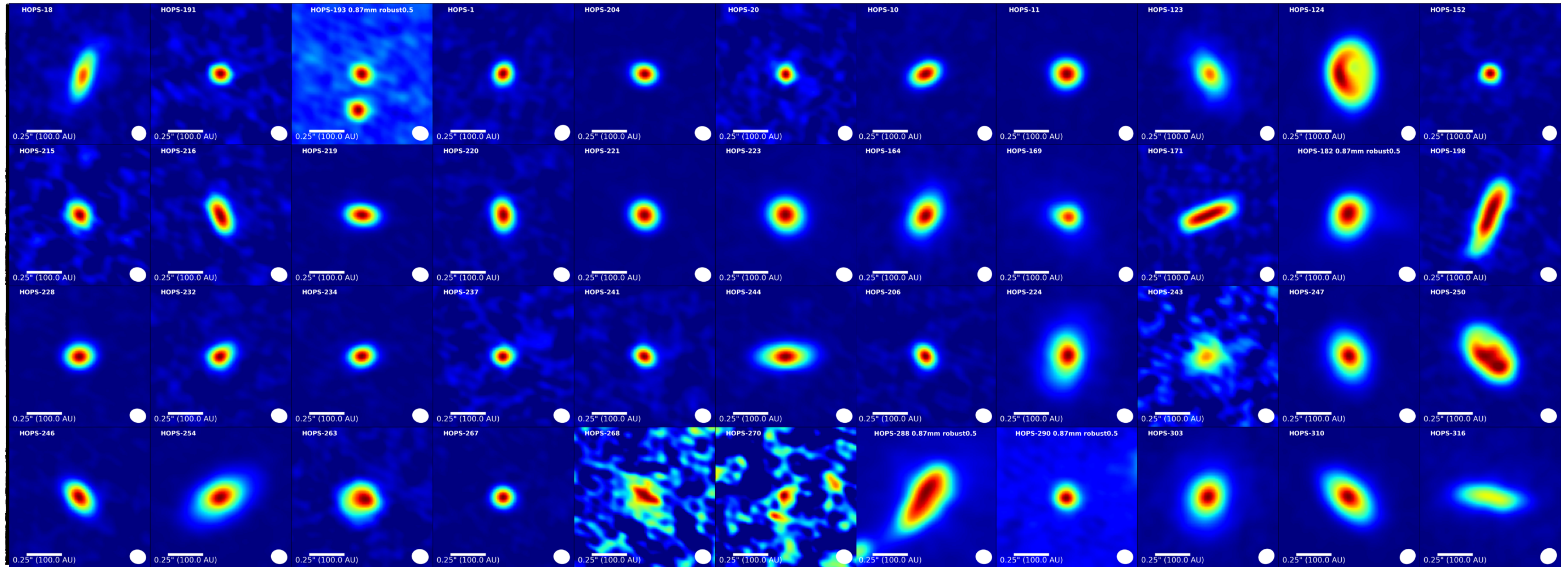


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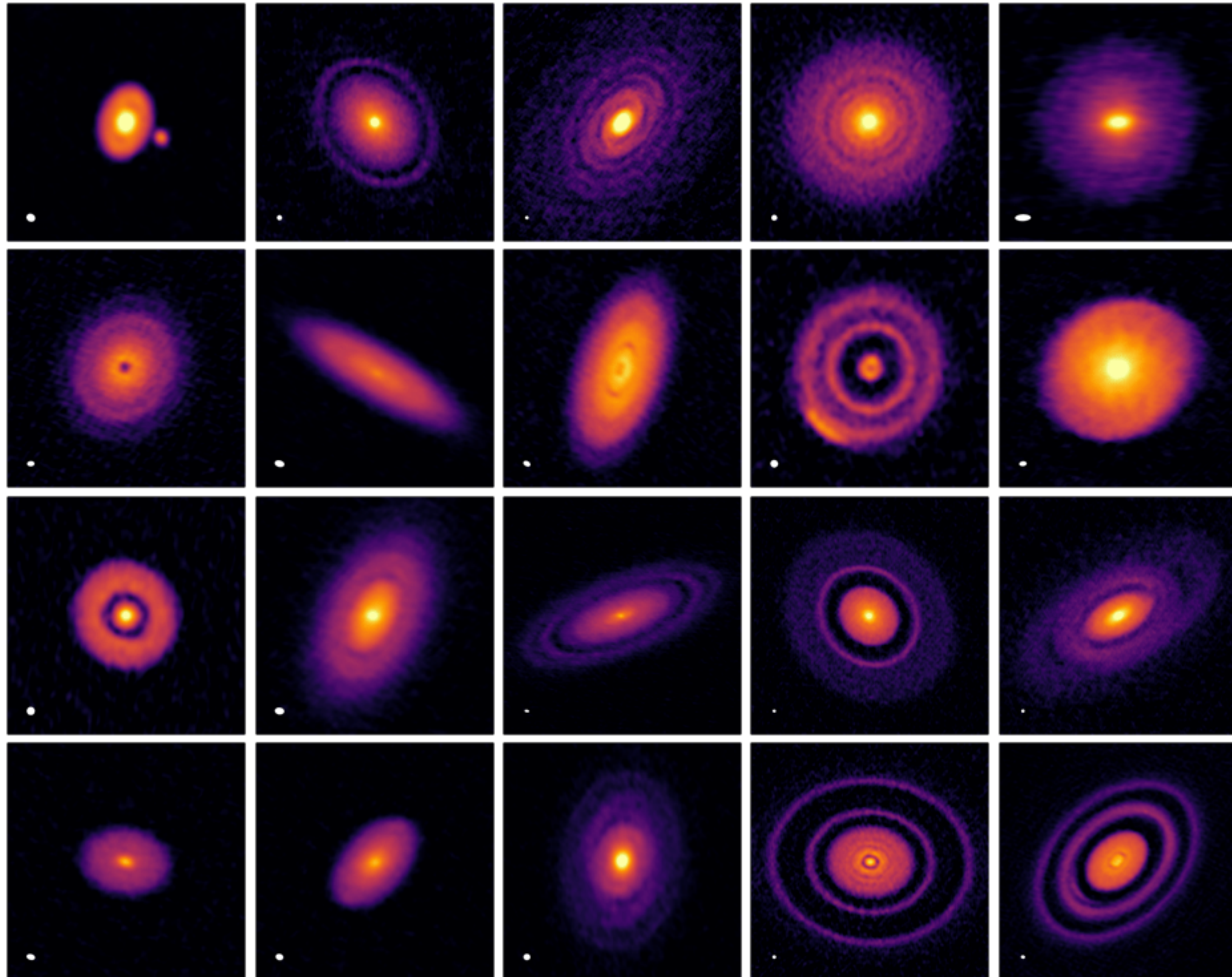
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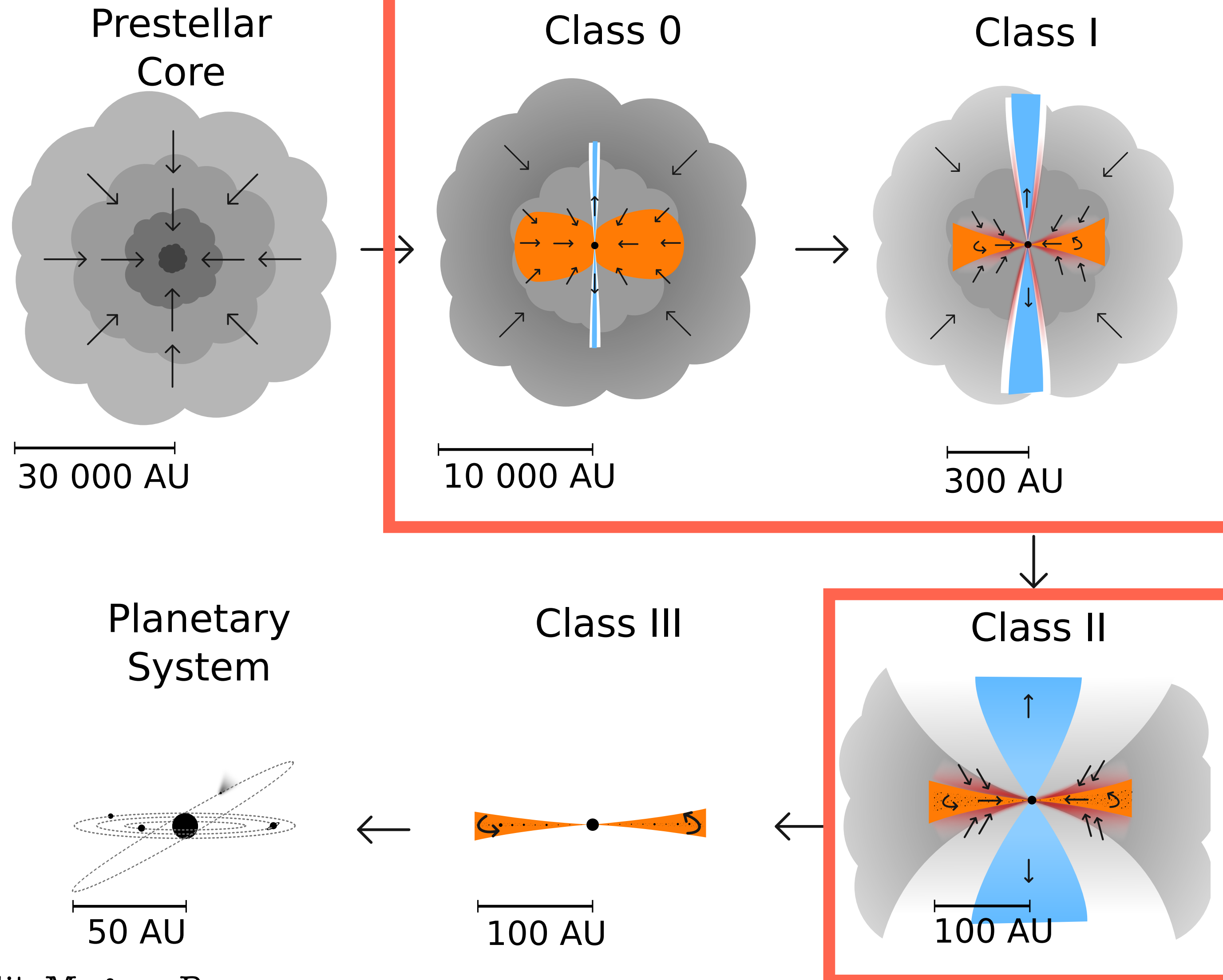


Substructures appear to be ubiquitous

Protoplanetary disk structures are not primordial

# Stages of Star Formation

## I. Why Embedded Disks?



“**Embedded**” disks

- The earliest stages of disks ( $t < 0.5 \text{ Myr}$ )
- Disk size a tracer of envelope collapse?
- Set the stage for disk evolution and planet formation

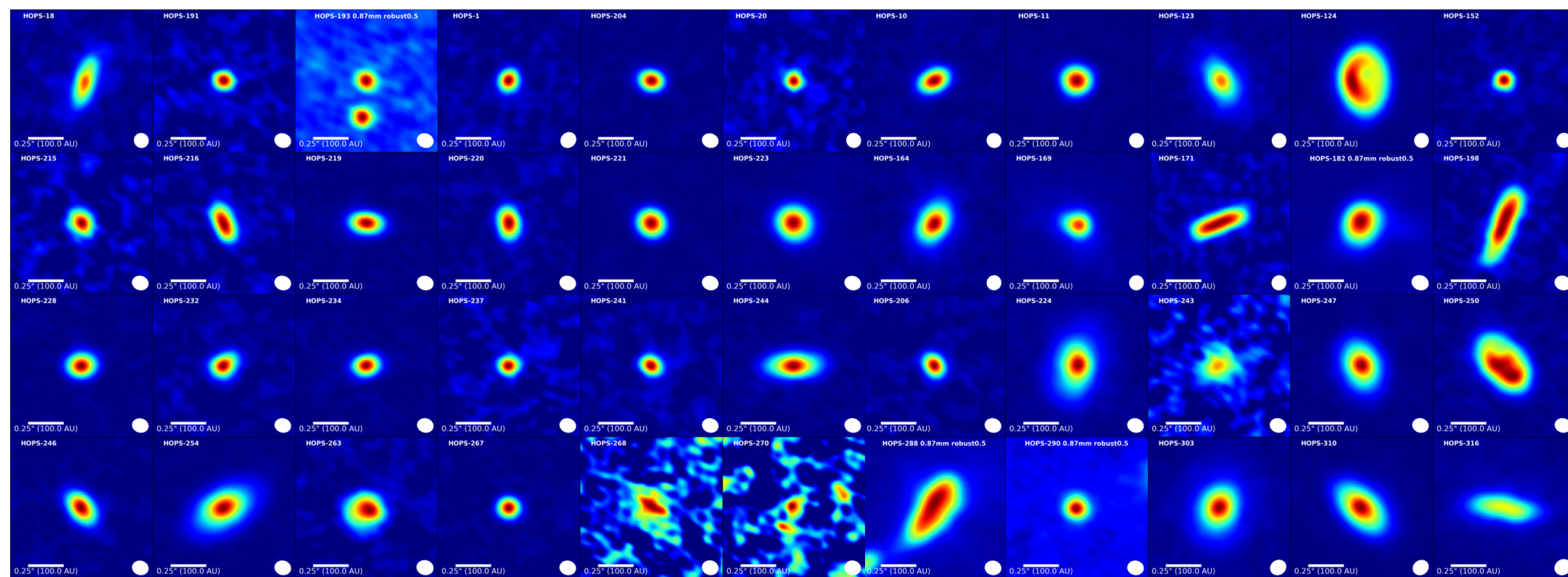
“**Protoplanetary**” disks

- Ages of **1-10 Myr**
- Where planets are forming?

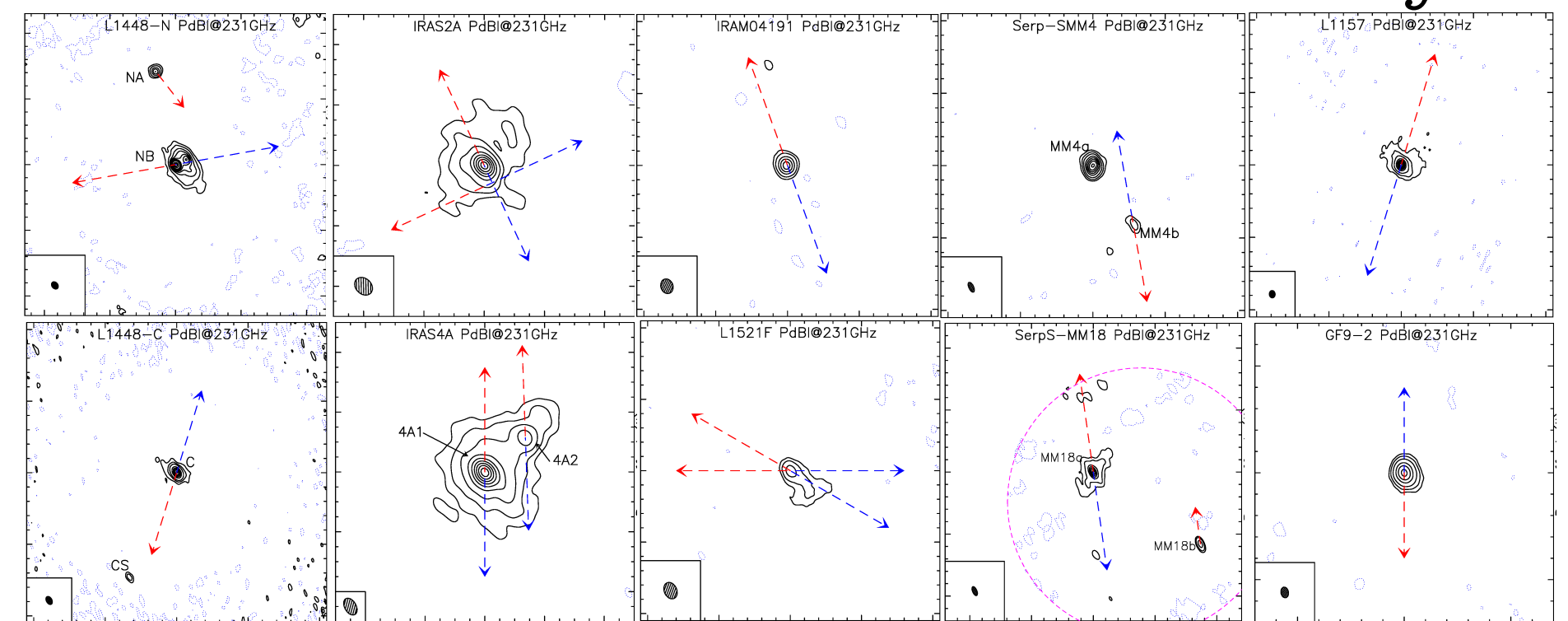
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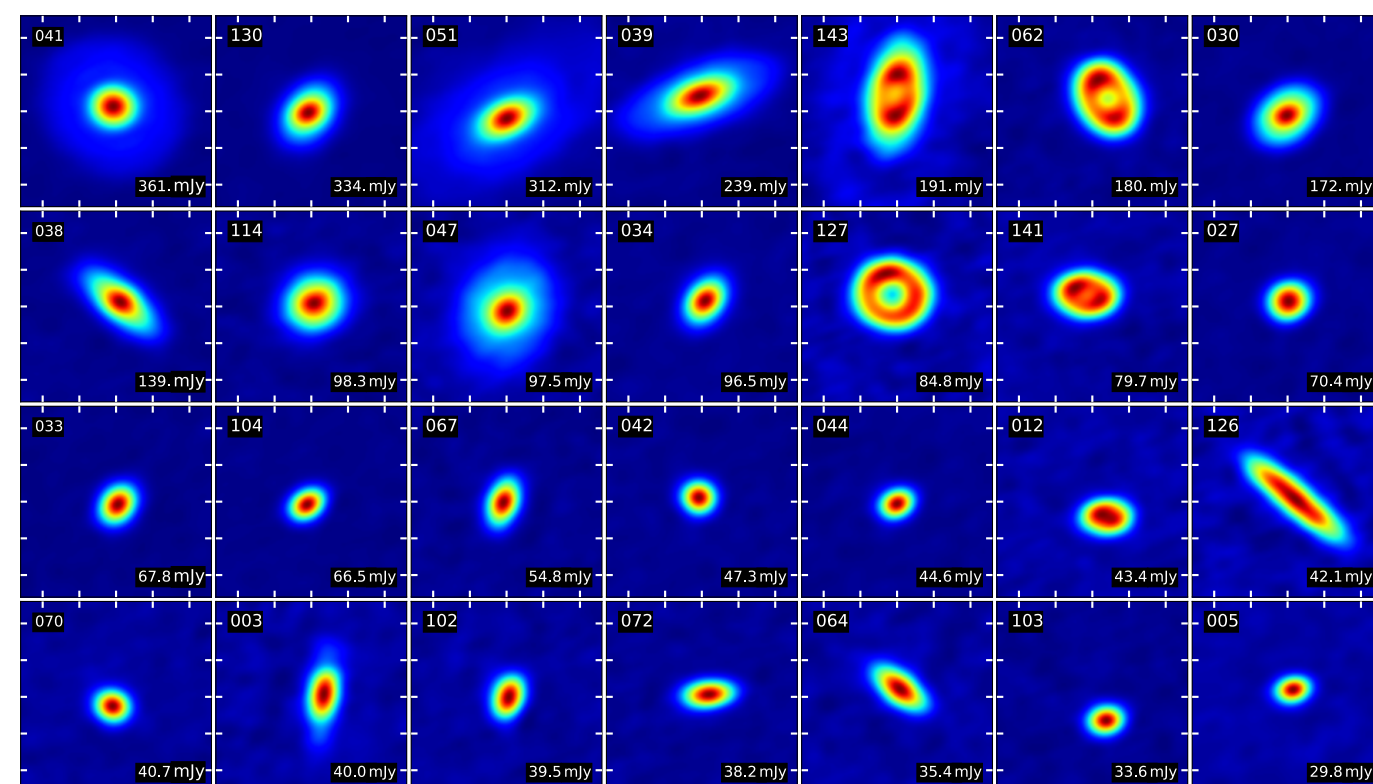
VANDAM: Orion  
300 Embedded Disks  
Tobin et al. 2020



CALYPSO (PdBI)  
16 Embedded Disks  
Maury et al. 2019



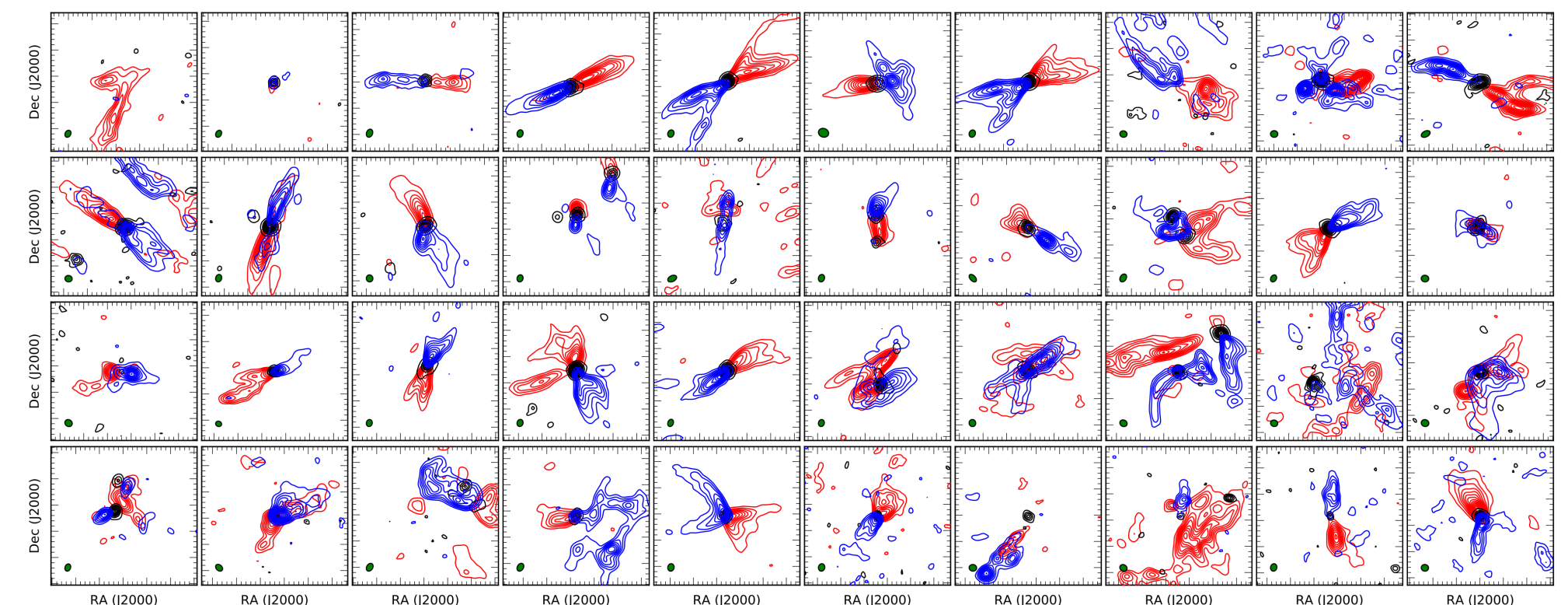
ODISEA: Ophiuchus  
78 Embedded Disks



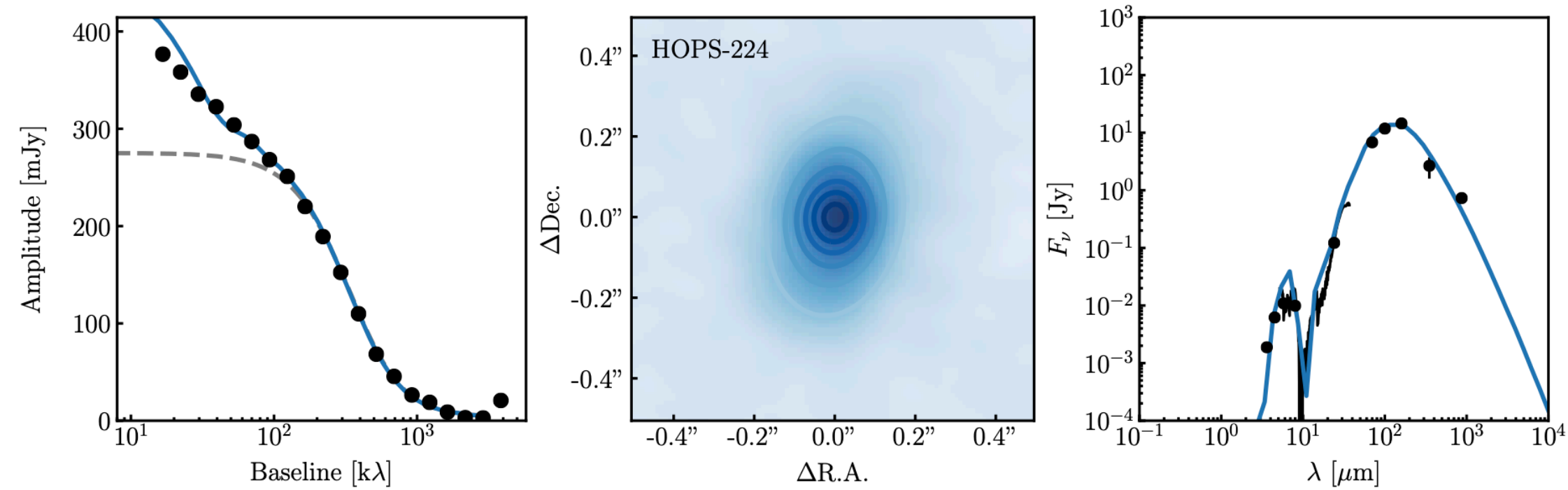
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MASSES (SMA) - Perseus  
74 Embedded Disks

