

# OBSERVATIONAL EVIDENCE OF EPISODIC ACCRETION BURSTS TOWARD YOUNG EMBEDDED DISKS

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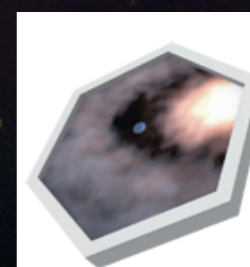
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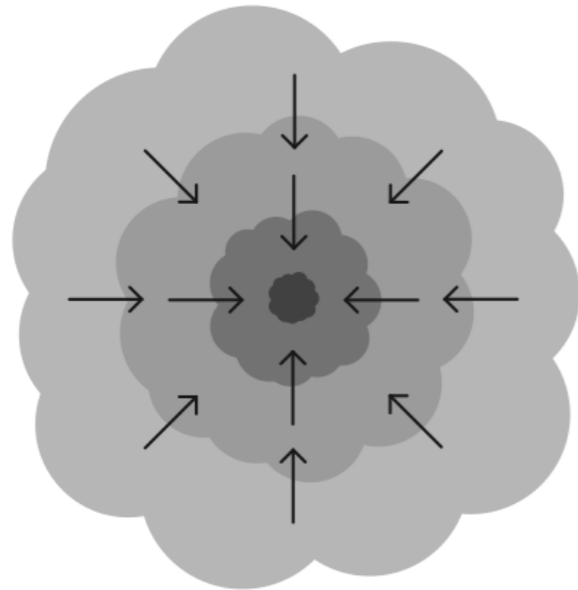


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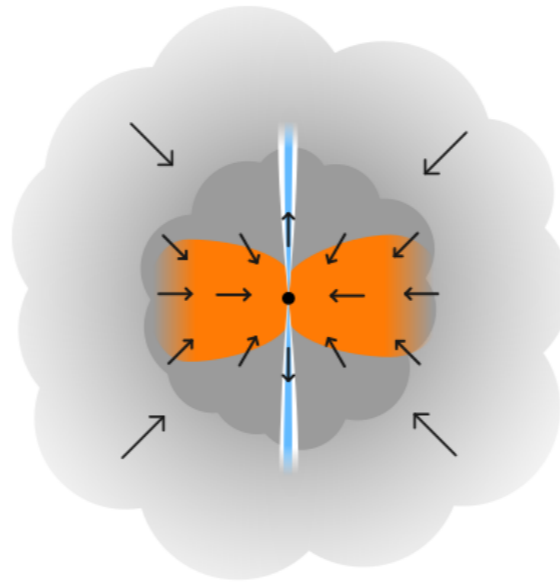
# LOW-MASS STAR FORMATION

a) Prestellar Core



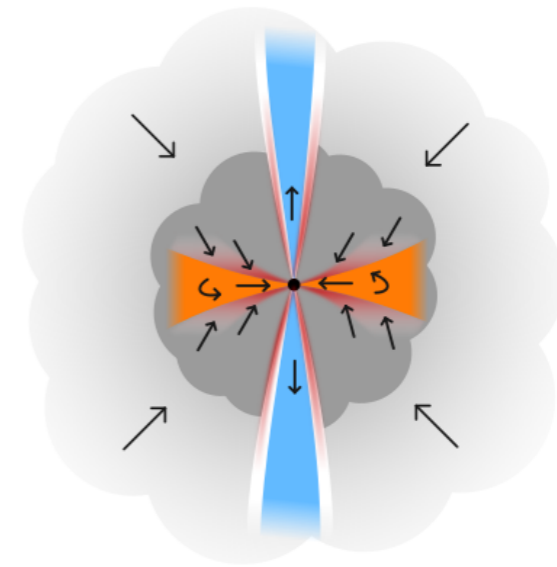
30 000 AU

b) Class 0



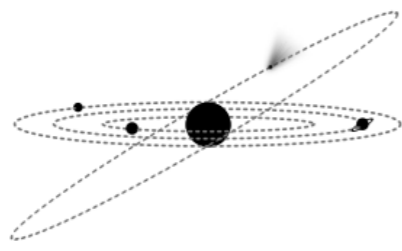
10 000 AU

c) Class I



300 AU

f) Planetary System



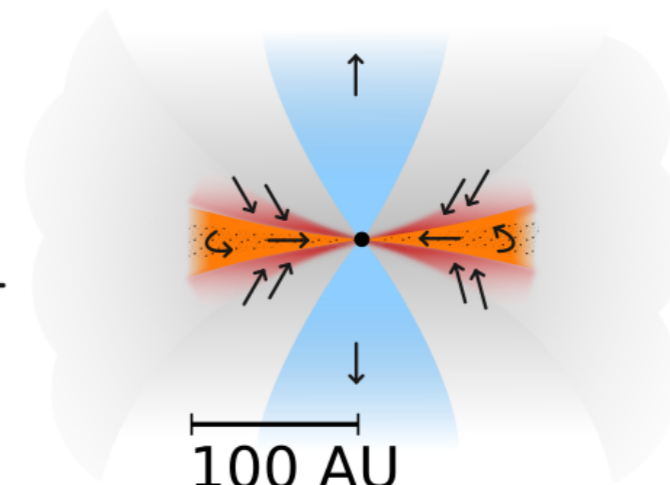
50 AU

e) Class III



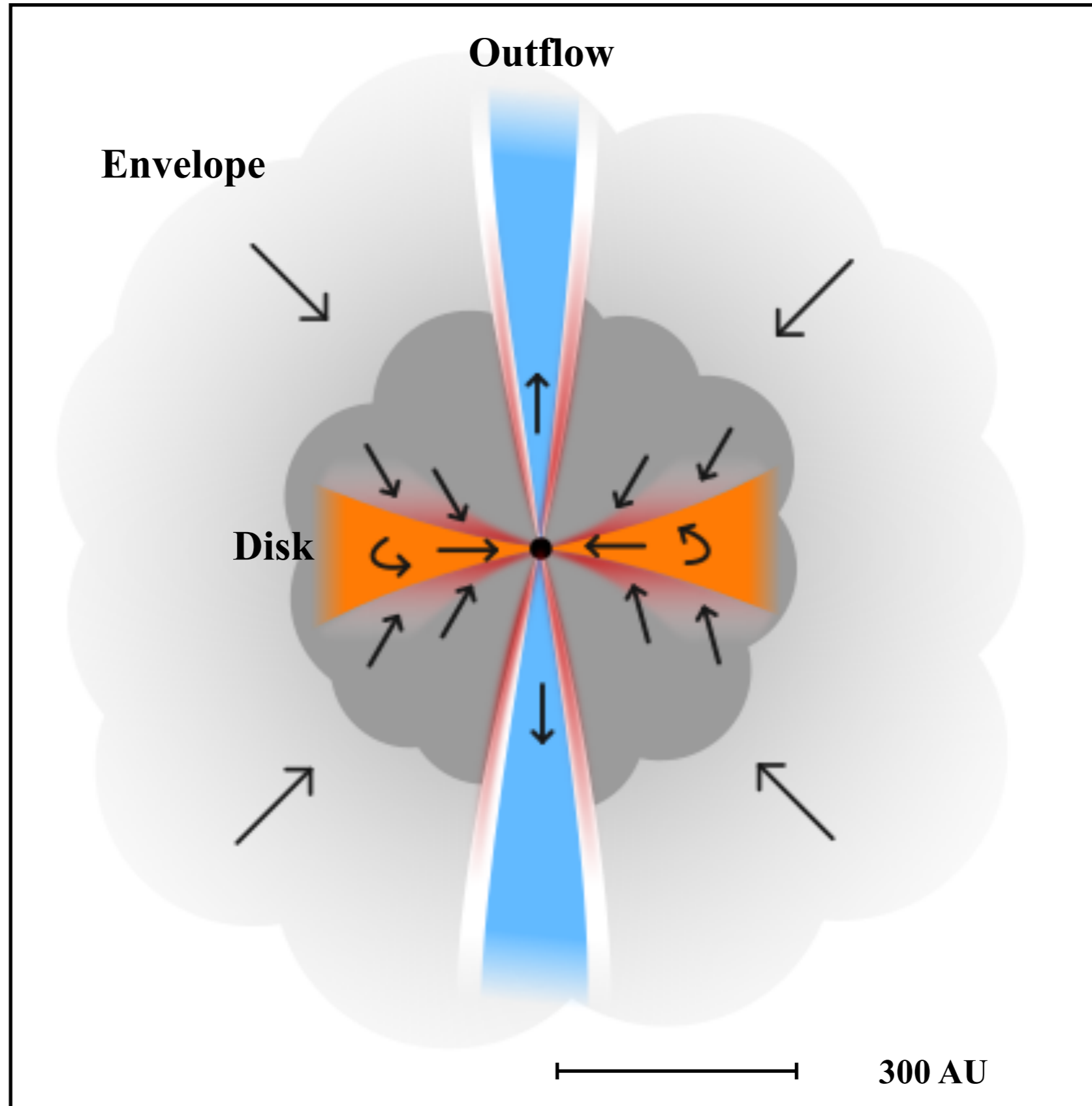
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d) Class II



