

# Disk Evolution in the Orion OB1 Association



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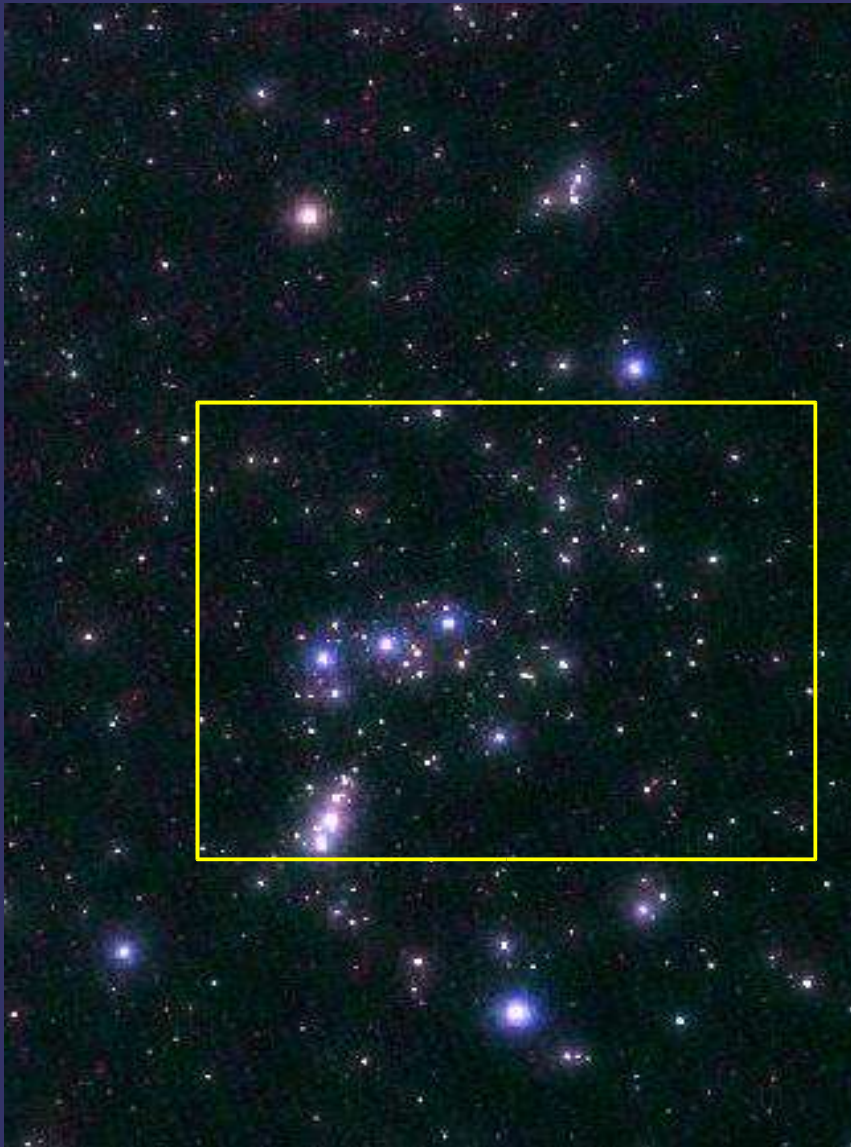
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# The CIDA Orion Variability Survey: large scale census of the low-mass PMS population

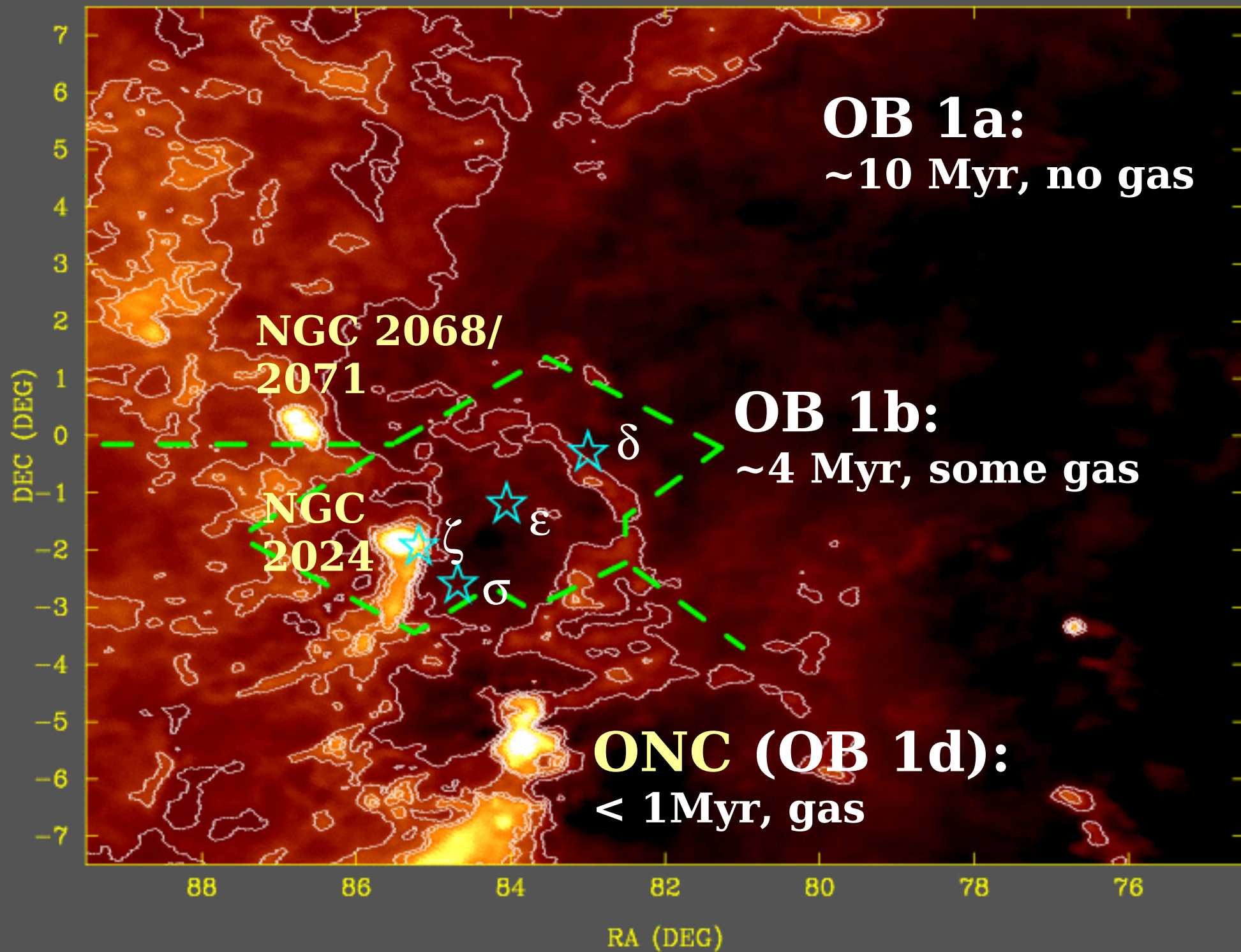


Very large area:  $\sim 180 \text{ deg}^2$   $\rightarrow$  from the youngest to the older populations

Why Orion?