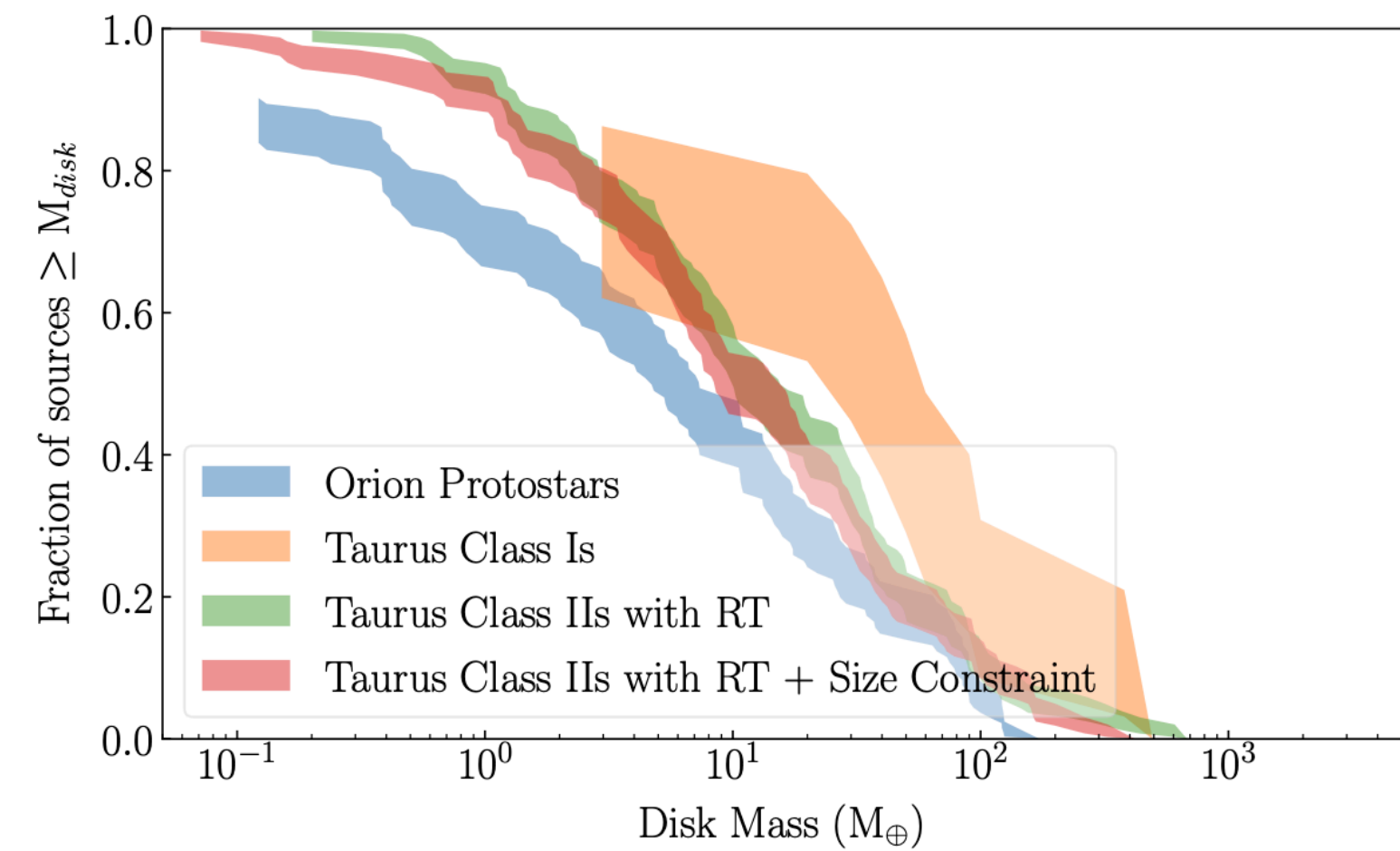
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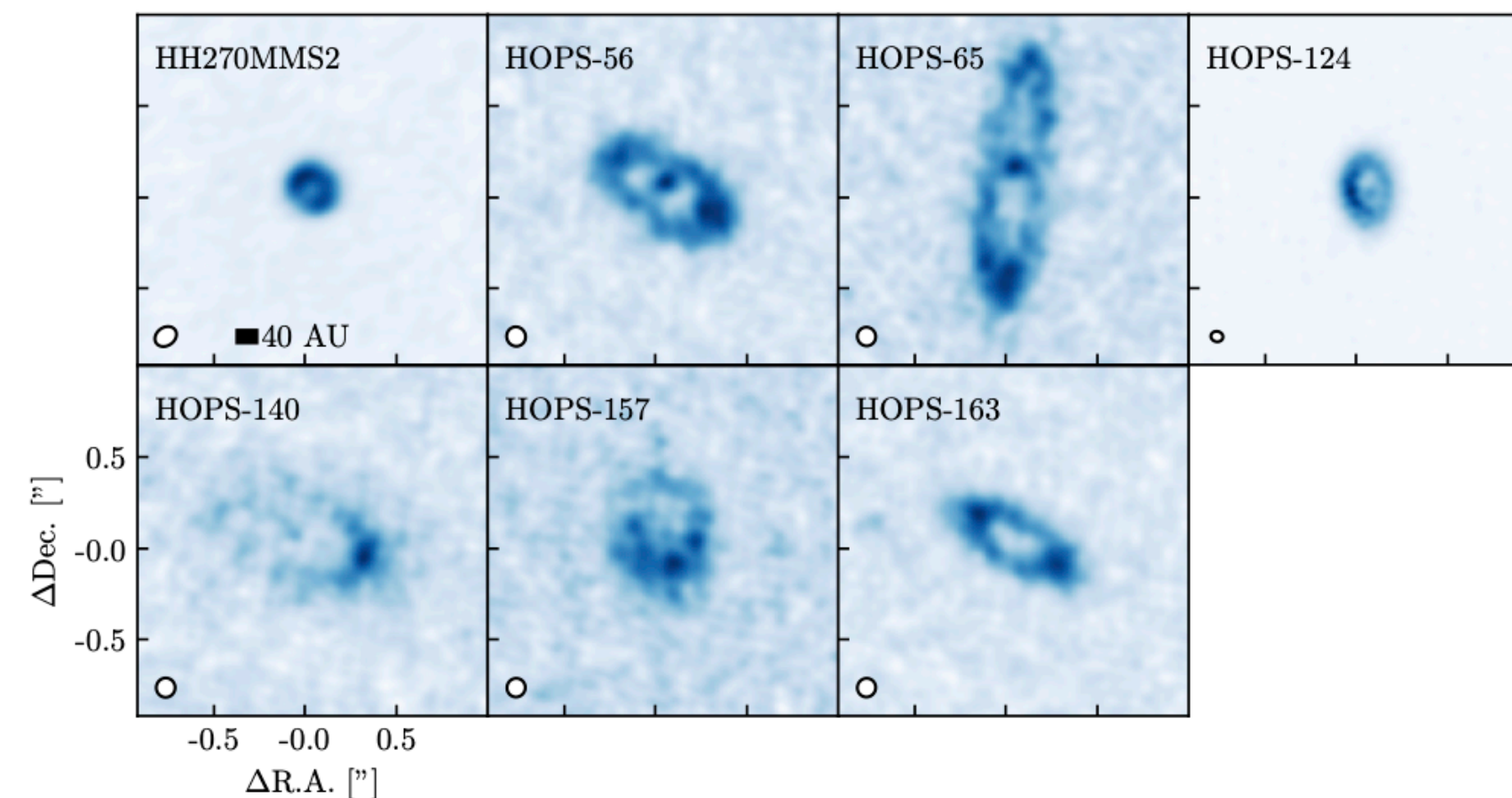
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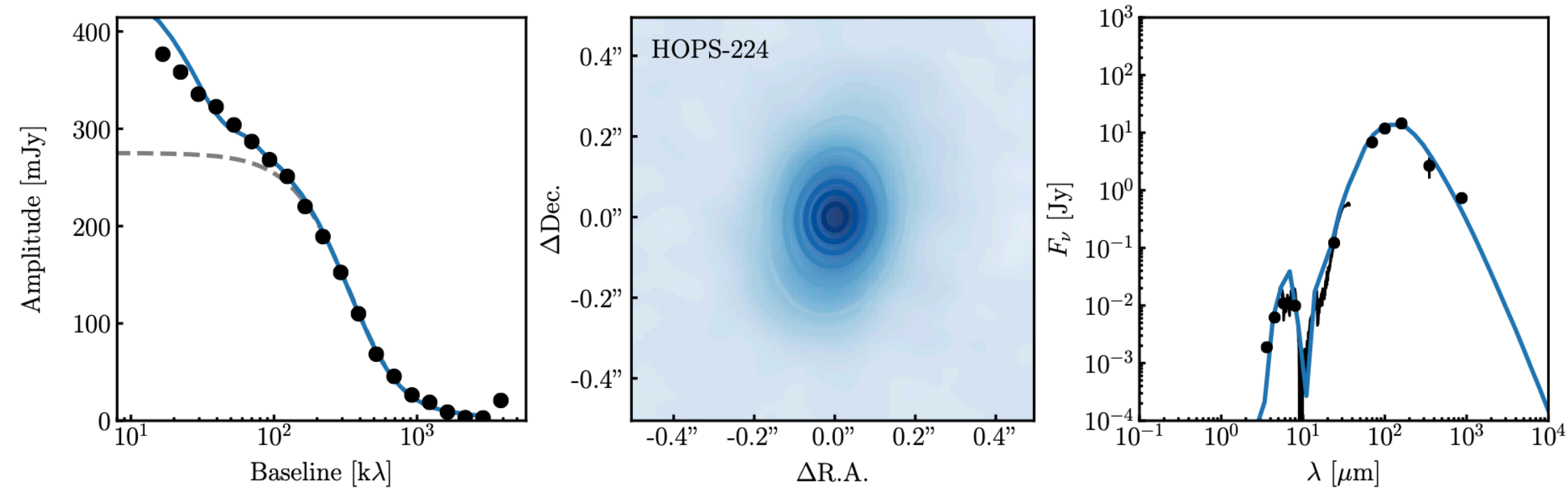
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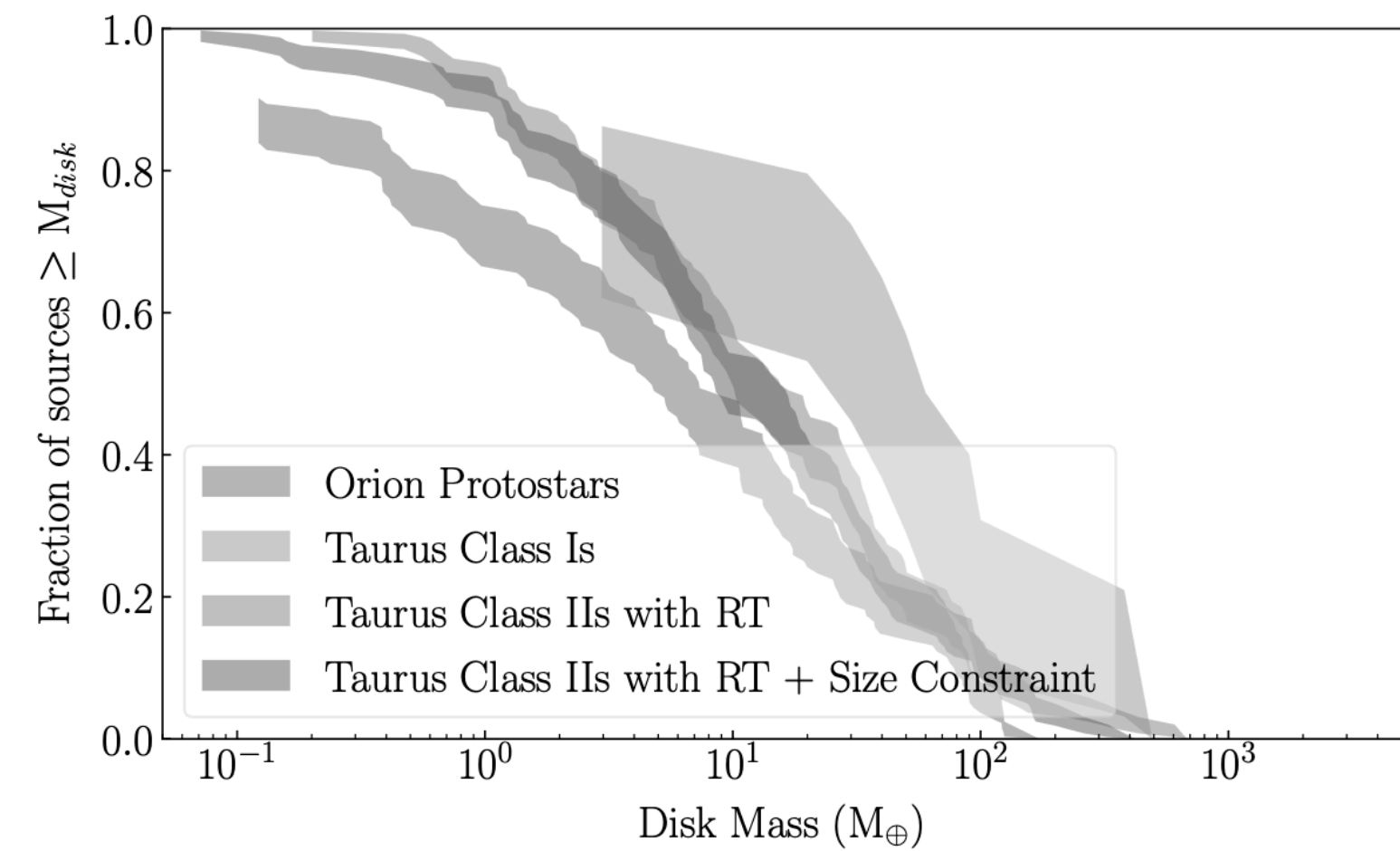
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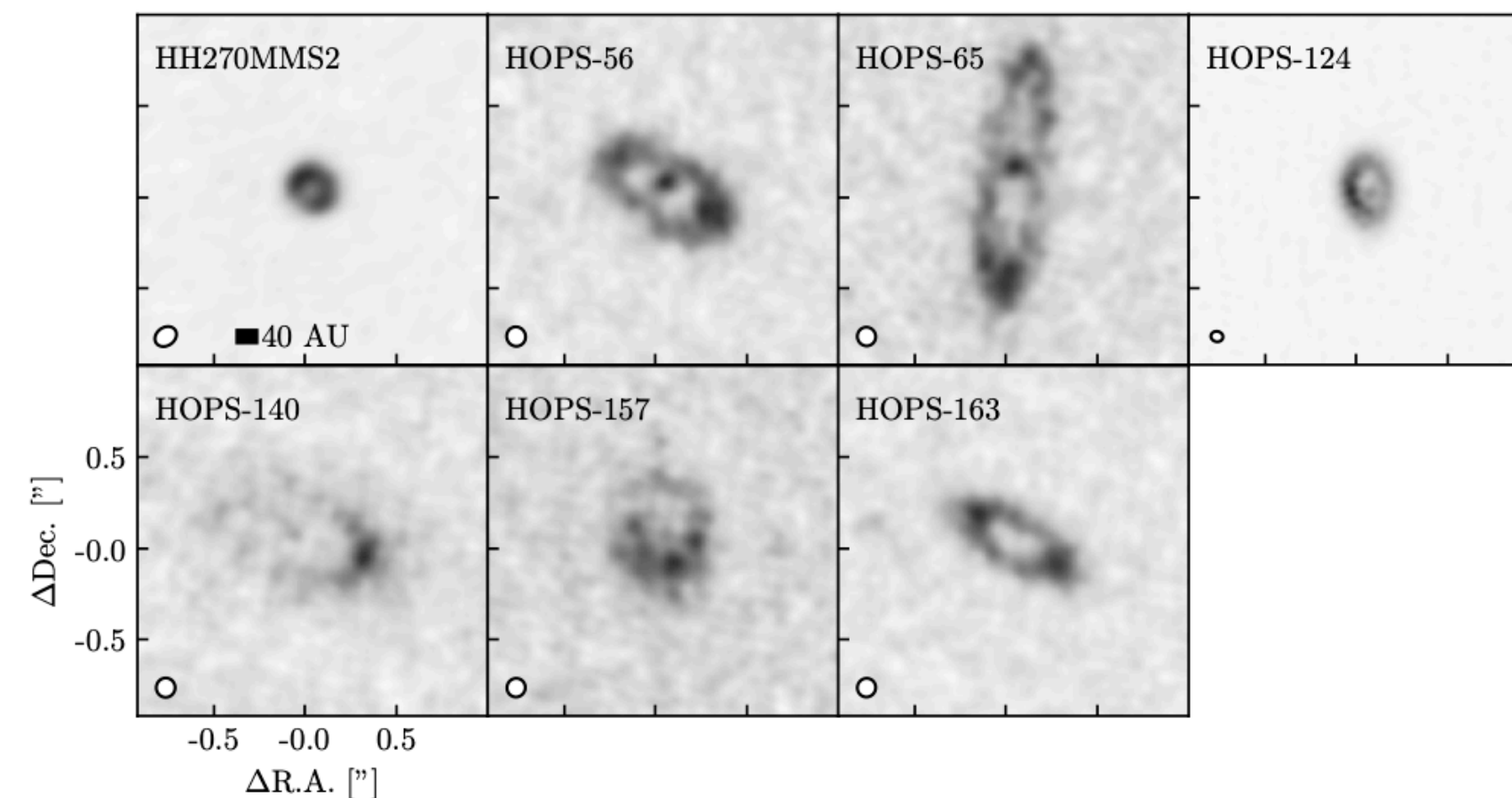
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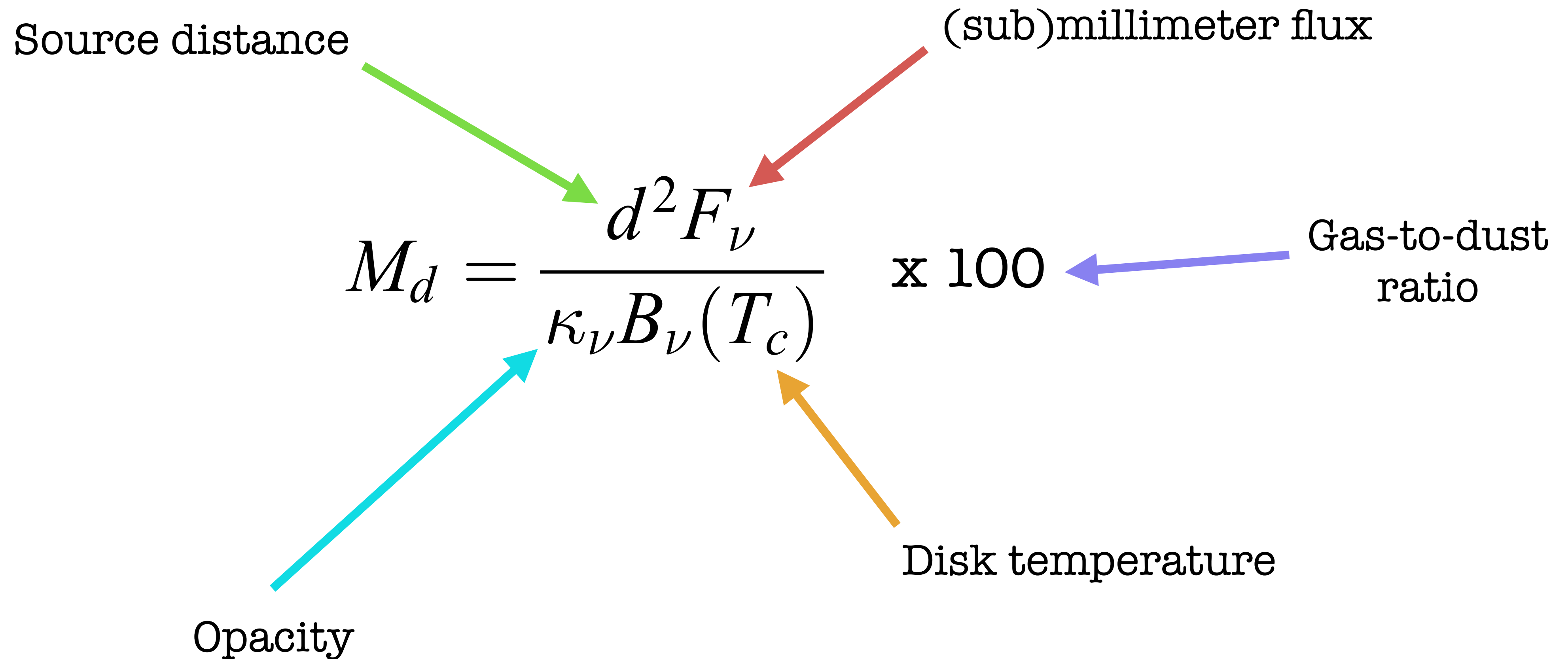
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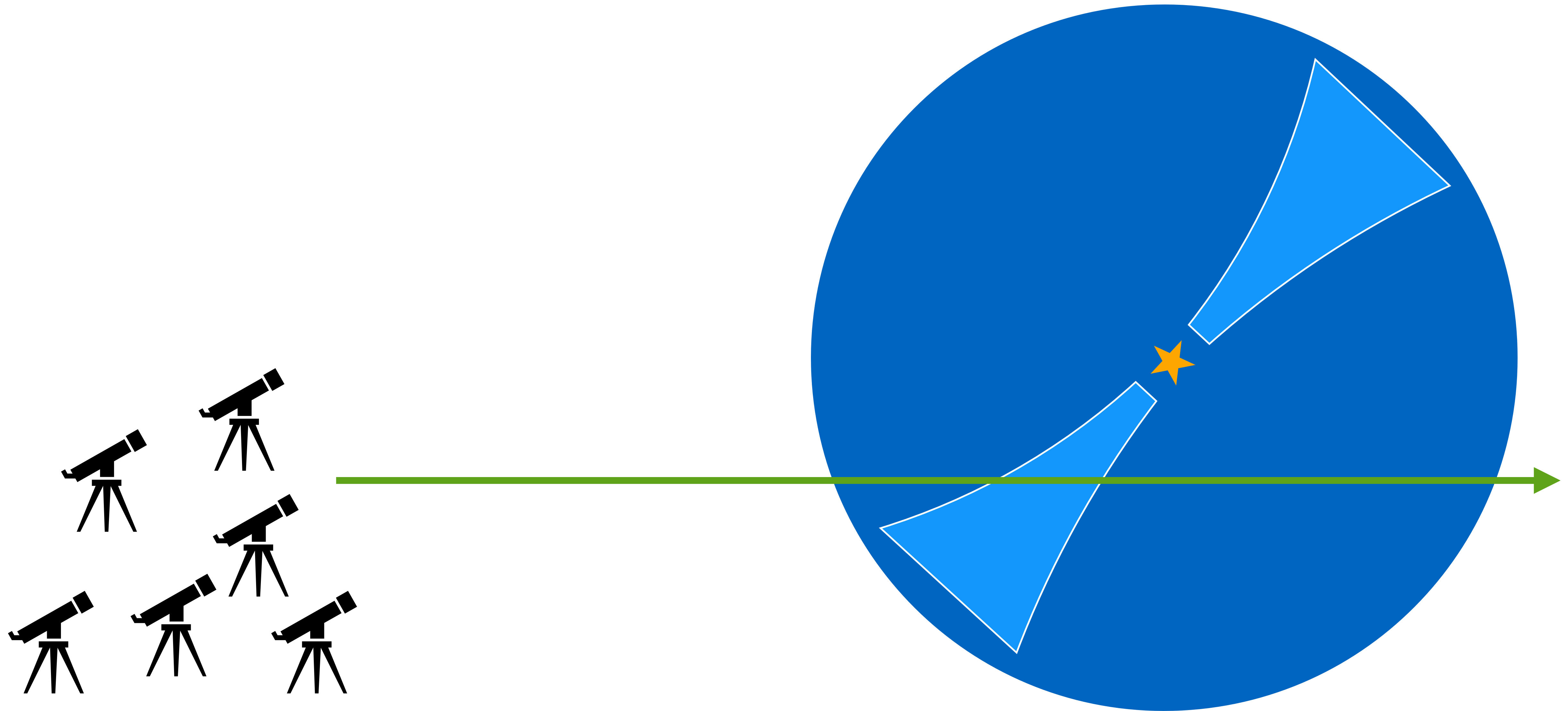
# Radio Brightness is a Proxy for Disk Mass and Size

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# For Embedded Disks, Envelope Matters

