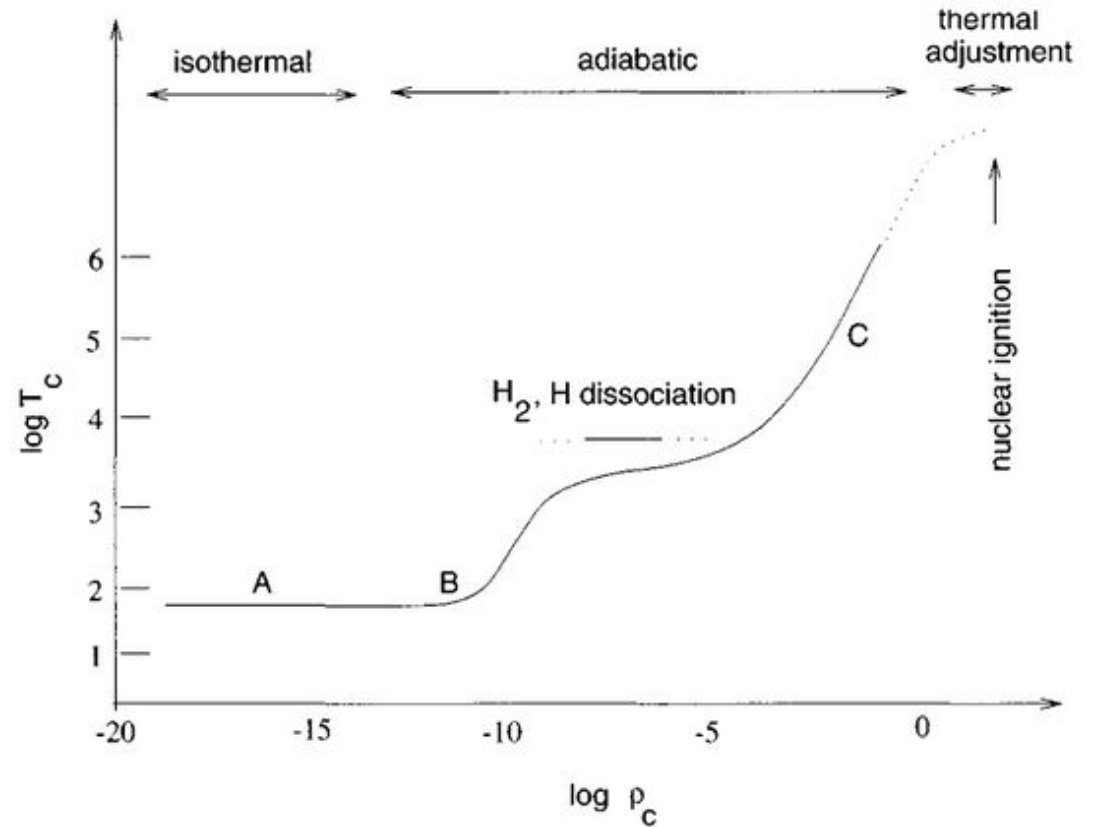
falls with free-free timeskala $t_{\text{ff}} \sim (\rho g)^{-1/2}$

Starformation – for a star of $1 M_{\odot}$

evolution from molecular cloud to the main-sequence



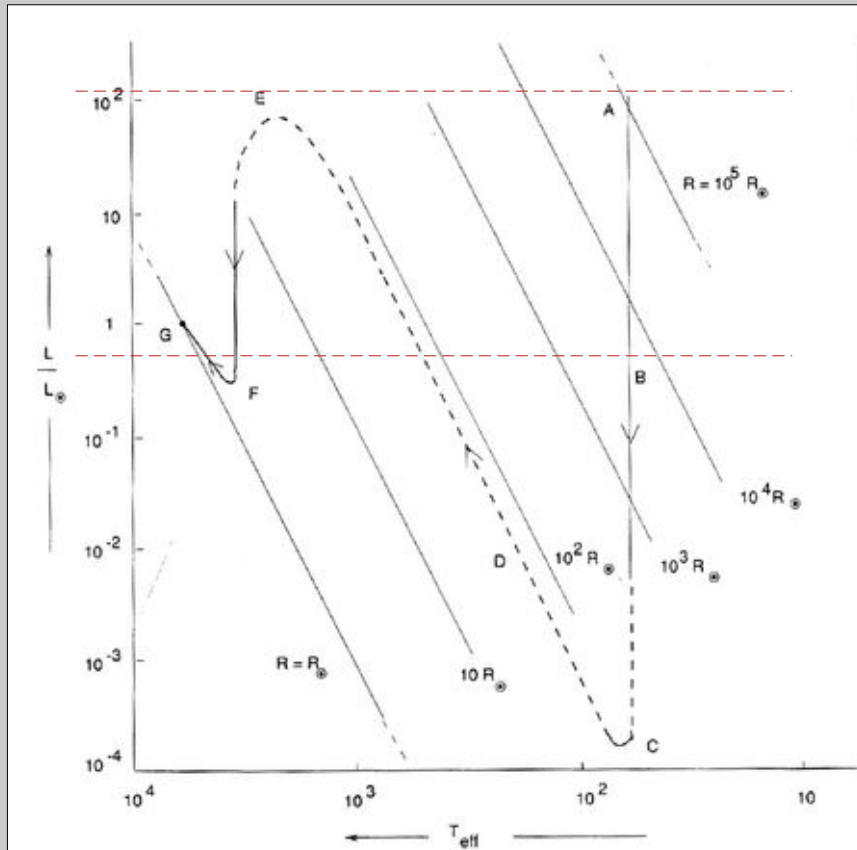
$L T_{\text{eff}} R$ plot \leftrightarrow HRD



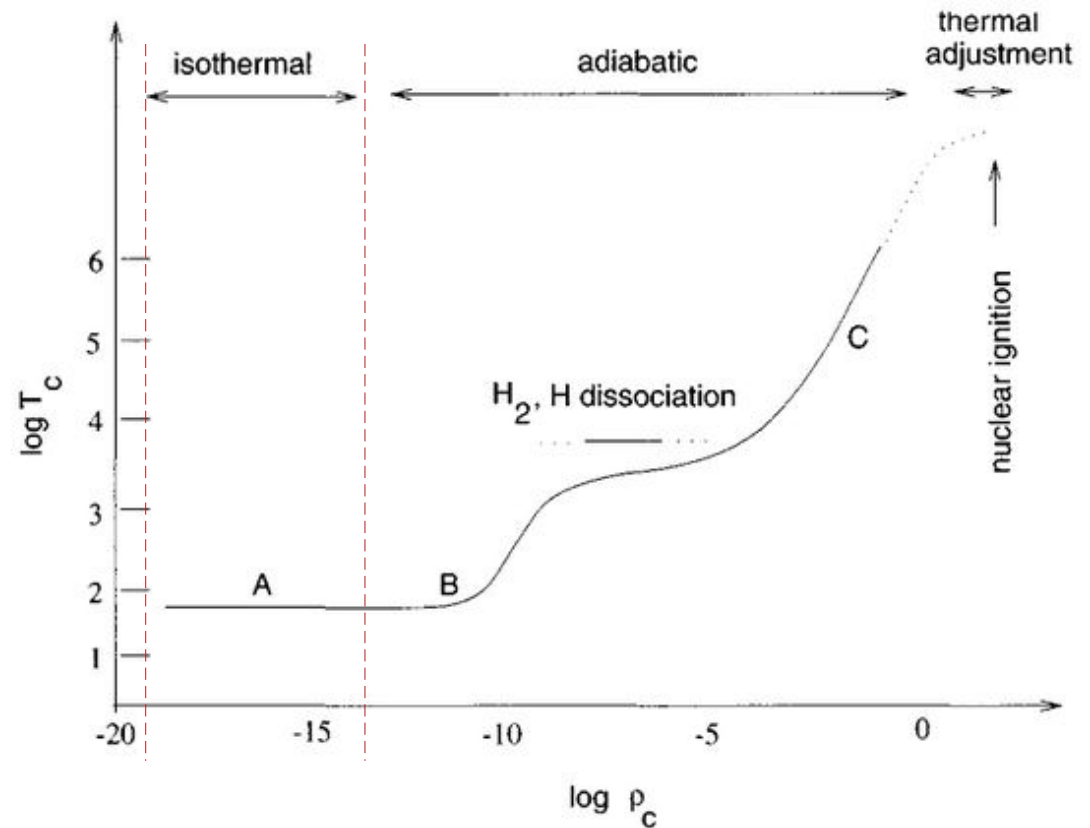
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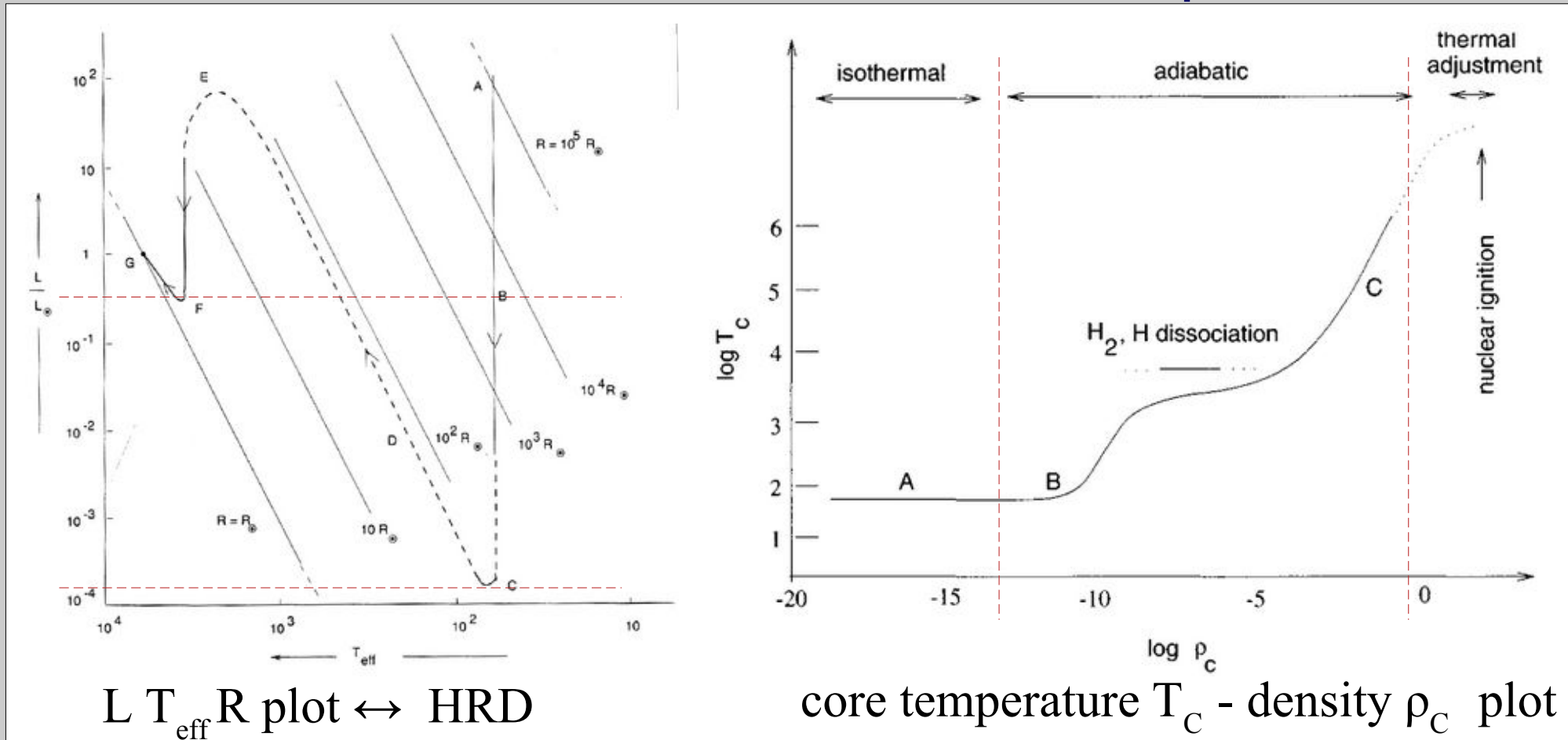