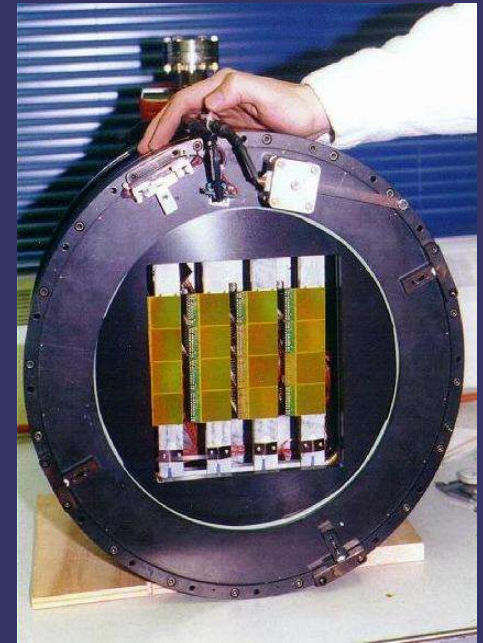
- nearby ( $\sim 400 \text{ pc}$ )
- ages from OB stars  $\sim 1\text{-}10 \text{ Myr}$  (*Blauuw 1964, Brown et al. 1994*)  $\Rightarrow$  right age range to investigate first stages in disk evolution/planet formation.
- Range of ambient conditions: effect of environment on disk lifetimes.

But can't use massive stars to investigate star-forming history or disk evolution  $\rightarrow$  need low-mass guys...almost nothing known about them.

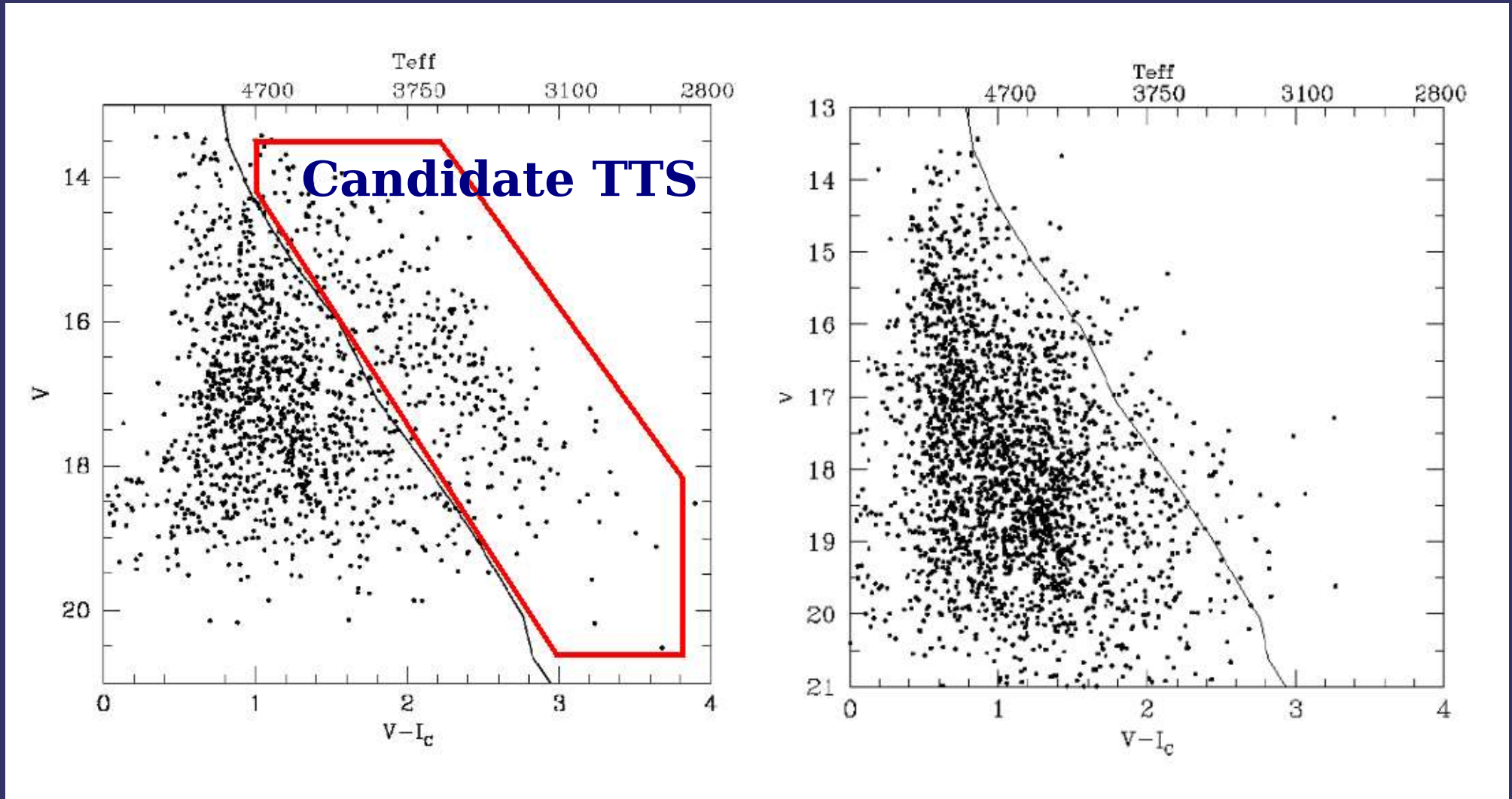


# The Photometric Variability Survey:

Wide-field telescope (Venezuela 1m Schmidt) + Drift-scan mode CCD Mosaic Camera =  $34 \text{ deg}^2/\text{h}/\text{filter}$  (VRIH $\alpha$ )