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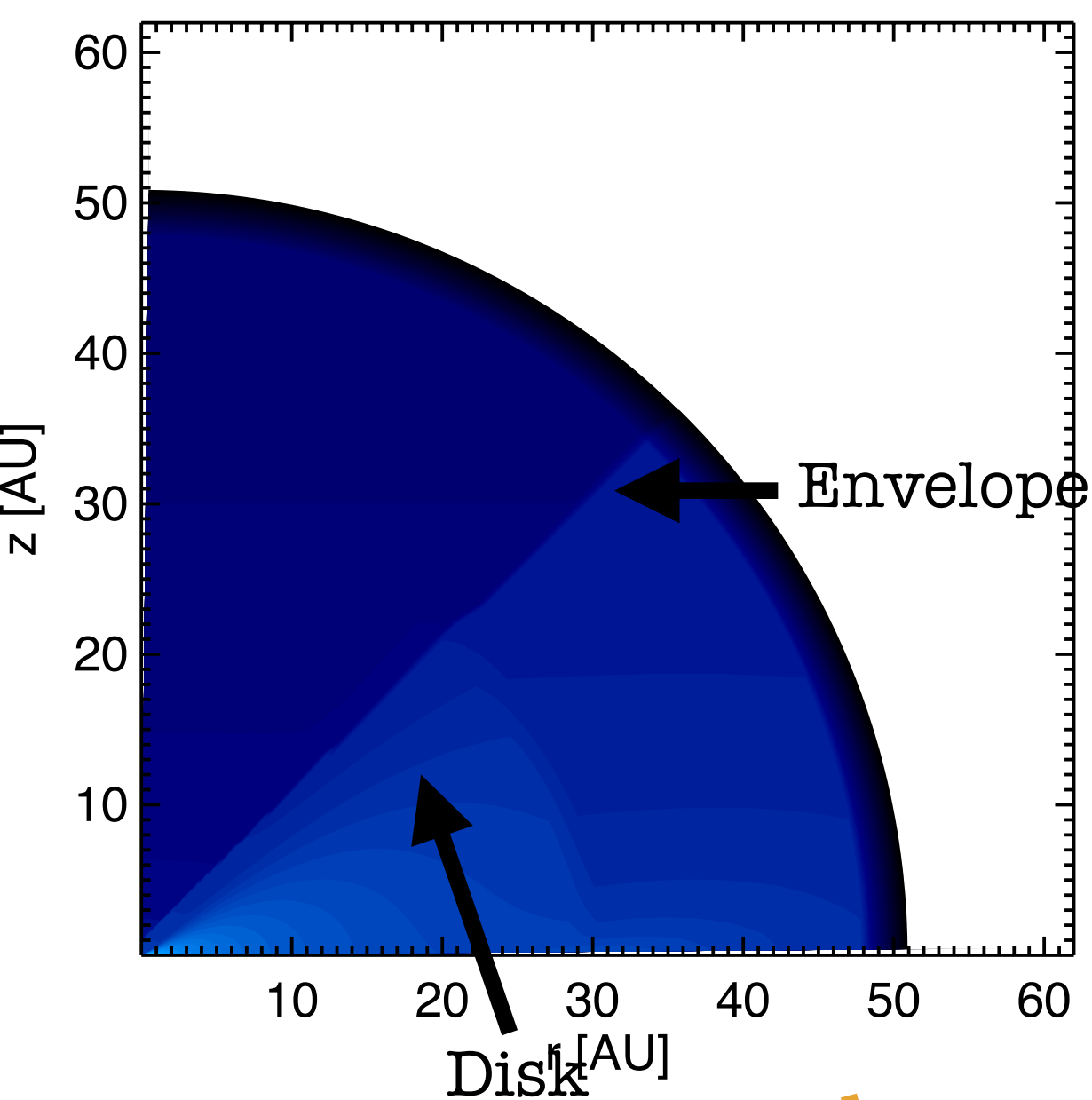


# Radiative Transfer Forward Modeling

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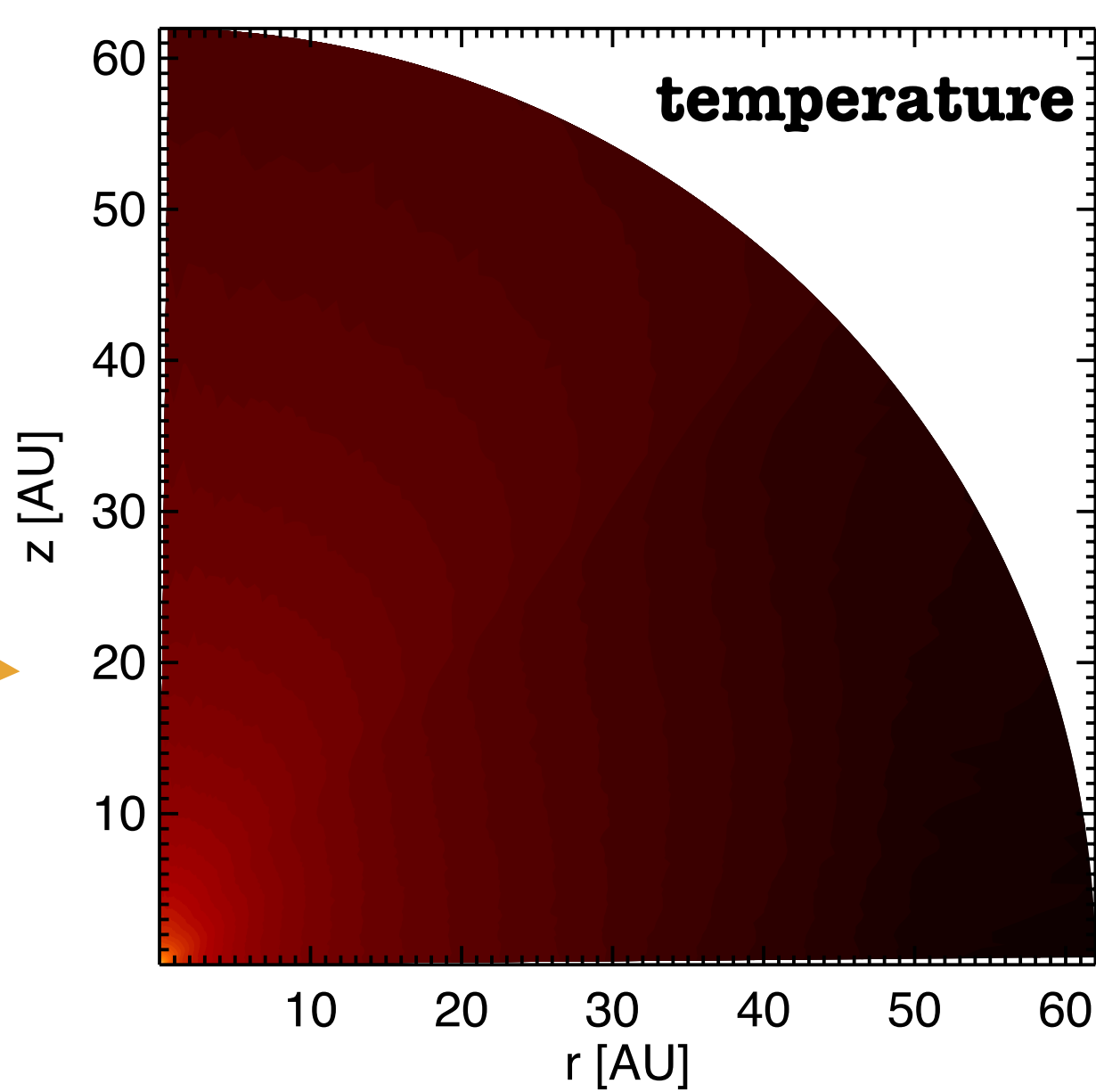
[pds.py.readthedocs.io](https://pds.py.readthedocs.io)

**parametric density distribution**  
disk + envelope + outflow cavity

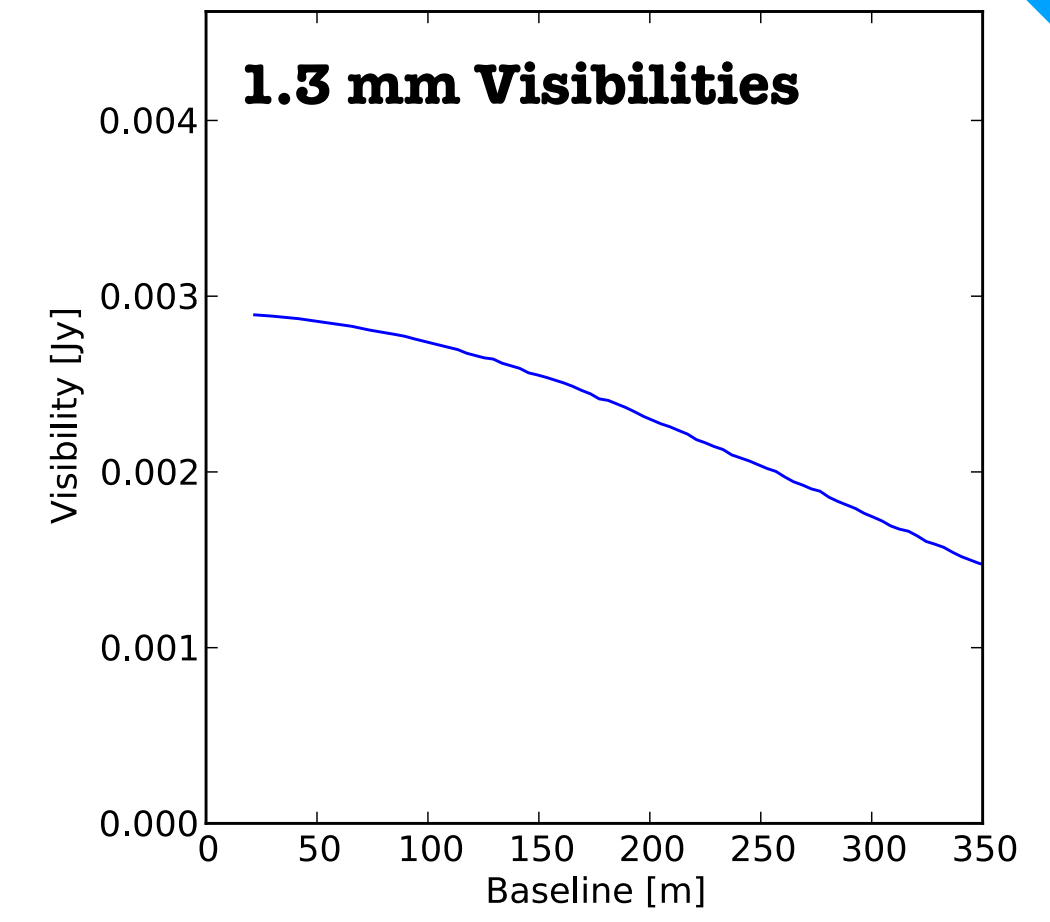
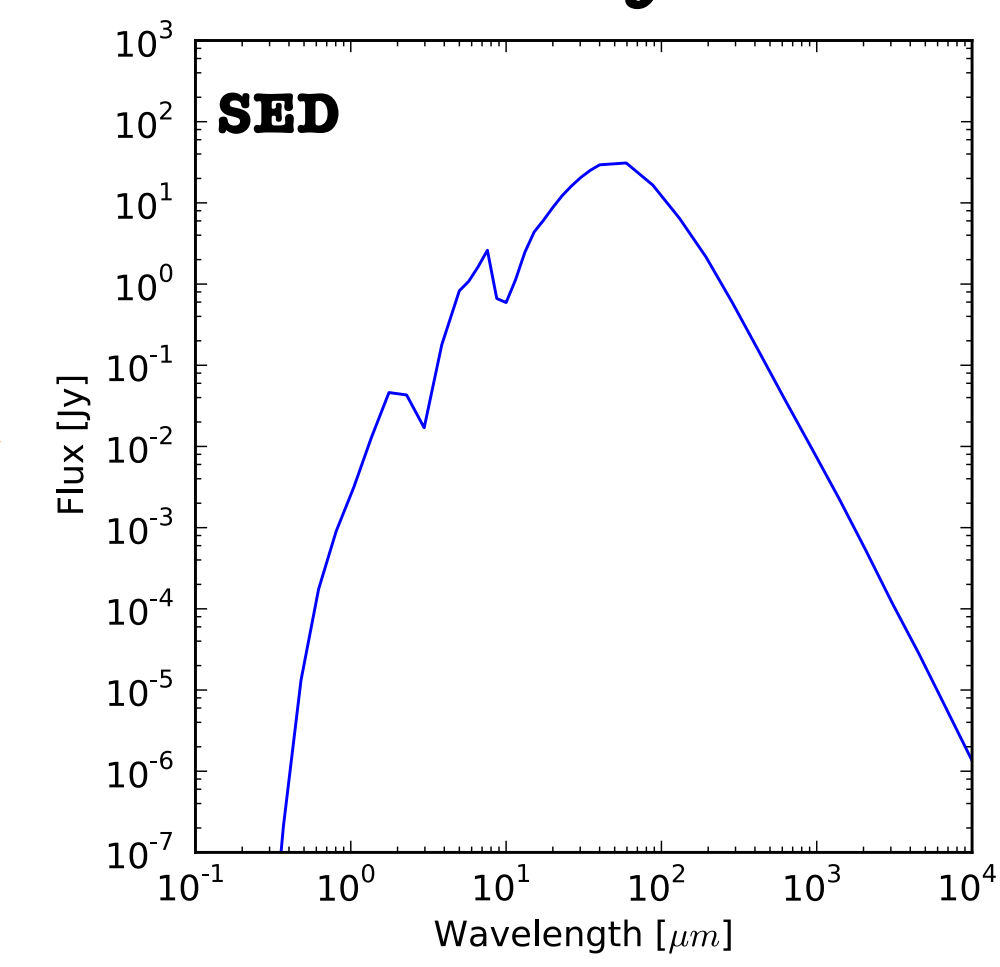


Raytracing with  
RADMC-3D

Radiative Equilibrium with  
RADMC-3D



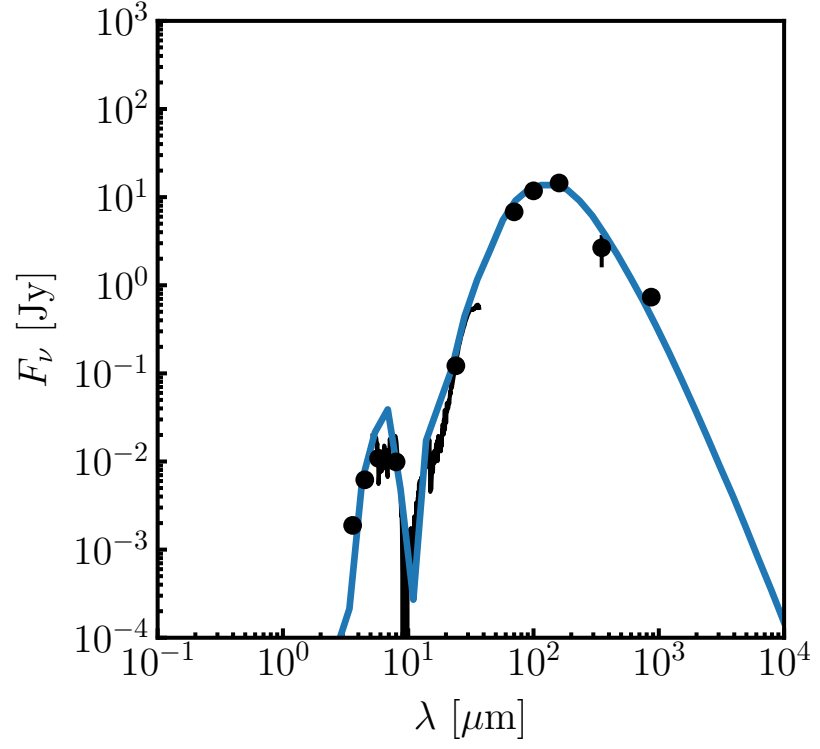
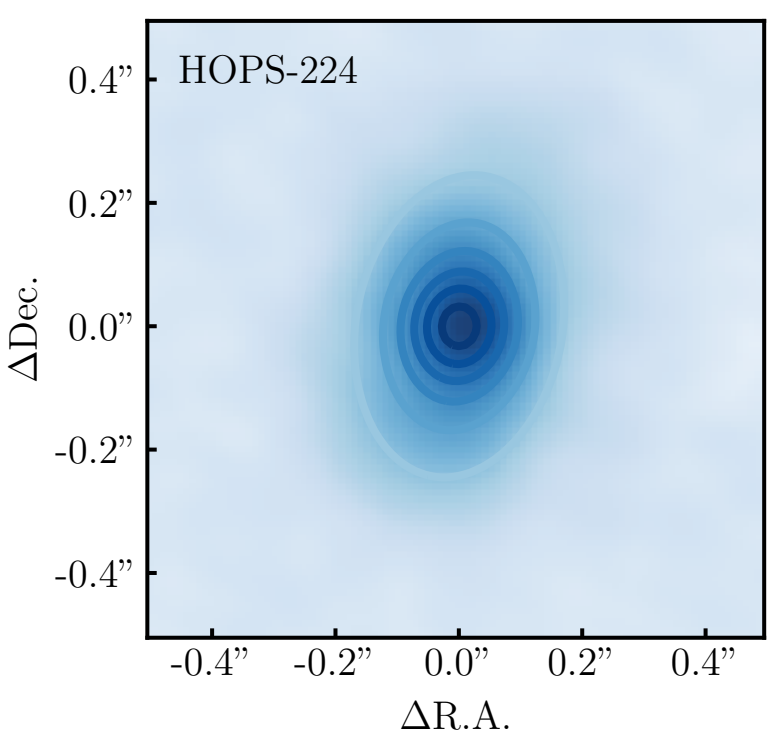
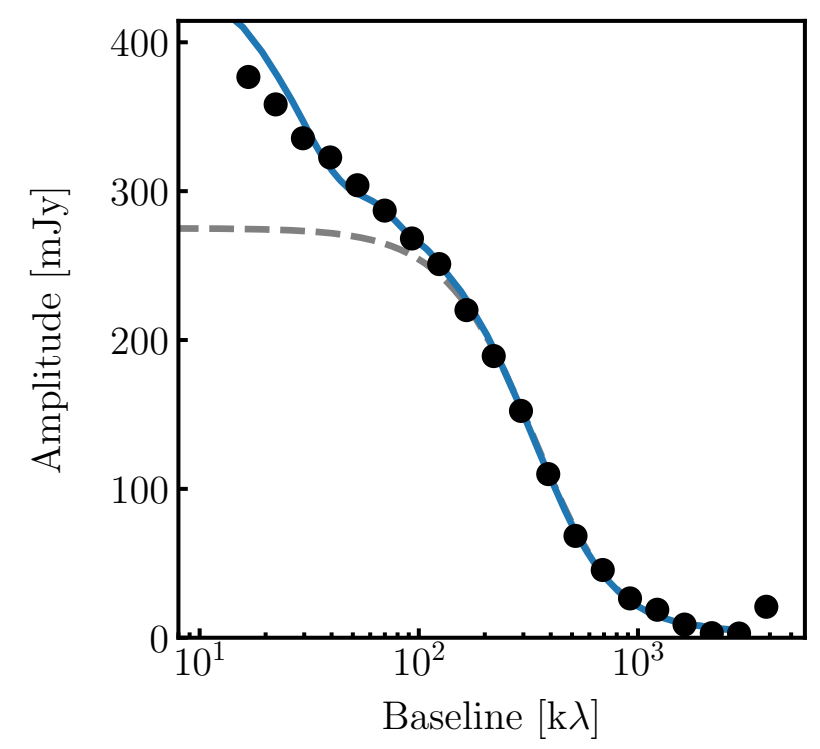
**synthetic observations**



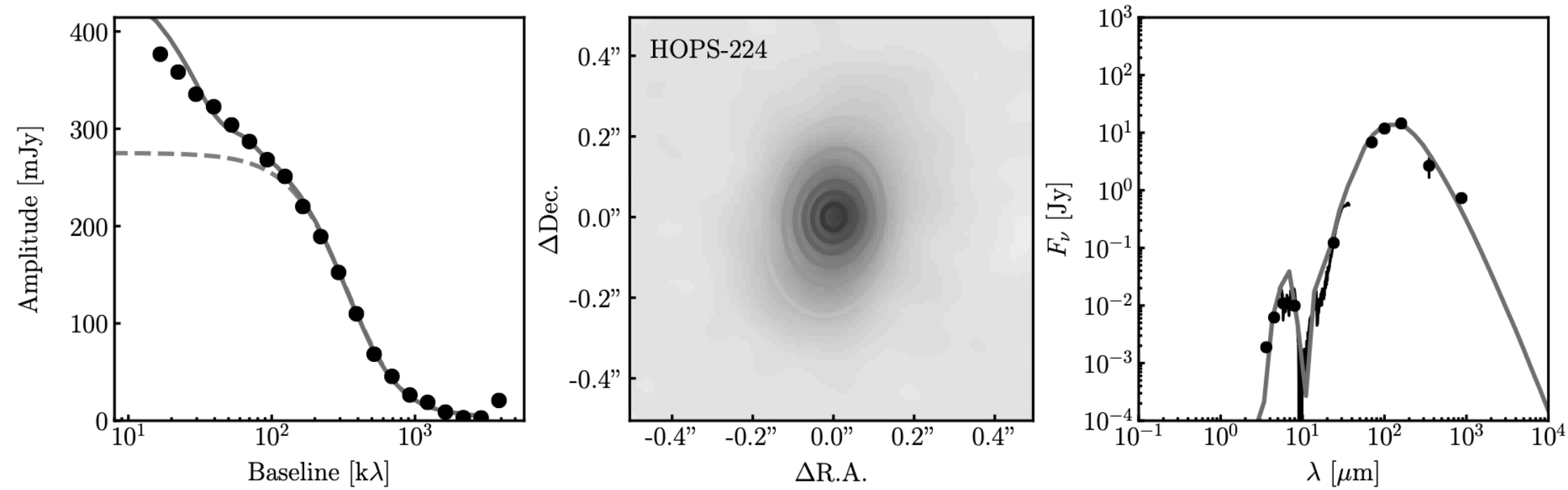
**Historically:**  
By-eye/-hand or  
Large, poorly sampled grids