core temperature T_C - density ρ_C plot

molecular cloud **contracts isothermal (Phase A \rightarrow B)**
 R and L shrink while ρ rises \rightarrow forms a protostar

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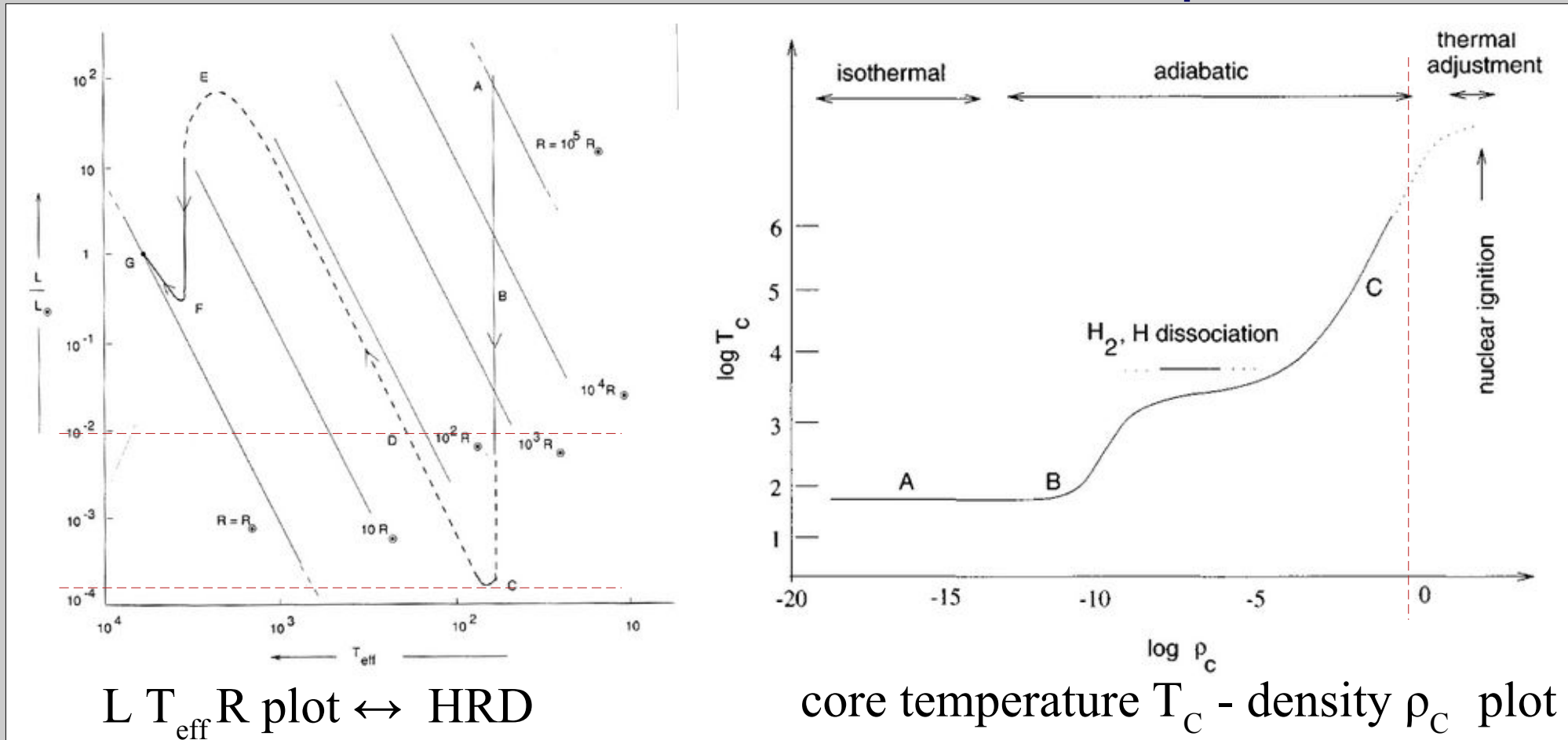
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a phase of adiabatic contraction (B \rightarrow C) follows where potential Energie is released

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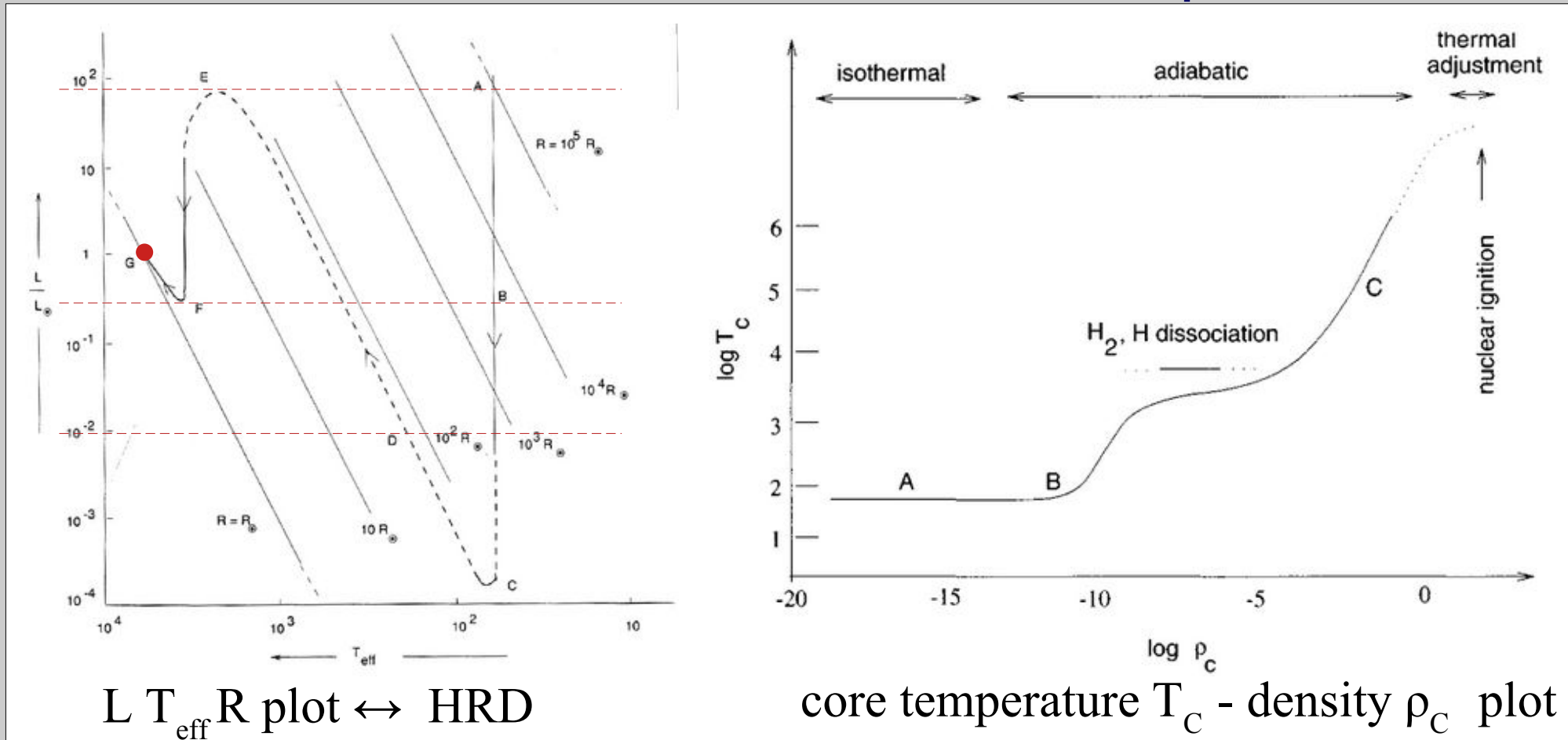
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constant accretion till star reaches Hayashi Linie (C \rightarrow D)
 \leftrightarrow fully convective protostar / pre-main-sequence star
 and starts to adjust to thermal **equilibrium**

Starformation – for a star of $1 M_{\odot}$

evolution from molecular cloud to the main-sequence



pre-main-sequence star (D \rightarrow E) \leftrightarrow first (nuclear) burning stars Deuterium burning