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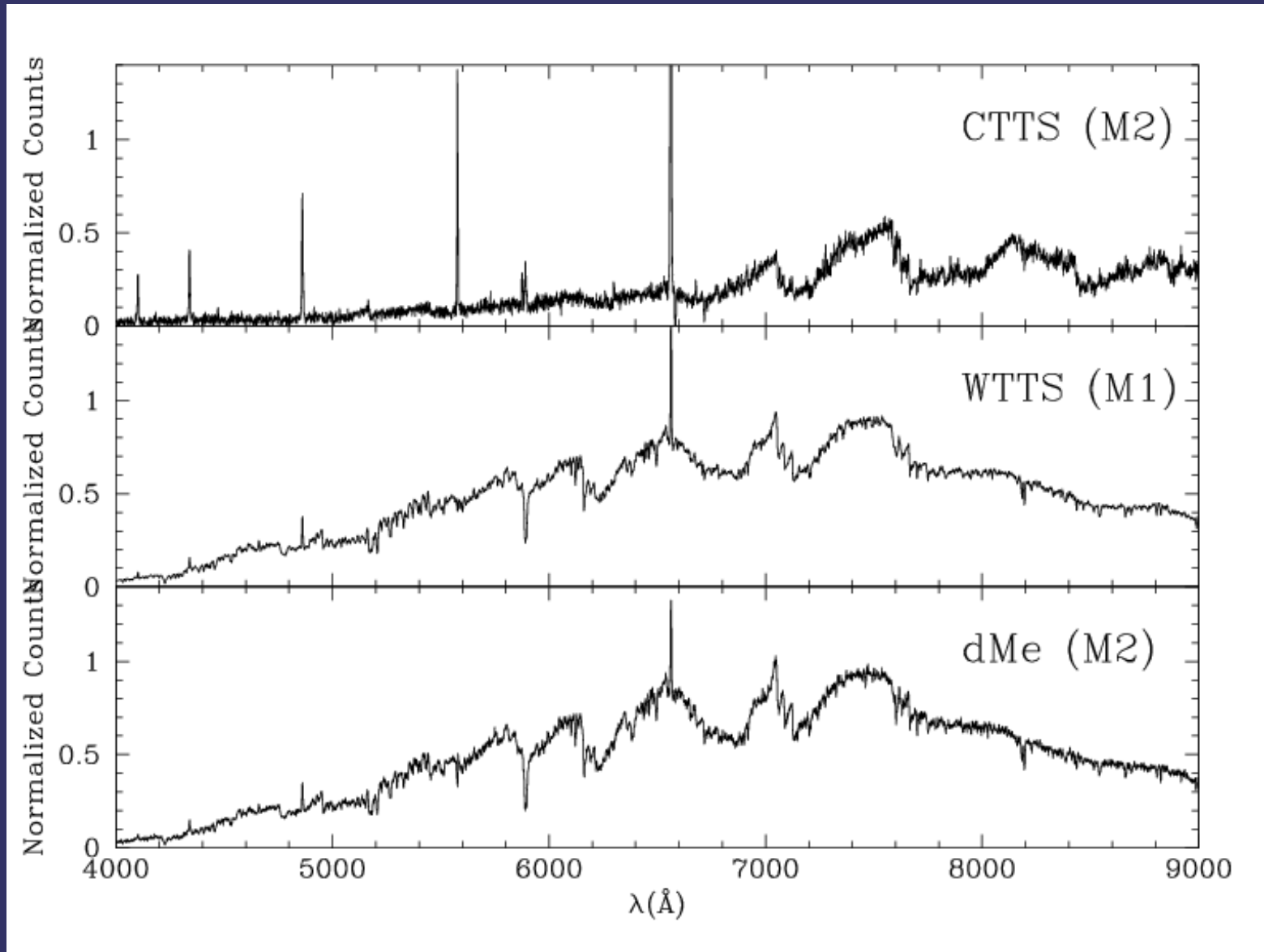


**Orion OB 1b**

**Off-Orion field**

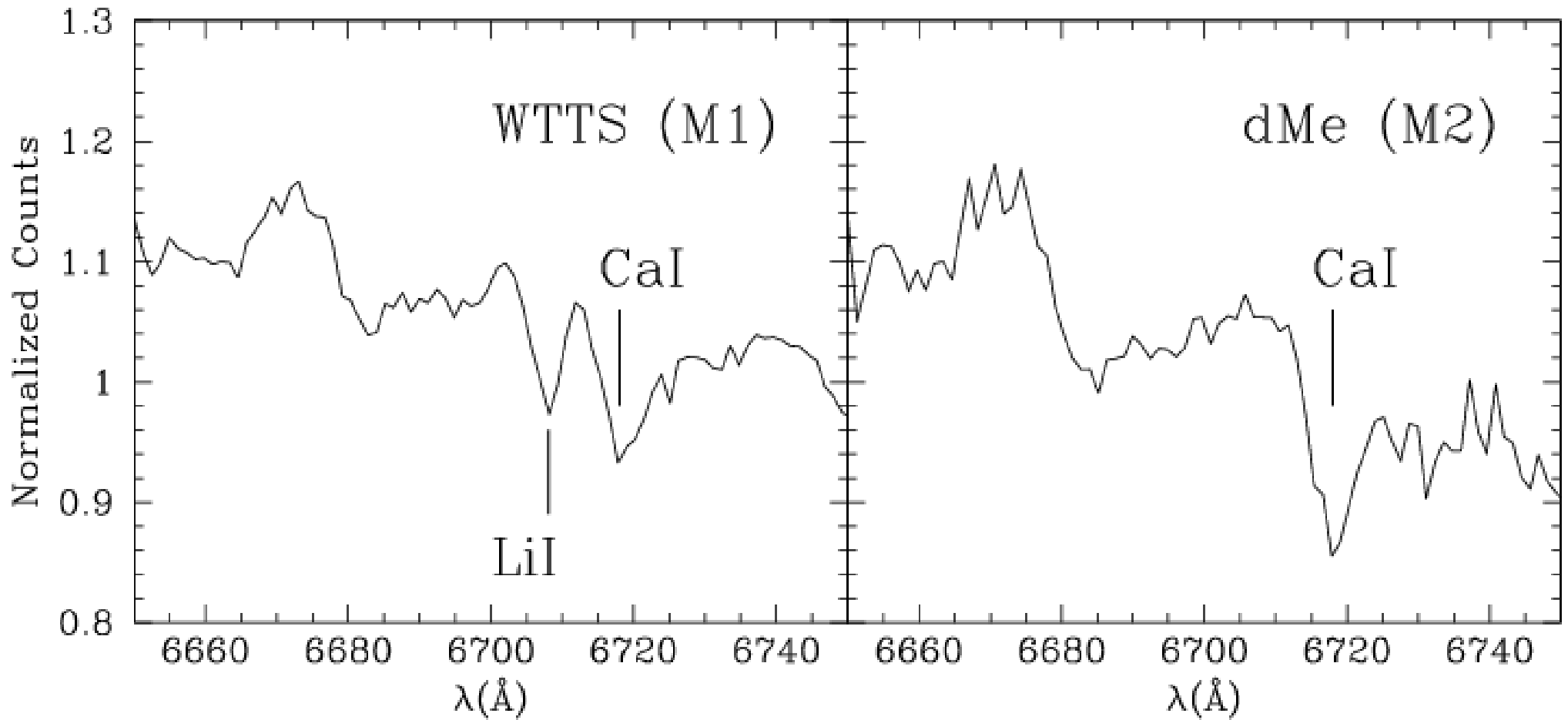
Multi-epoch: optical variability to pick candidate, low-mass PMS stars  
-> very efficient (~50-70%)