**pds.py:**  
MCMC  
Nested Sampling

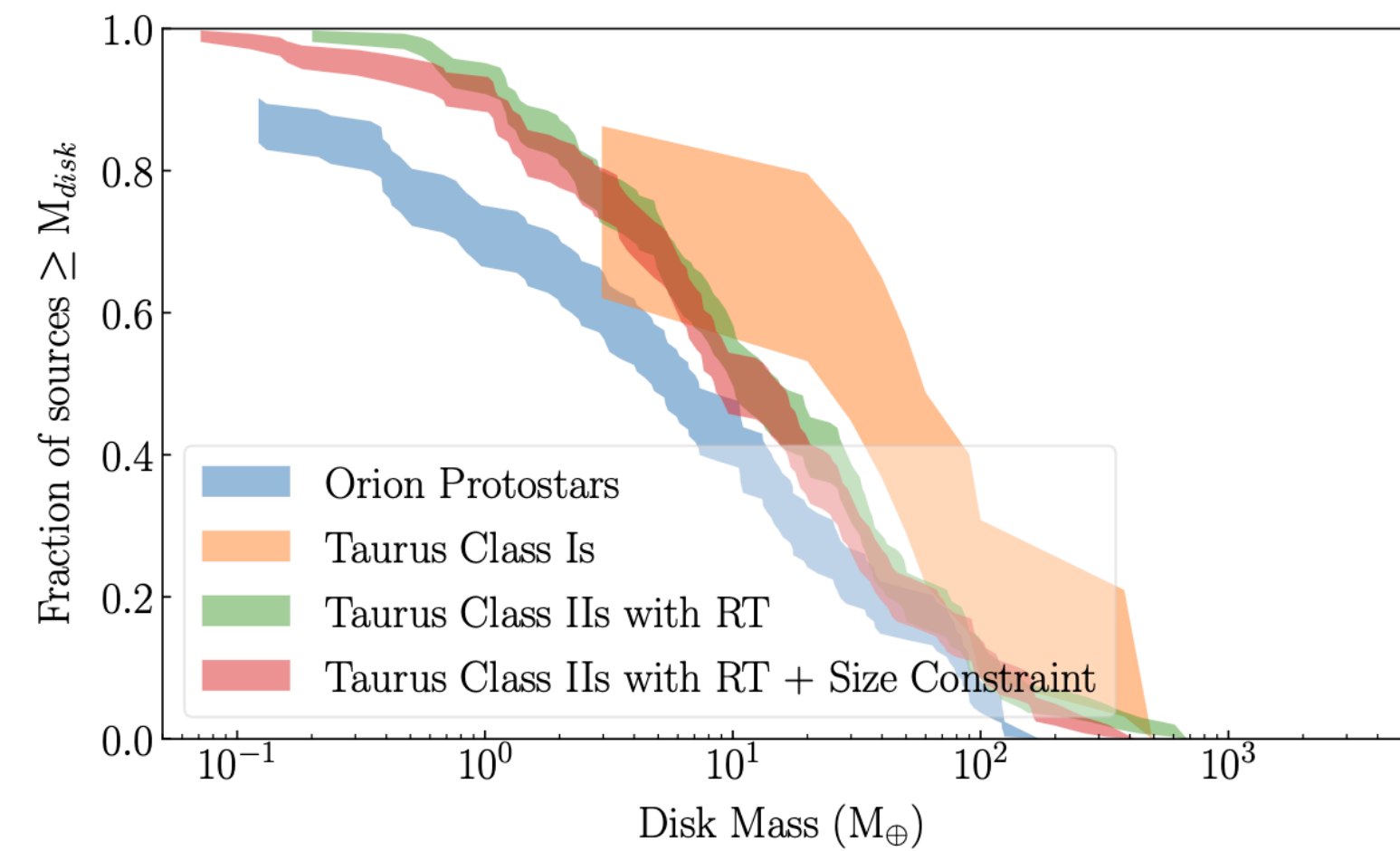
**best fit model**



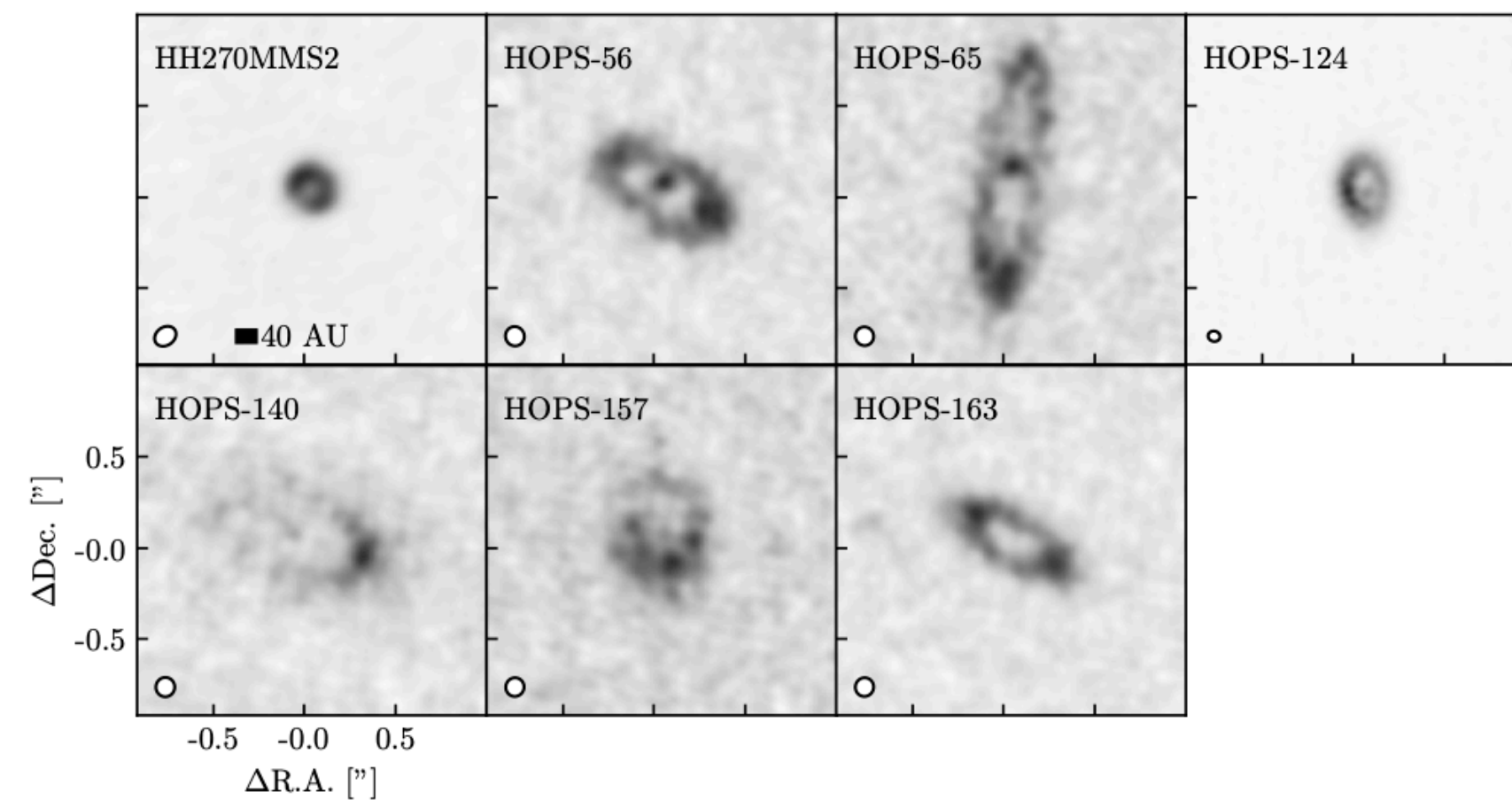
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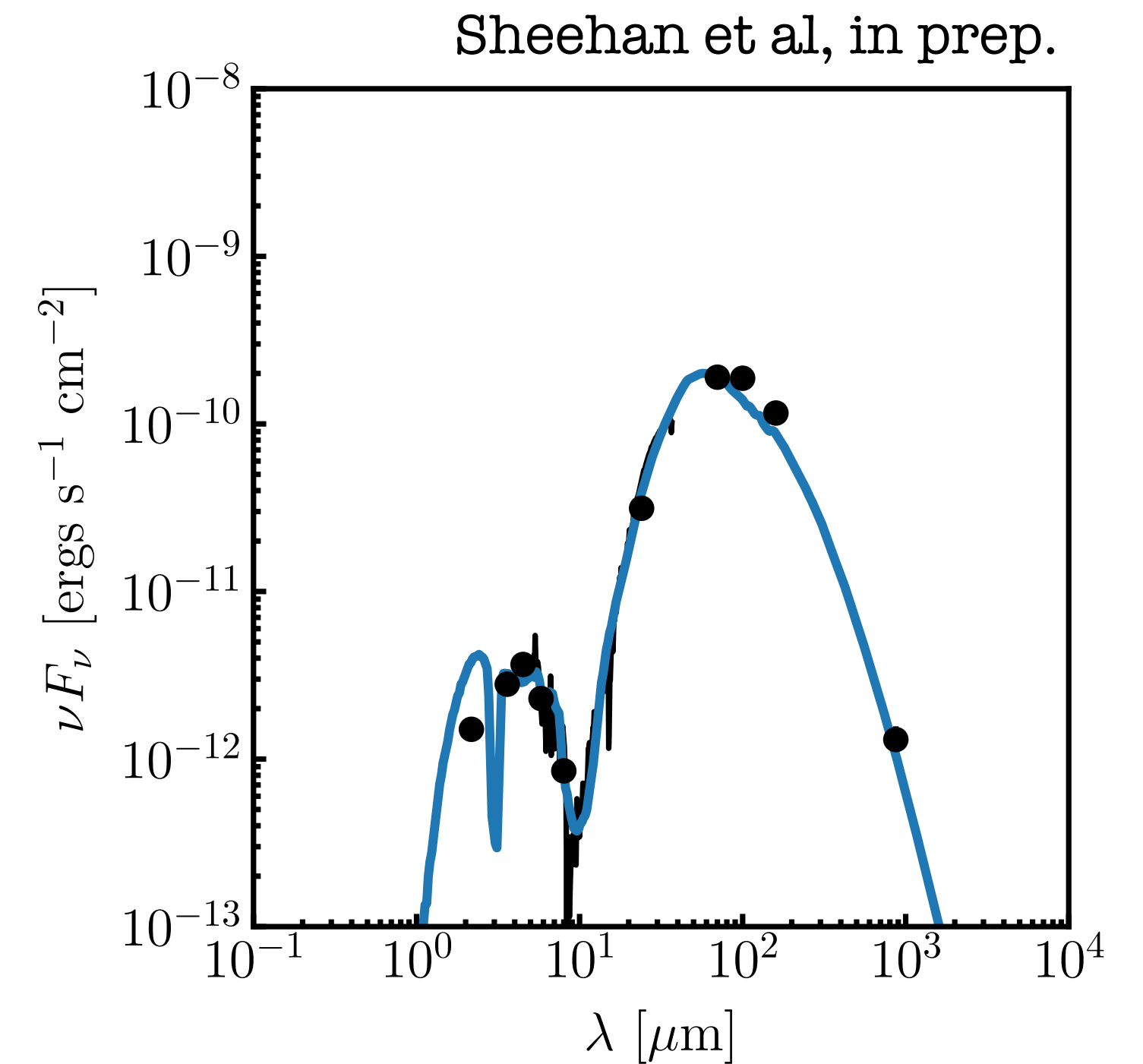
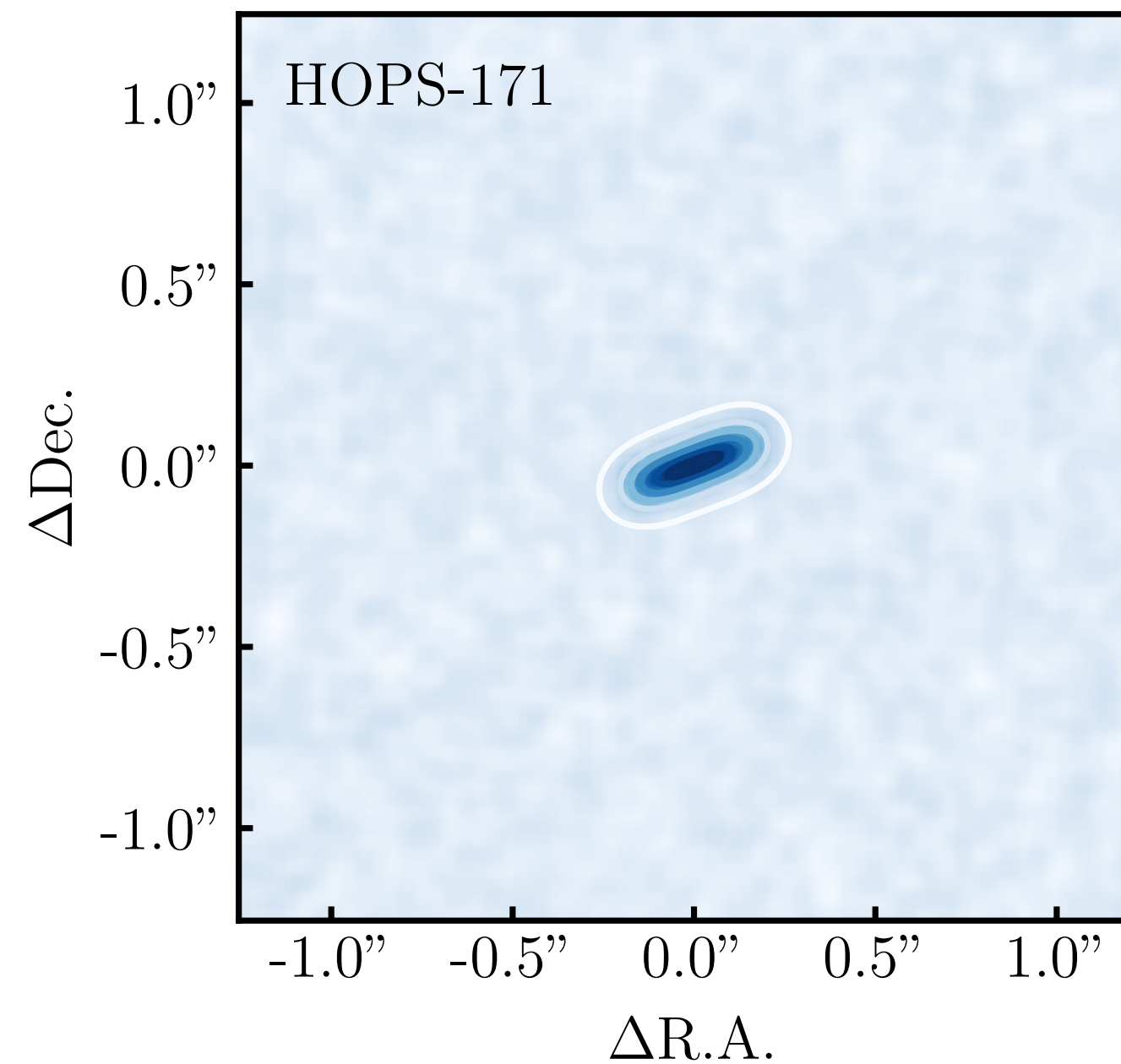
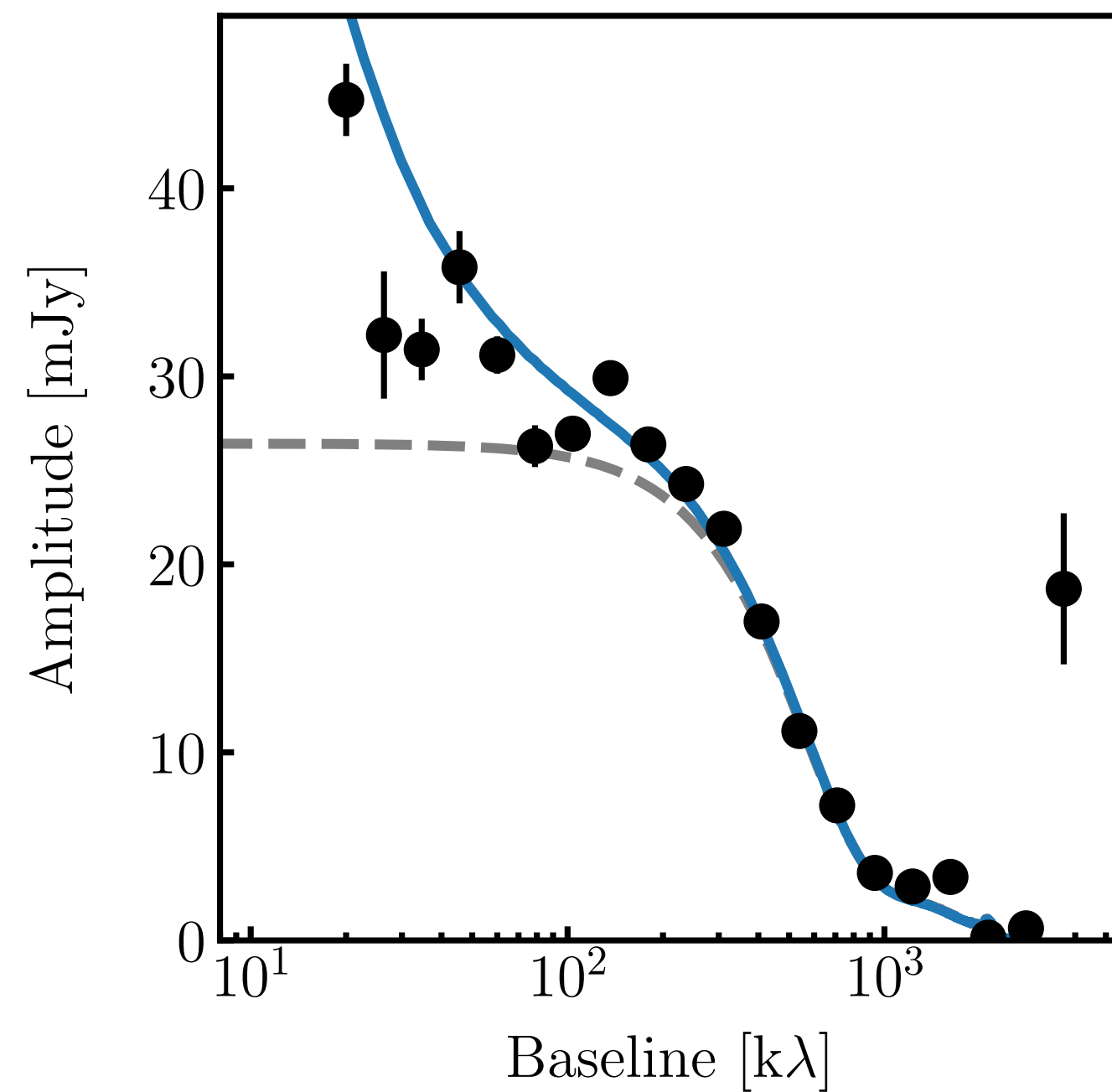
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# Modeling Embedded Disks in Orion

## II. Disk Demographics: The Environment of Planet Formation

- PI of 5,000,000 core-hour allocation to model 100 single protostars in the VANDAM: Orion survey with NSF XSEDE supercomputers
  - Largest full radiative transfer modeling sample, to-date

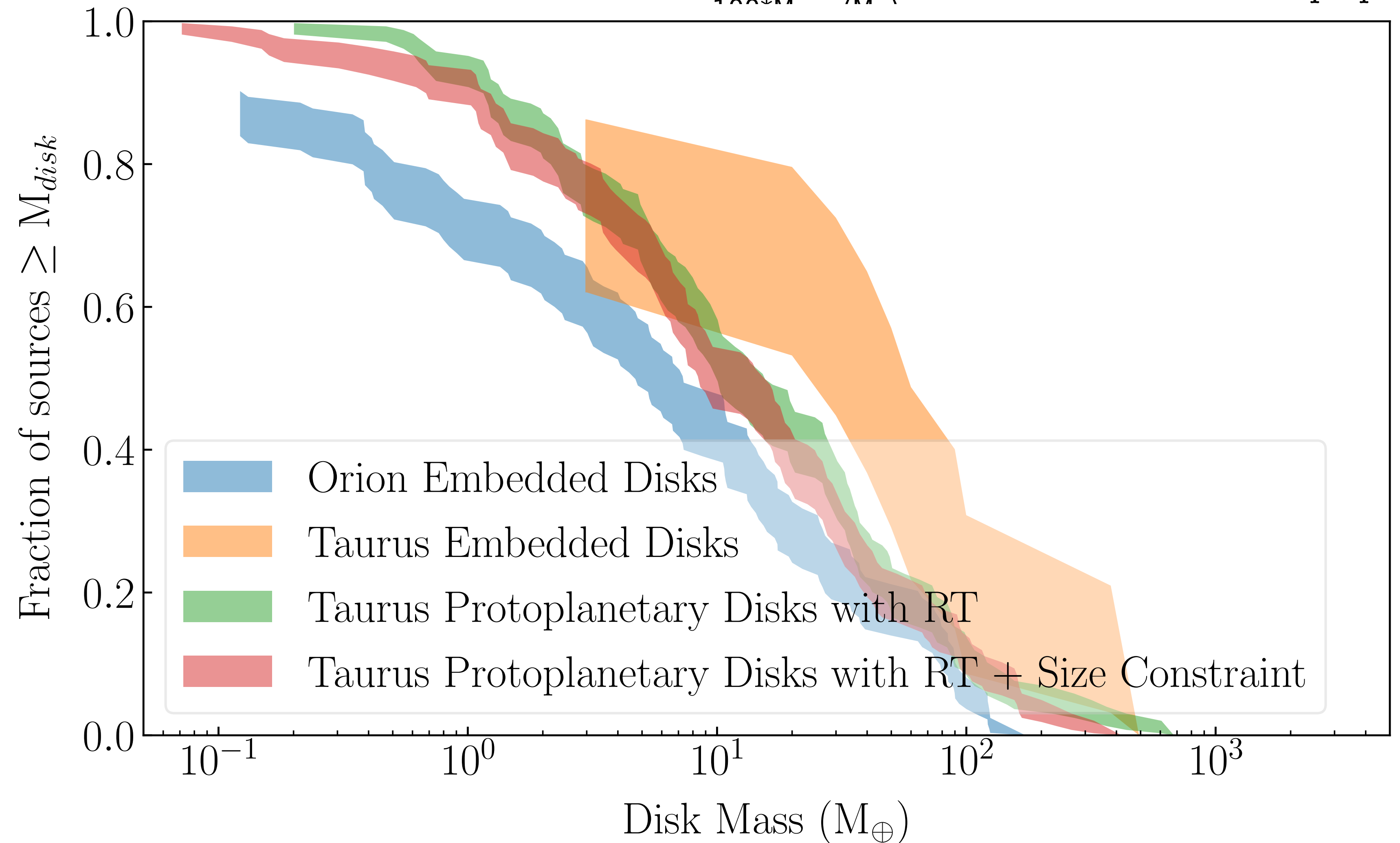


# The Initial Mass Budget for Planet Formation

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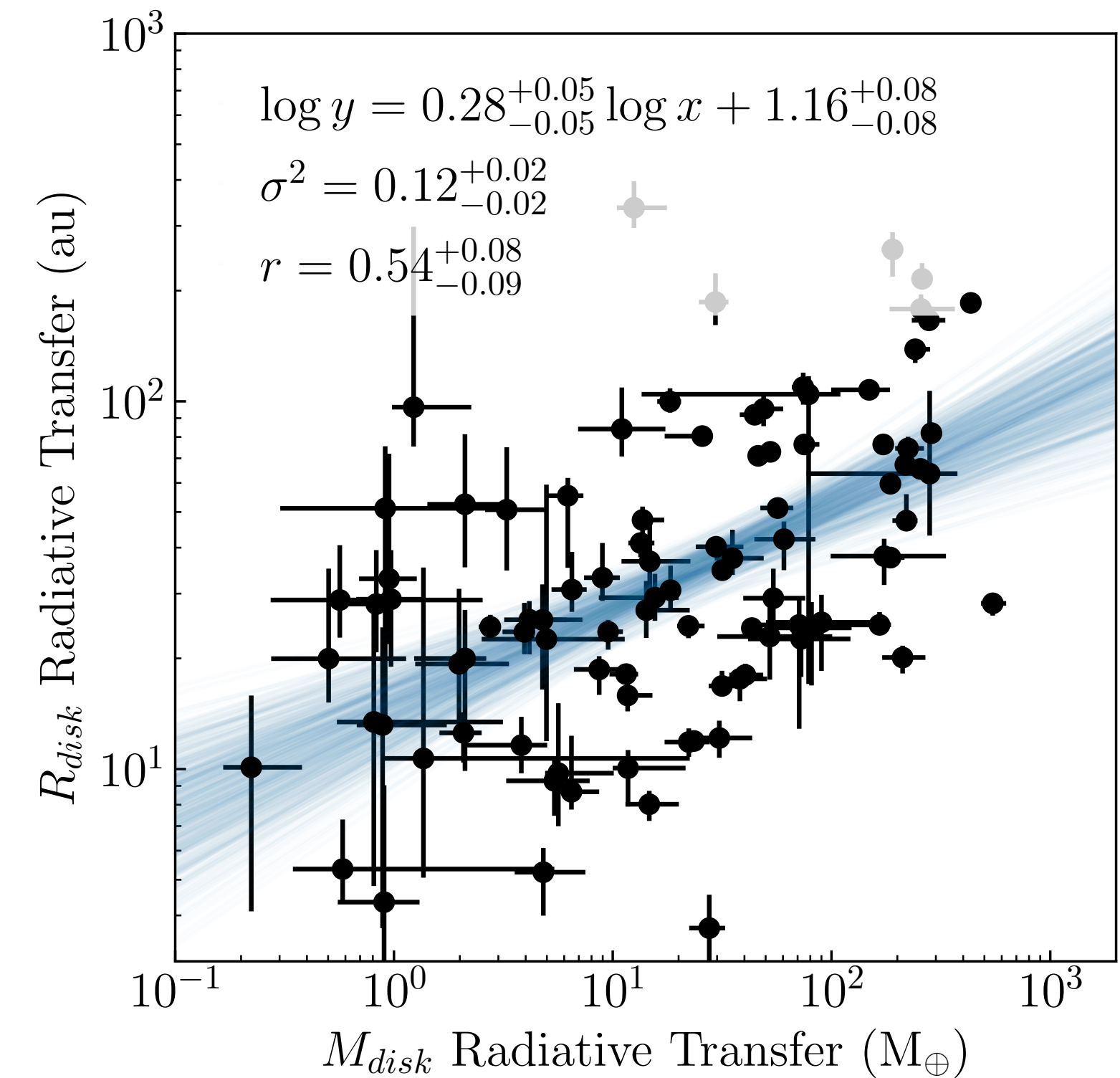
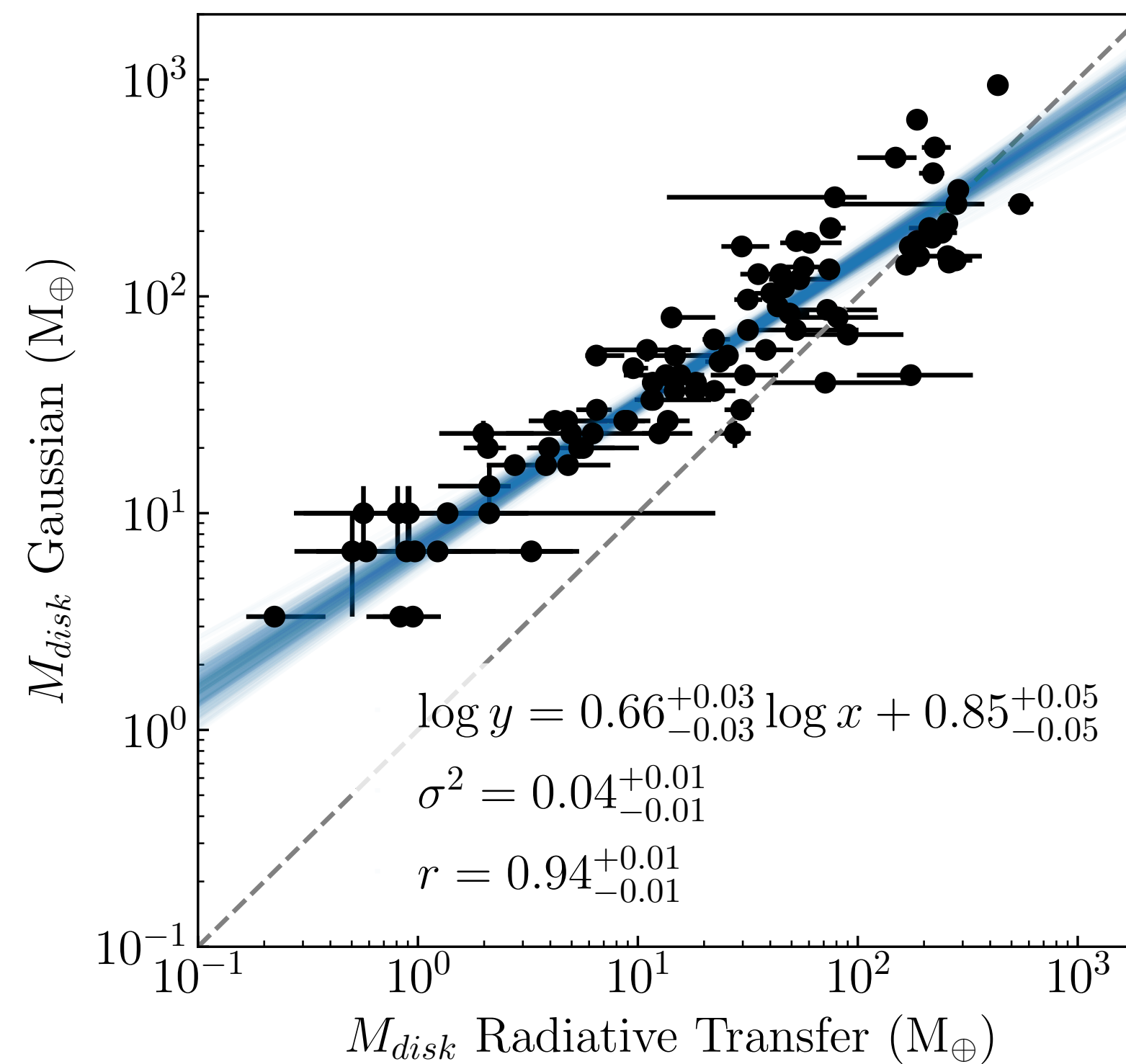
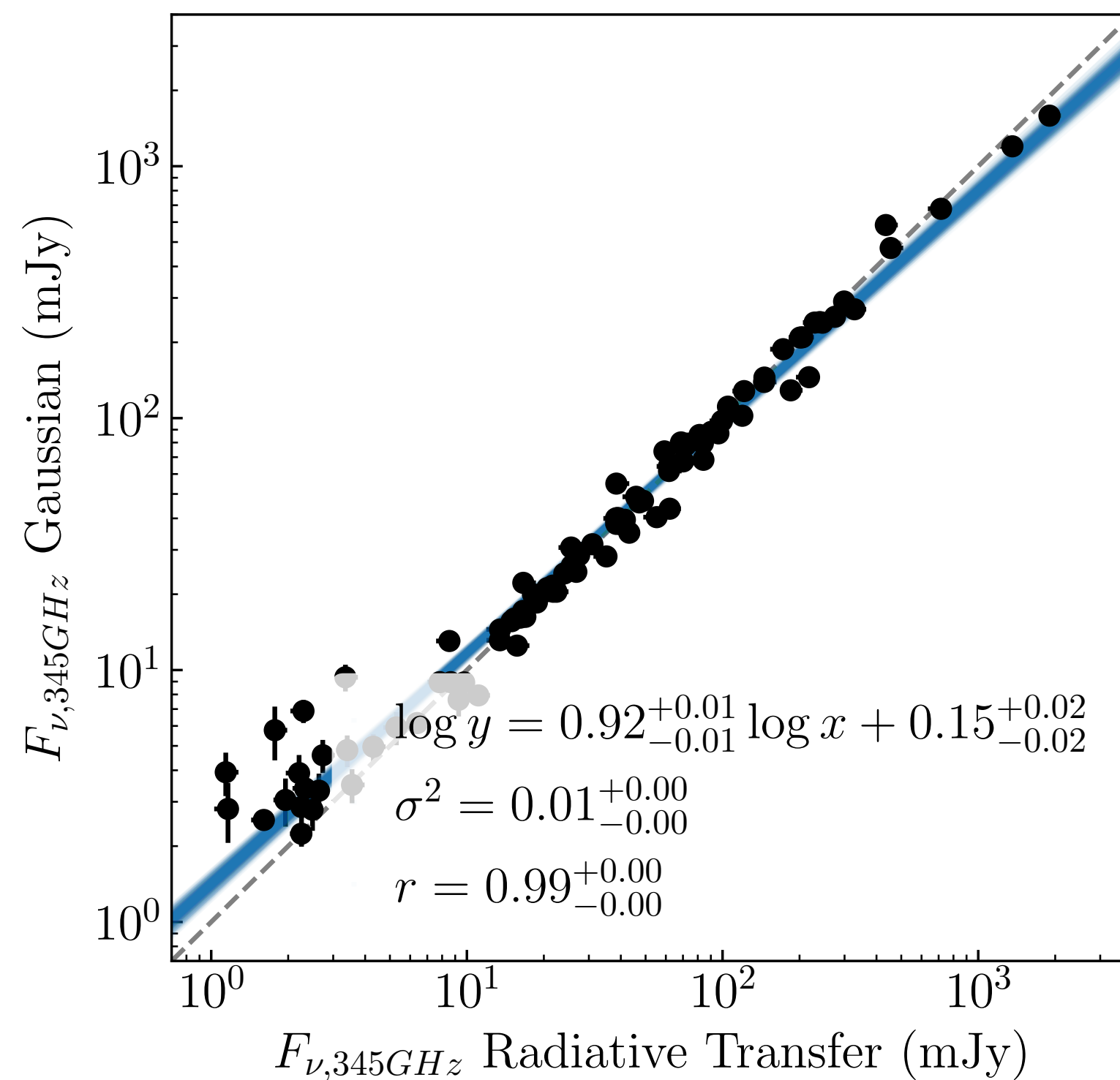
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embedded disks are **more massive** than protoplanetary disks