\rightarrow complete adjustment to **equilibrium (F)**

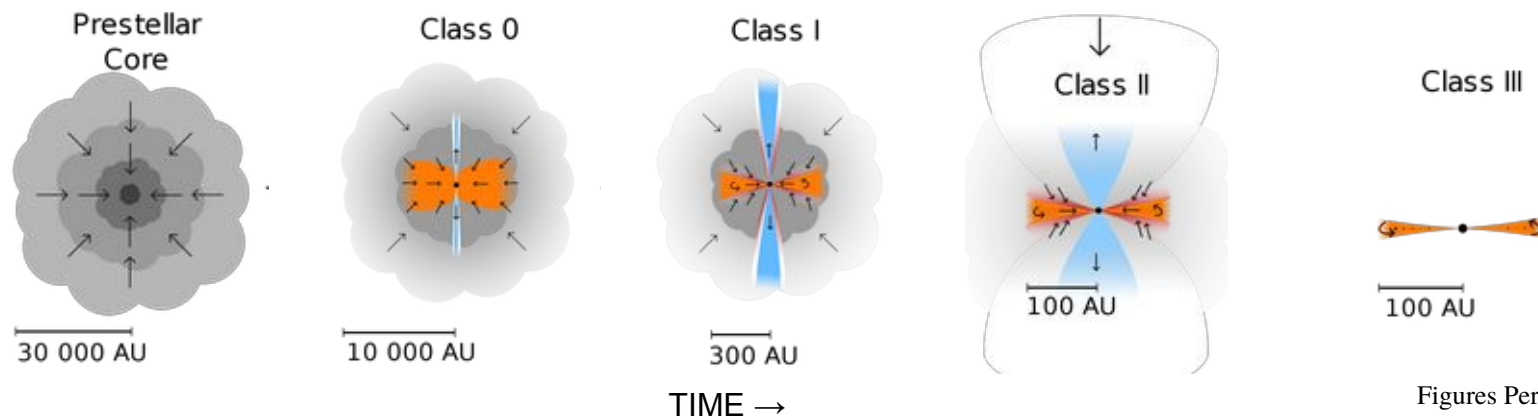
\rightarrow H-burning starts (G \bullet) \rightarrow **main-sequence star is born**

Protostars - accretion disks

Formation of a star needs a **collapsing molecular cloud**.

During the formation process an **accretion disk** forms !

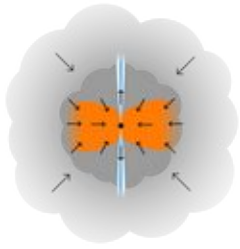
The **molecular cloud**, the **protostar** and the **accretion disk** are observed but they emit at different wavelength. Depending on the state of the formation process (time within formation) one or the other dominates the spectrum. The individual states observed and corresponding spectra are labeled as protostellar **classes** from class 0 \leftrightarrow early to III \leftrightarrow late.



Figures Persson et al. (2014)

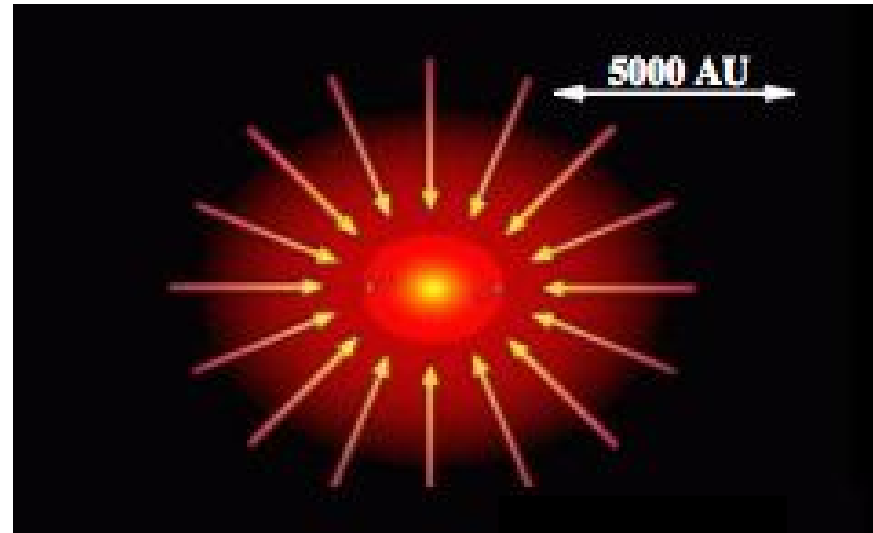
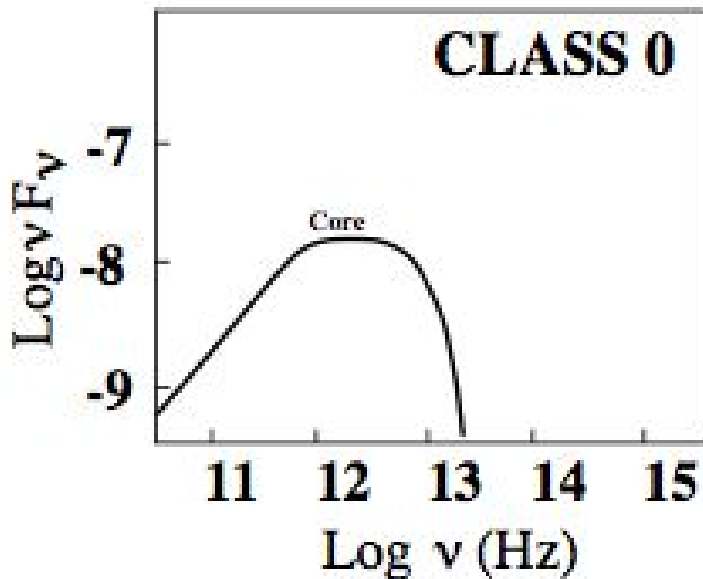
Protostars – classes

Class 0



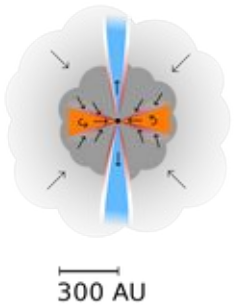
Class 0

protostar still highly embedden, cloud emits in mm regime $M_{\star} \ll M_{\text{shell}}$



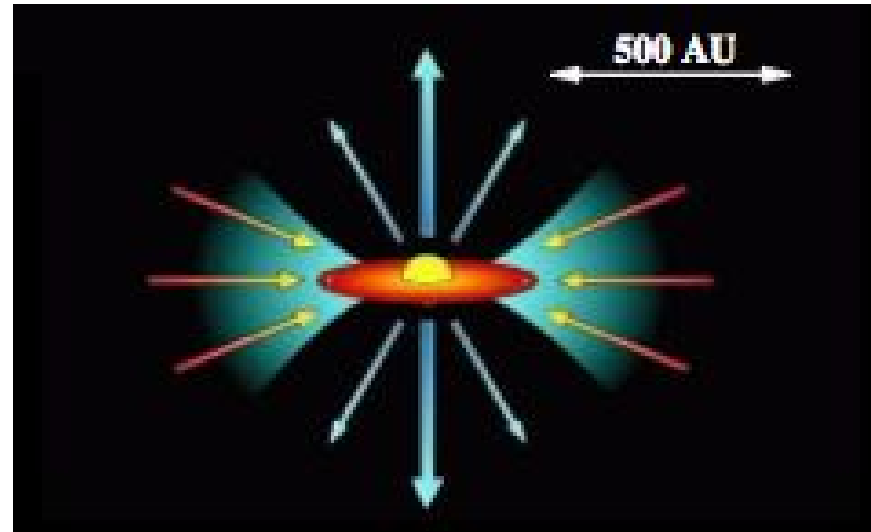
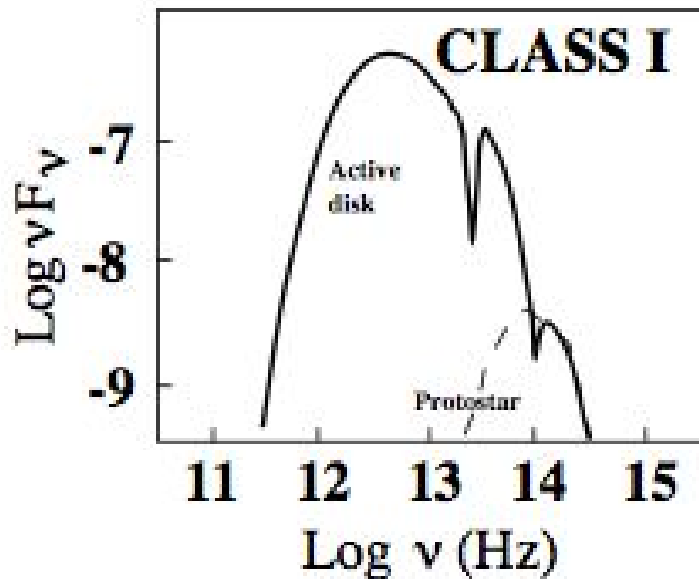
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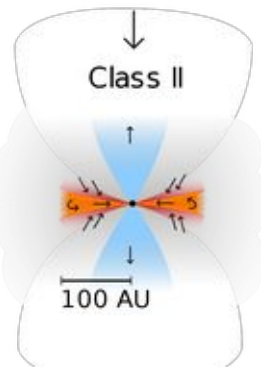


Class I

protostar slowly growth/heats up → emits in MIR regime, most of the emission from the accretion disk in NIR & mm