# The Spectroscopic Survey:



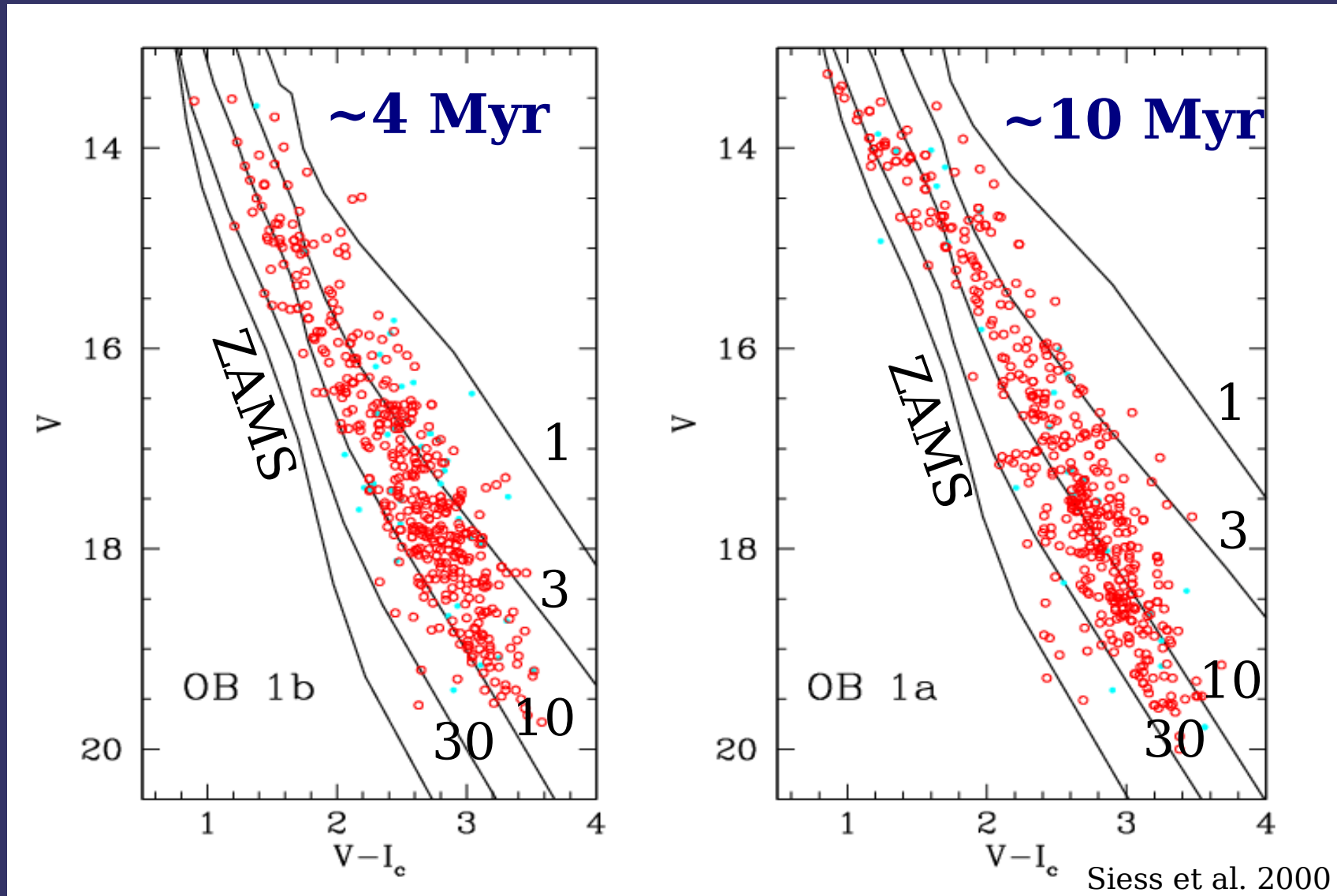
Followup spectroscopy (FAST, Hectospec, Hydra) yield membership confirmation:  $H\alpha$ , Li I, spectral types  $\rightarrow$   $T_{\text{eff}}$ , +phot  $\rightarrow$   $A_v$

# The Spectroscopic Survey:



Li I 6707  $\text{\AA}$  important to distinguish WTTS from field dMe stars:  
contamination is significant in wide-field surveys!

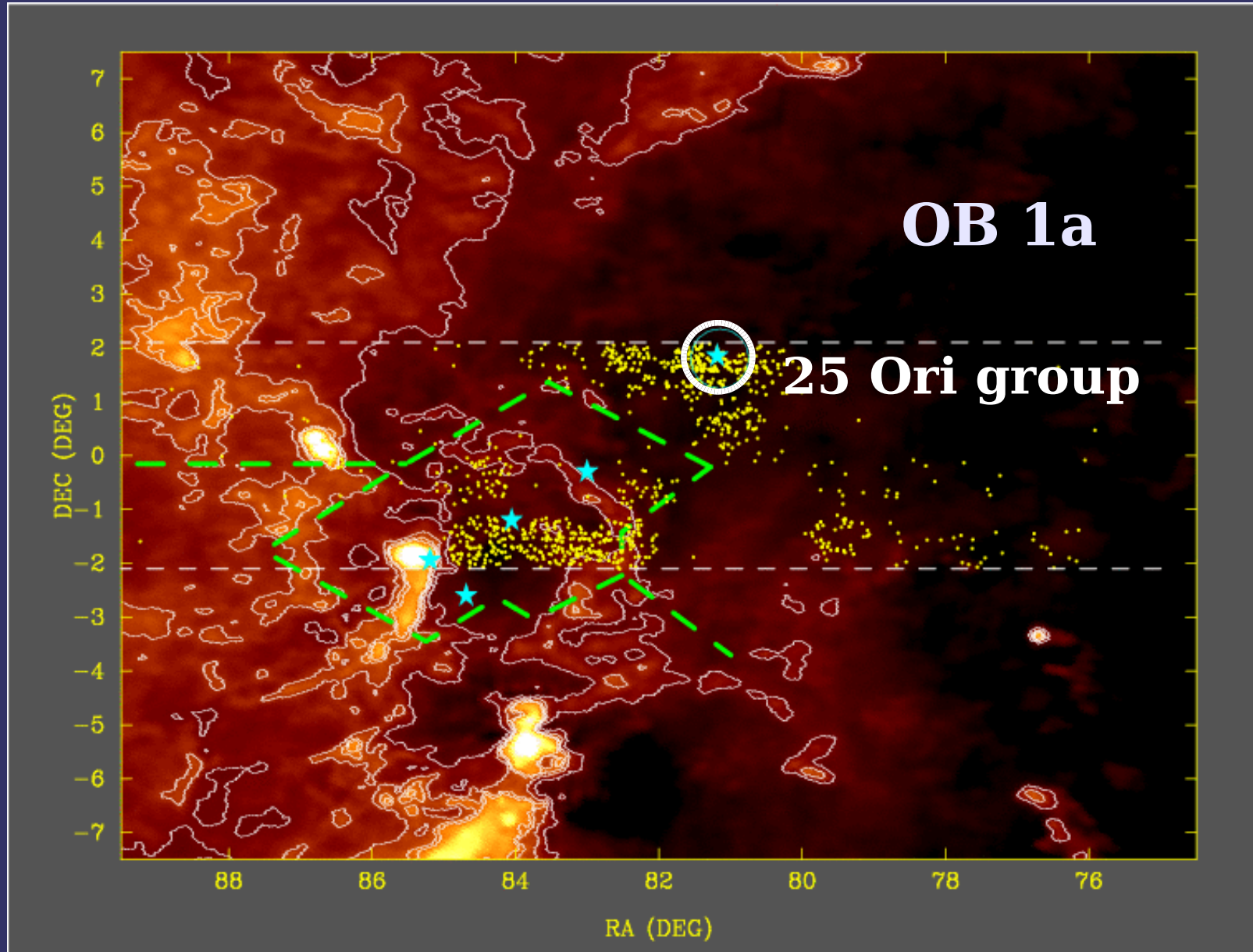
# Characterizing the low-mass PMS population of Orion OB1: ages