# Why the difference in disk masses?

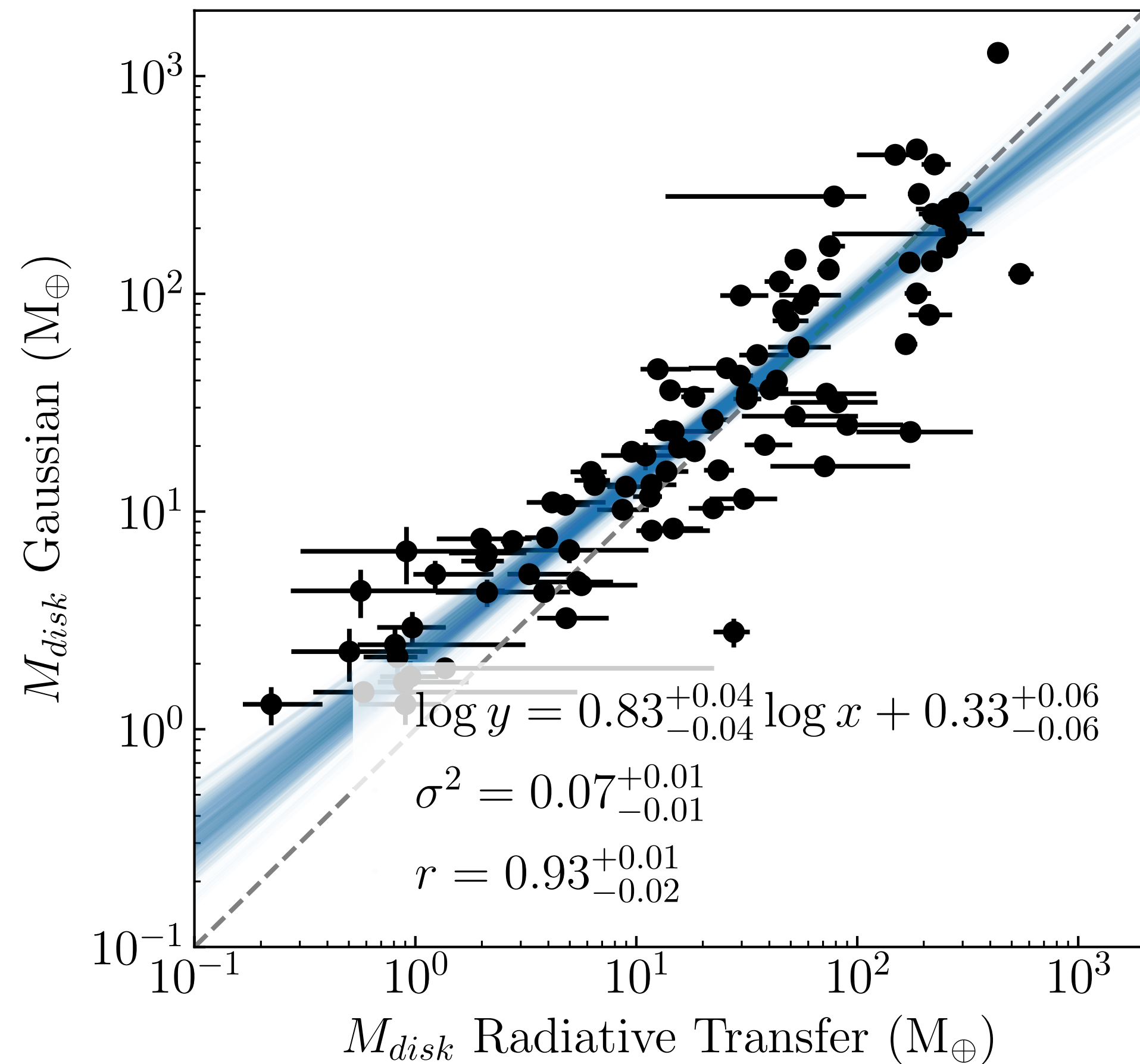
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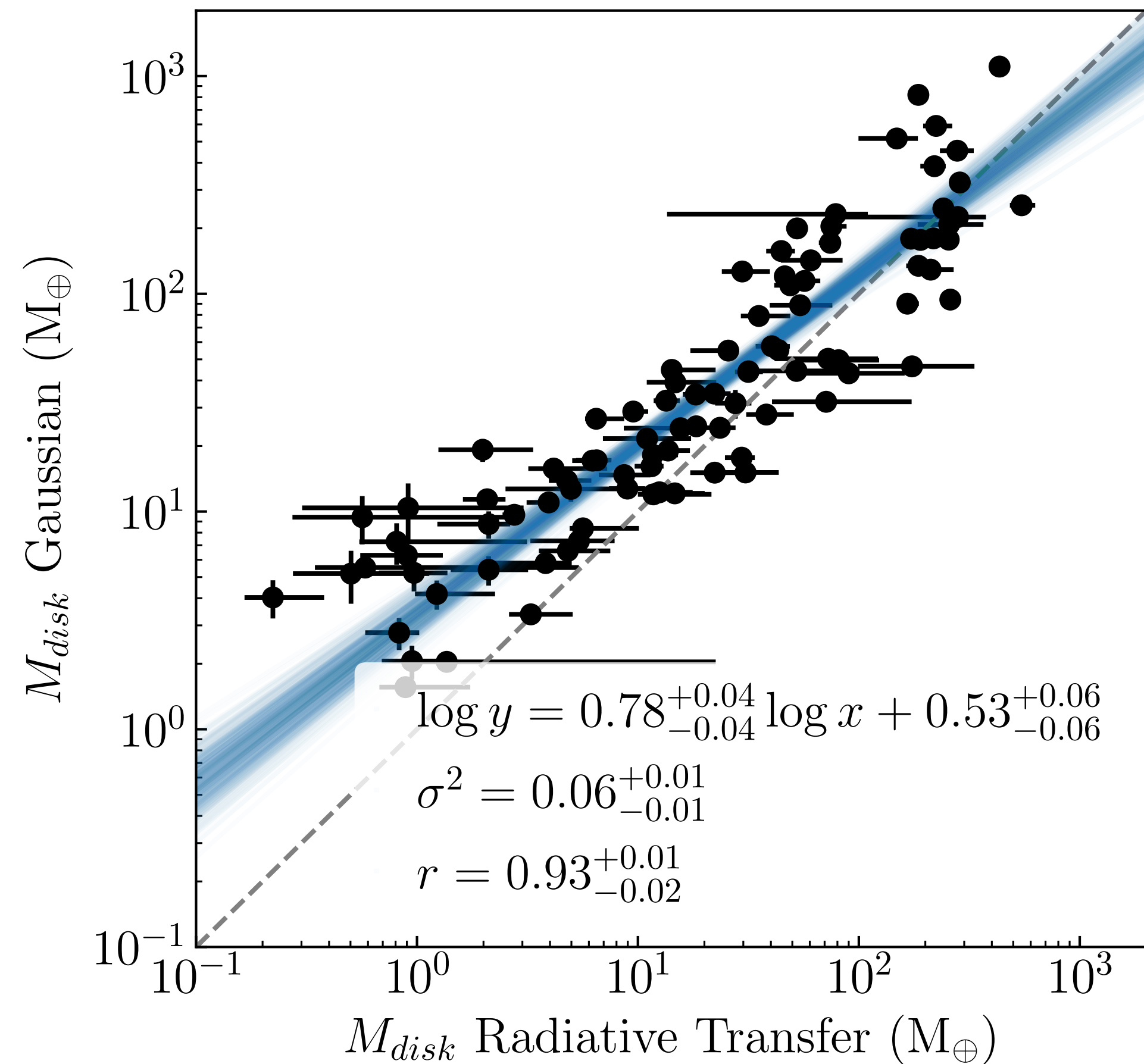
Disk temperature is proportional to  $R_{\text{disk}}$

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Corrected using radiative  
transfer  $R_{disk}$

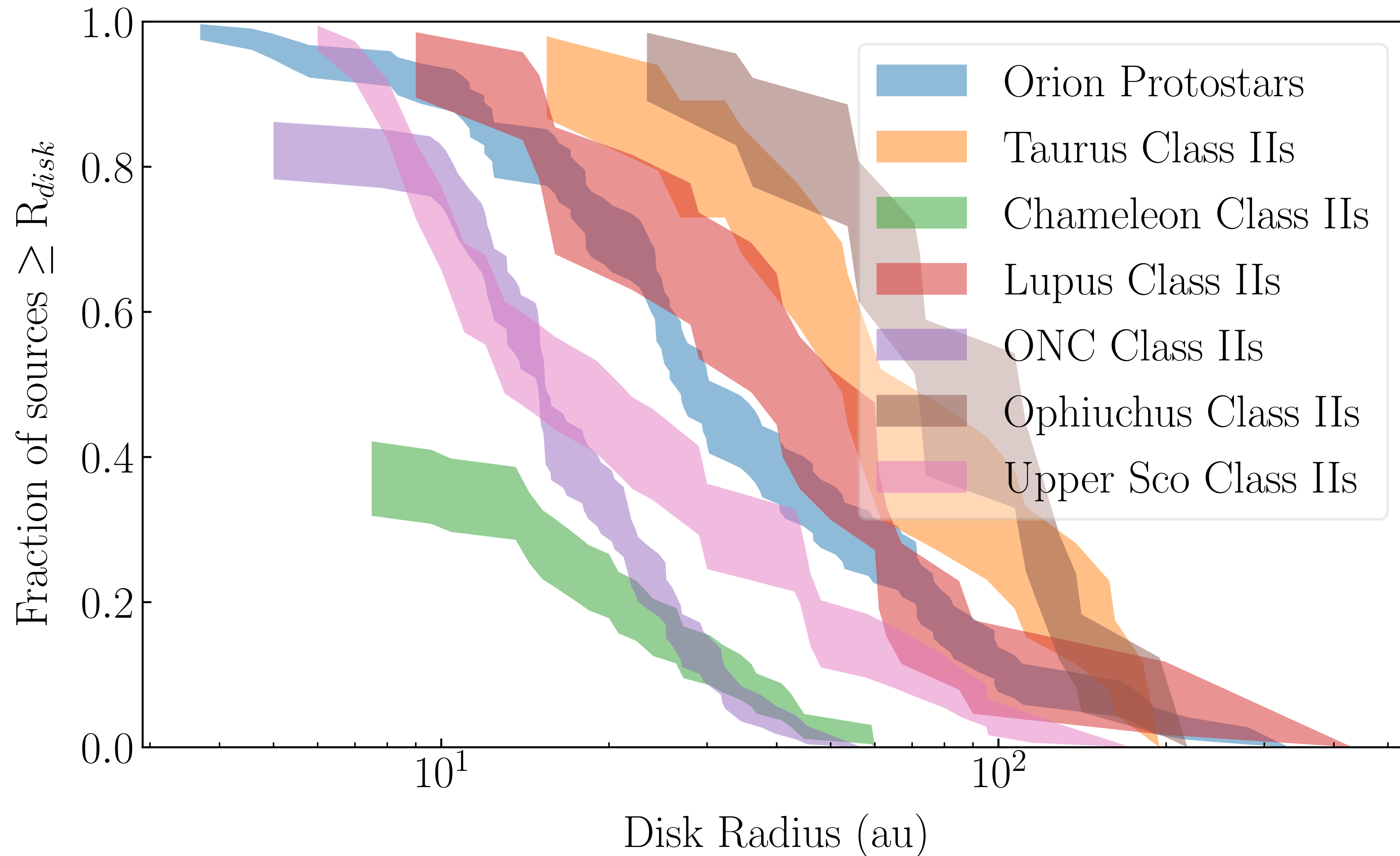


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# How large are protostellar disks?

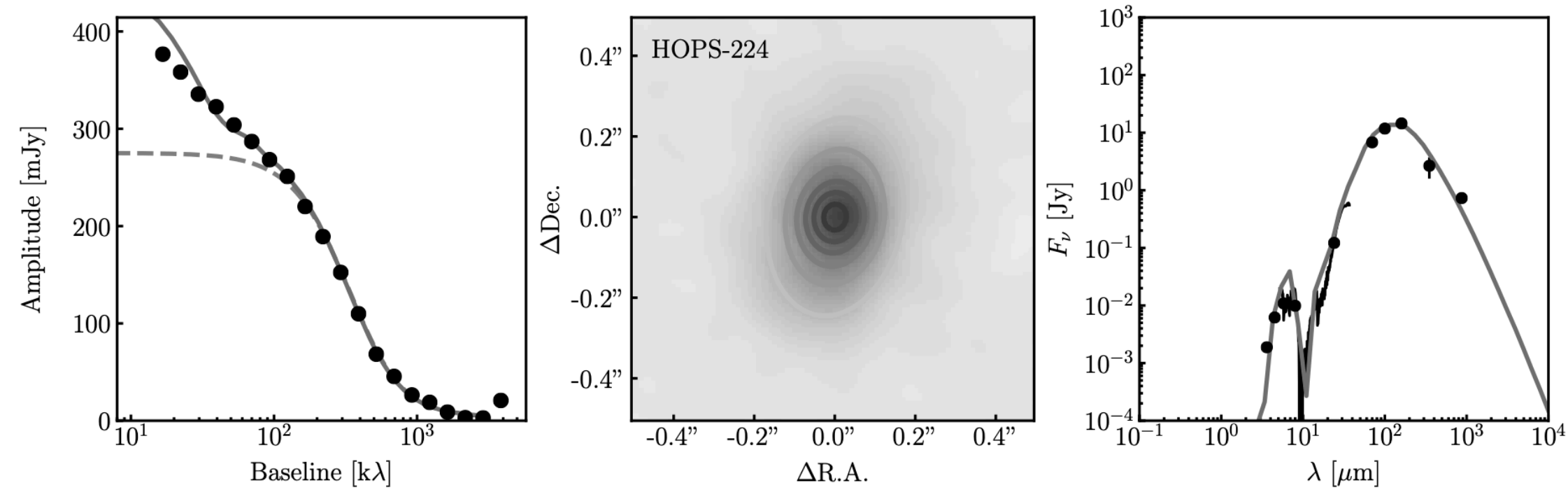
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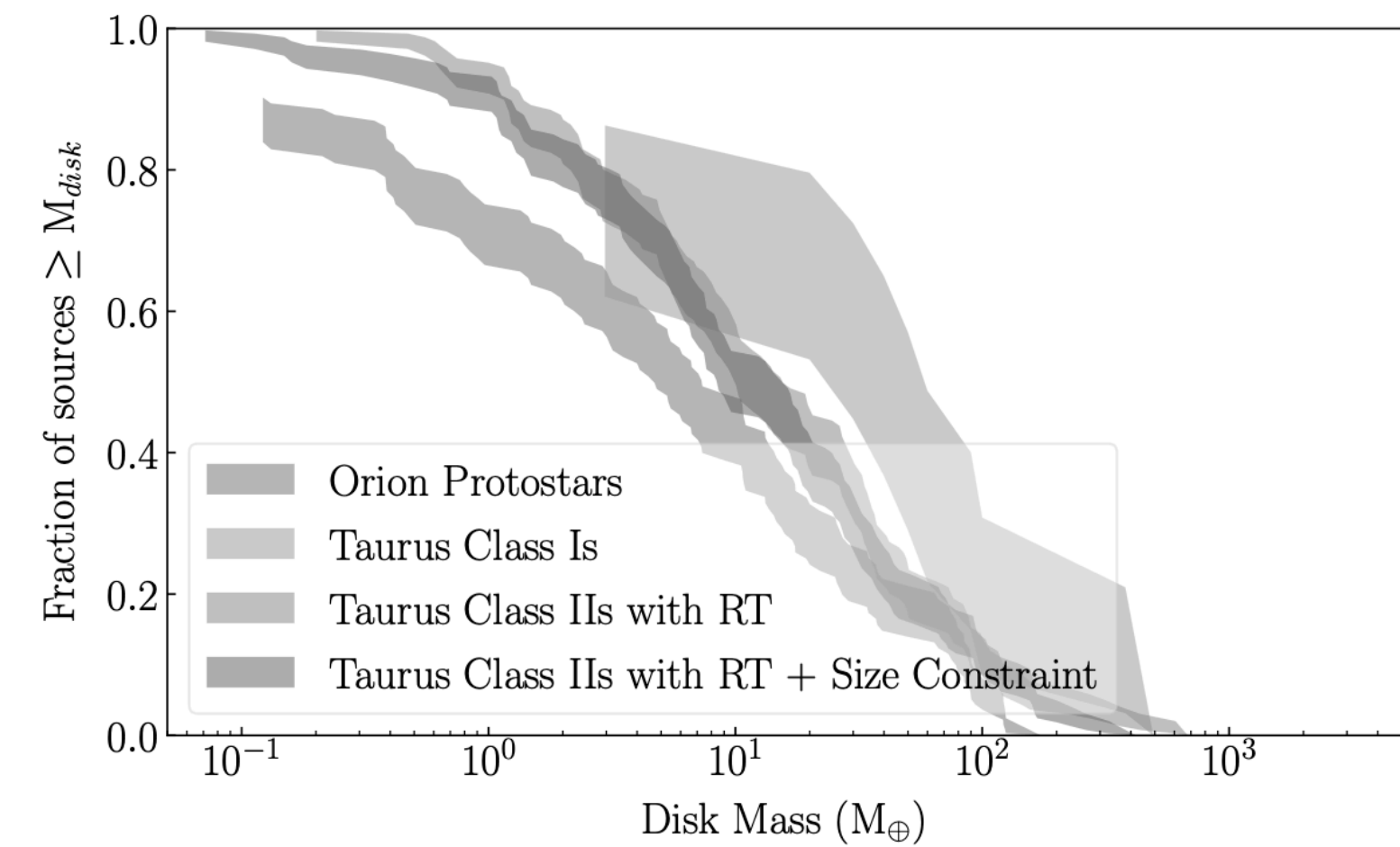
**Warning!**