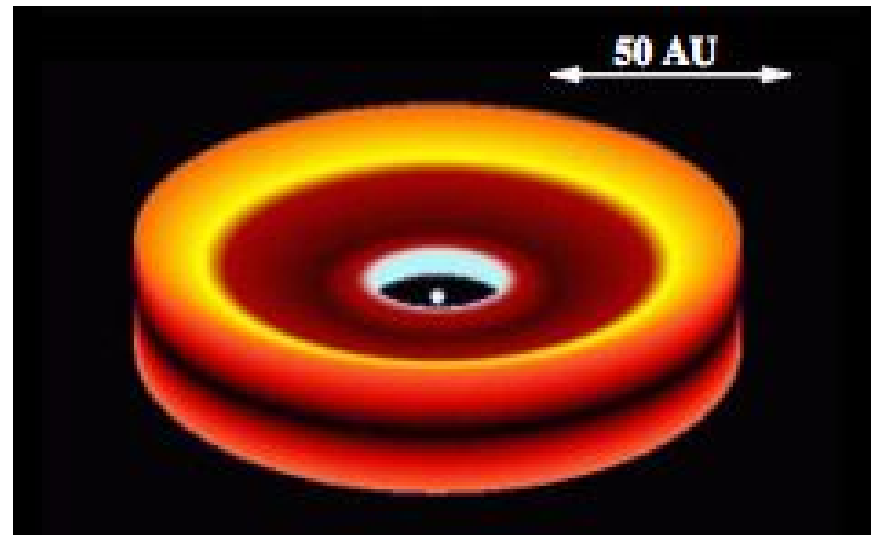
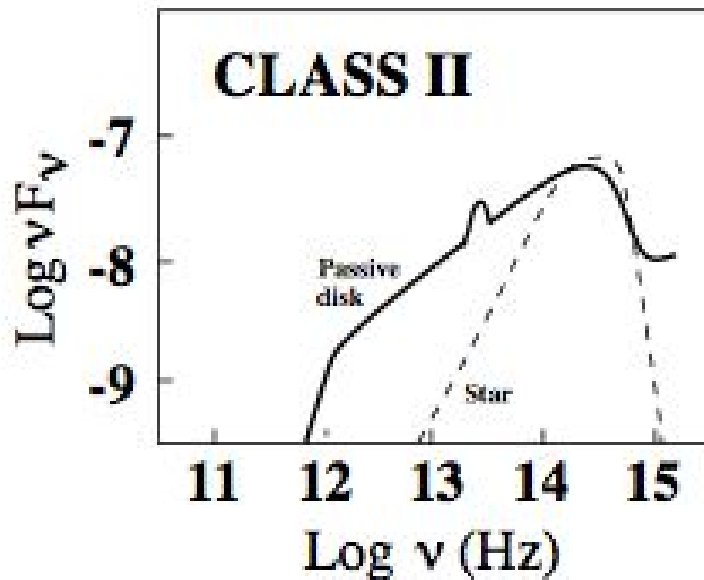


Protostars – classes



Class II

protostar heats up, MIR and NIR emission rises the accretion disk weakens. State \leftrightarrow T Tauri Stars

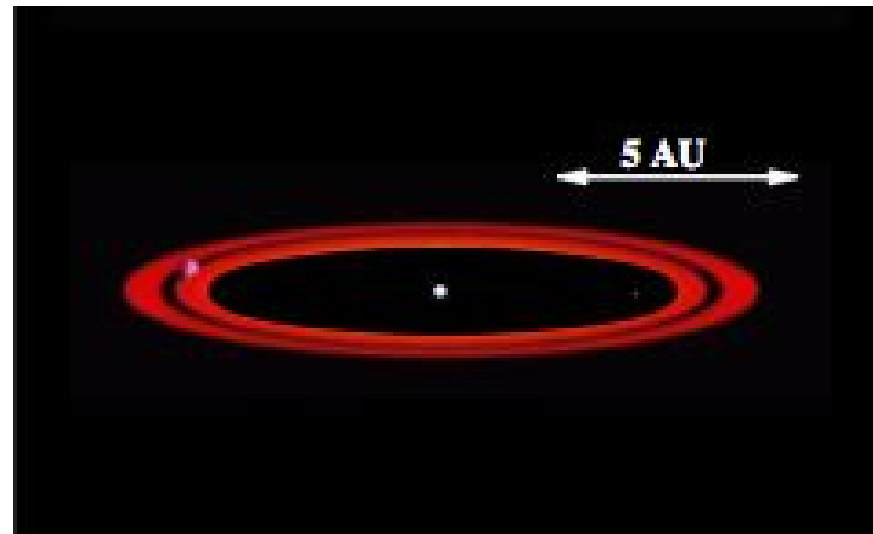
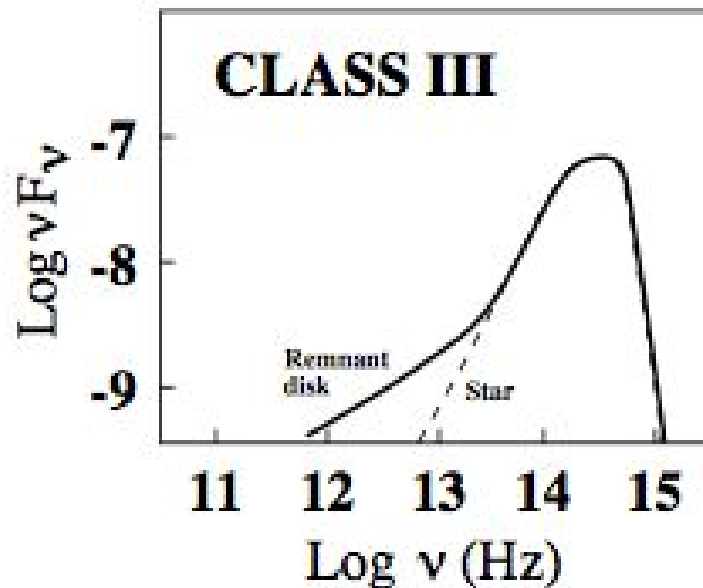
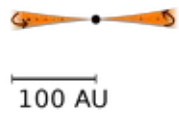


Protostars – classes

Class III

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protostar dominate the MIR and NIR regime. The remnant disk emits weakly. At that time planet formation may start.



Protostars - accretion disks

Class 0

protostar embedded
cloud (mm) $M_{\star} \lll M_{\text{shell}}$

Class I

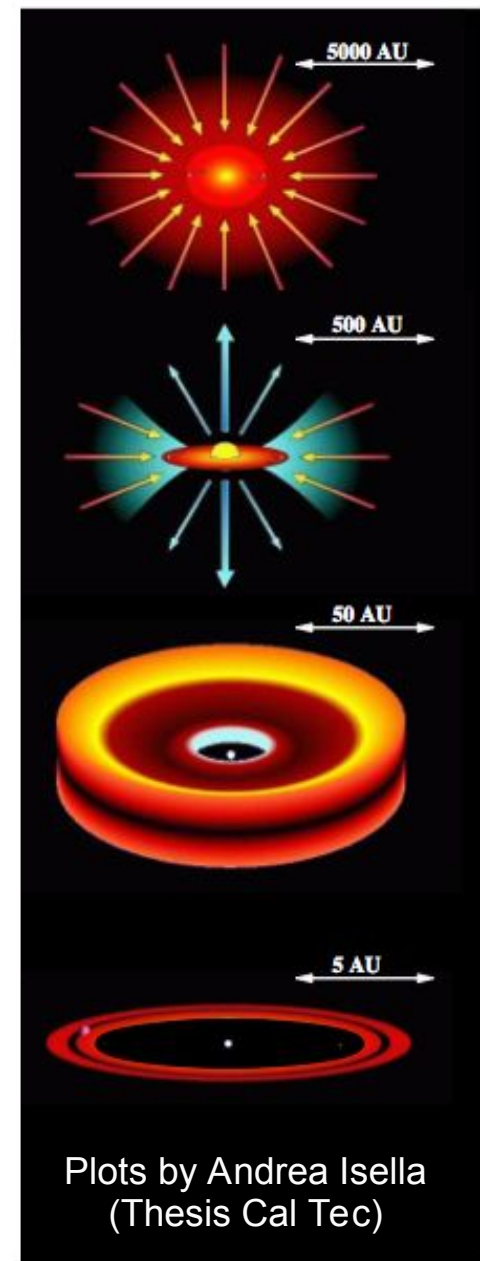
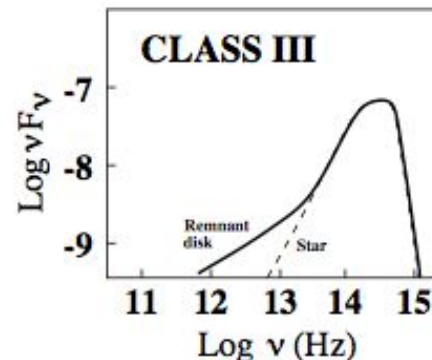
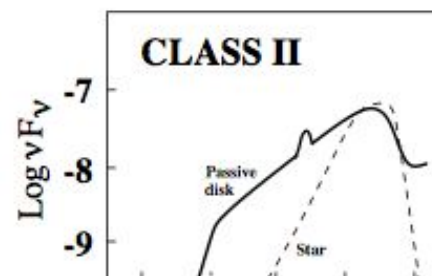
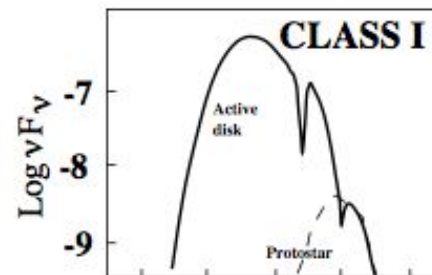
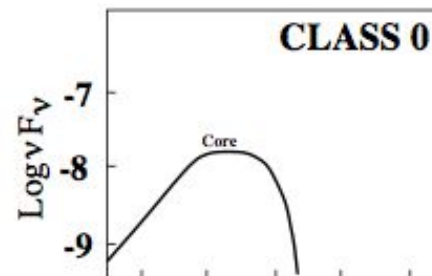
protostar growth (MIR),
disk (NIR & mm)

Class II

protostar (MIR+NIR),
less disk emission
T Tauri stars

Class III

protostar dominates
(MIR+NIR) disk remnant:
→ Planet formation



Protostars - accretion disks

$t_{\text{Class0+I}} \sim 0.5 \text{ Myrs}$

Class 0

protostar embedded
cloud (mm) $M_{\star} \lll M_{\text{shell}}$

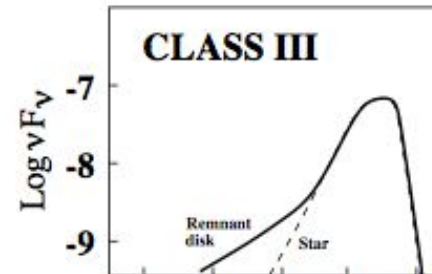
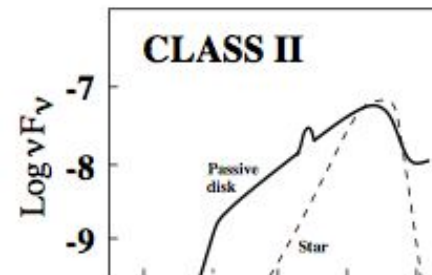
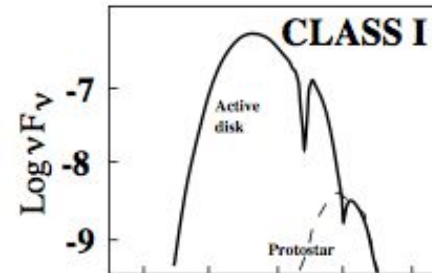
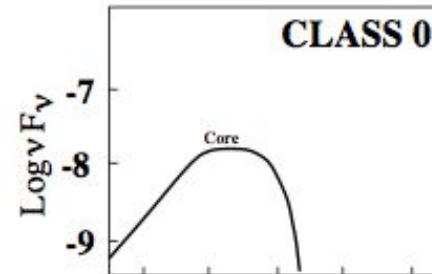
$t_{\text{ClassII}} \sim 2 \text{ Myrs}$