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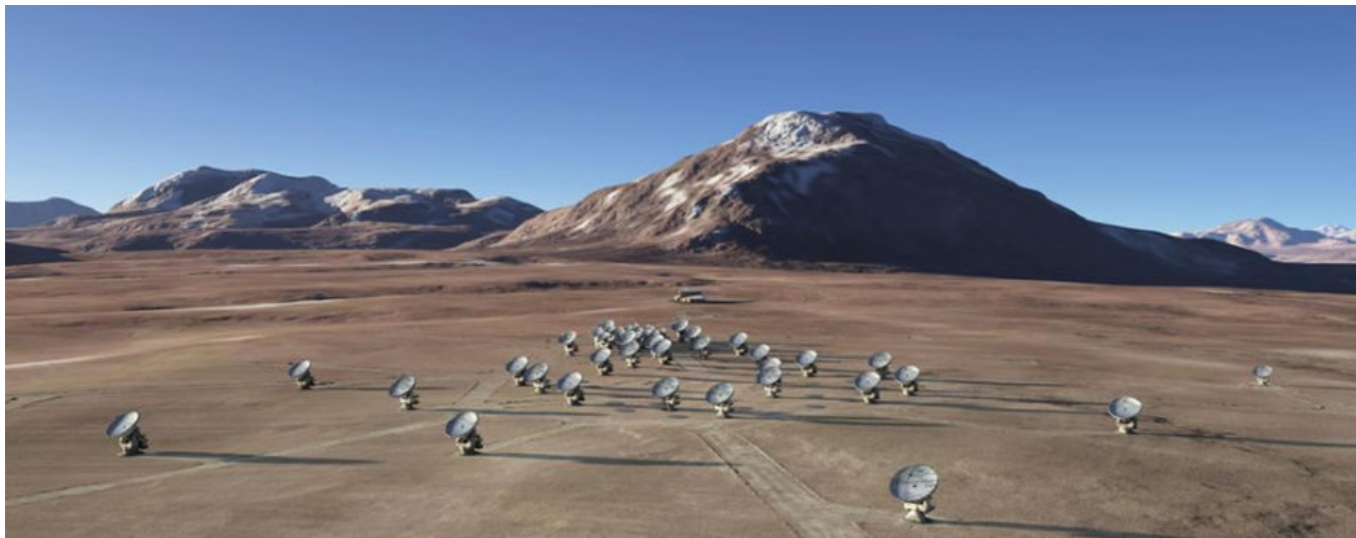
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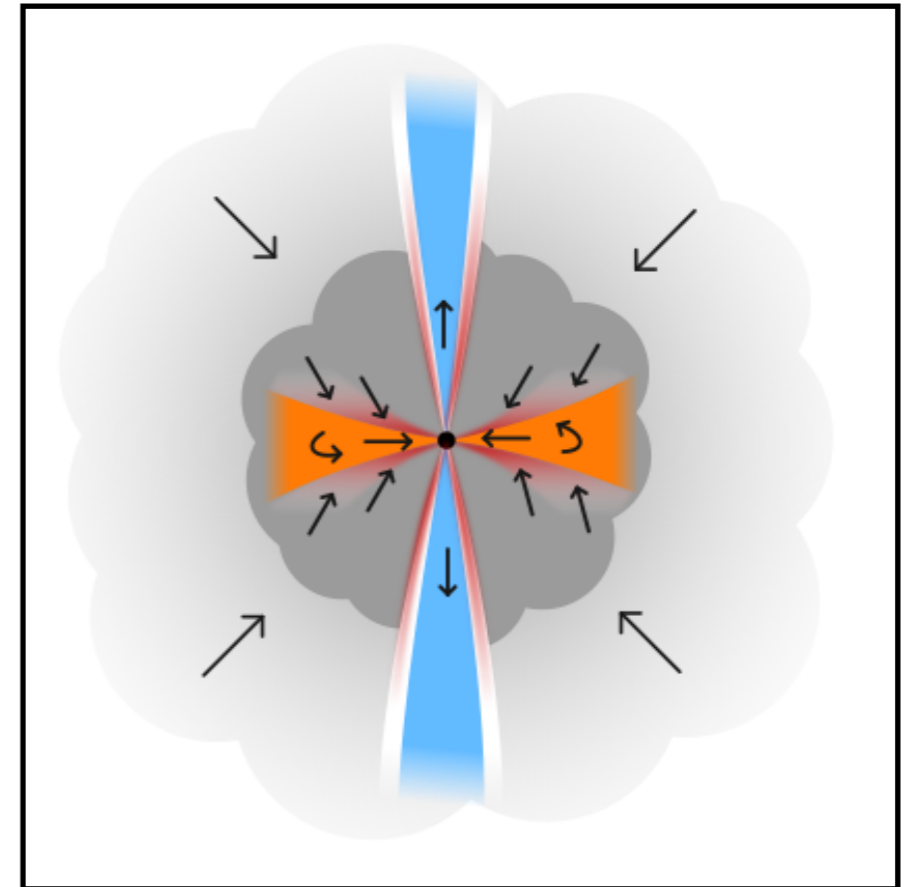
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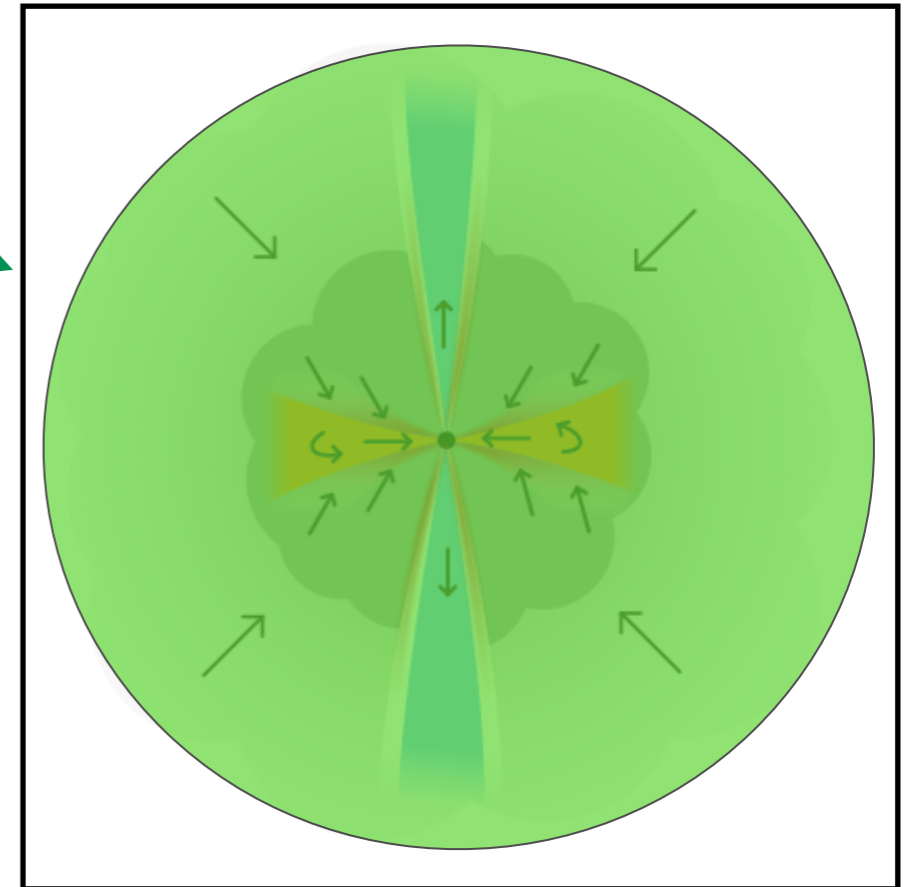
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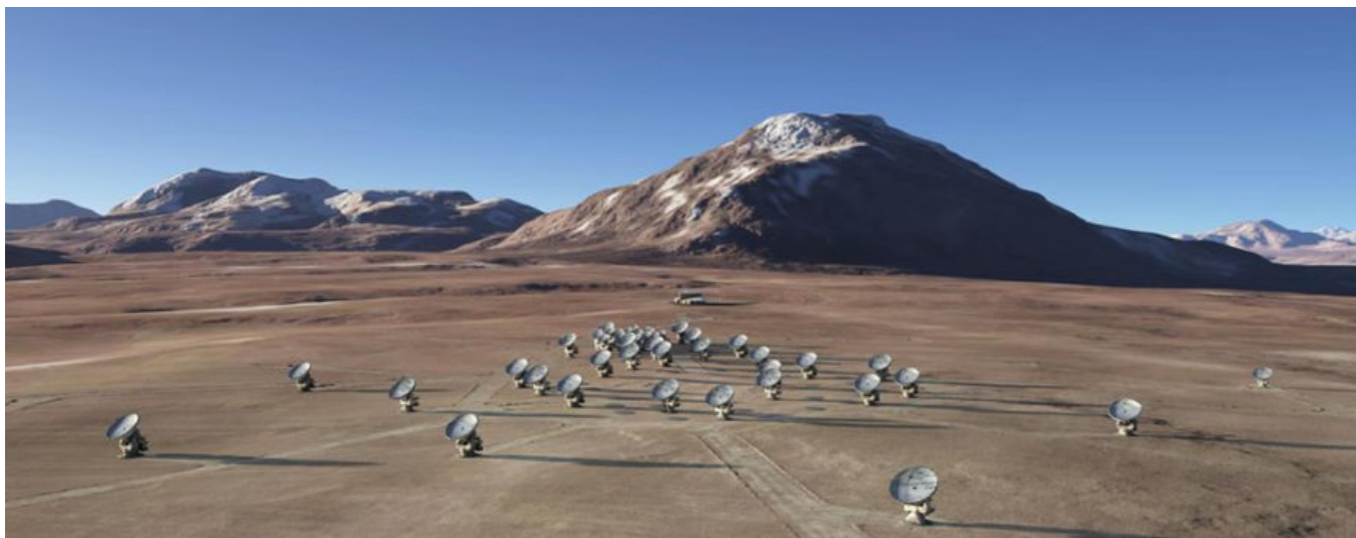


