# THE FINE STRUCTURE OF THE WEB OF INTERSTELLAR FILAMENTS IN THE GOULD BELT CLOUDS

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#### Questions

- Are all interstellar clouds filamentary?
- Can filaments be considered as simple cylinders?
- Are dense large-scale filaments sub-structured?
- Do stars (prestellar cores) always form in filaments?
- What are the structural properties of filaments?
- Does appearance of filaments depend on distance?
- What can we learn from filamentary *structures*?

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Velocity-coherent fibers from A. Hacar + (2013)

See also: Figure 2 from Ph. André + (Protostars & Planets VI, 2014)





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## Aquila SPIRE 250 μm 0.25×0.18° = 14×9.8 pc Dπ 3000 pc









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# **Orion B** SPIRE 250 $\mu$ m 8.7 × 3.7° = 64 × 27 pc D = 410 pc See also: N. Schneider + (2013) SPIRE Ould Bell SAG3 Alexander Men'shchikov – ESA-ESTEC, November 2014 – Page 100











# **Orion B** SPIRE 250 $\mu$ m 1.2 × 0.54° = 64 × 27 pc $D_{\pi}$ 3000 pc



# **OrionB** SPIRE 250 μm 1.2×0.54° = 64×27 pc *D*<sub>7</sub>3000 pc



# **OrionB** SPIRE 250 μm 1.2×0.54° = 64×27 pc *D*<sub>7</sub>3000 pc






See also: D. Arzoumanian + (2011)





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#### **R** < 2300" **G** < 290" **B** < 72" = 0.17 pc







See also: D. Arzoumanian + (2011)





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#### W48 SPIRE 250 $\mu$ m 2.3×2.3° = 124×124 pc D = 3000 pc

Q. Nguen Luong + (2011) K. Rygl + (2014)











#### Conclusions

- Gould Belt: fascinating web of omnipresent filamentary structures
- Filaments on *all spatial scales*; resolved fine structures *abundant*
- Sources, filaments, and backgrounds are *blended* components
- Methods to extract (*separate*) components: *getsources*, *getfilaments*
- Fine filaments are very complicated in shapes, heavily overlapping
- Large varieties of ordered patterns: plenty of *valuable information*
- Dense small-scale sub-structures: relationship with forming stars
- Distant clouds: fine structures (fibers, striations) become diluted
- Distant clouds: only few densest power-law filaments observable
- Distant clouds: all likely to have fine filaments, currently unresolved
- We need kinematical information, magnetic field measurements