Class II

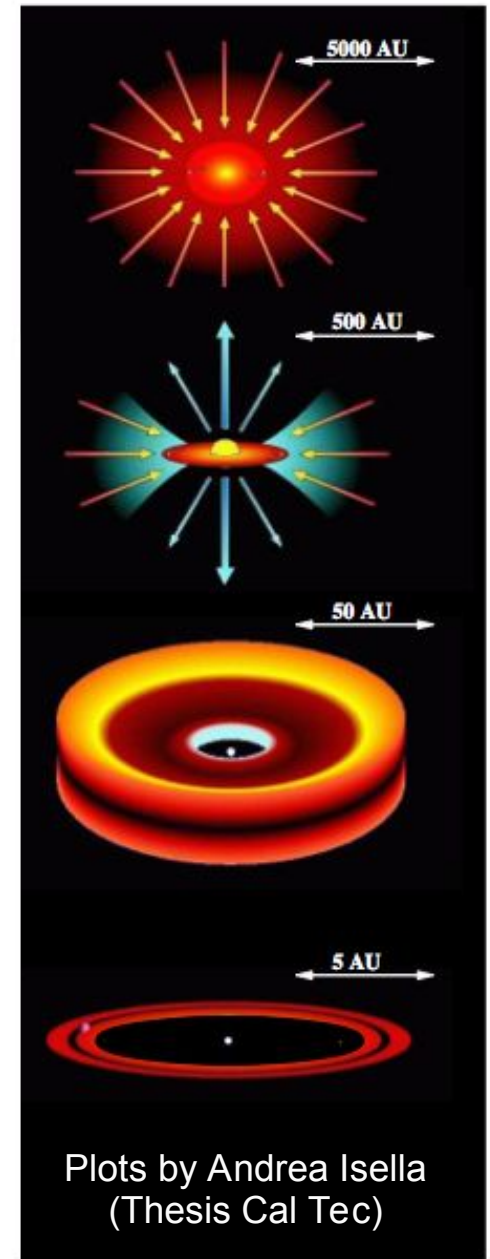
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11 12 13 14 15
Log v (Hz)



Protostar – T Tauri class

T Tauri stars

pre-main-sequence star

Stars with $0.3 - 3 M_{\odot}$

variability

spectra → 'cool' show i.e. Ca II (H+K)

→ spectra still show Li (taken up in burnings)

↔ proofs a pre-main-sequence star

change in accretion rate ($10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} - 6 \cdot 10^{-3} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$) → variability

accretion

accretion disk → jets and mass loss

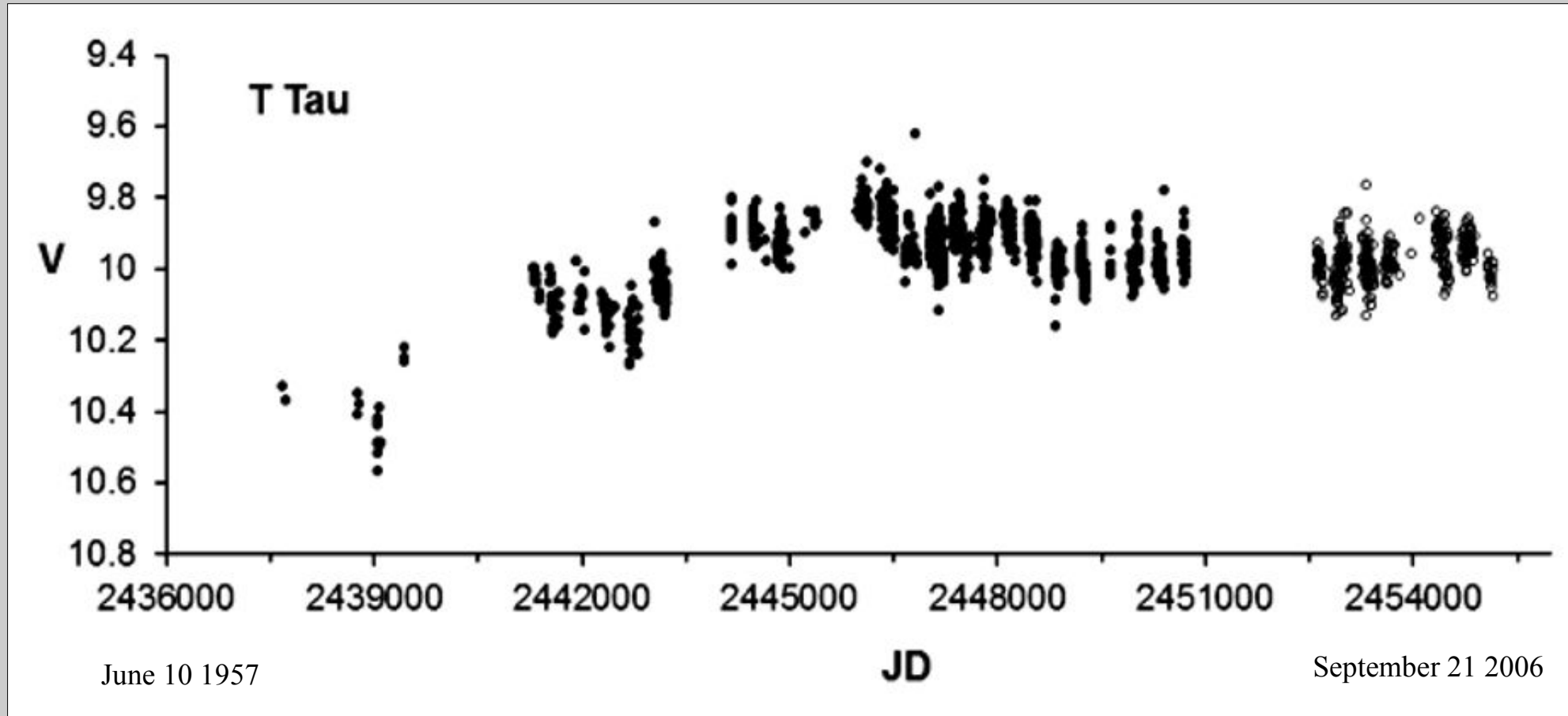
Protostar – T Tauri class



T Tauri

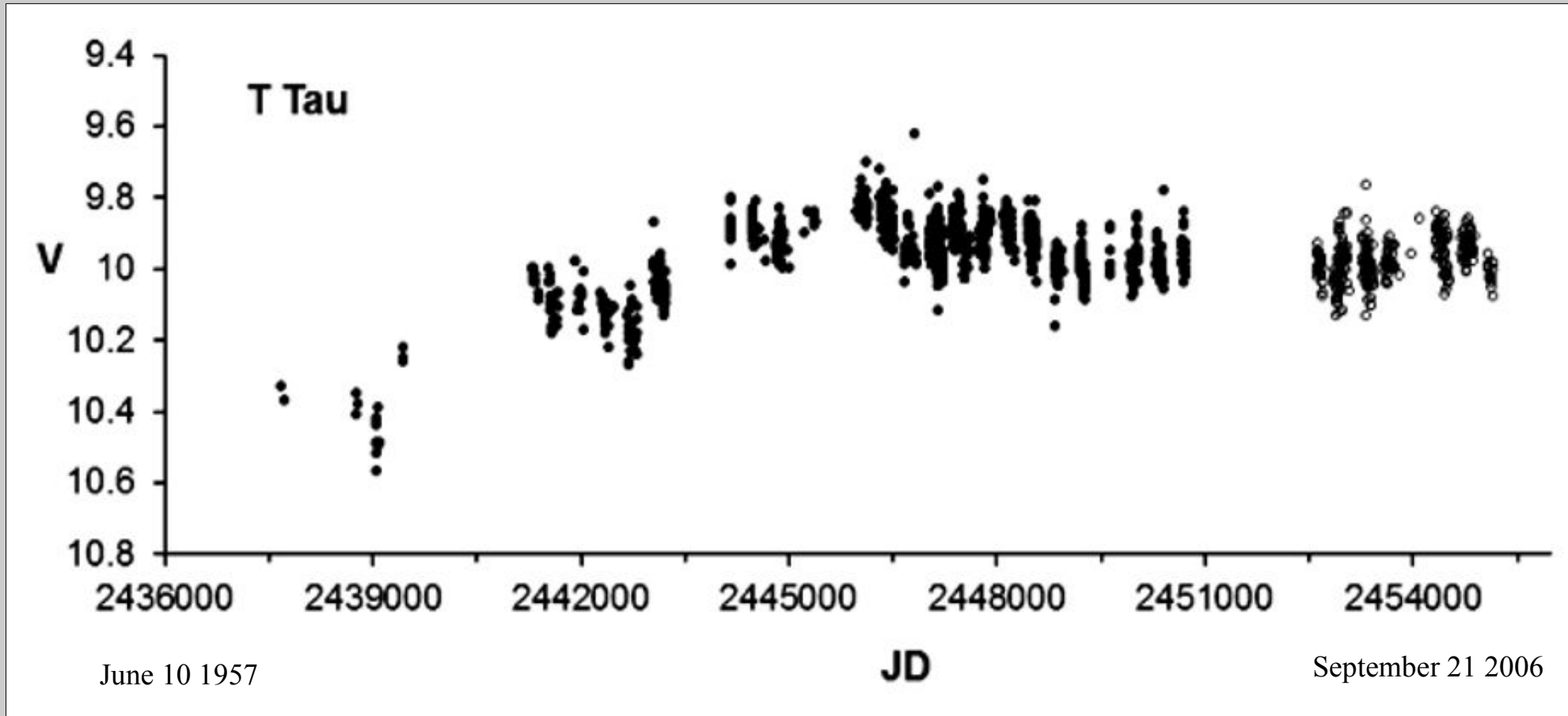
Protostar – T Tauri class

T Tauri star lightcurve → shows variability !!