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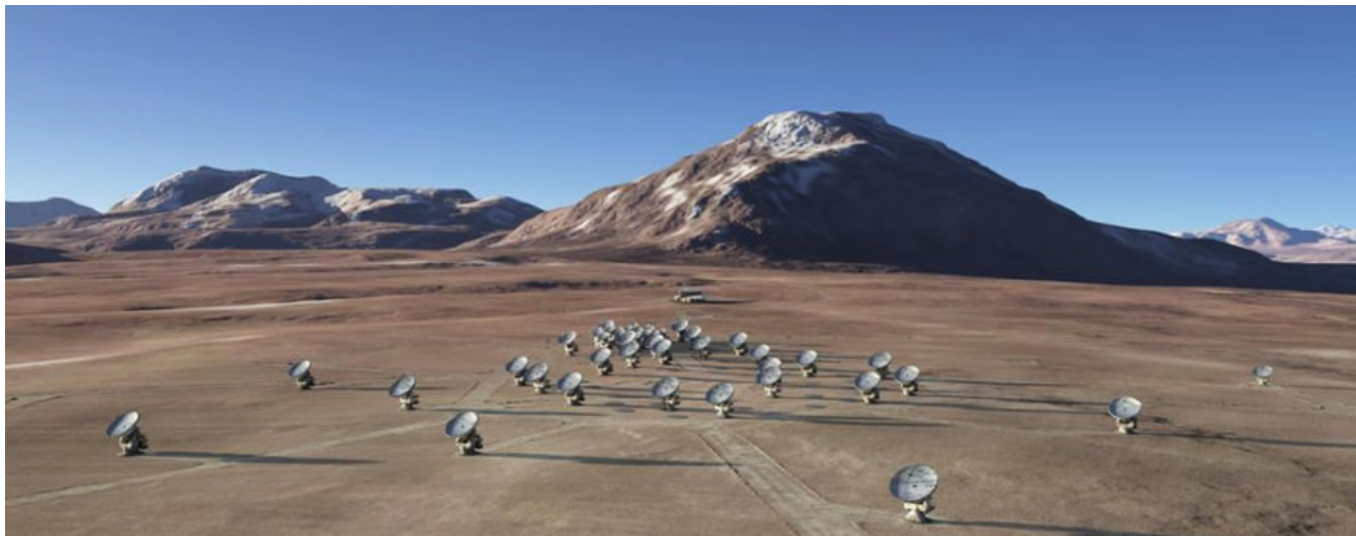
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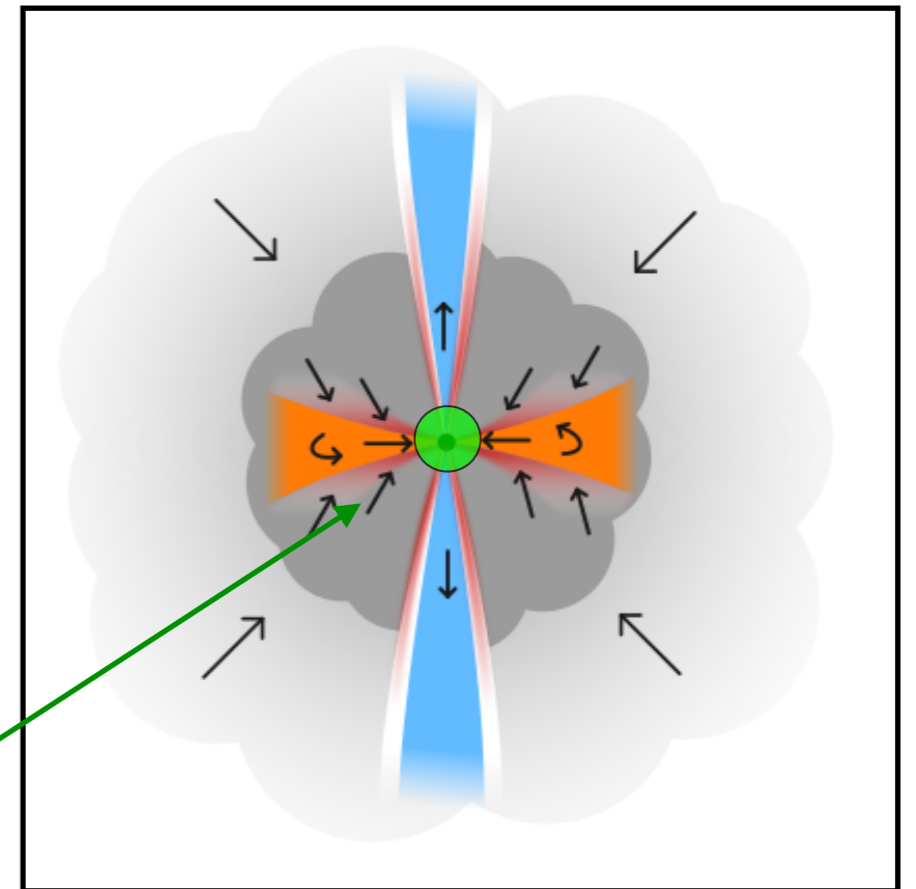
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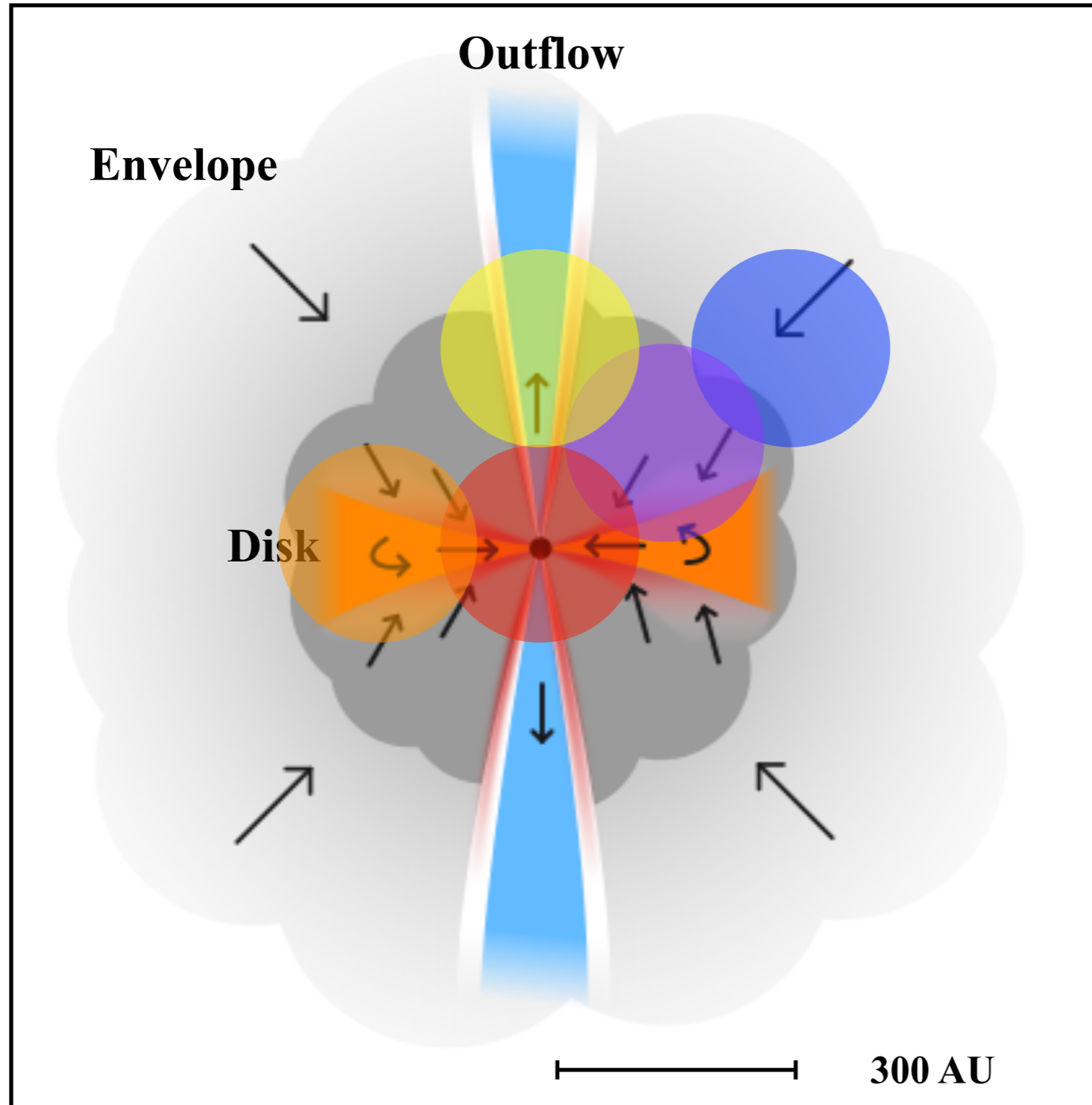
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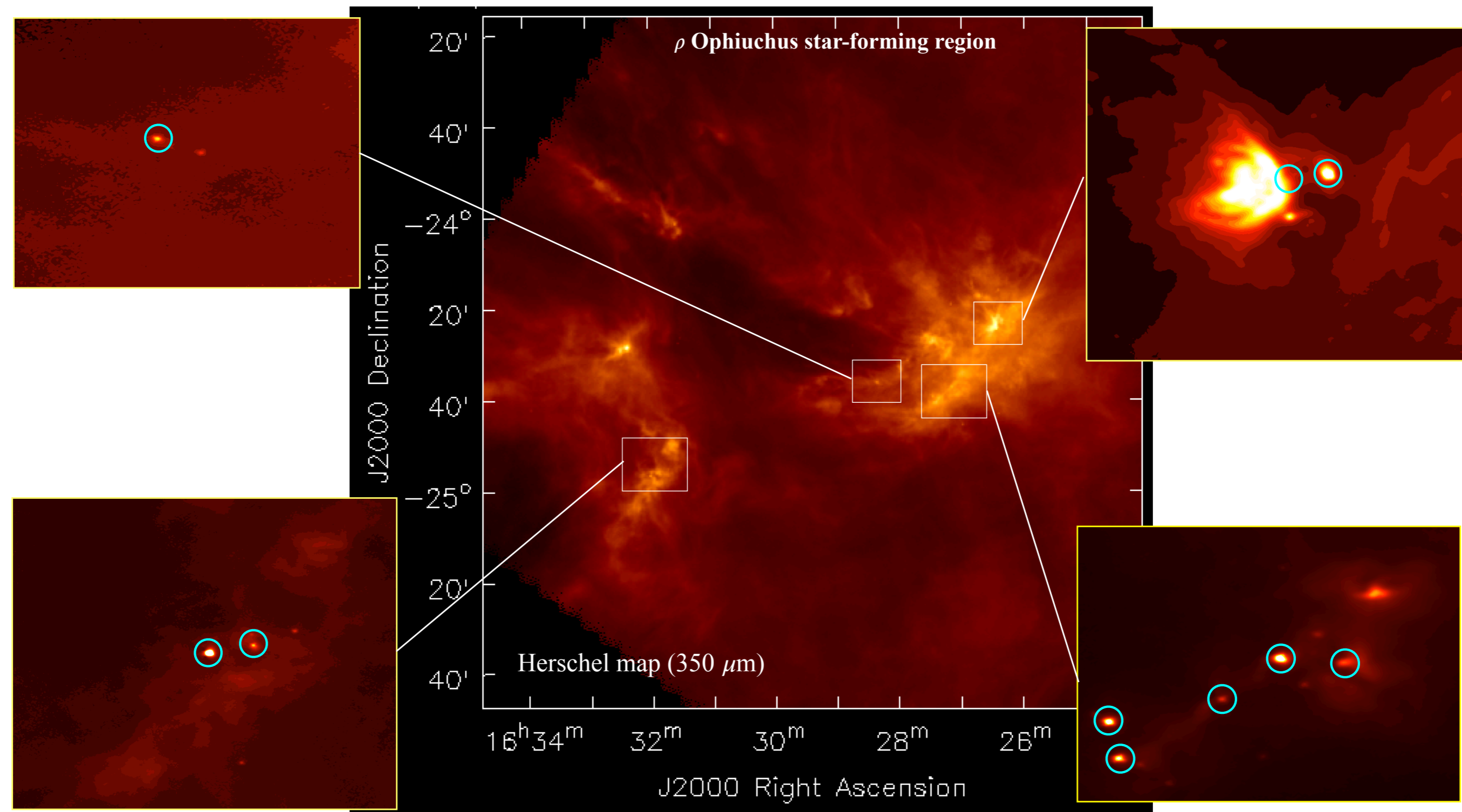
**Inner envelope**