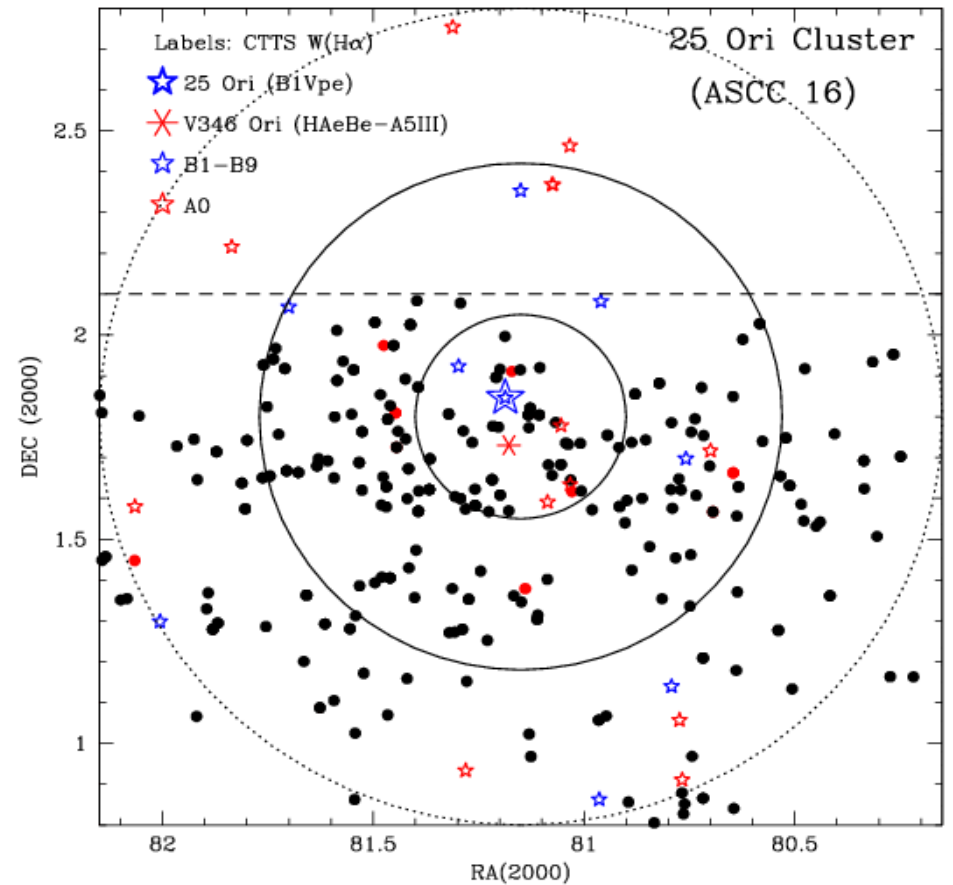
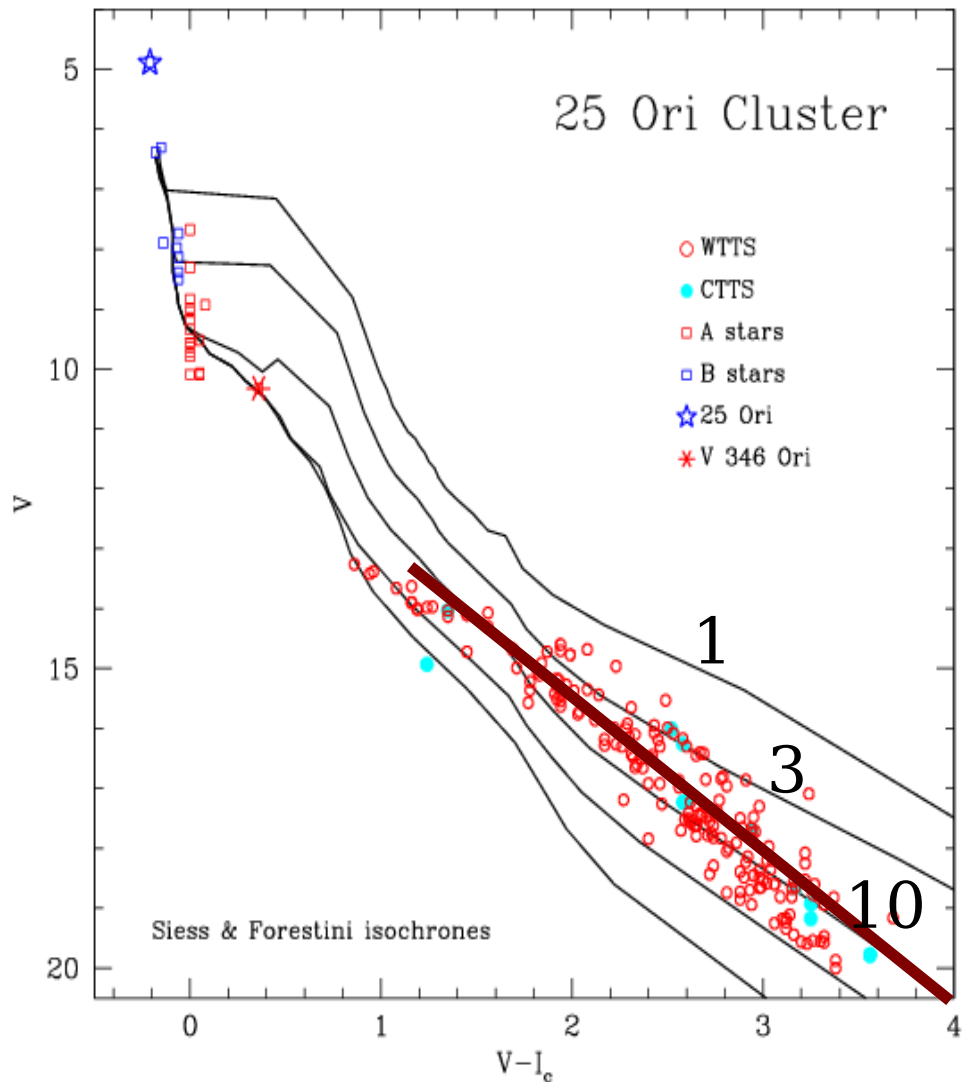
Optical photometry + spectroscopy provide ages, masses