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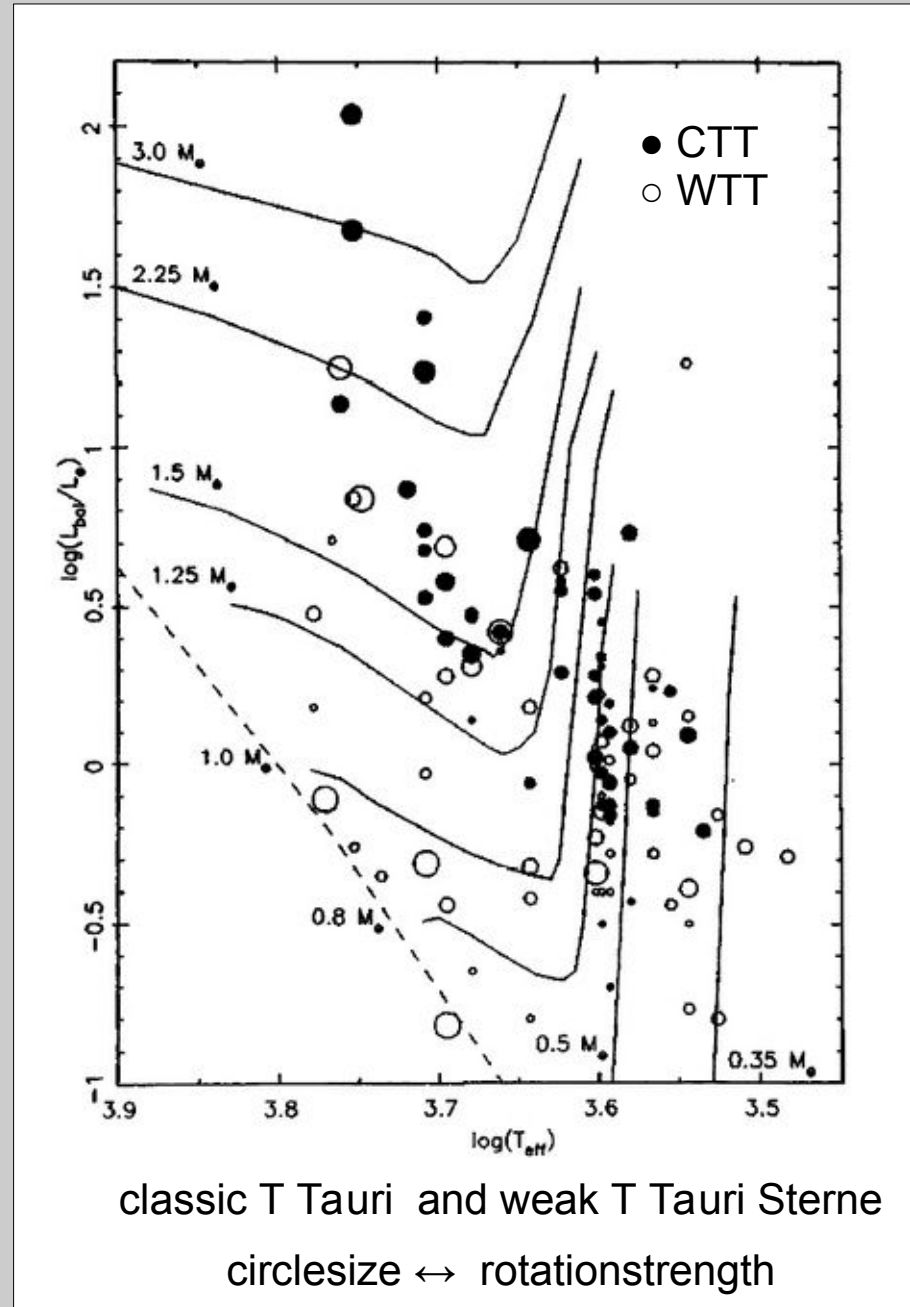


variability ↔ caused by changes in the accretion rate

Protostar – T Tauri class

T Tauri stars in HRD

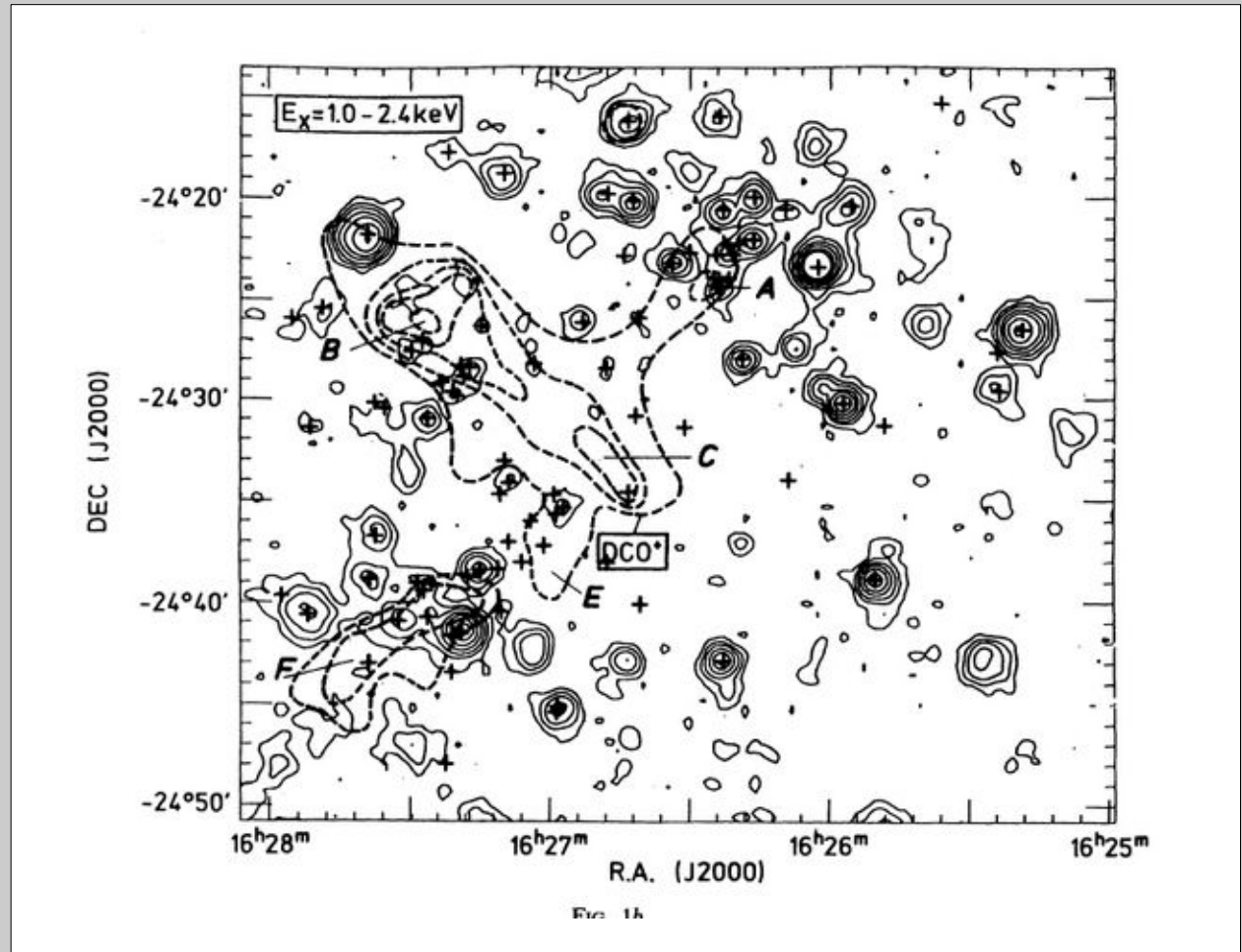
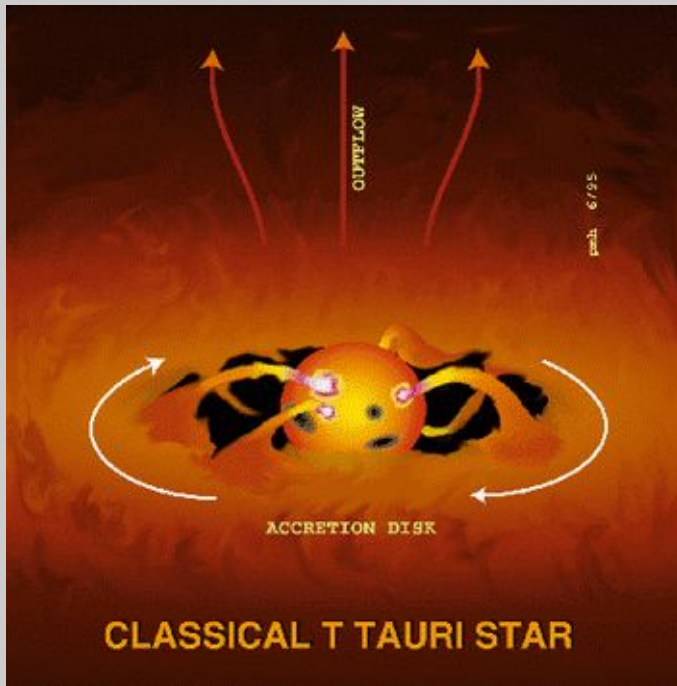
→ between **Hayashi Line**
and **main-sequence**



Protostar – T Tauri class

T Tauri stars → accretion → hot spots

→ even forms x-ray emission !!!



Protostar – Jets & Winds

pre-main-sequence star (T Tauri, Herbig-Haro,...)