**Warm gas (hot-corino)**

**Shocks**

**Disk**

# SURVEY OF 10 YOUNG EMBEDDED SOURCES



$T_{\text{bol}}$ : 36 - 420 K

$L_{\text{bol}}$ : 0.12 - 18  $L_{\odot}$



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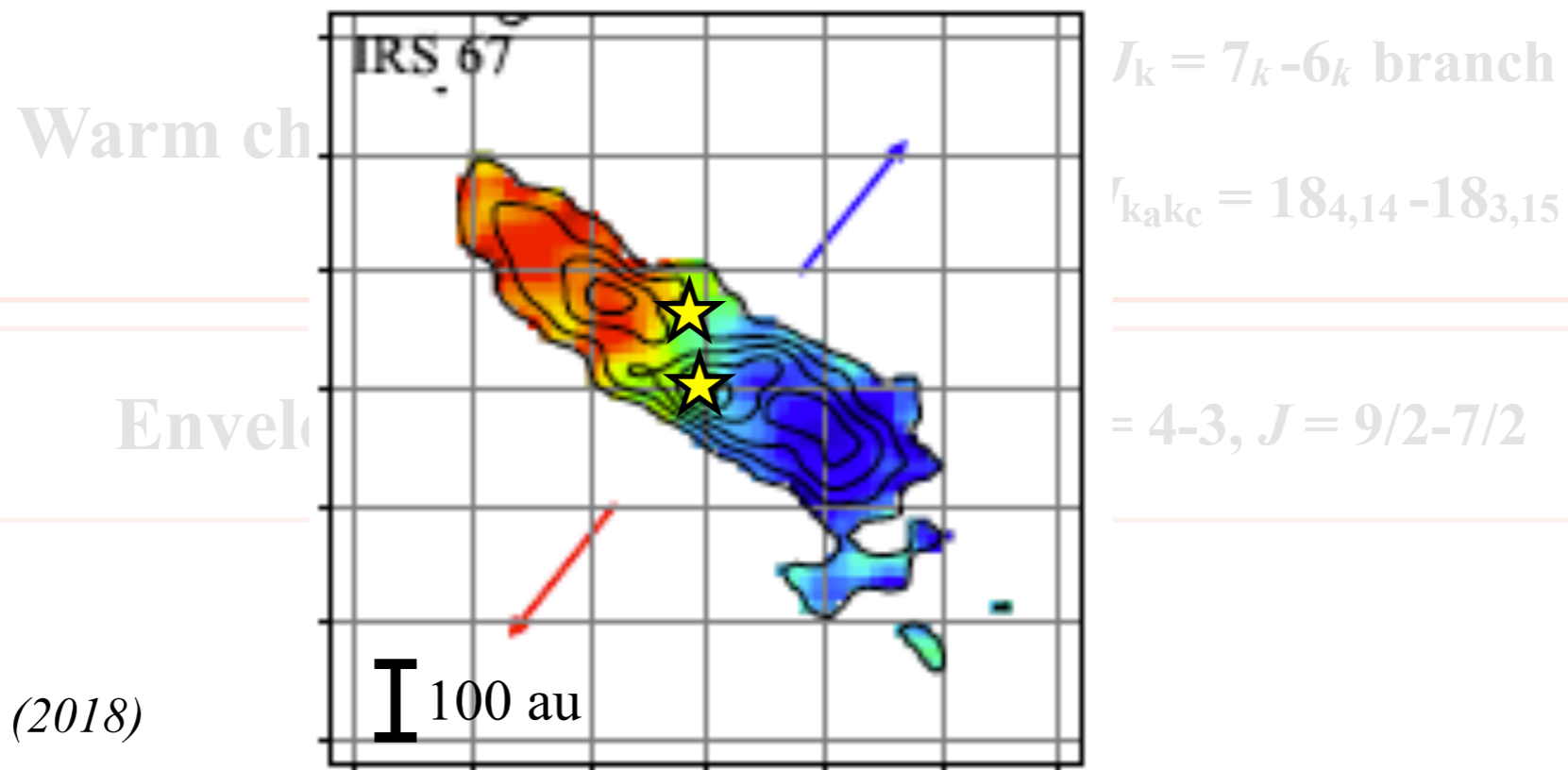
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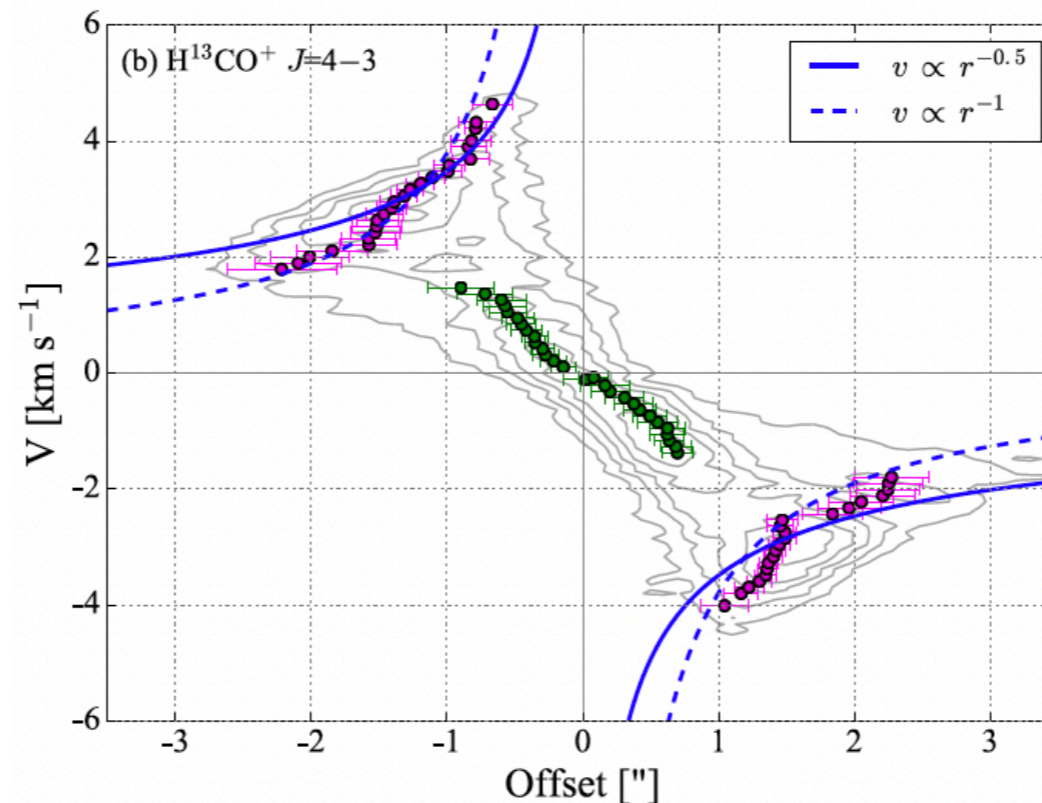
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PV diagrams