# Characterizing the low-mass PMS population of Orion OB1: new groups

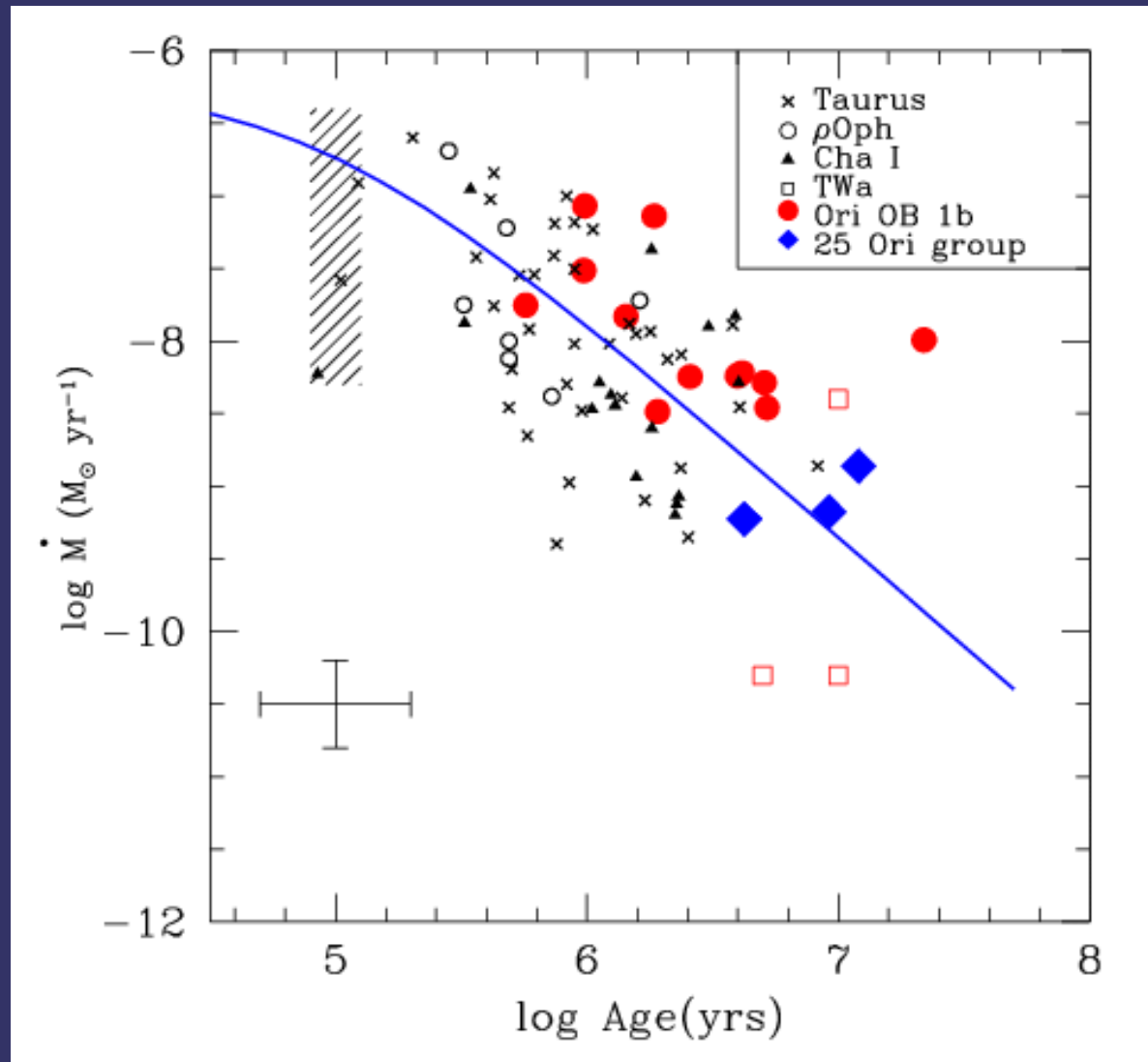


# The 25 Ori group (cluster?): a rich TW Hya analogue



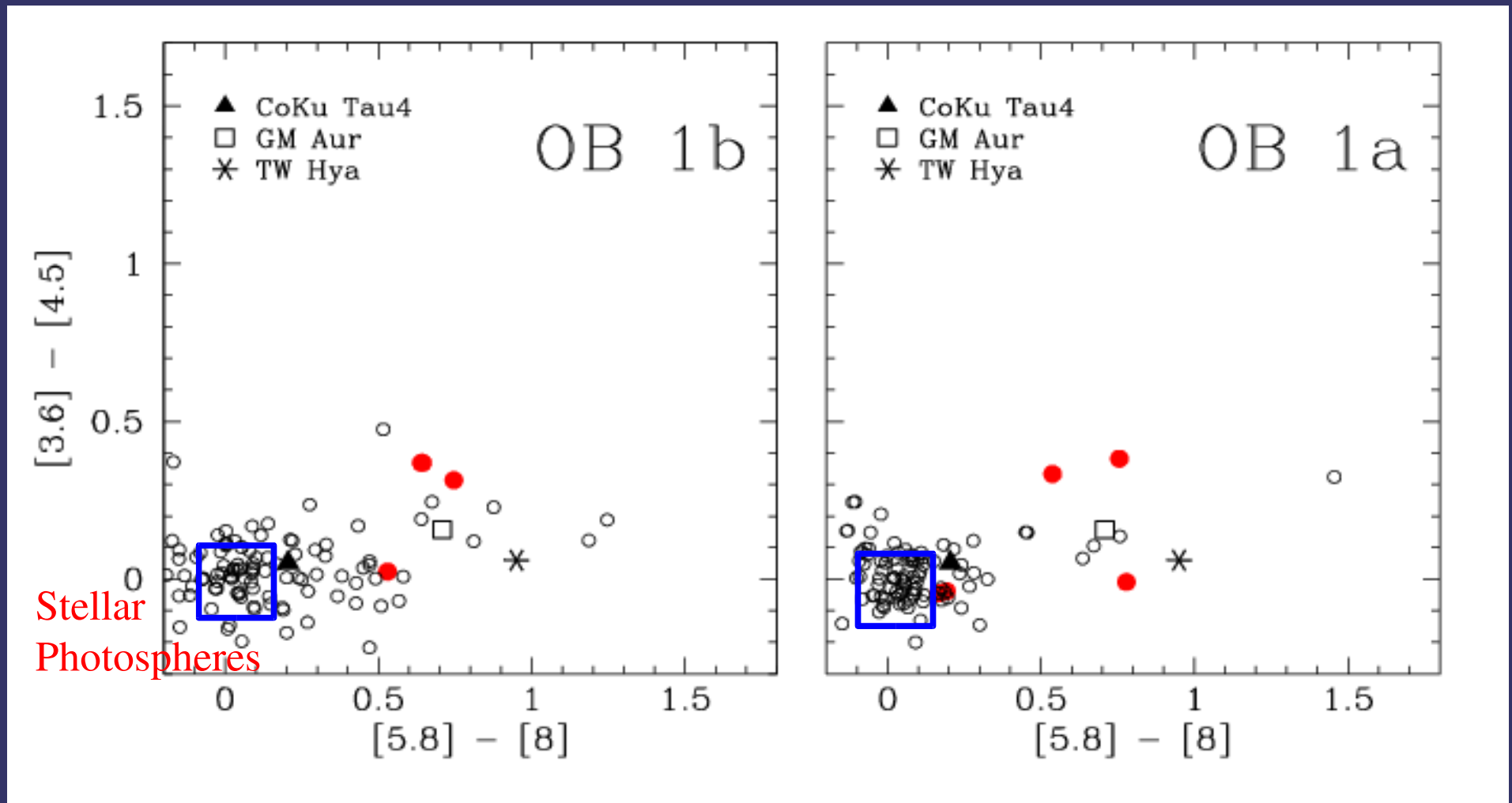
- 25 Ori: B1Ve
- V346 Ori: Herbig Ae/Be
- ~150 TTS

# Evolution of disk accretion



U-band photometry  $\rightarrow$  measure  $L_{\text{acc}}$  + previously determined masses  
and stellar radii =  $dM/dt$   $\rightarrow$  With ages  $\Rightarrow$   $\dot{M}$  vs Age