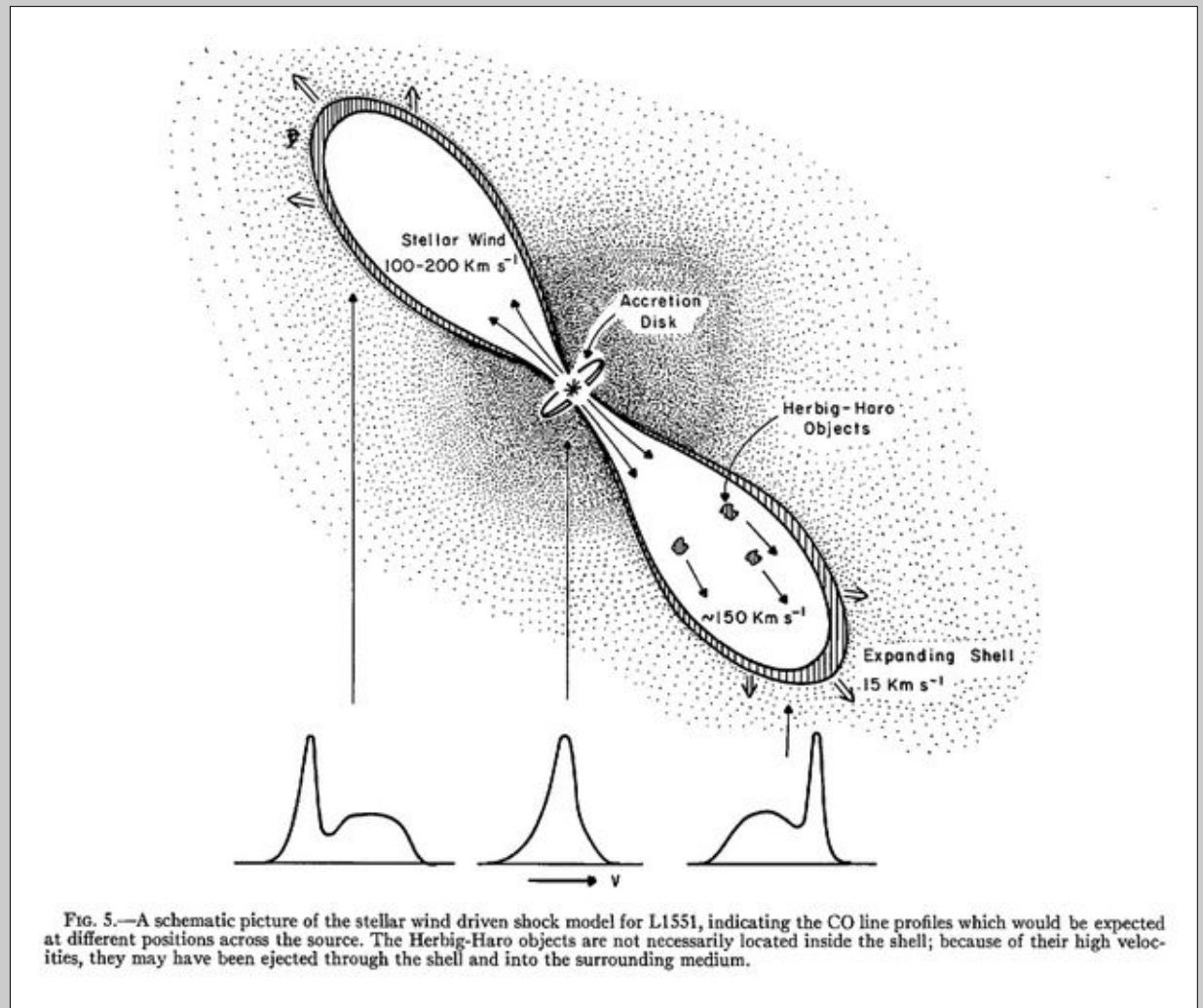
mass loss via

- winds
- jets
- clumps

emission **molecular**
→ IR regime

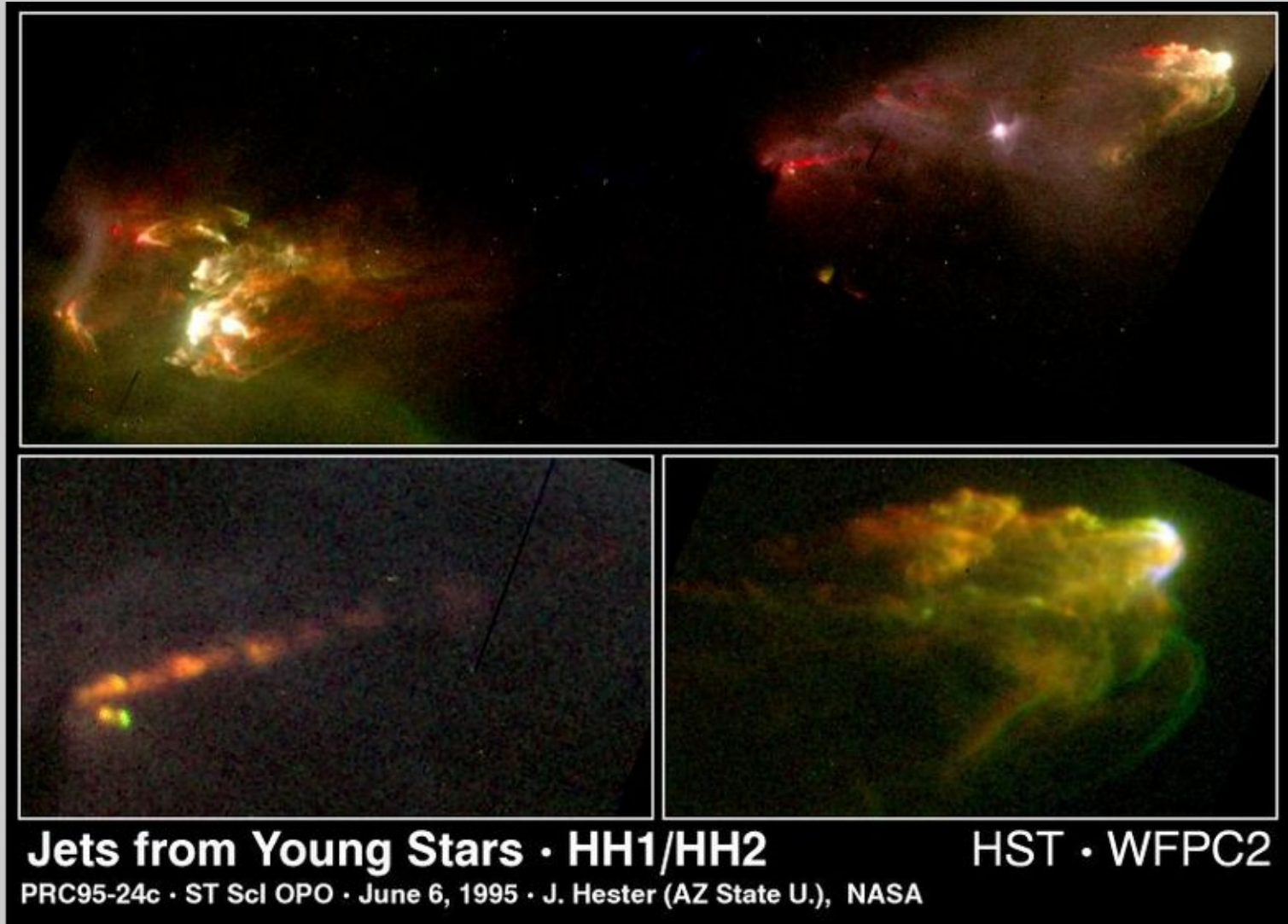
velocities
(jet/wind)
typical **100-300 km/s**