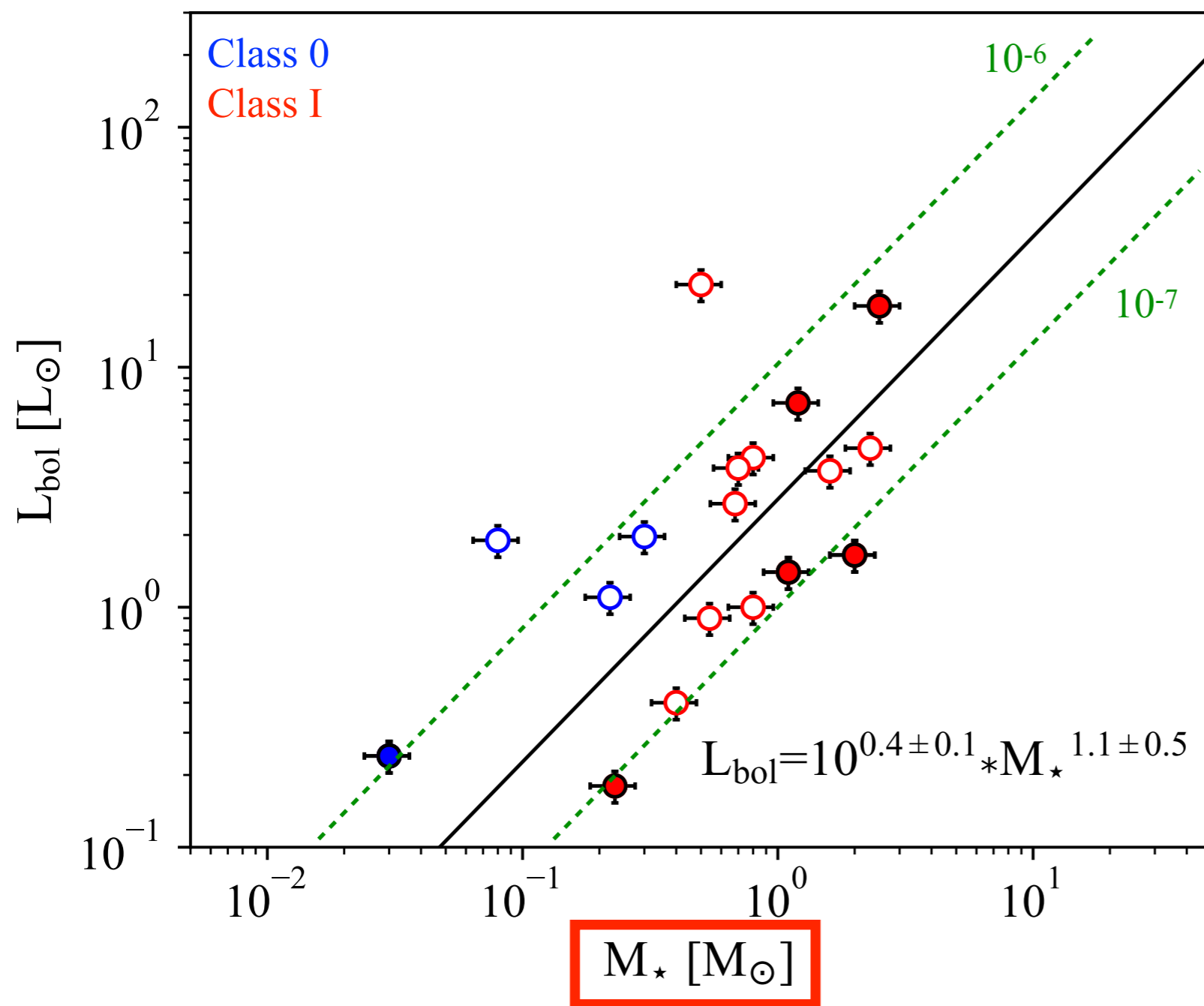


$M_{\star}$

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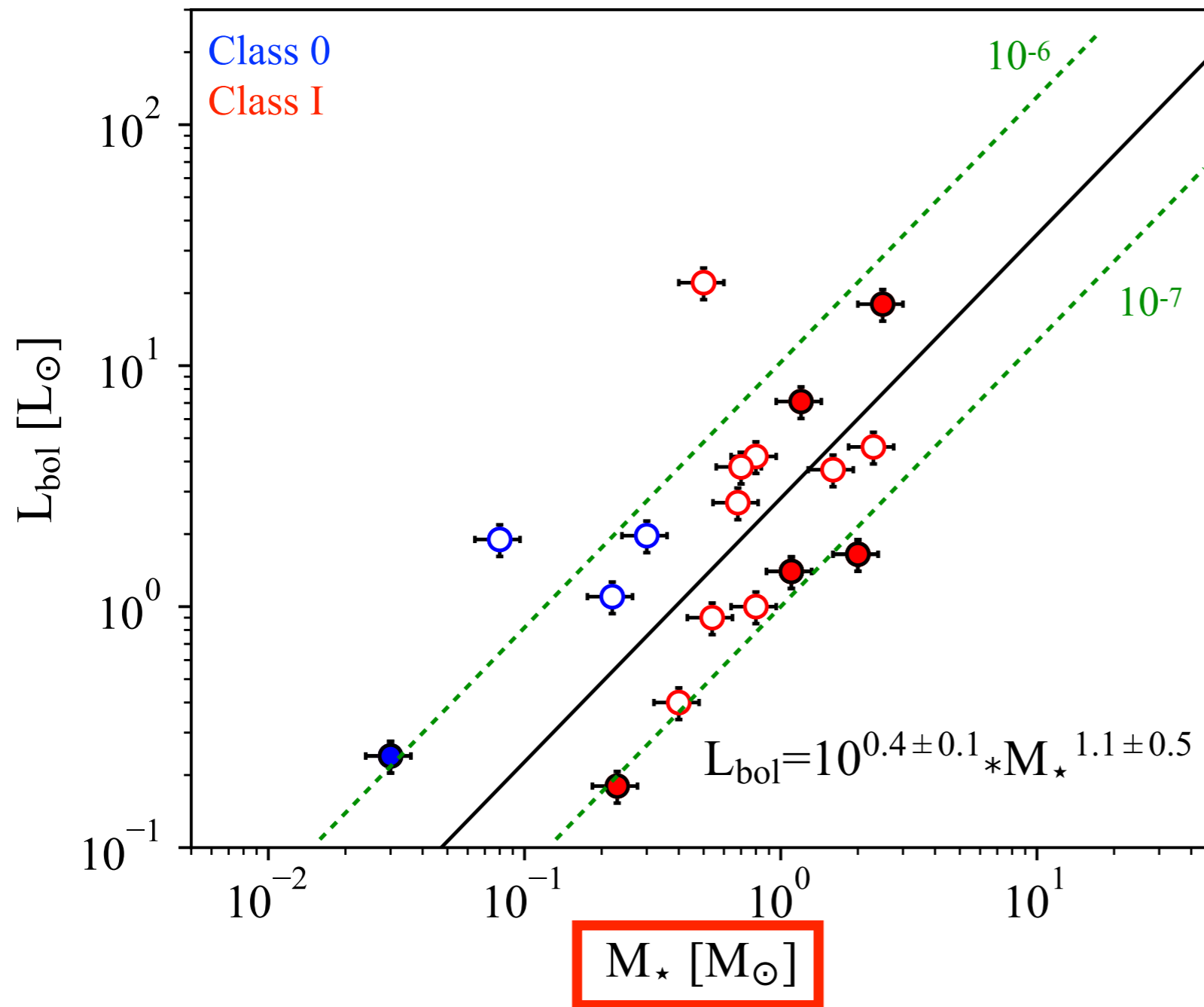
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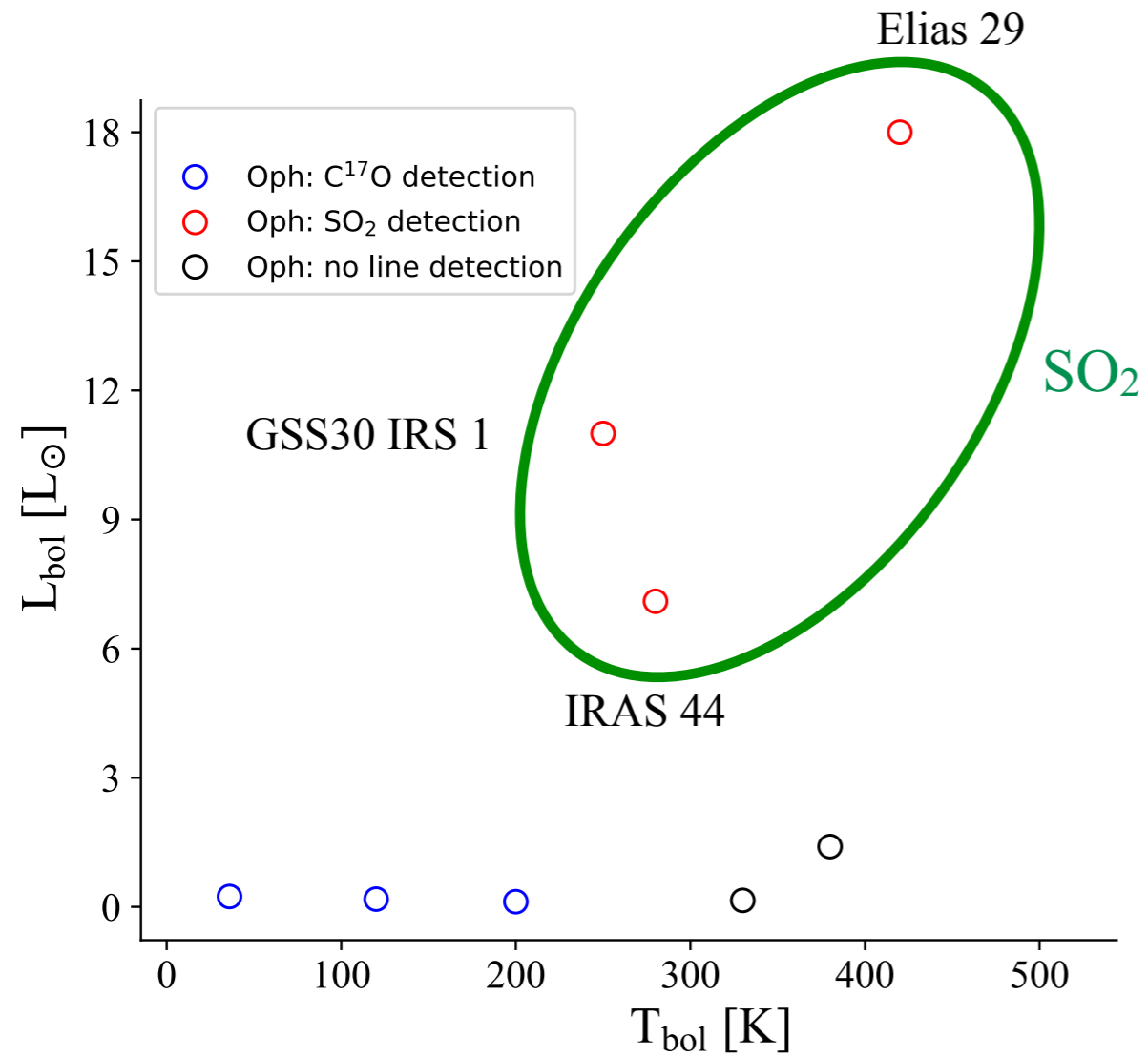
Variable accretion rate  
(episodic accretion bursts)