Not all disk radii  
measured in the  
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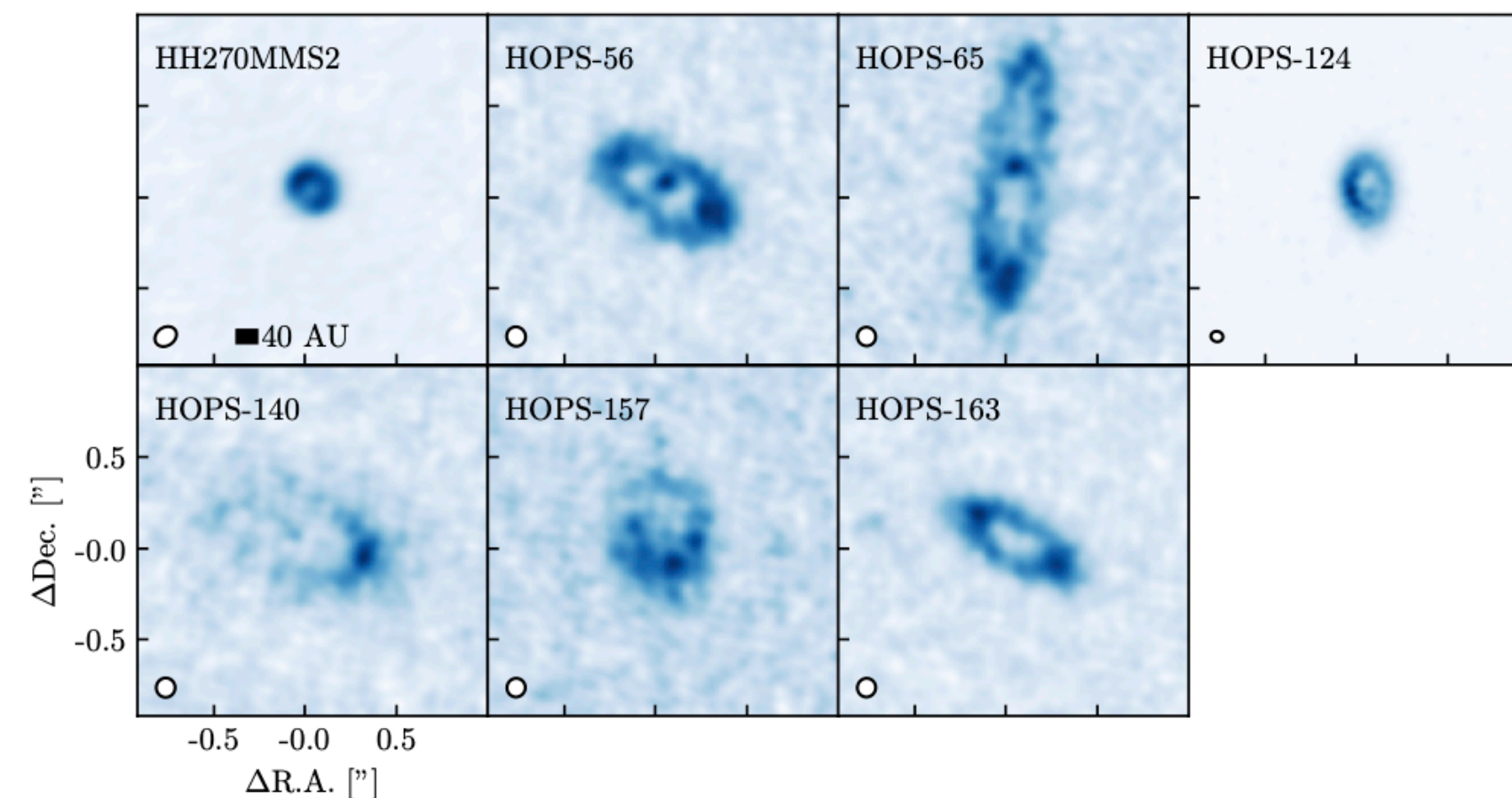
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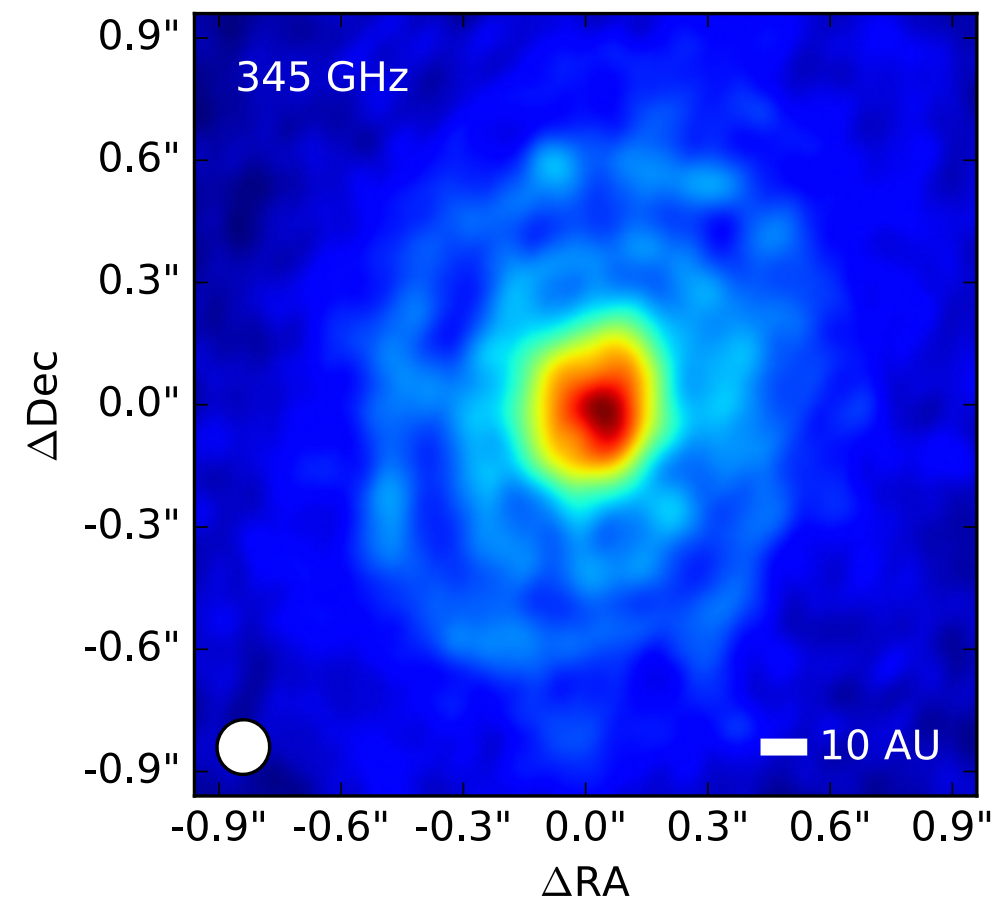
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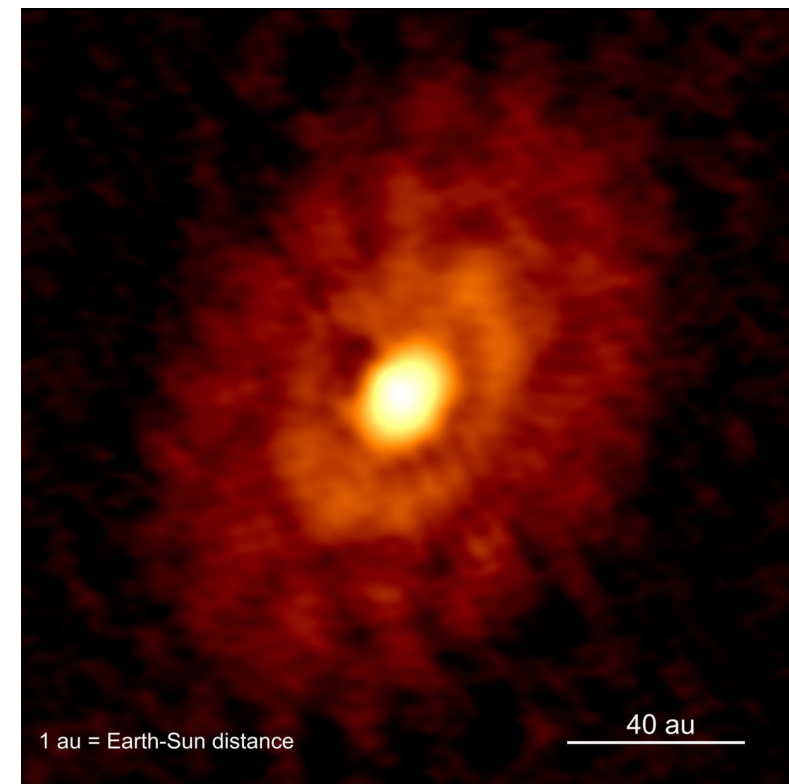
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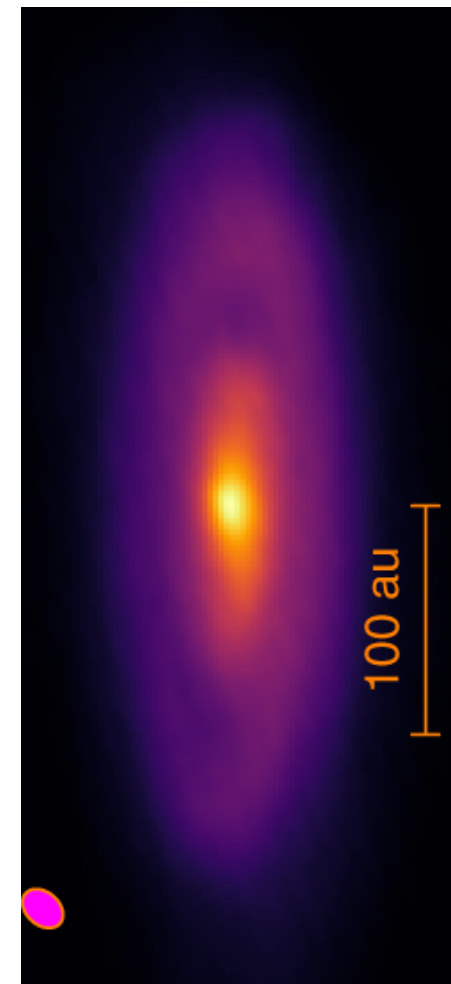
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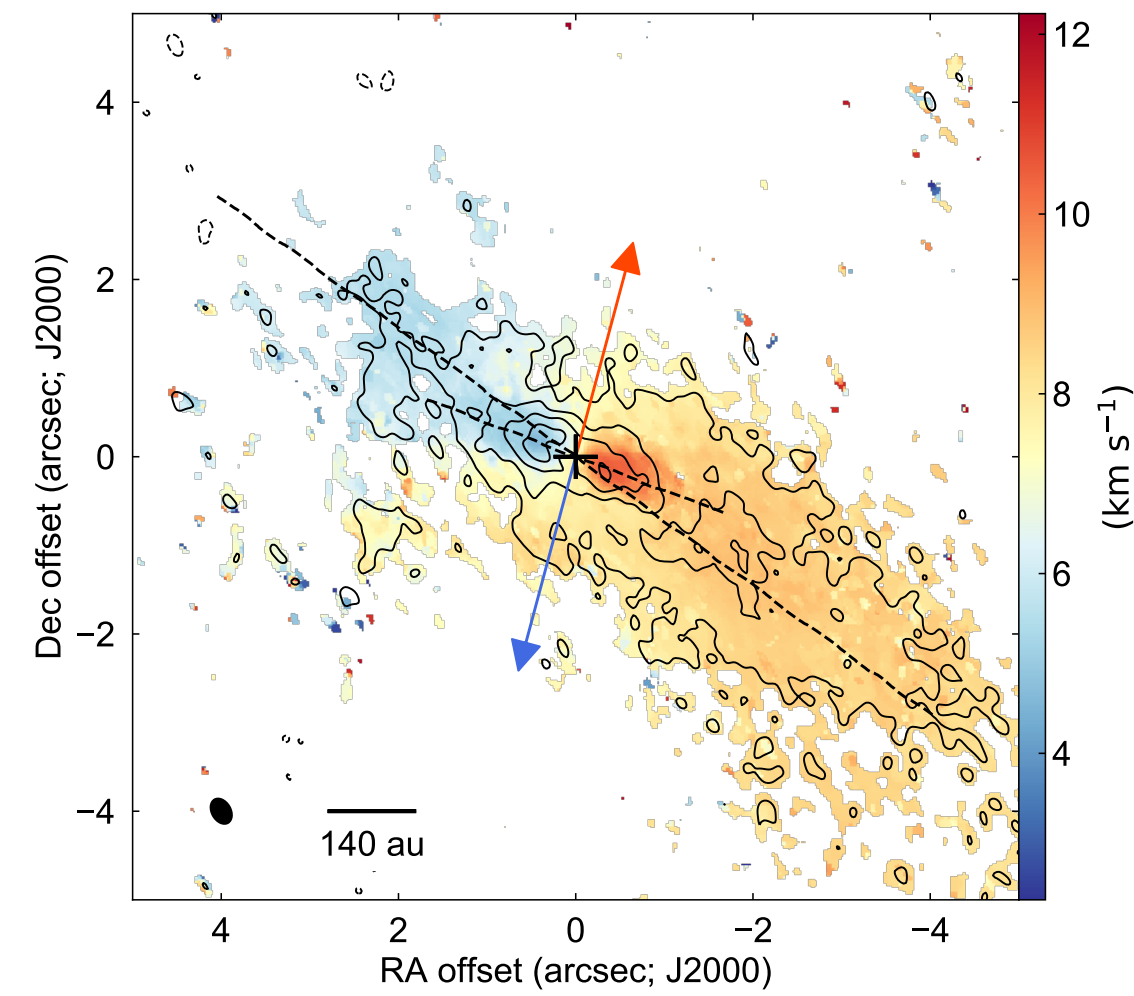
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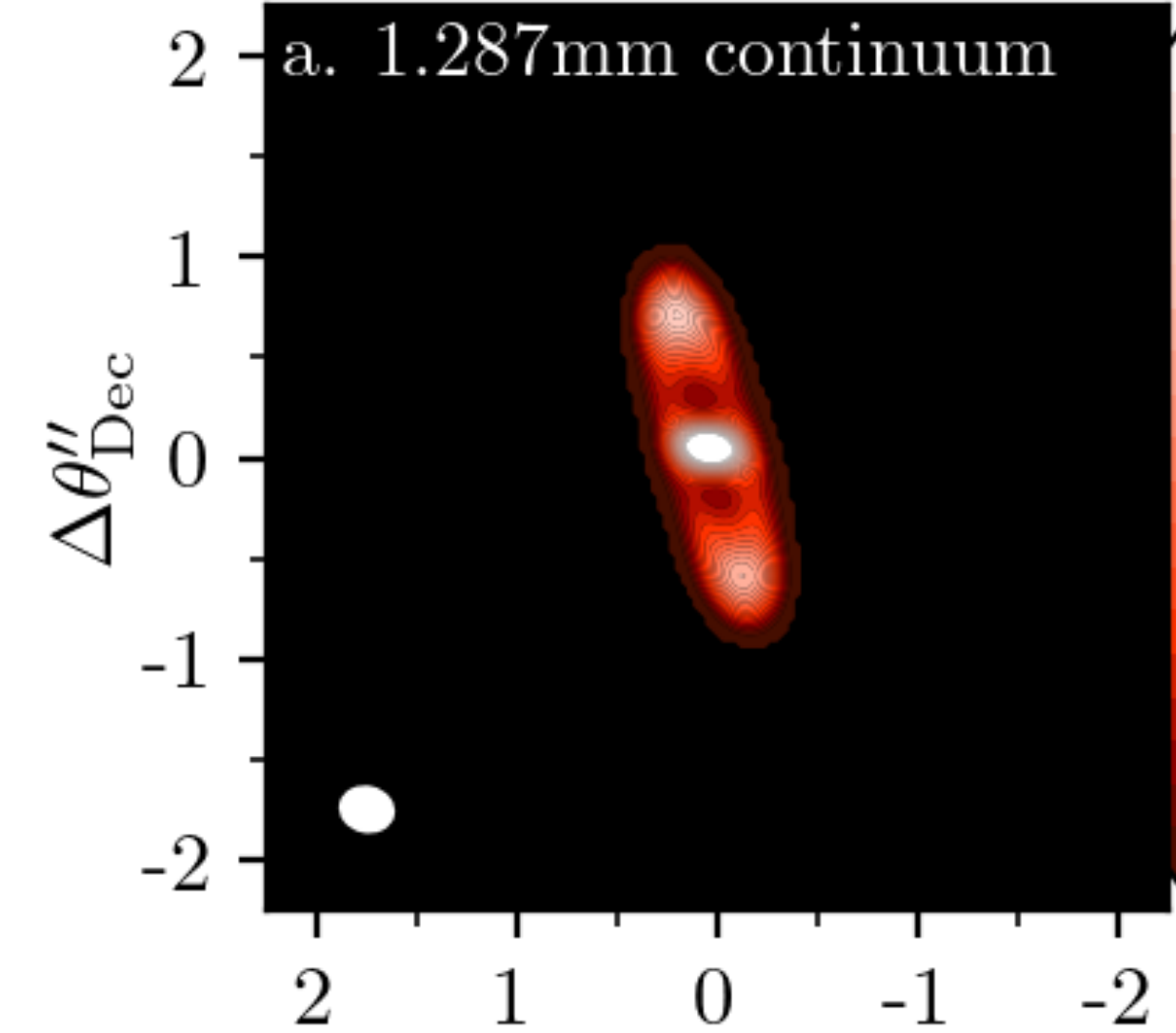
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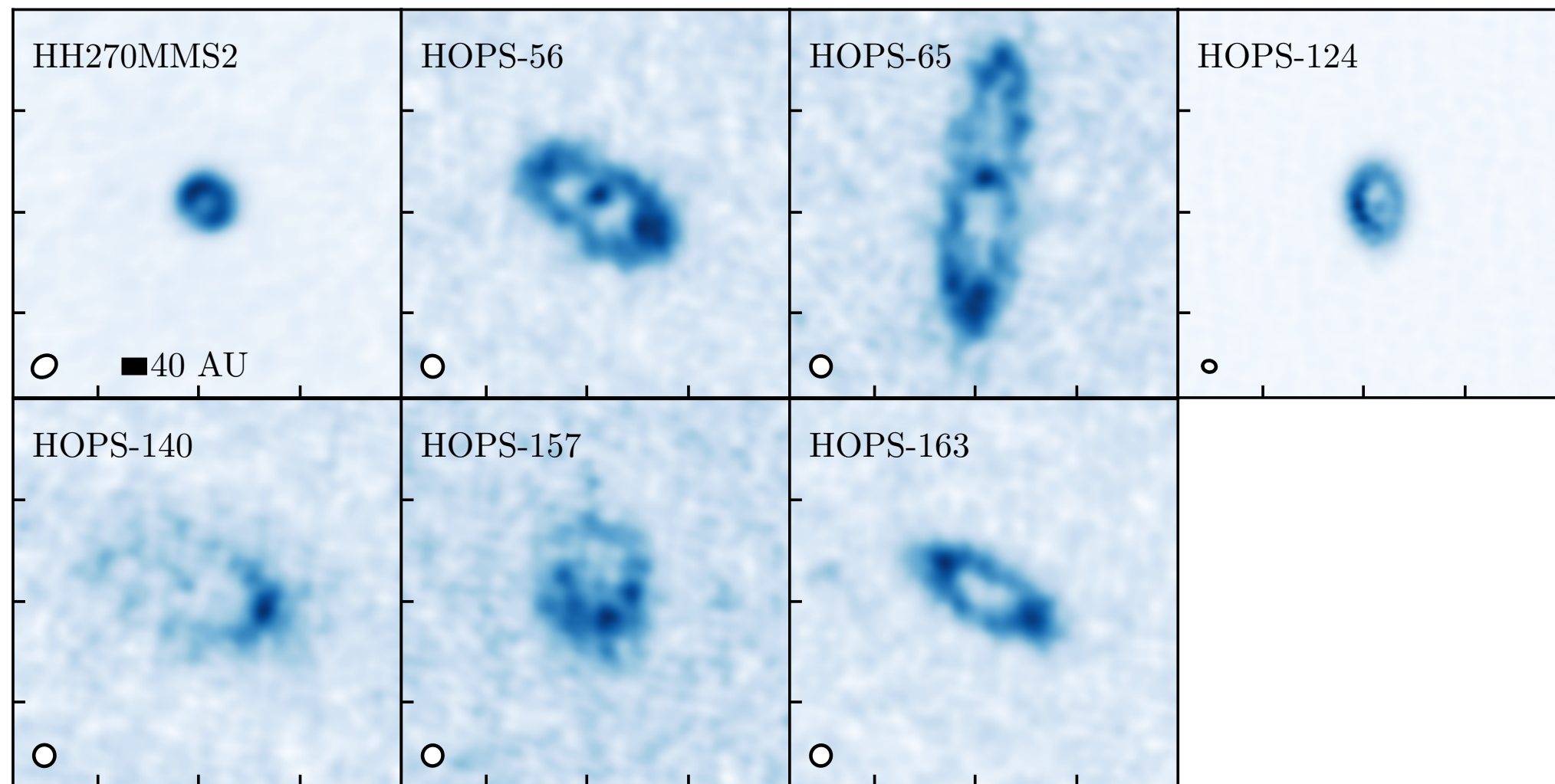
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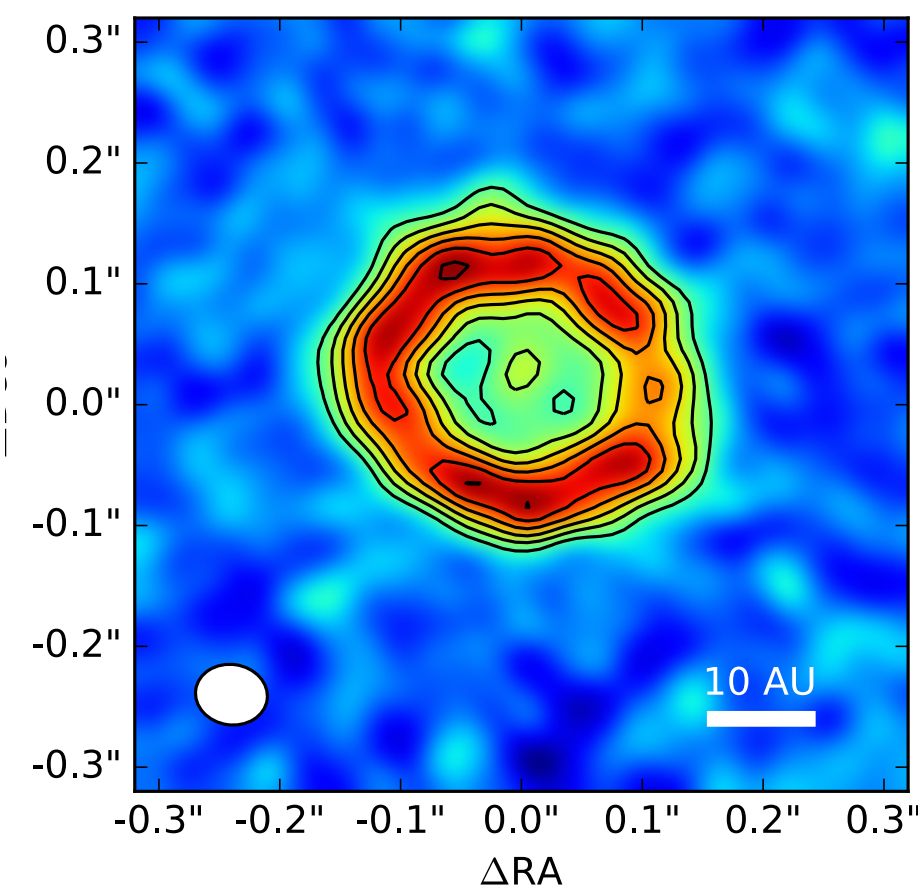
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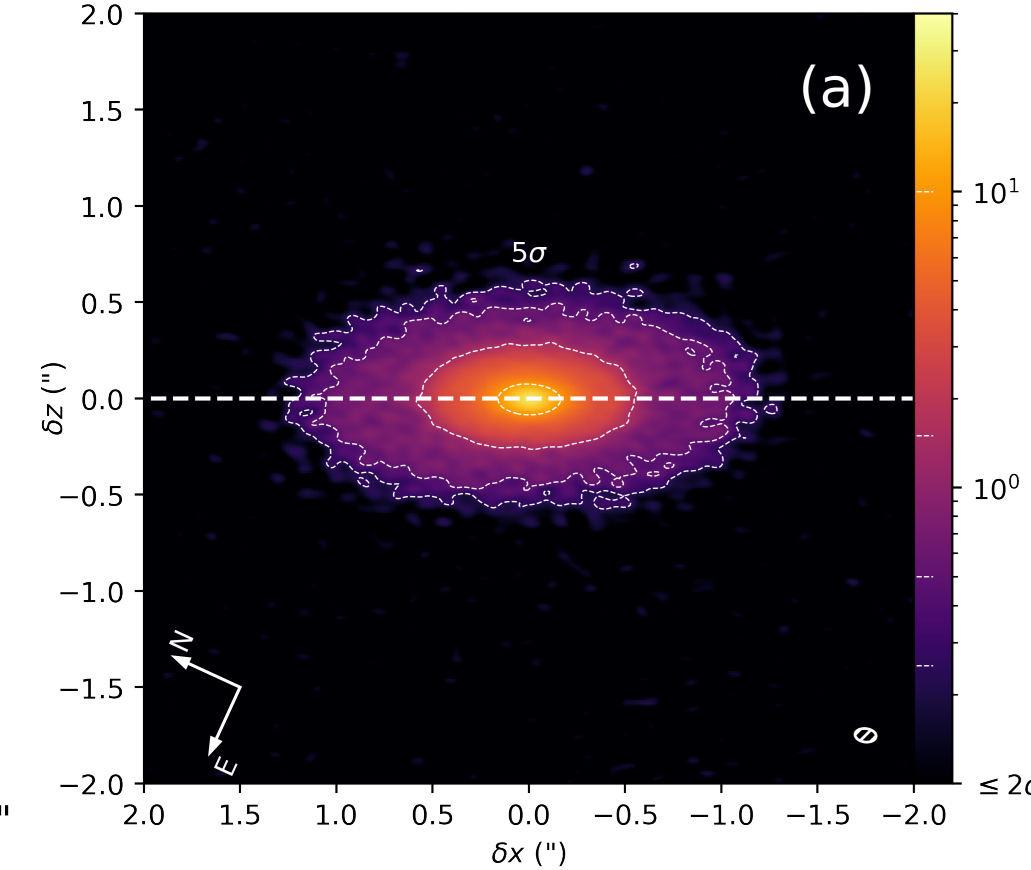
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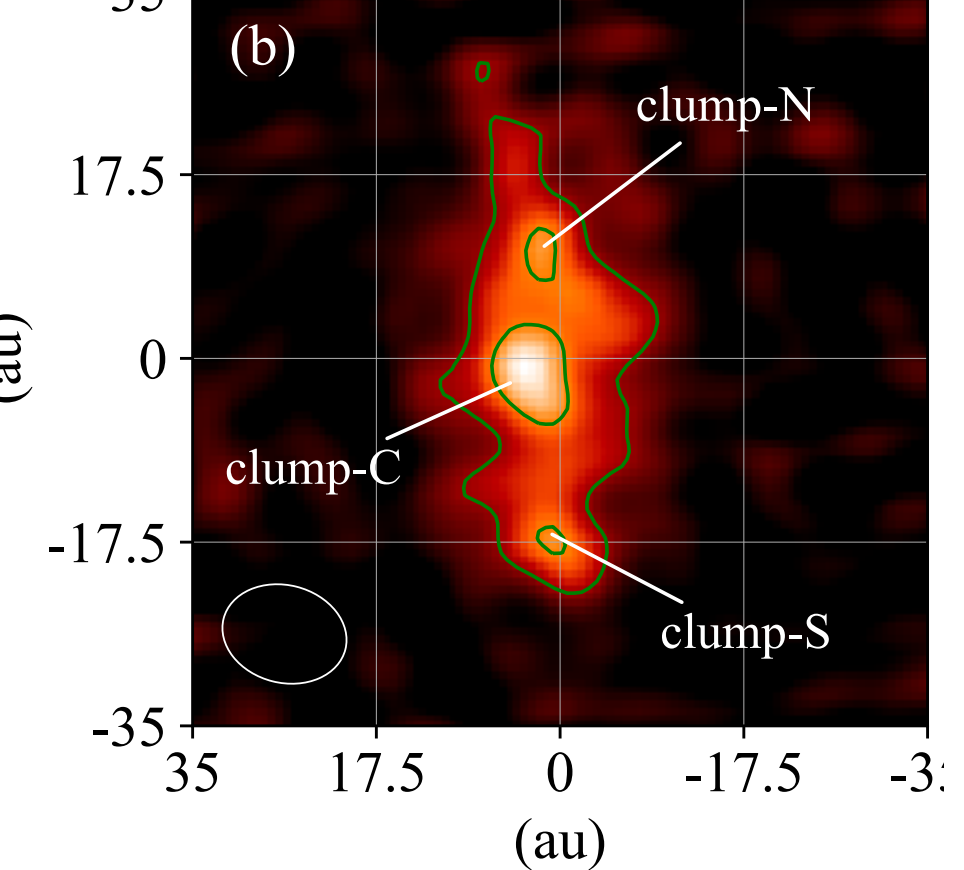
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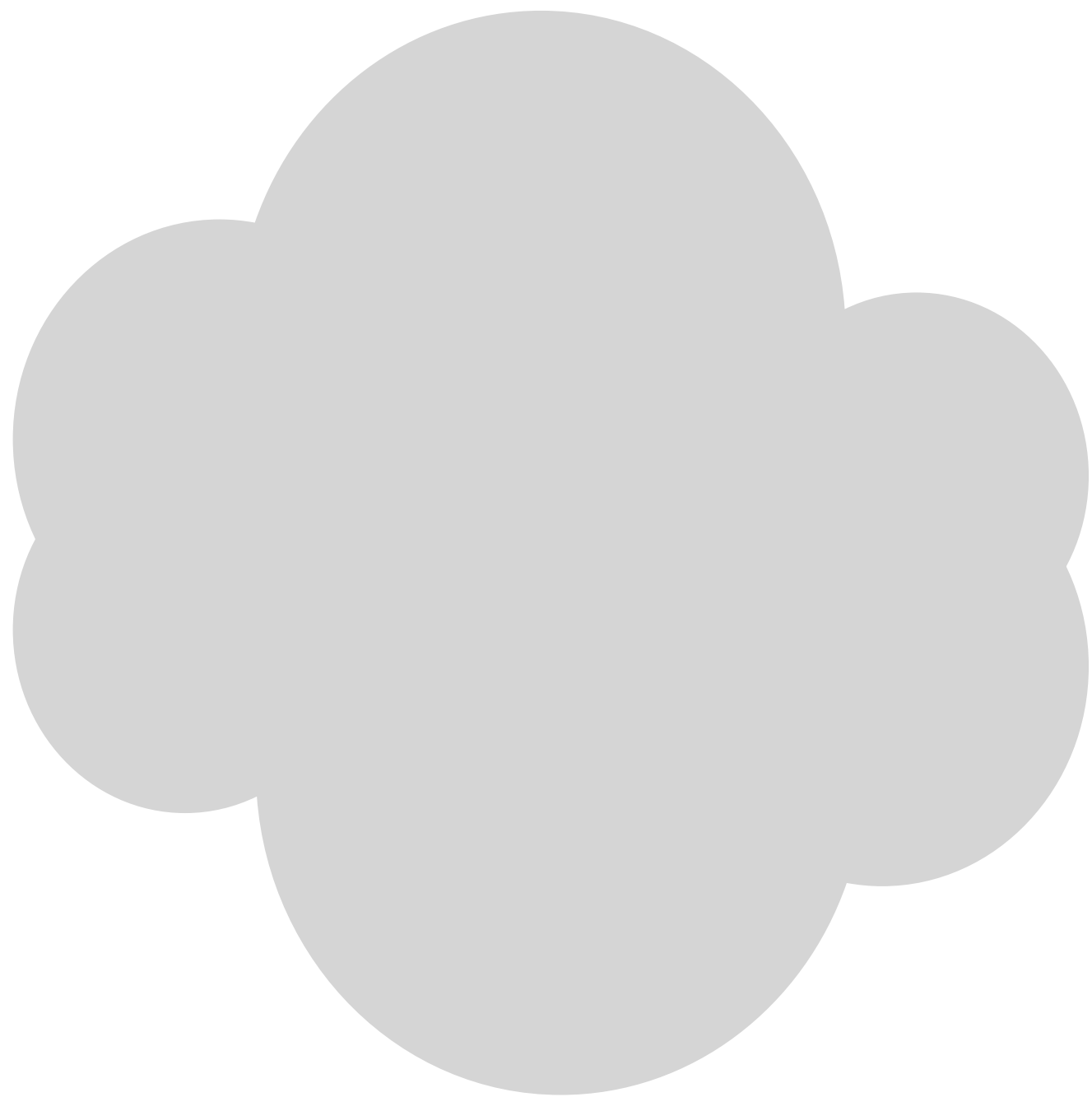