dimensionen 10^4AU
to a few **Parsec**



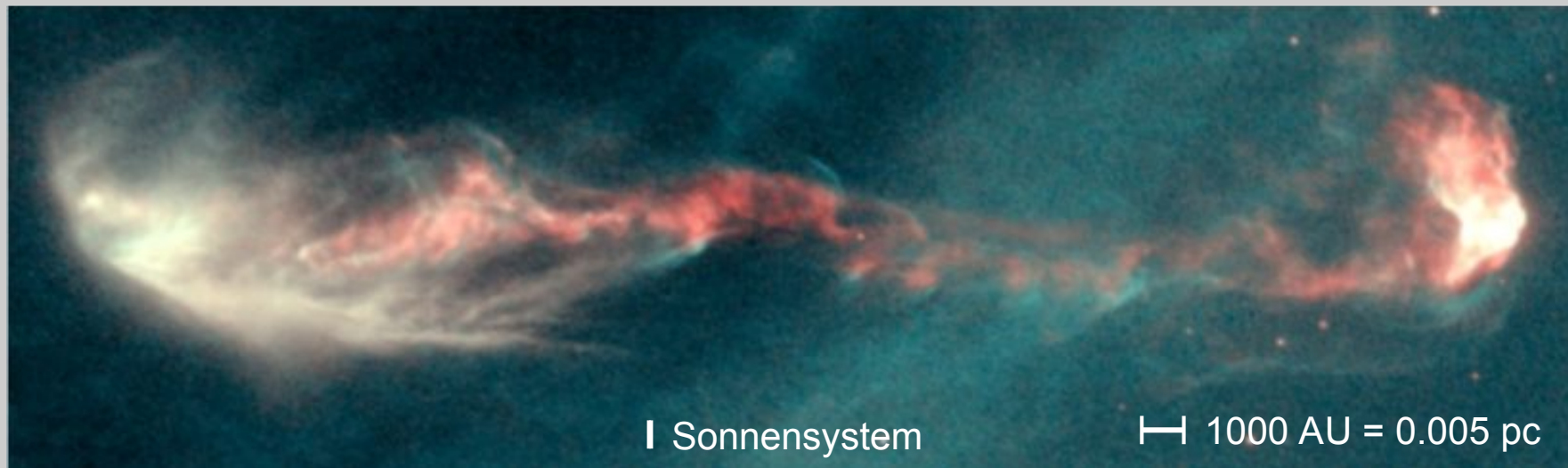
Protostar – Jets – Herbig Haro stars

Herbig Haro stars like T Tauri but a bit more massive



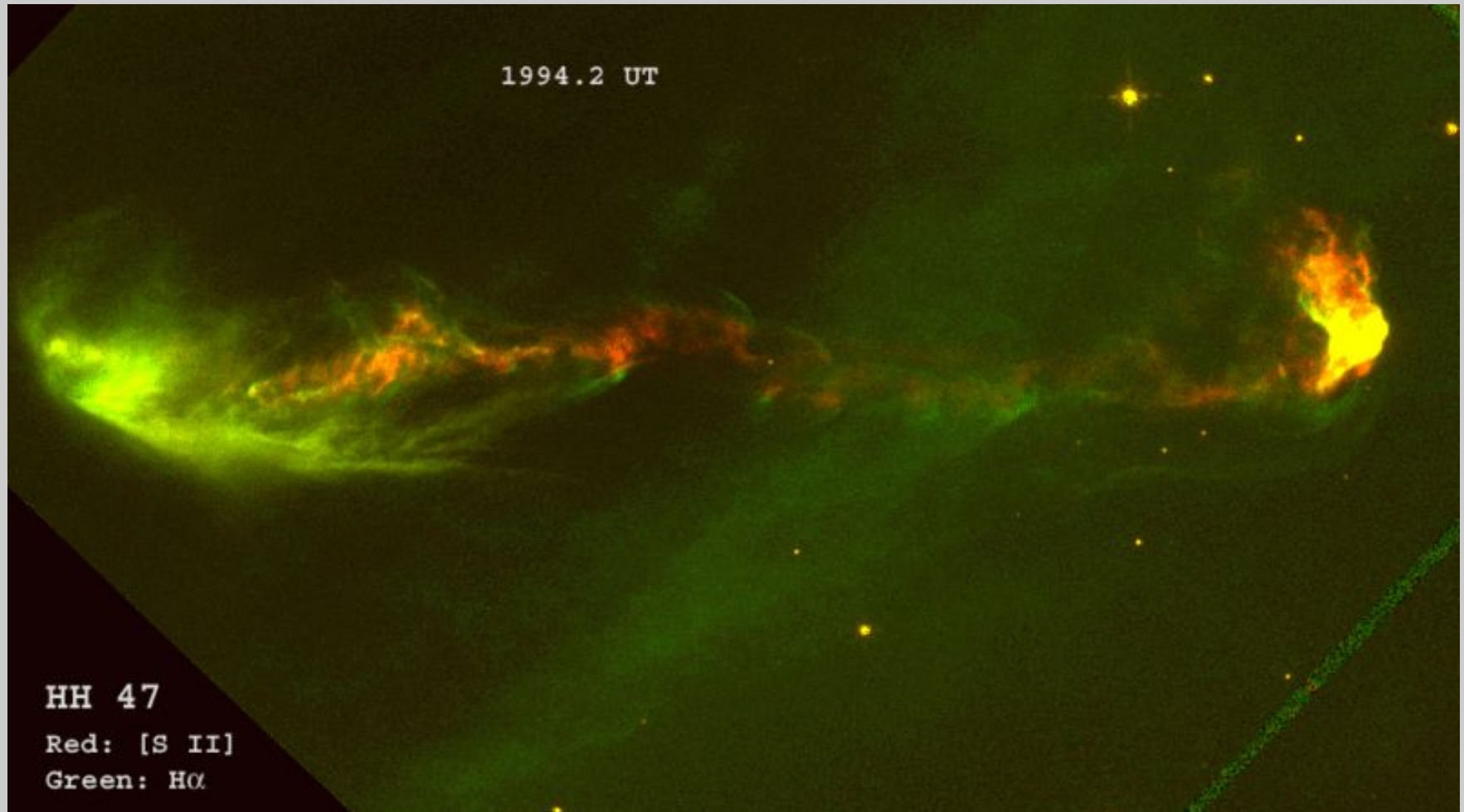
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Herbig Haro 47

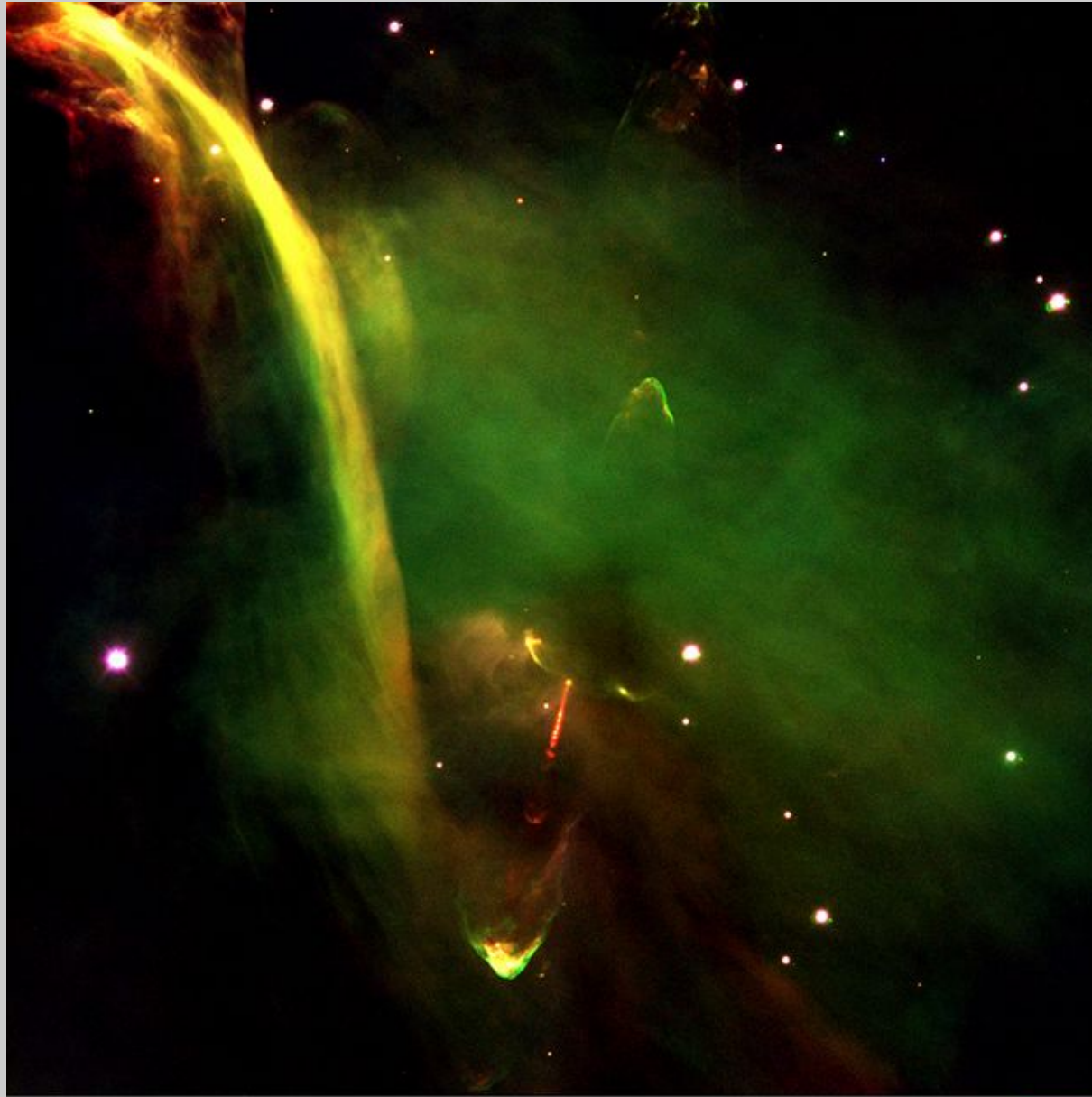


Protostar – Jets – Herbig Haro stars

Herbig Haro 47 Movement of the jets in 5 years



Protostar – Jets – Herbig Haro stars



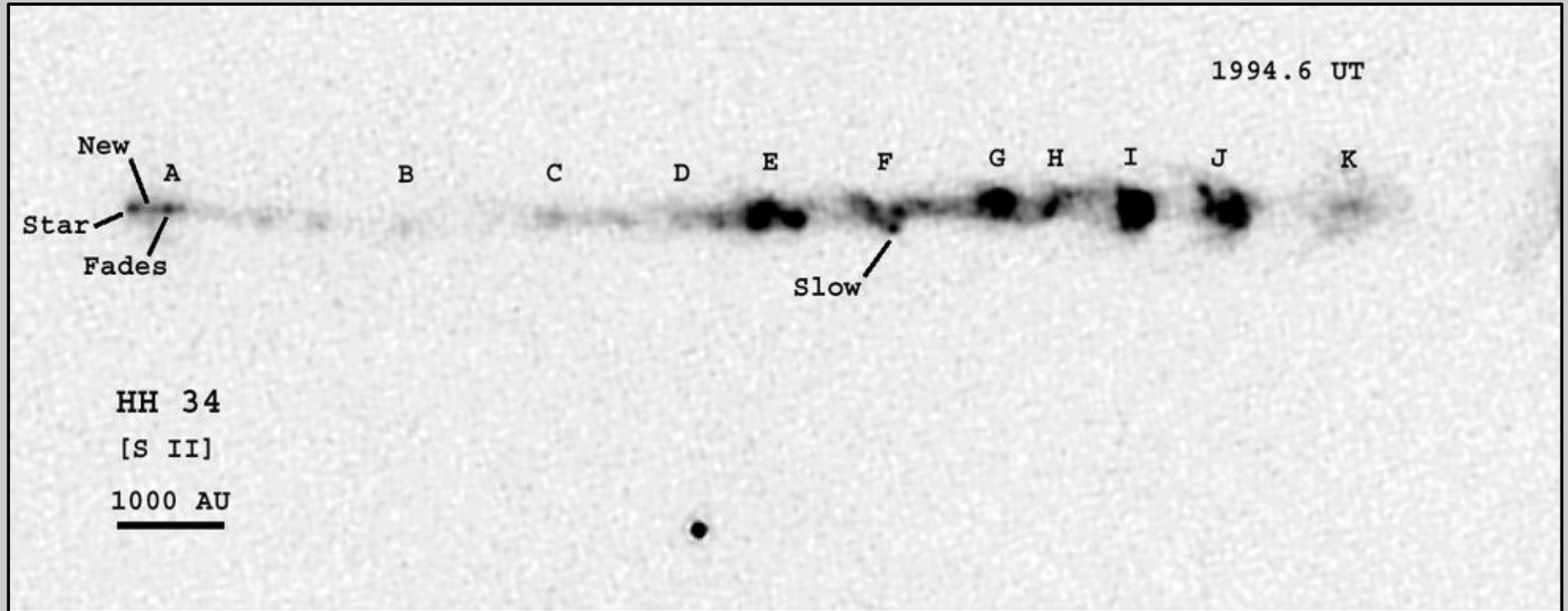
Protostar HH-34 in Orion (VLT KUEYEN + FORS2)

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Protostars in Orion

Proplyds