Most of the sources  
are in a quiescent  
state of accretion

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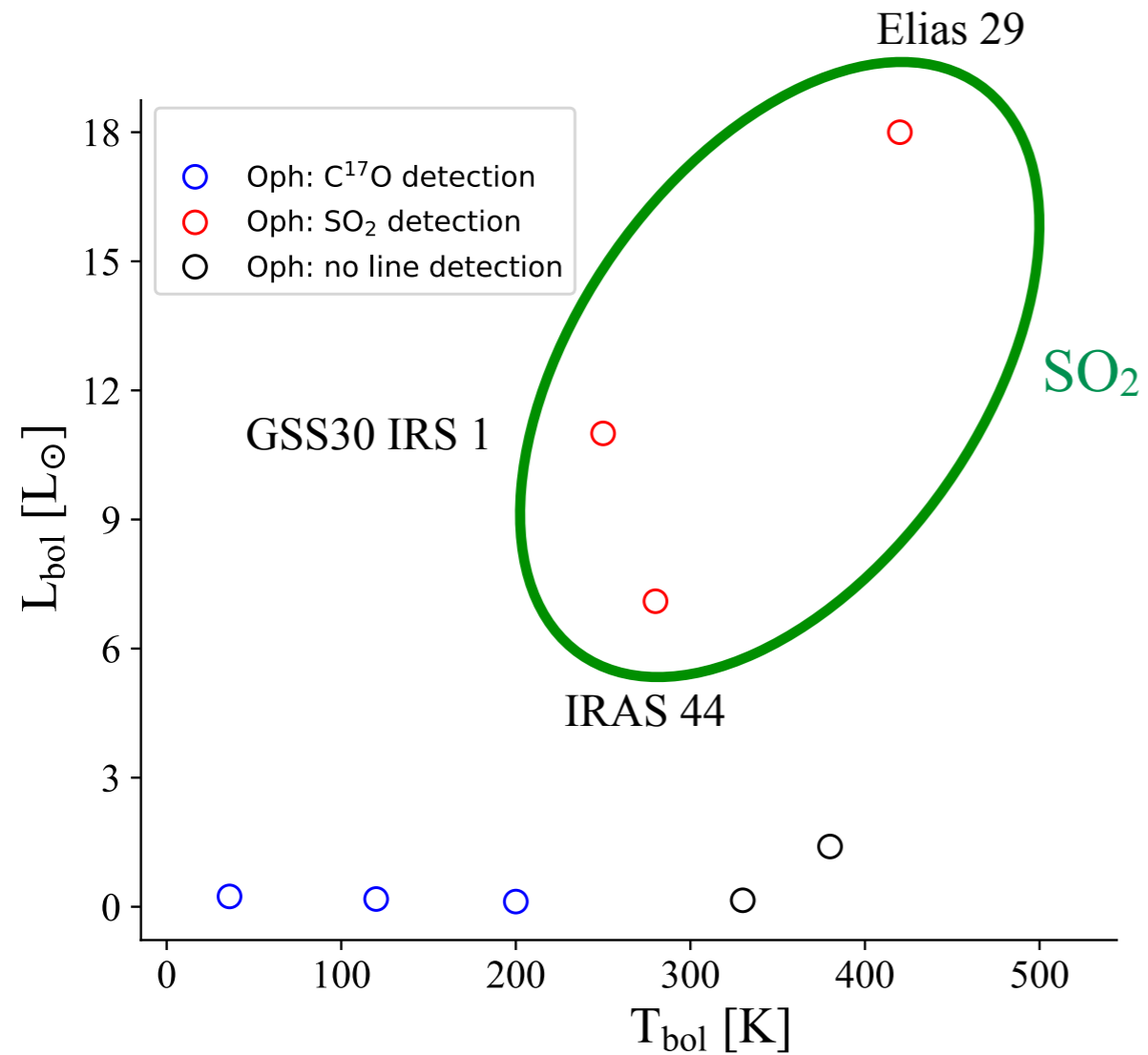
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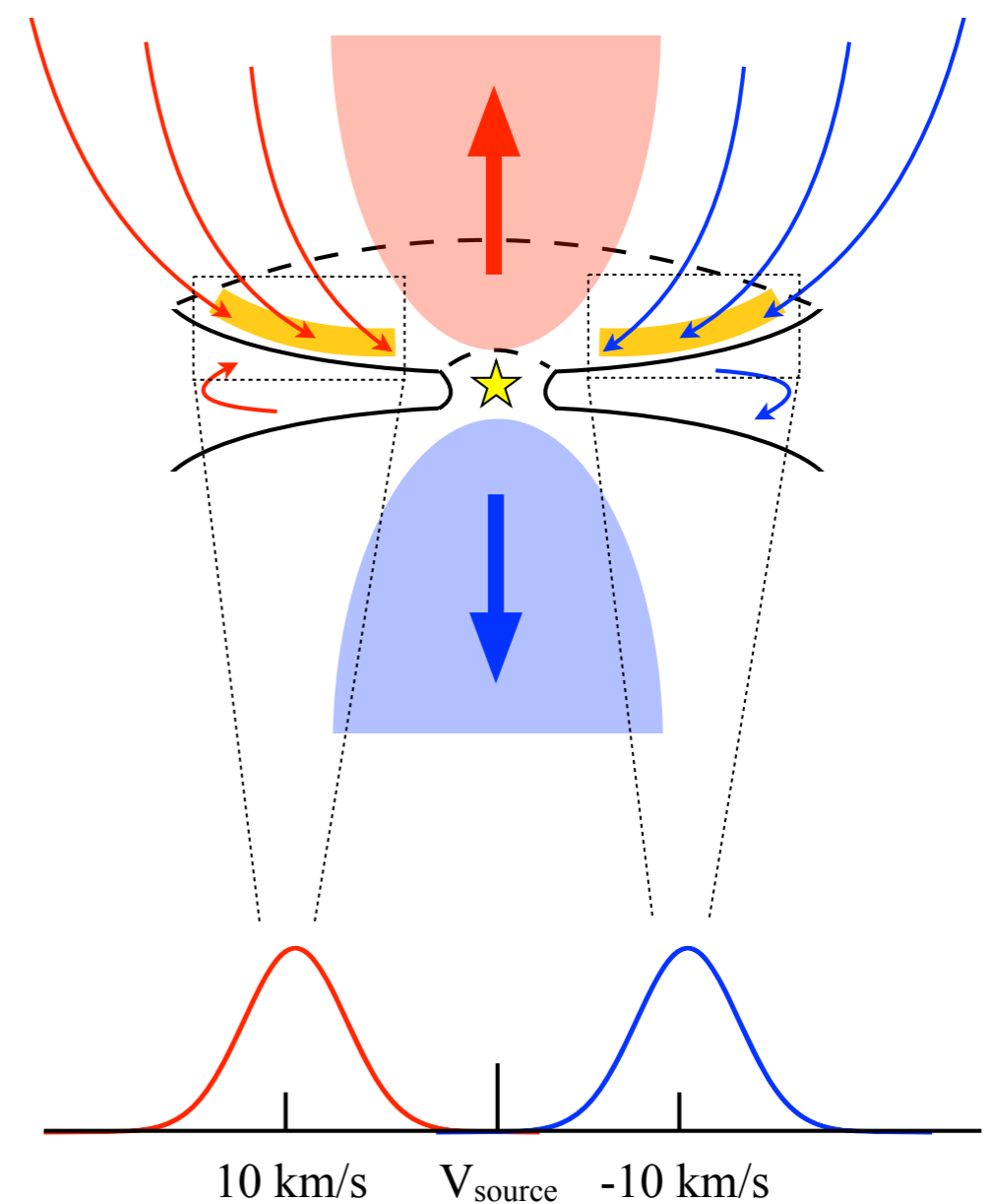