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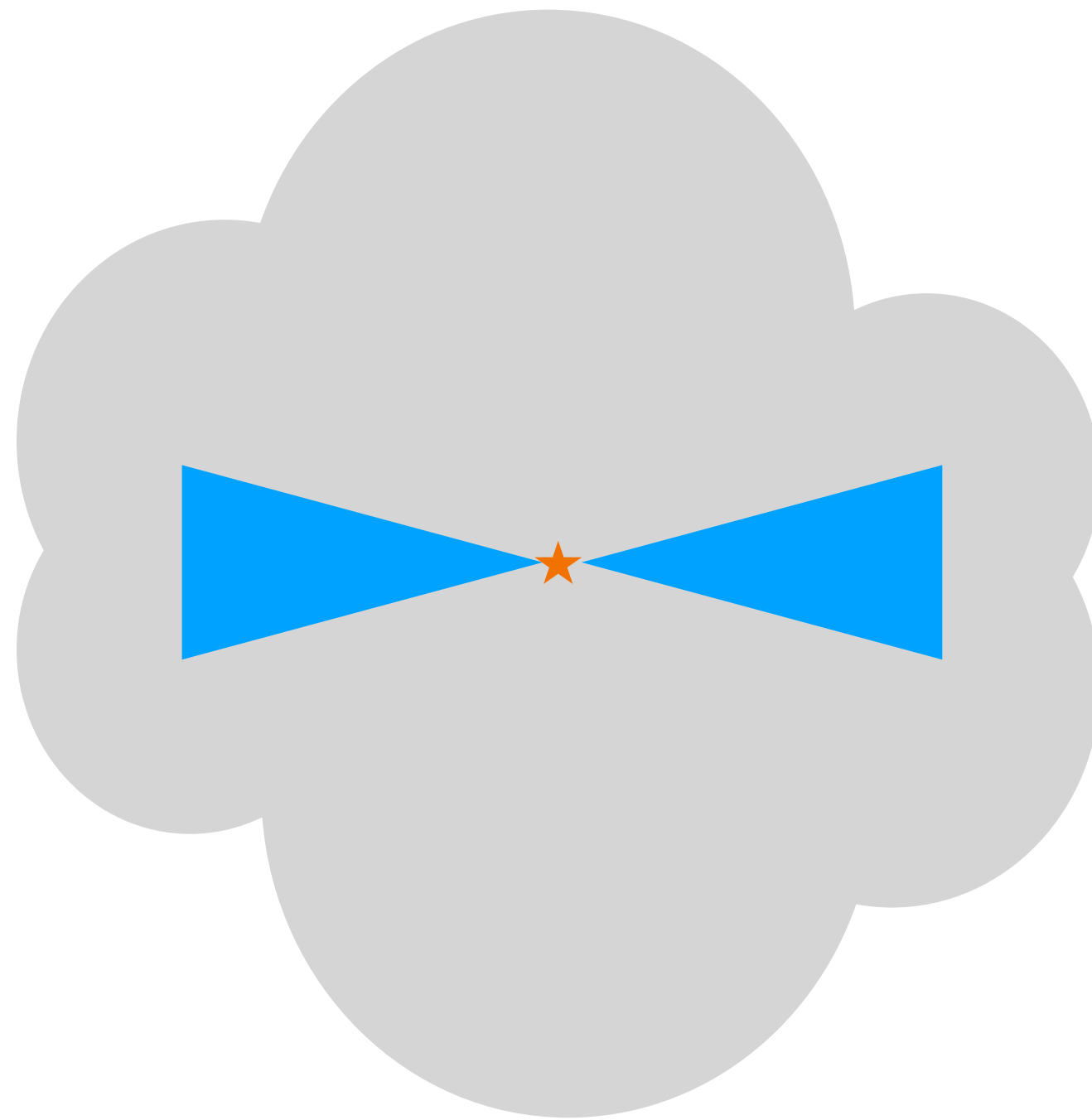


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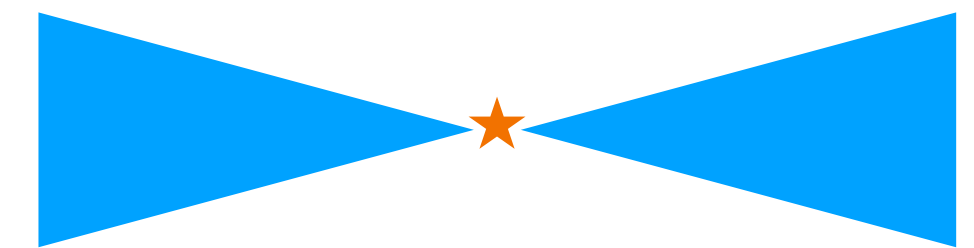
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Cloud



Embedded Disk (<1 Myr)

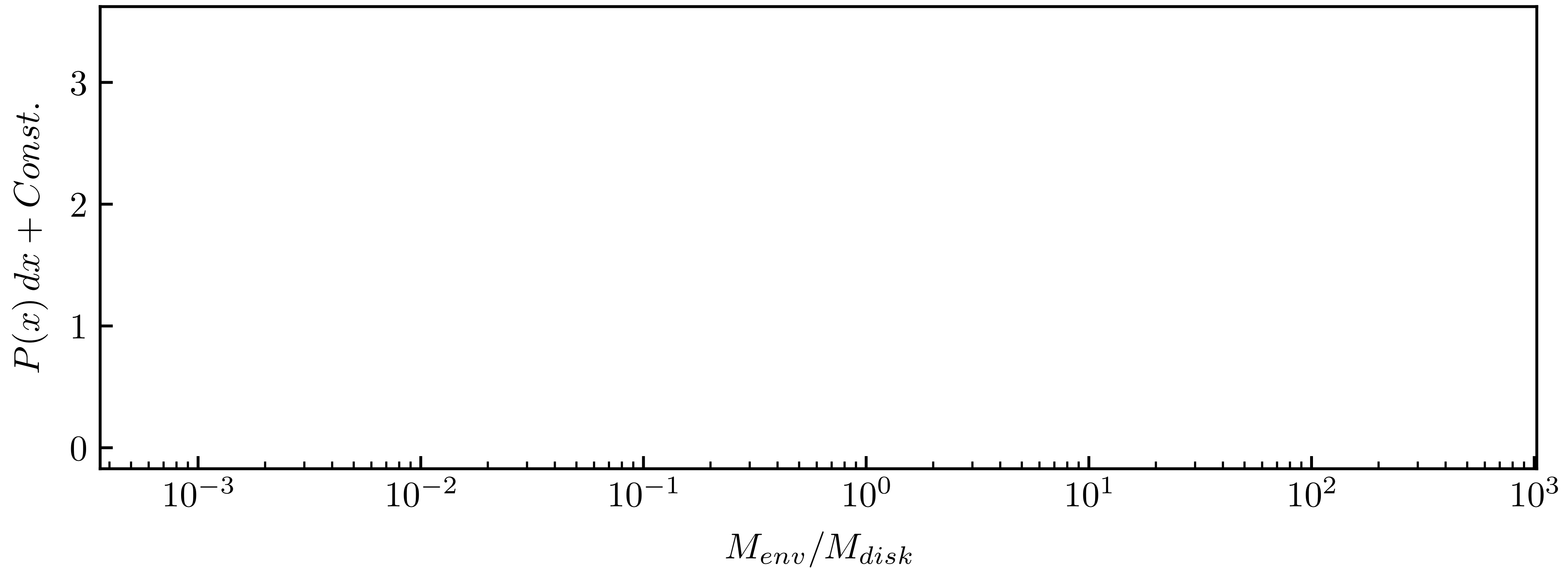


Protoplanetary Disk (1-10 Myr)

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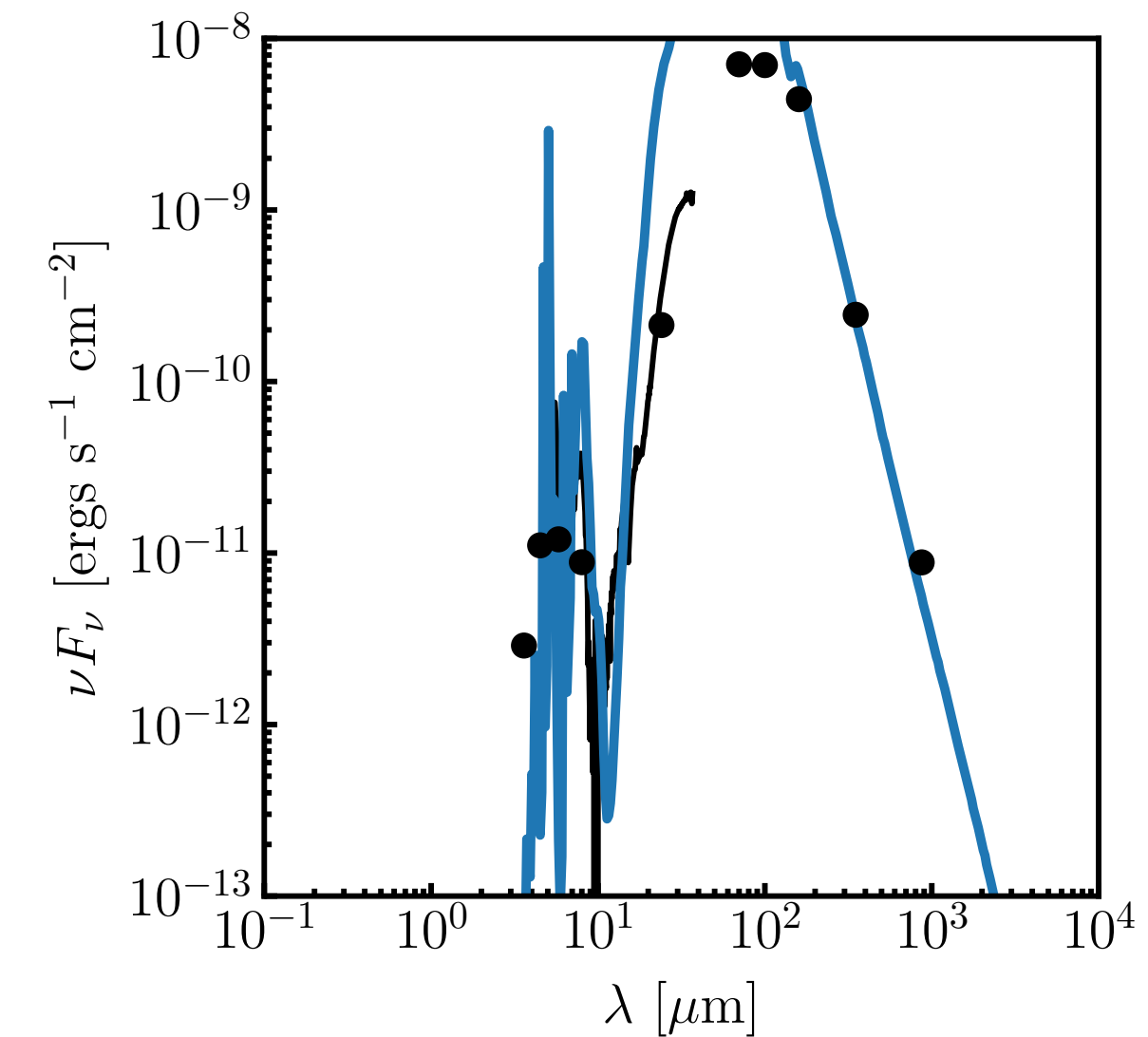
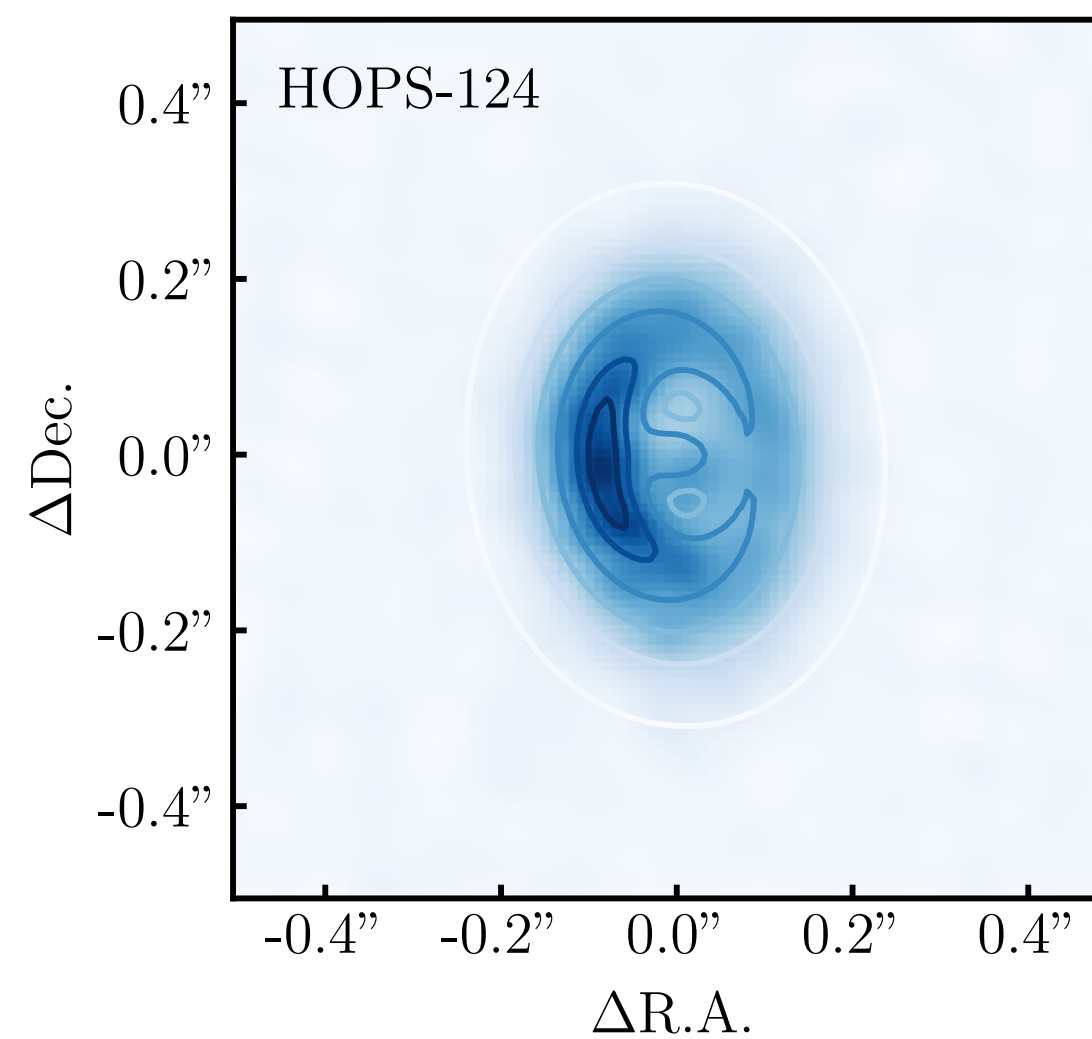
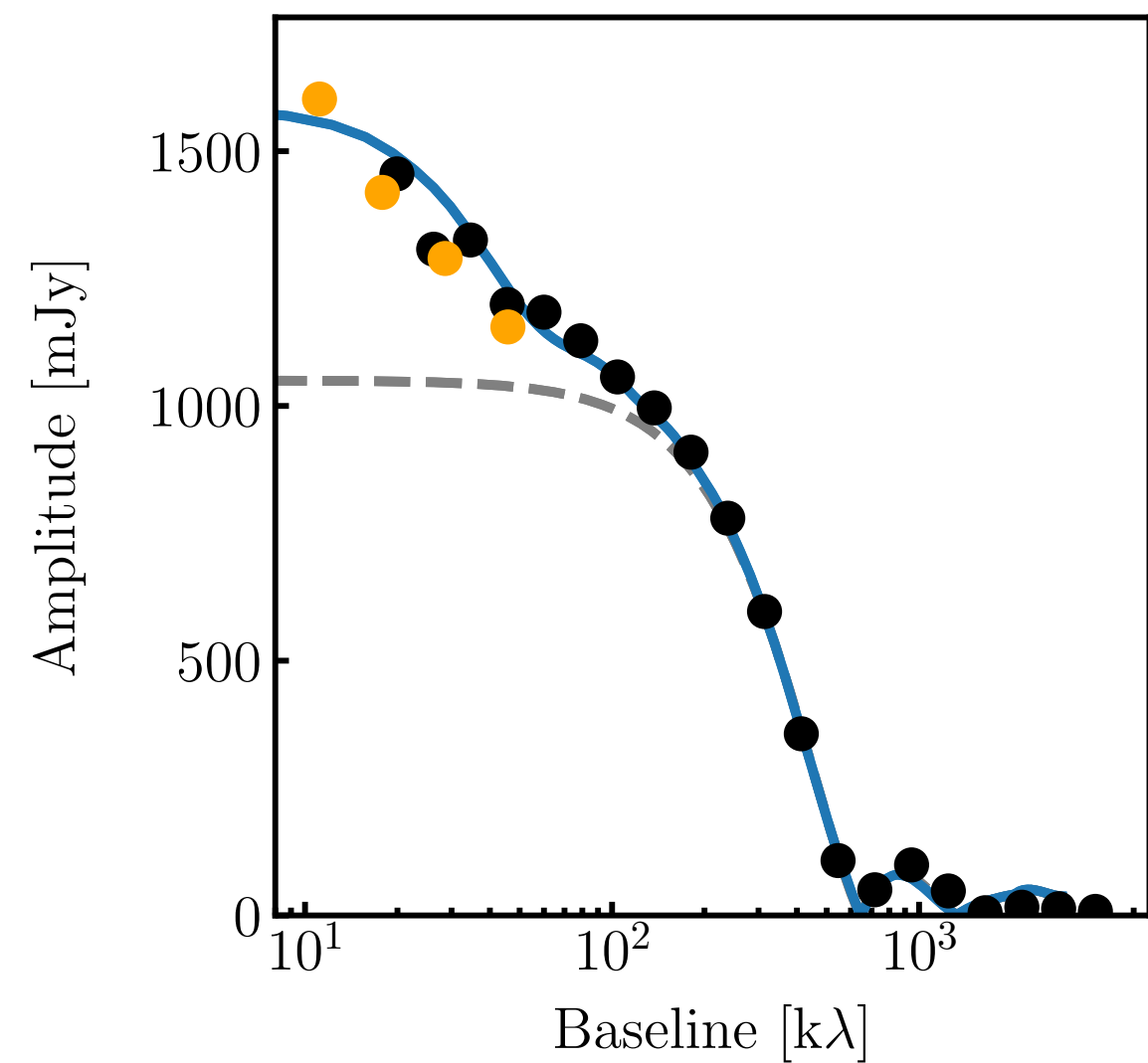
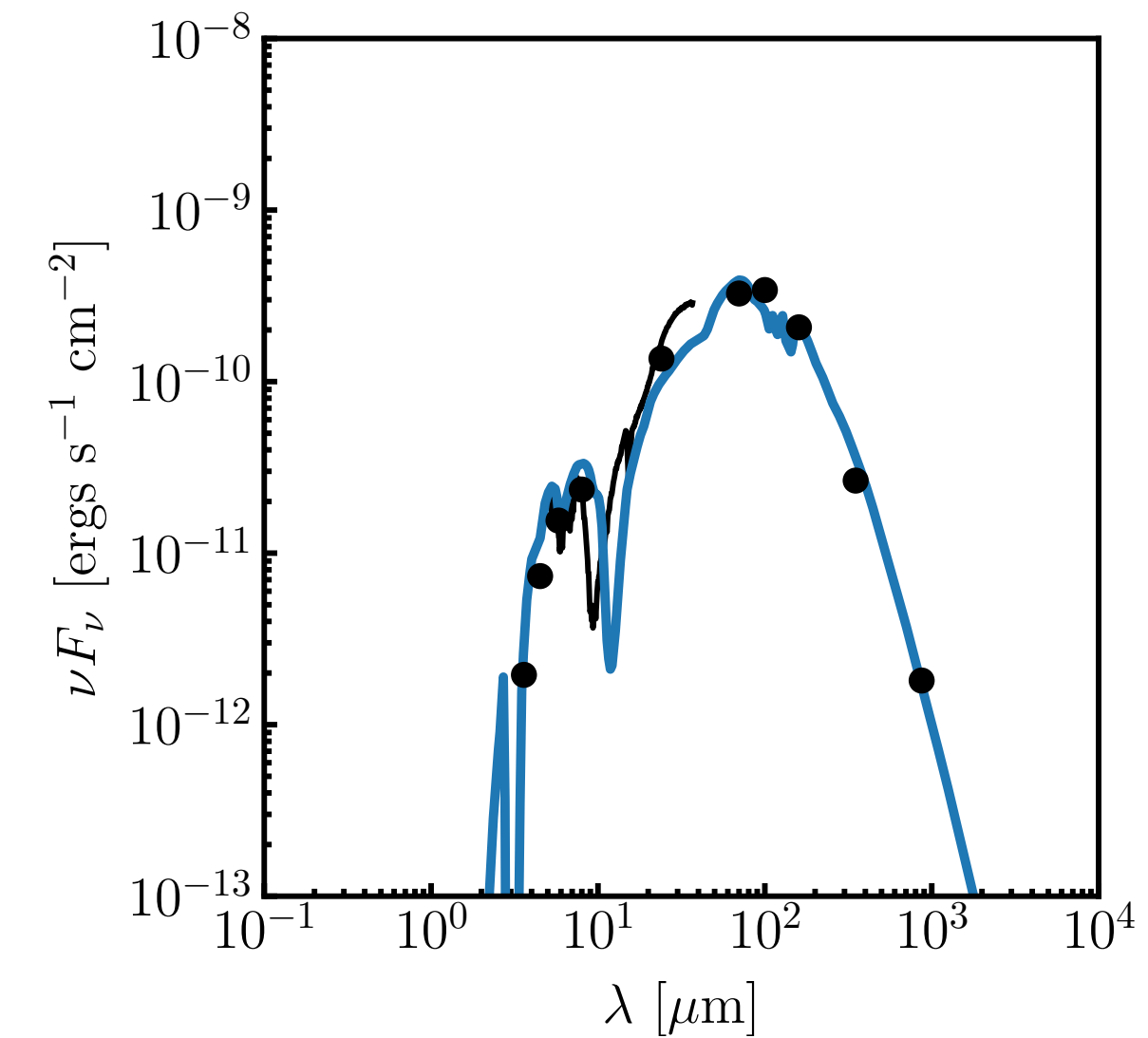
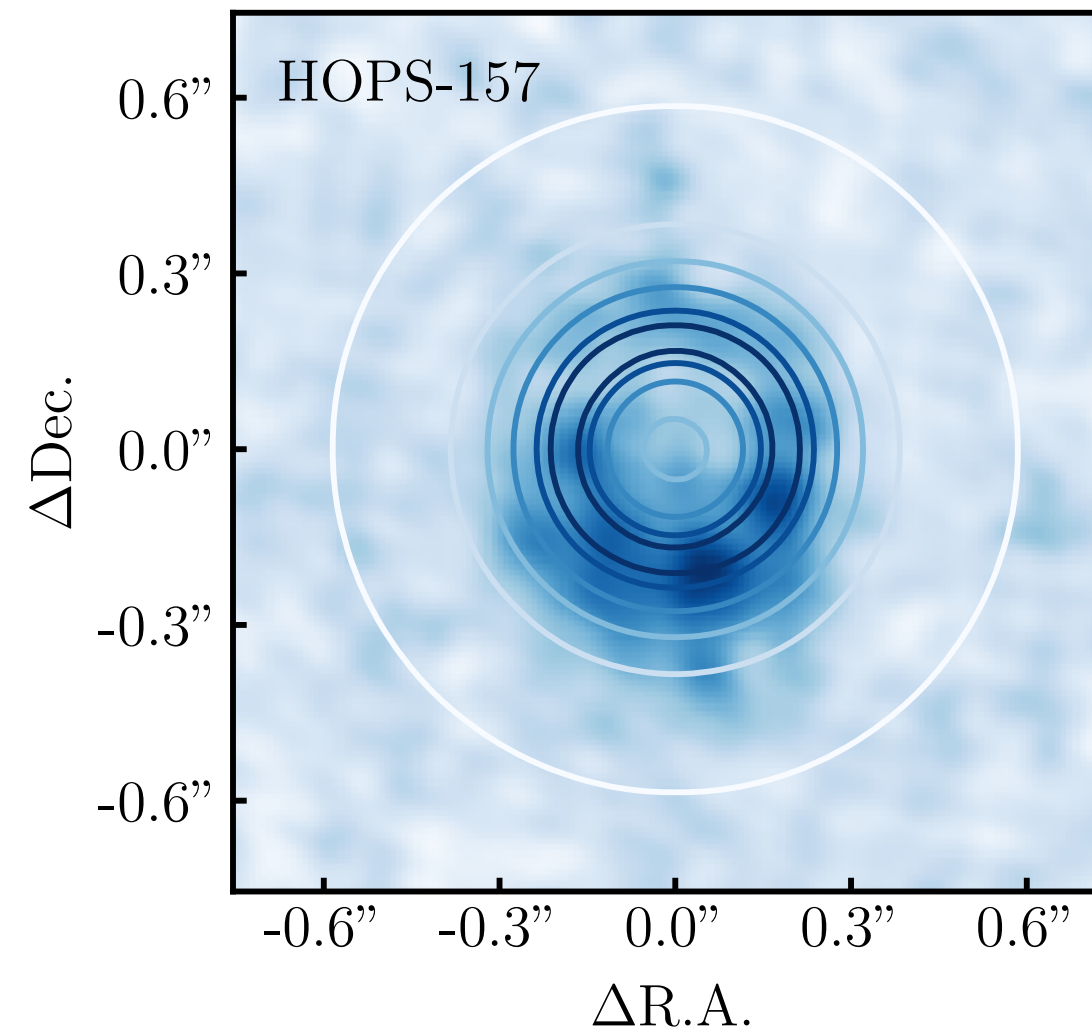
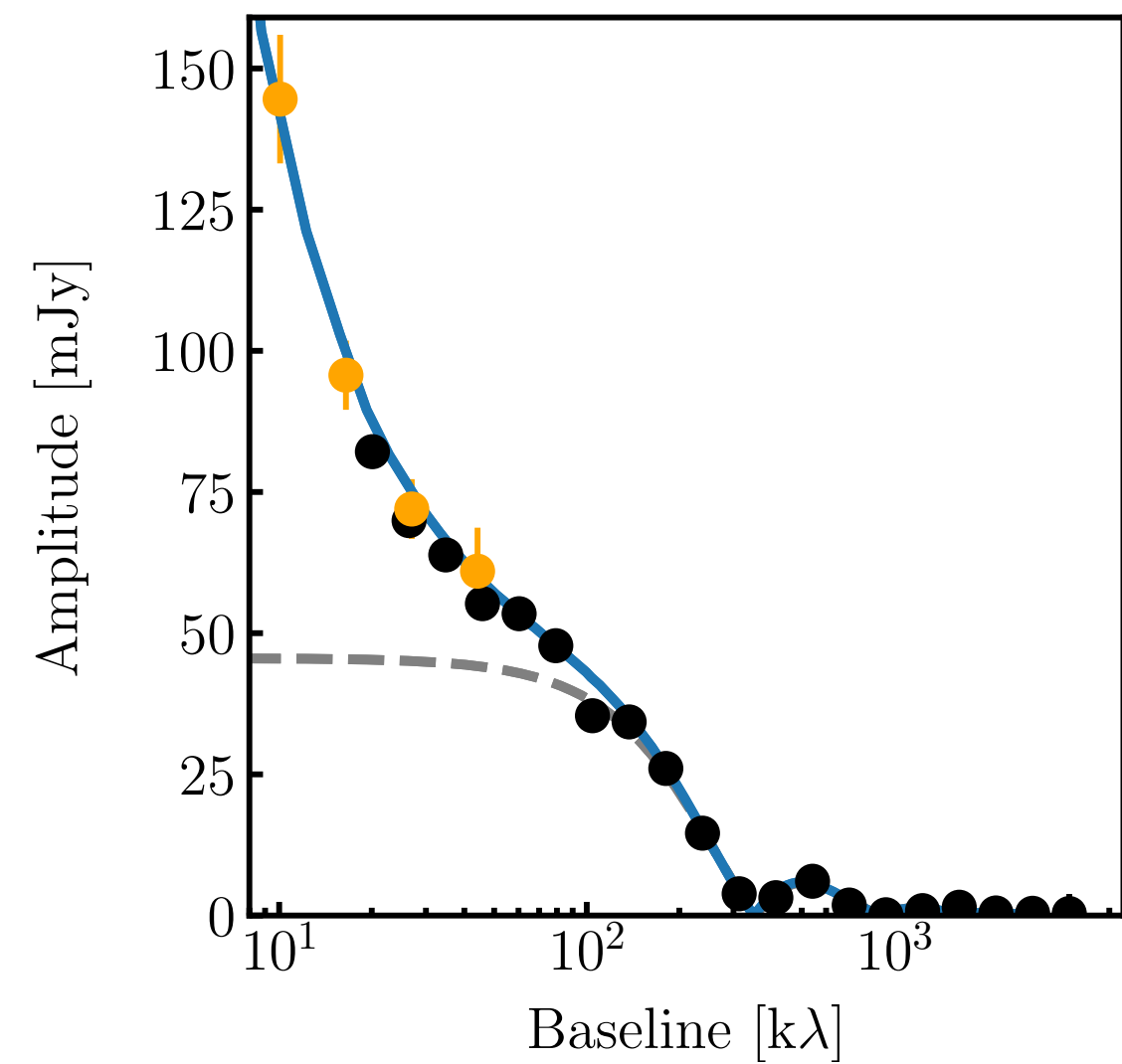
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**Younger**