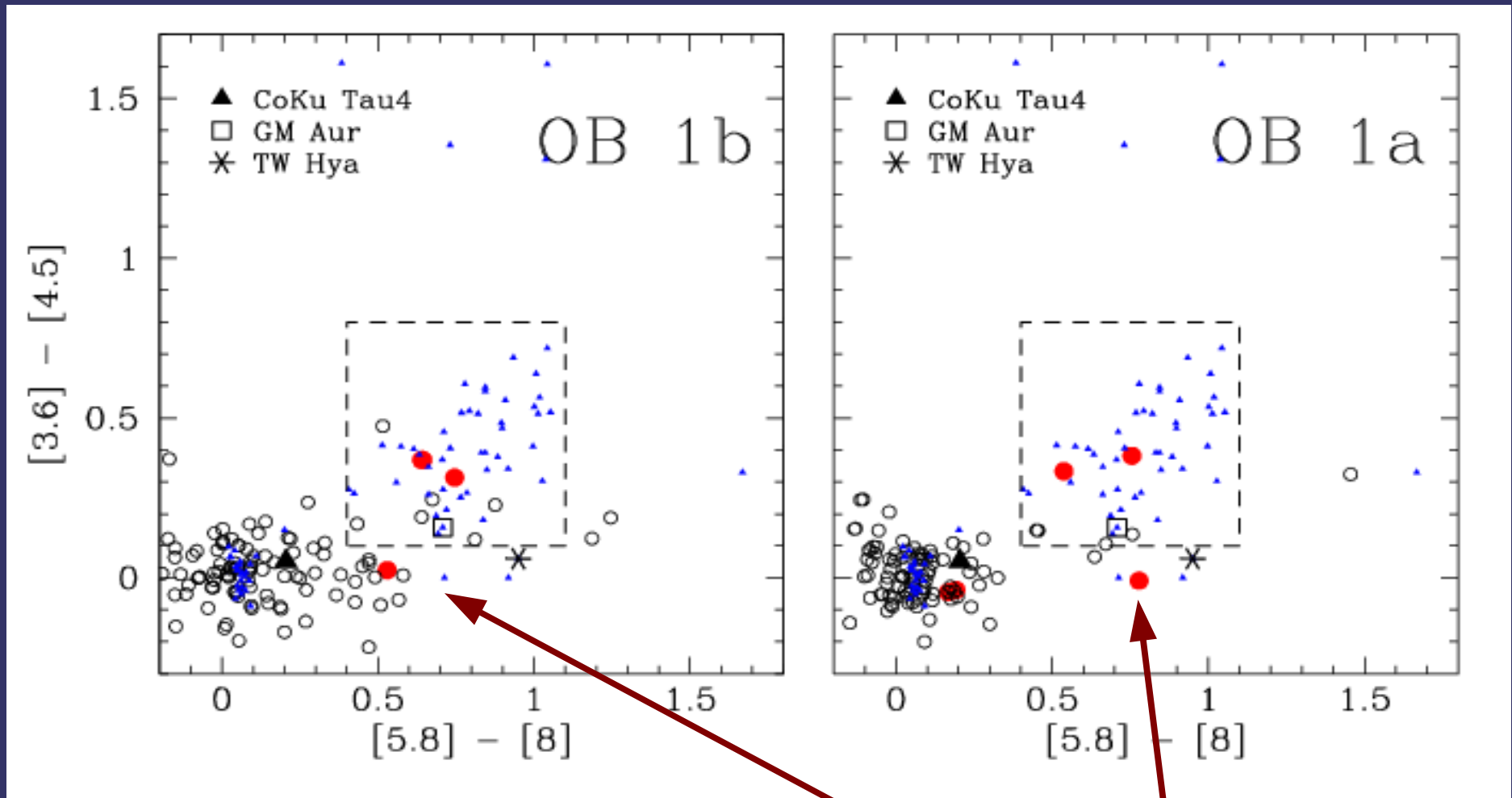
# Spitzer Observations of Orion OB1



Spitzer IRAC + MIPS observations of 2 selected regions,  $\sim 1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ :

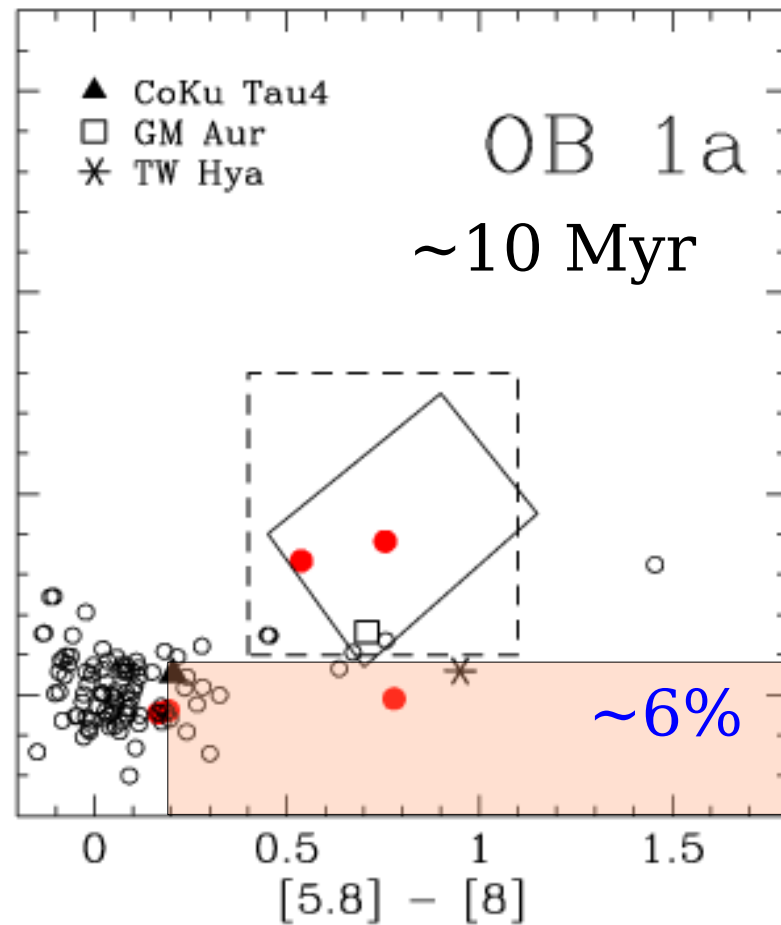
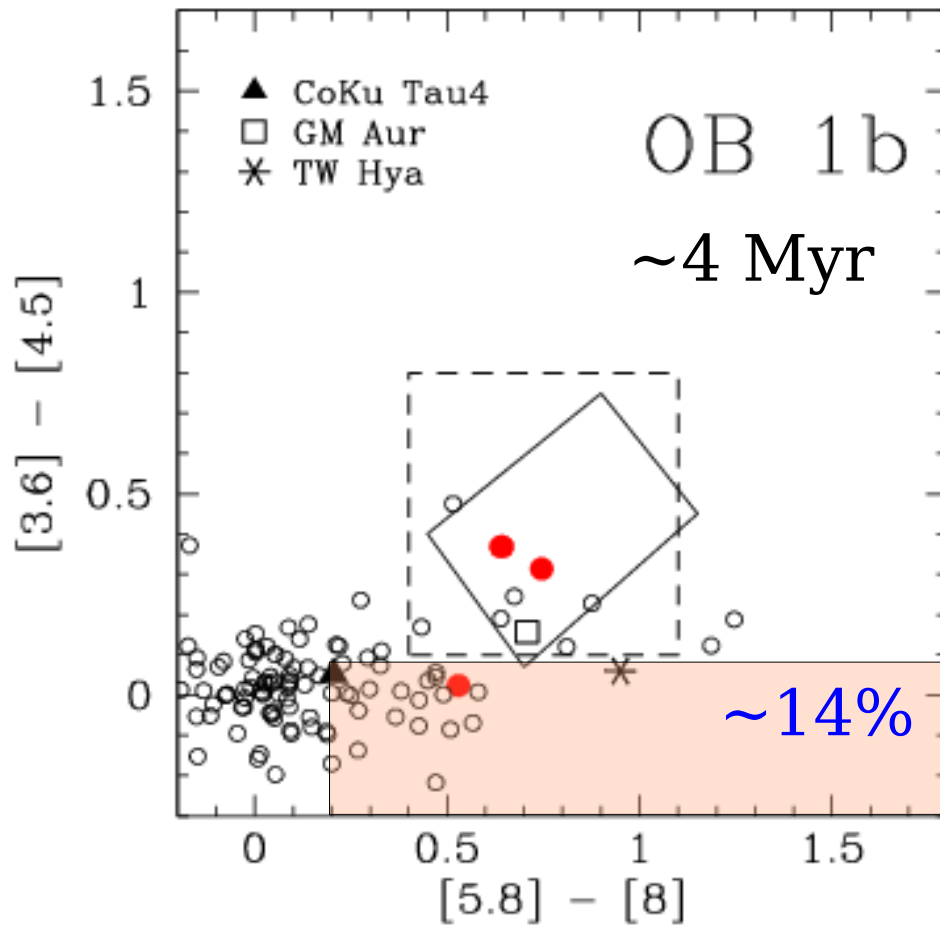
- Belt region (OB 1b)
- The 25 Ori group (OB 1a)