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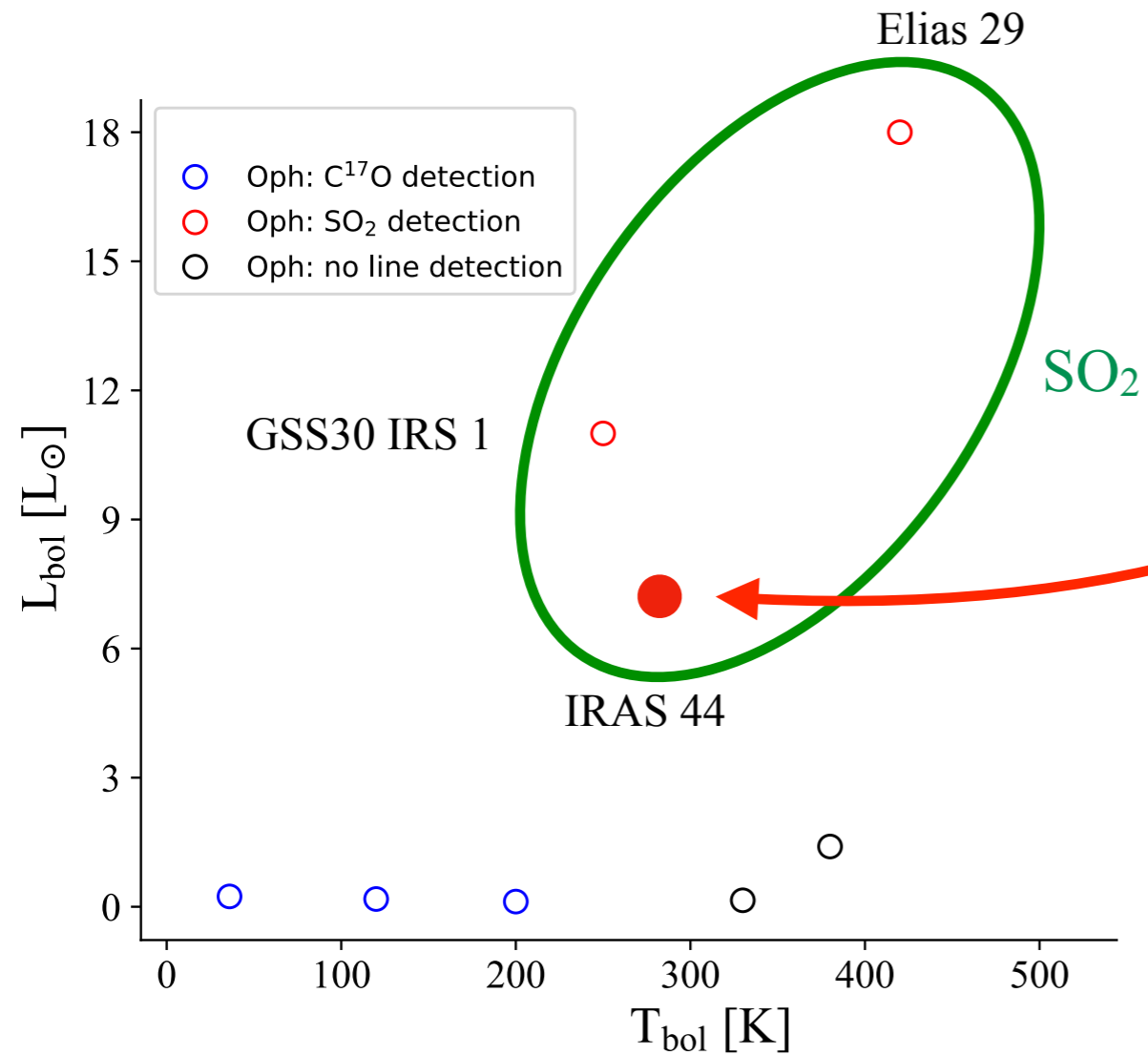
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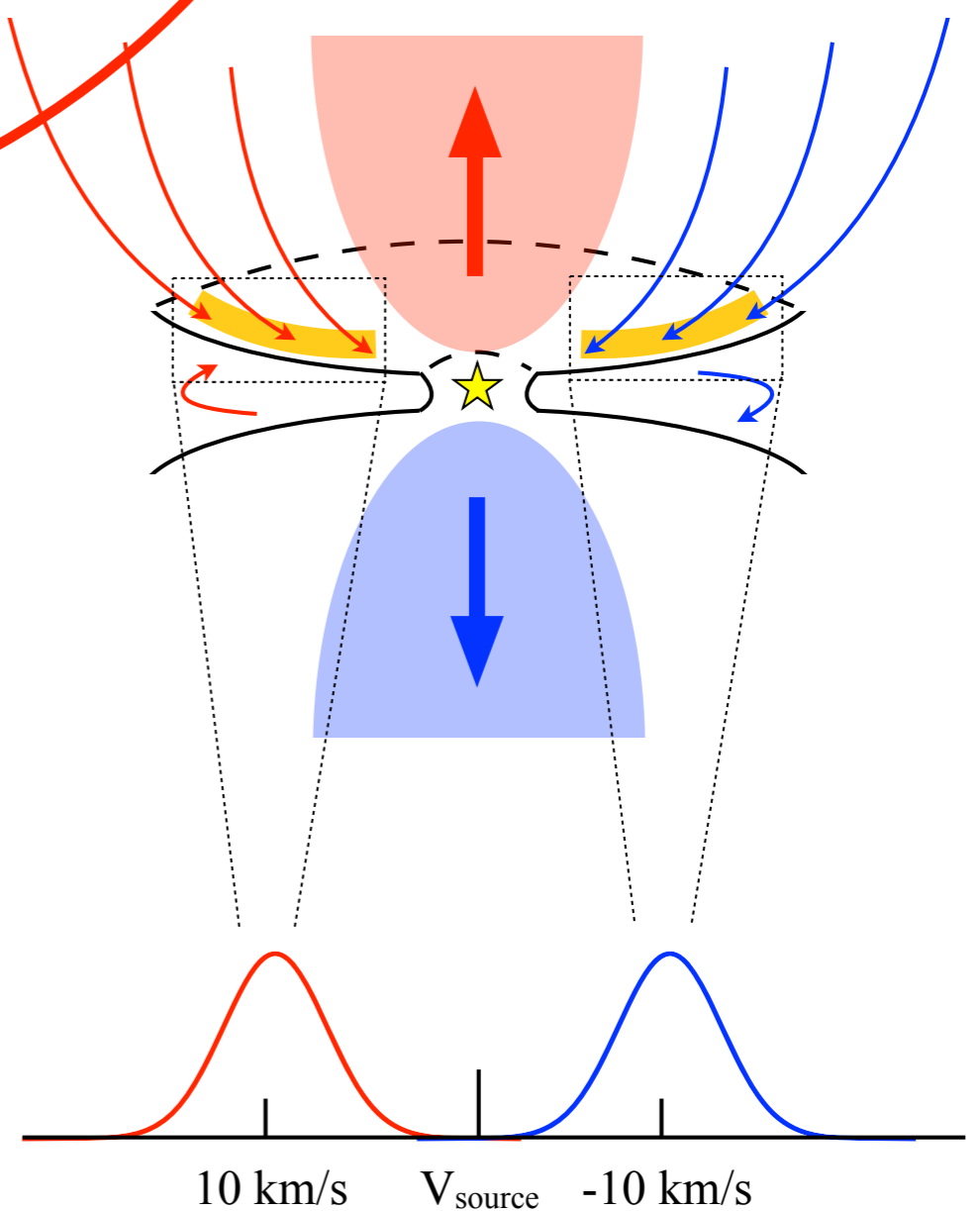


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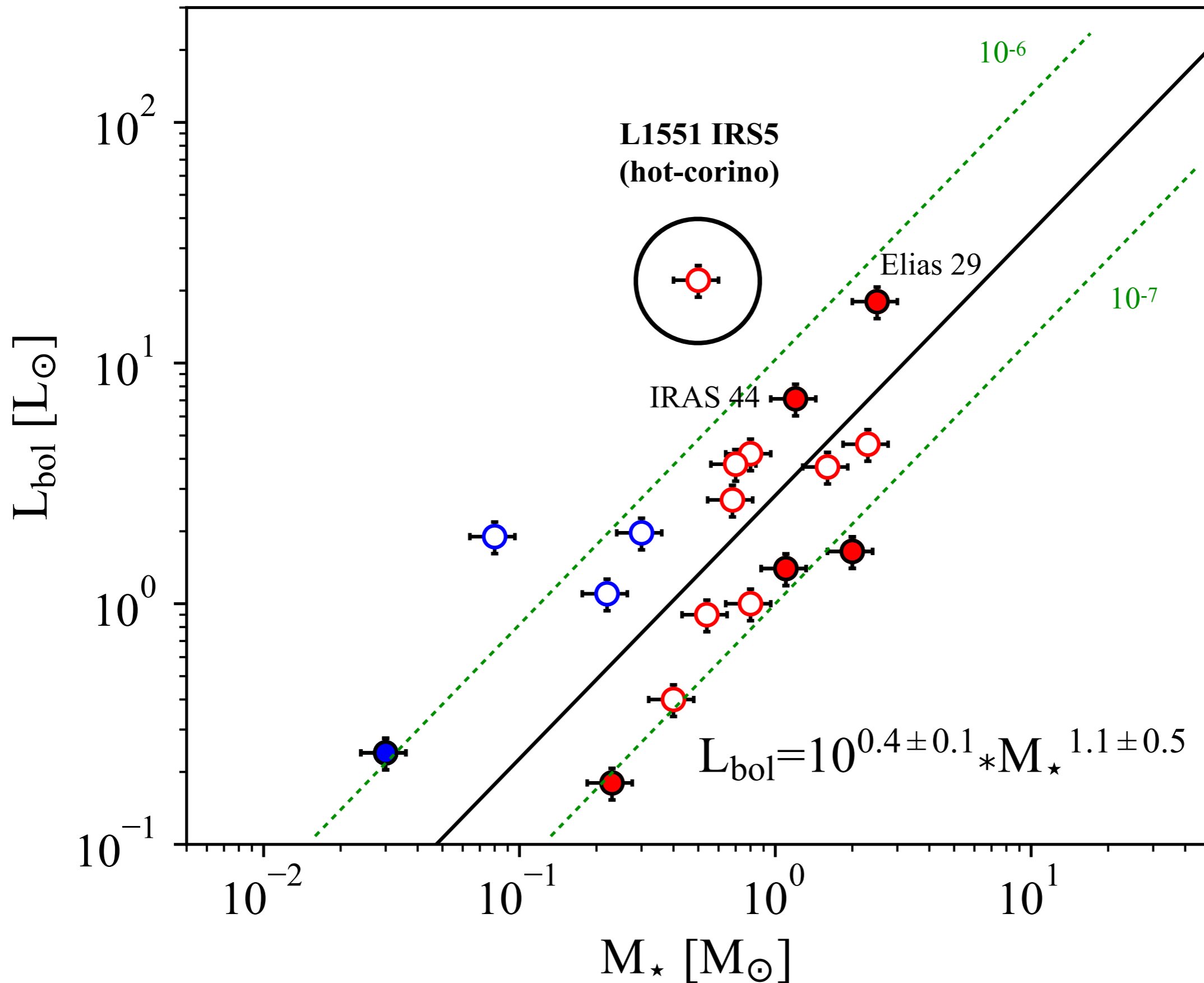
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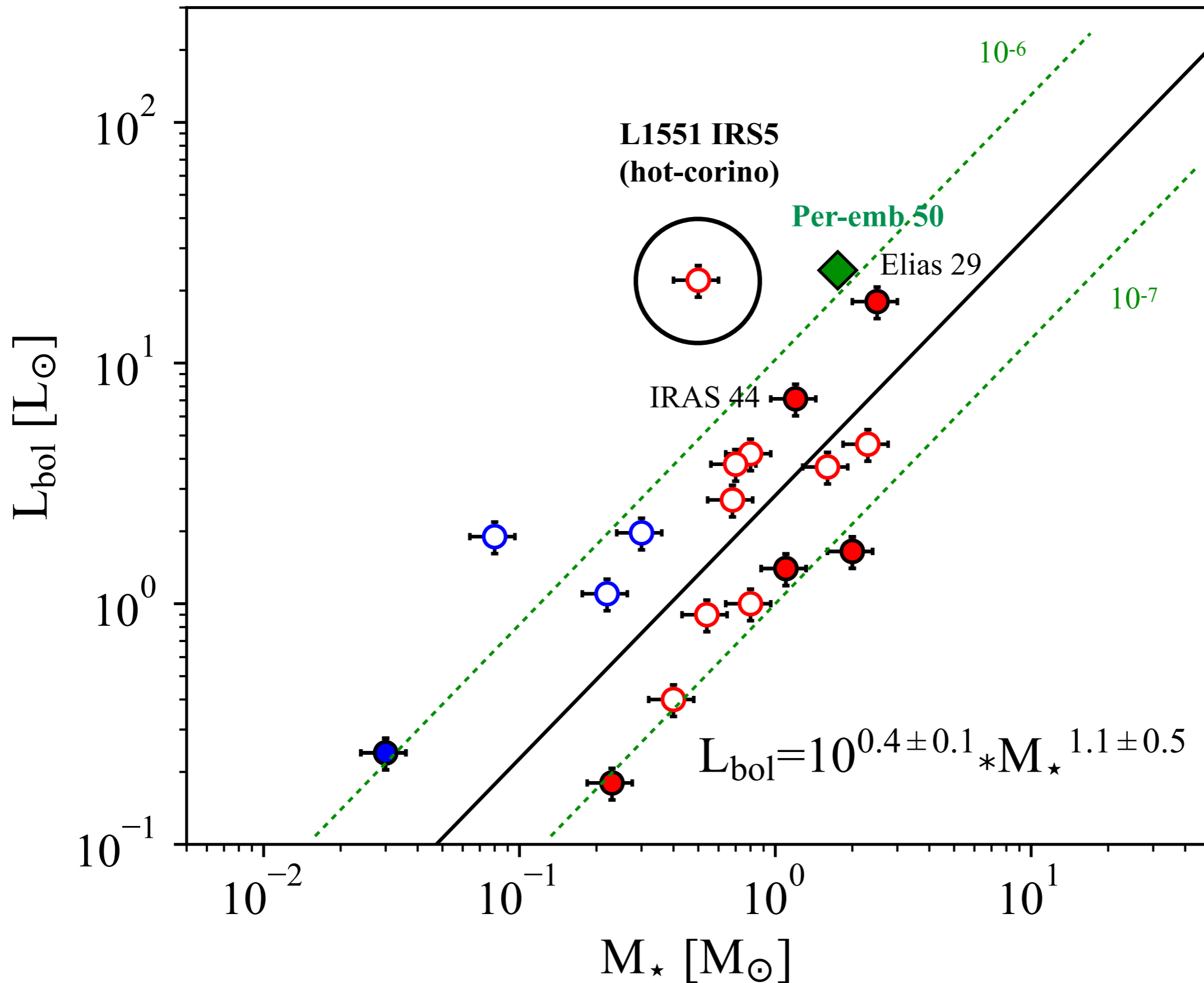