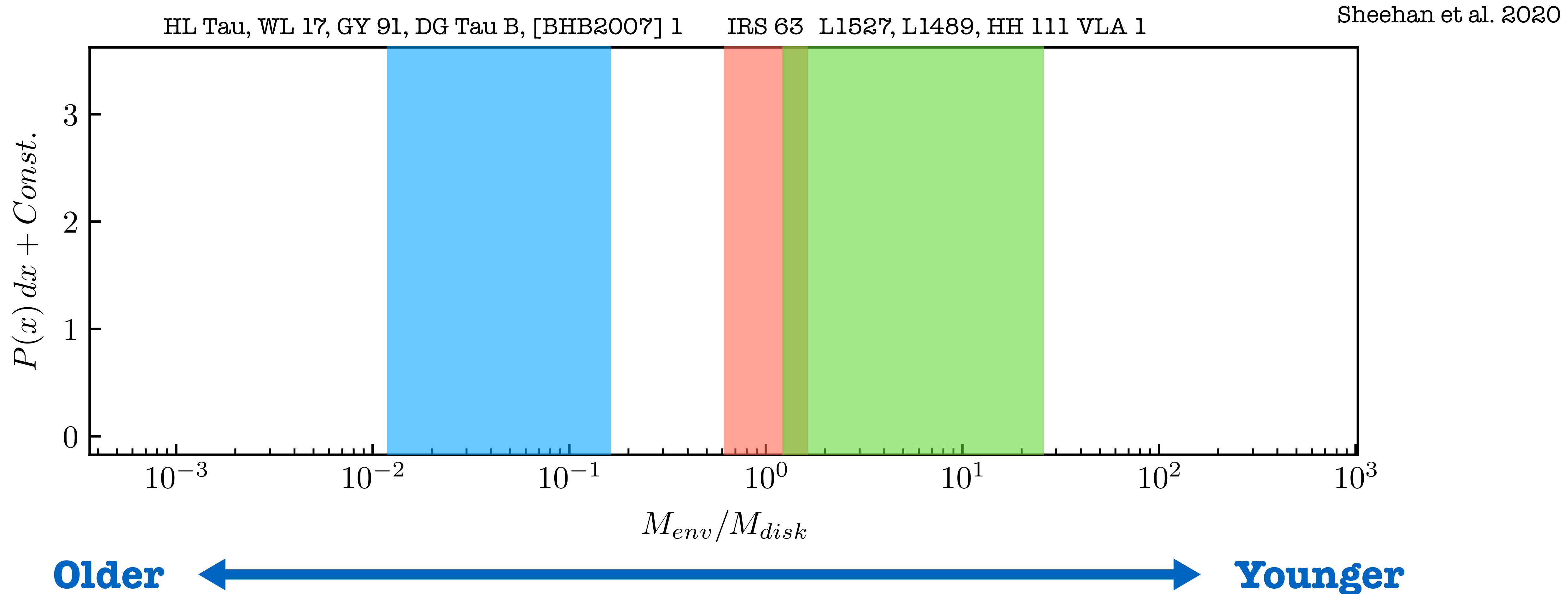
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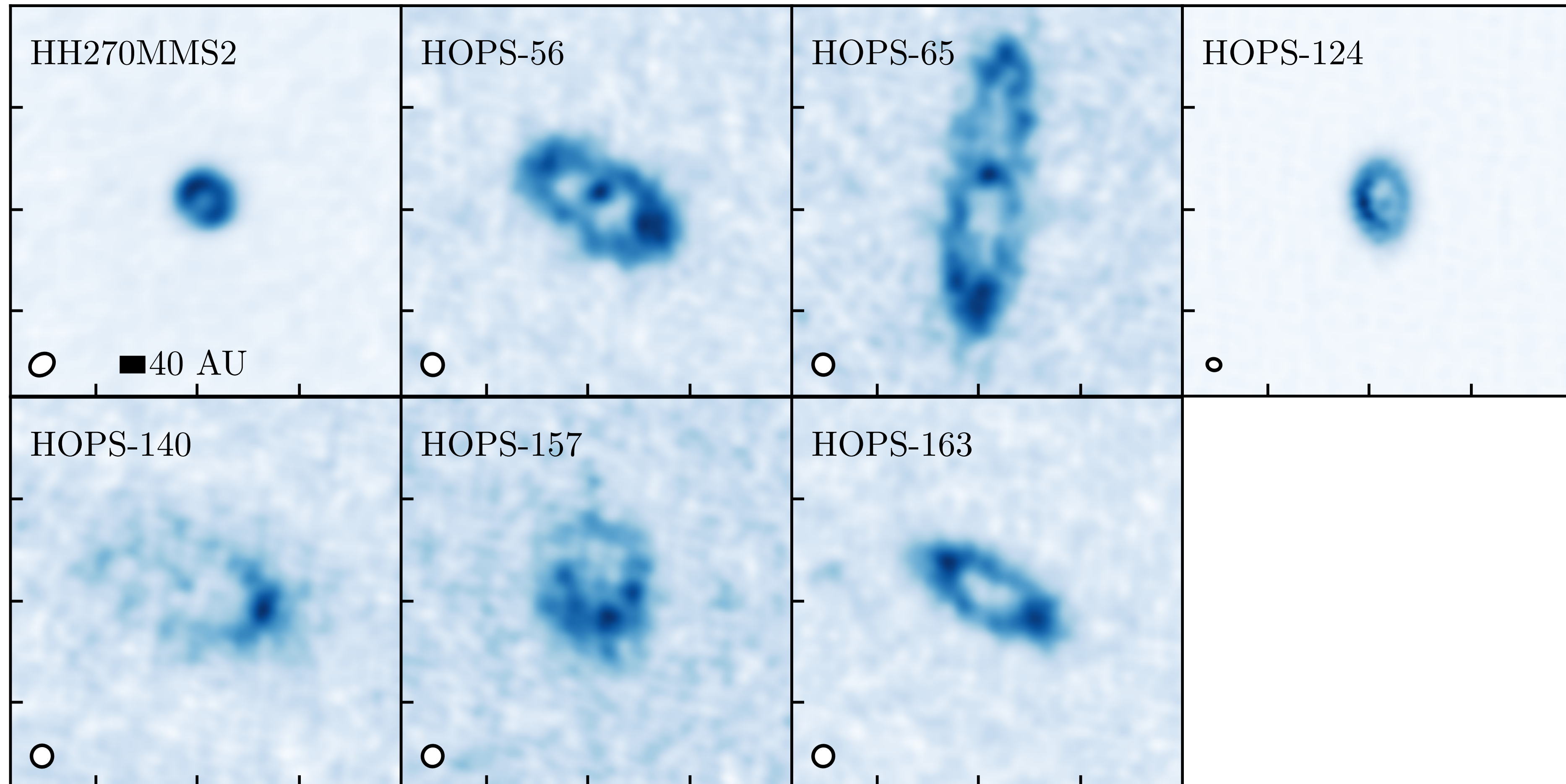
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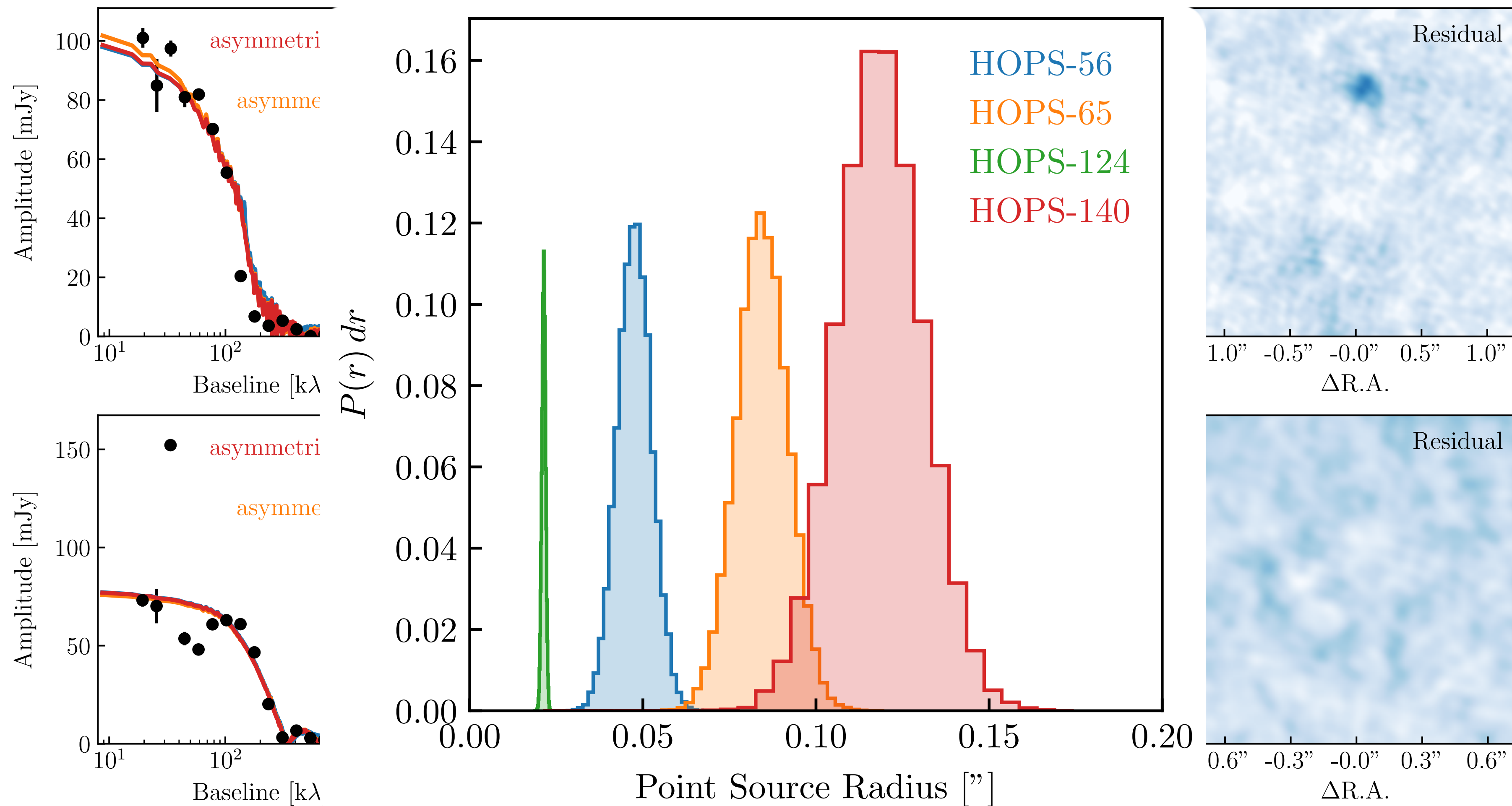




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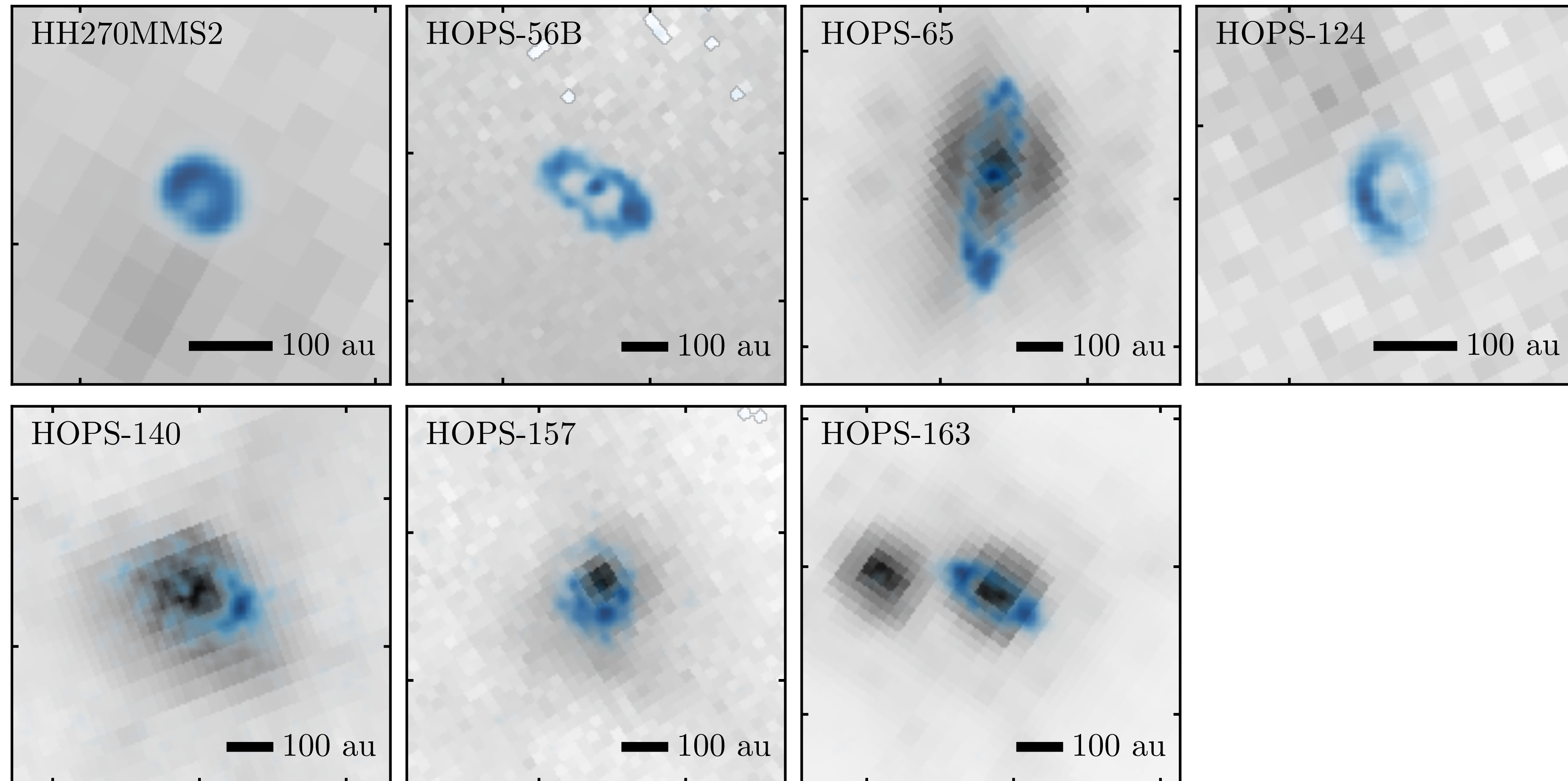
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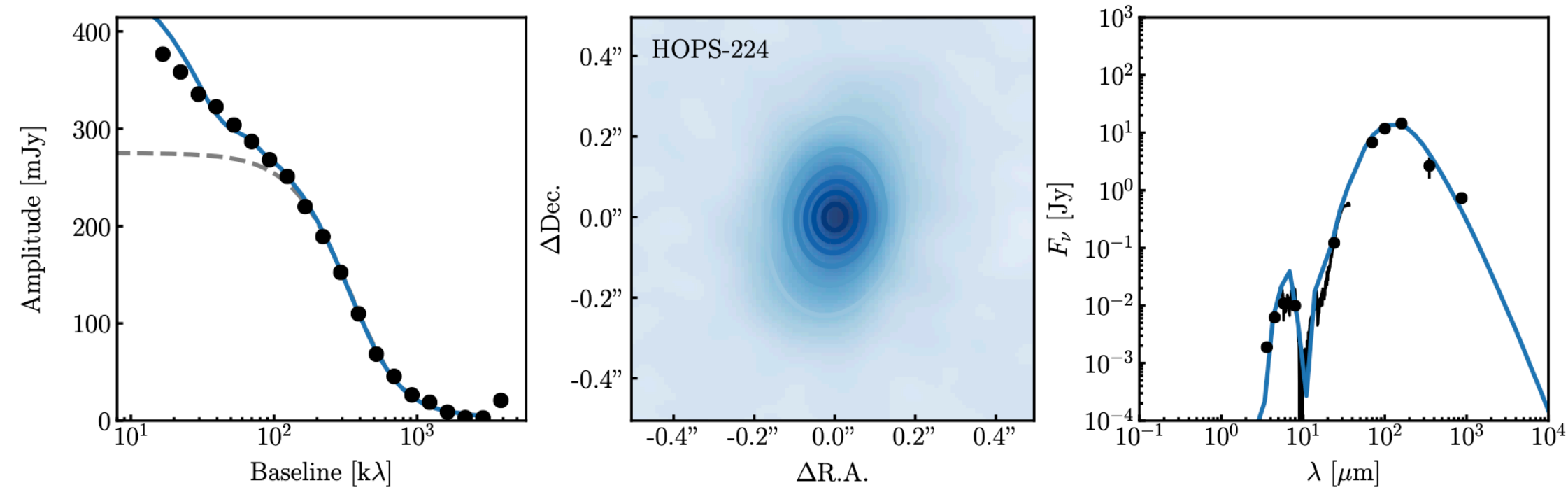
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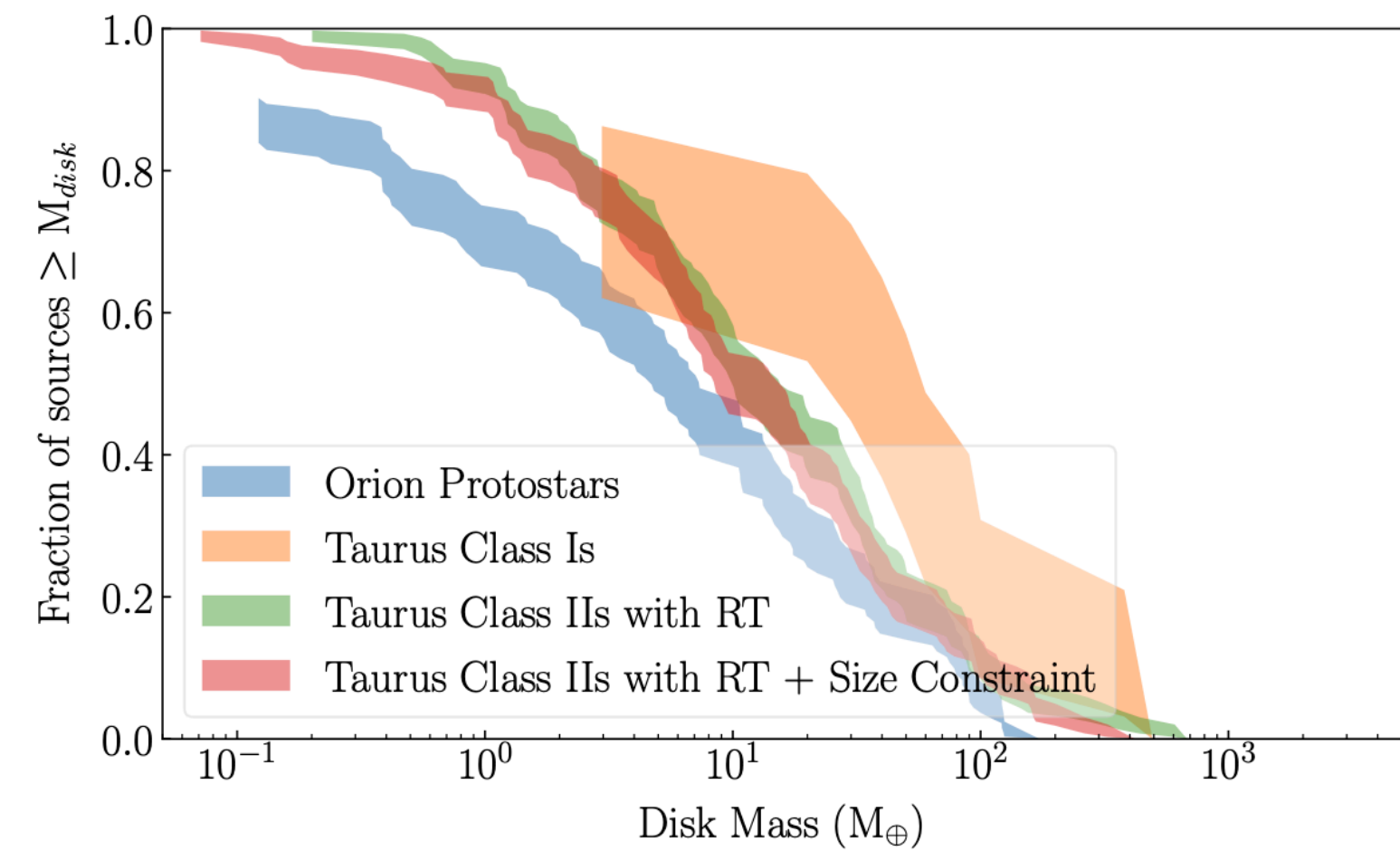
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