# Dust Evolution: from Taurus to Ori OB1



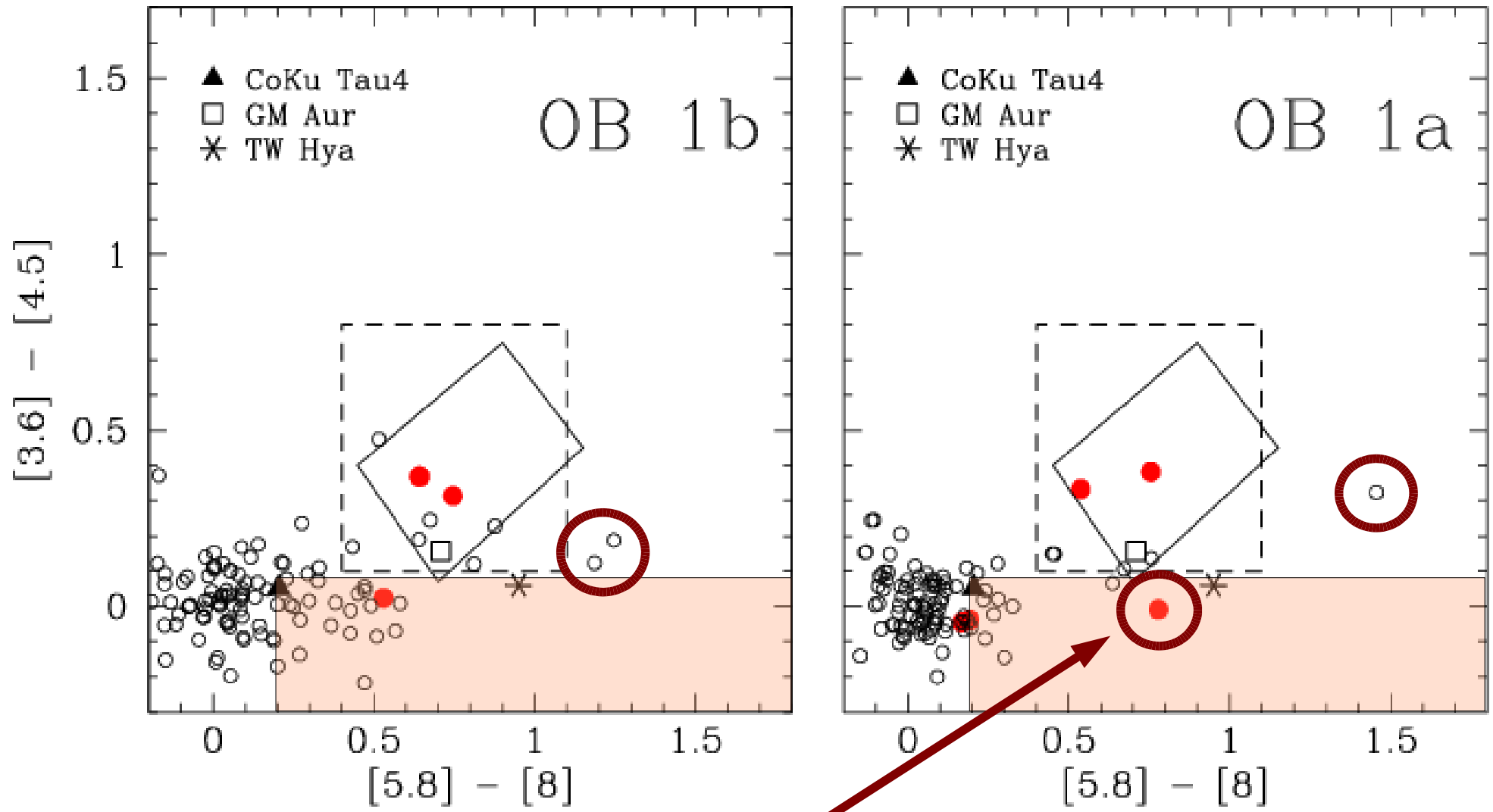
- TTS at all ages
- Orion OB1 TTS (~4-10 Myr) mid-IR emission < Taurus (~1-2 Myr)
- A number of objects in “transition disk” locus => inner disk clearing

# Dust Evolution at a few Myr



Only ~5-10% of transition disks are accreting  
=> short phase (< 1 Myr)

# Transition Disks in Ori OB1



**A NEW TW HYA?**

# Transition Disks in Ori OB1 @ 24 $\mu\text{m}$

**OB 1a**

47323  
47332

A wide-field astronomical image of the Ori OB1 region at 24 micrometers. The image shows a dense field of stars against a reddish-brown background. Two stars are highlighted with green circles and labeled with their IDs: 47323 and 47332.

**OB 1b**

36976

A zoomed-in astronomical image of the Ori OB1 region at 24 micrometers. The image shows a complex, filamentary structure of interstellar dust and gas. A single star is highlighted with a green circle and labeled with its ID: 36976.

**OB 1b**

50850

A zoomed-in astronomical image of the Ori OB1 region at 24 micrometers. The image shows a complex, filamentary structure of interstellar dust and gas. A single star is highlighted with a green circle and labeled with its ID: 50850.



# Next Steps

- Extend spatial coverage of followup spectroscopy (FAST & Hectospec): identify members over larger area
- High resolution spectroscopy (Hectochelle @ MMT):
  - Kinematics (confirm 25 Ori group) + separate 1a/1b (also study rotation)
  - Accretion (find low accretors among “WTTS”)
- Deep U-band imaging (Megacam @ MMT): determine  $dM/dt$  for lowest mass TTS
- Disk SEDs: Spitzer + IRS