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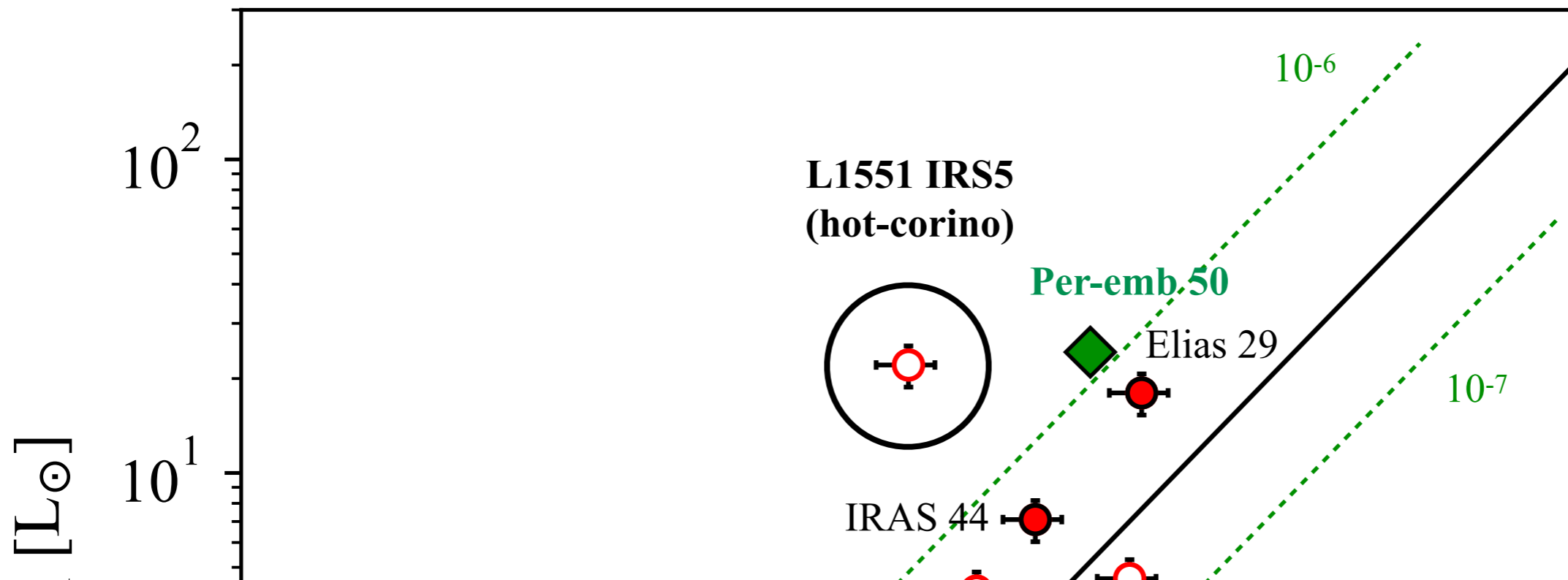


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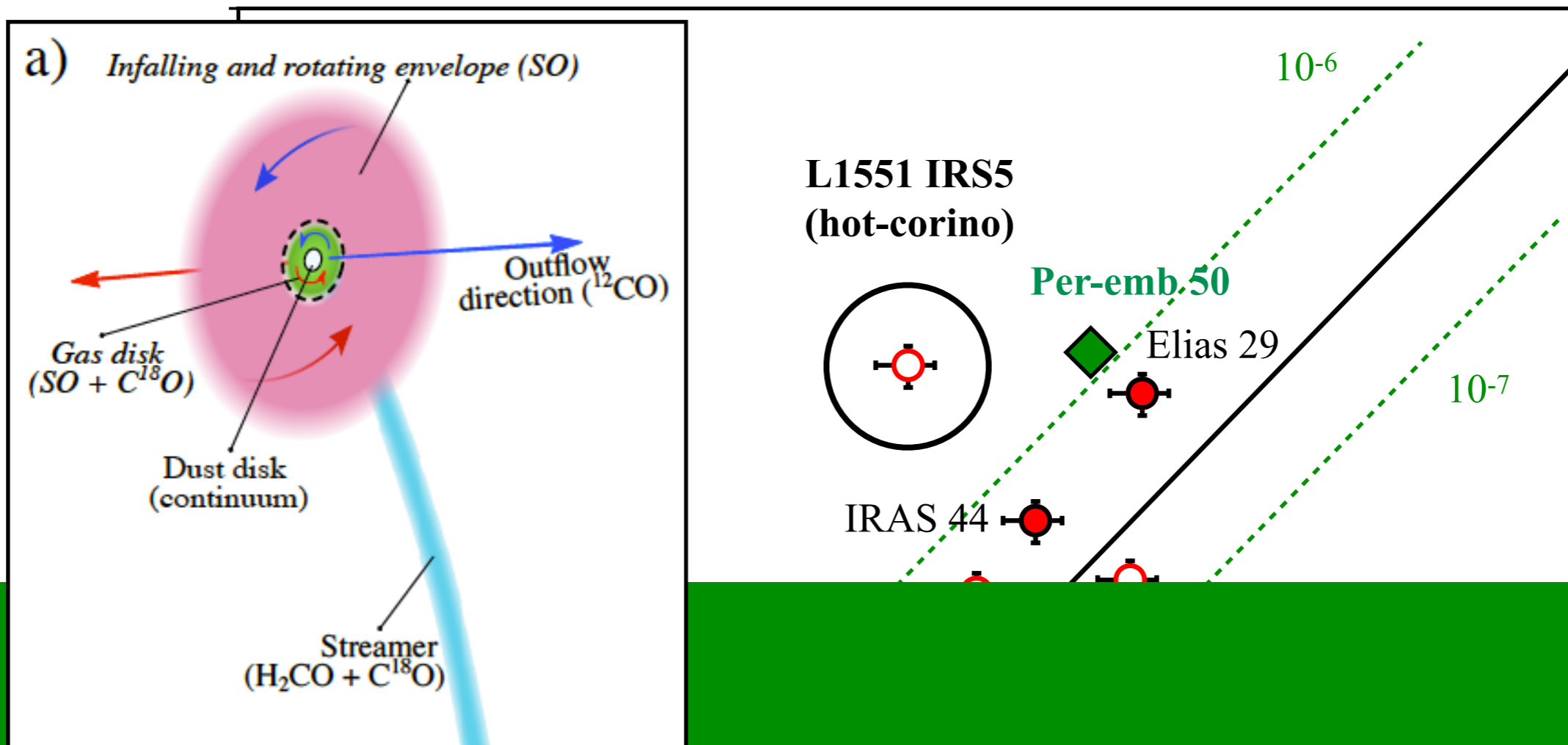
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# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

Detection of disk tracers is essential to separate the disk from the envelope component and to estimate  $M_{\star}$

$\langle \dot{M}_{\text{acc}} \rangle$  is too low for the accretion to be constant in time  
 $\Rightarrow$  Episodic accretion bursts

$$t_{\text{quiescent}} > t_{\text{active}}$$

SO<sub>2</sub> molecules seem to be linked to high  $\dot{M}_{\text{acc}}$ , accretion shocks, and the presence of infalling streamers

Streamers:  $\dot{M}_{\text{infall}}$  vs.  $\dot{M}_{\text{acc}}$

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