

# NRO-SUBARU Collaboration I : GMCs and Star Formation in M33



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# NRO-45m Legacy Project: Molecular Gas and Star Formation in M33

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## Purpose

To study the properties of  
Giant molecular clouds  
And star formation  
within a whole galaxy



34  
~8.1 kpc

5-years project  
Jan. 2008~

30  
~7.3 kpc

Resolution  
19".3 ~ 80 pc

| 1kpc



**Spiral Galaxy M33 (Messier 33)**

Subaru Telescope, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan

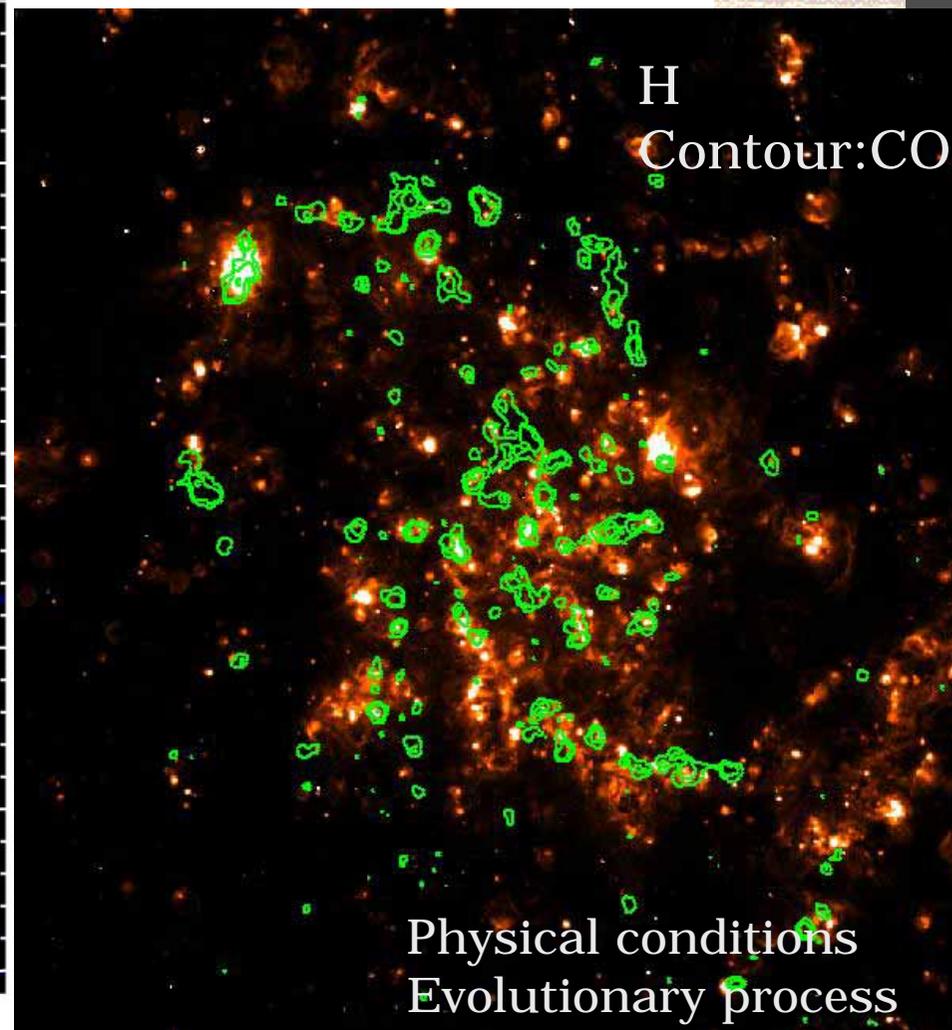
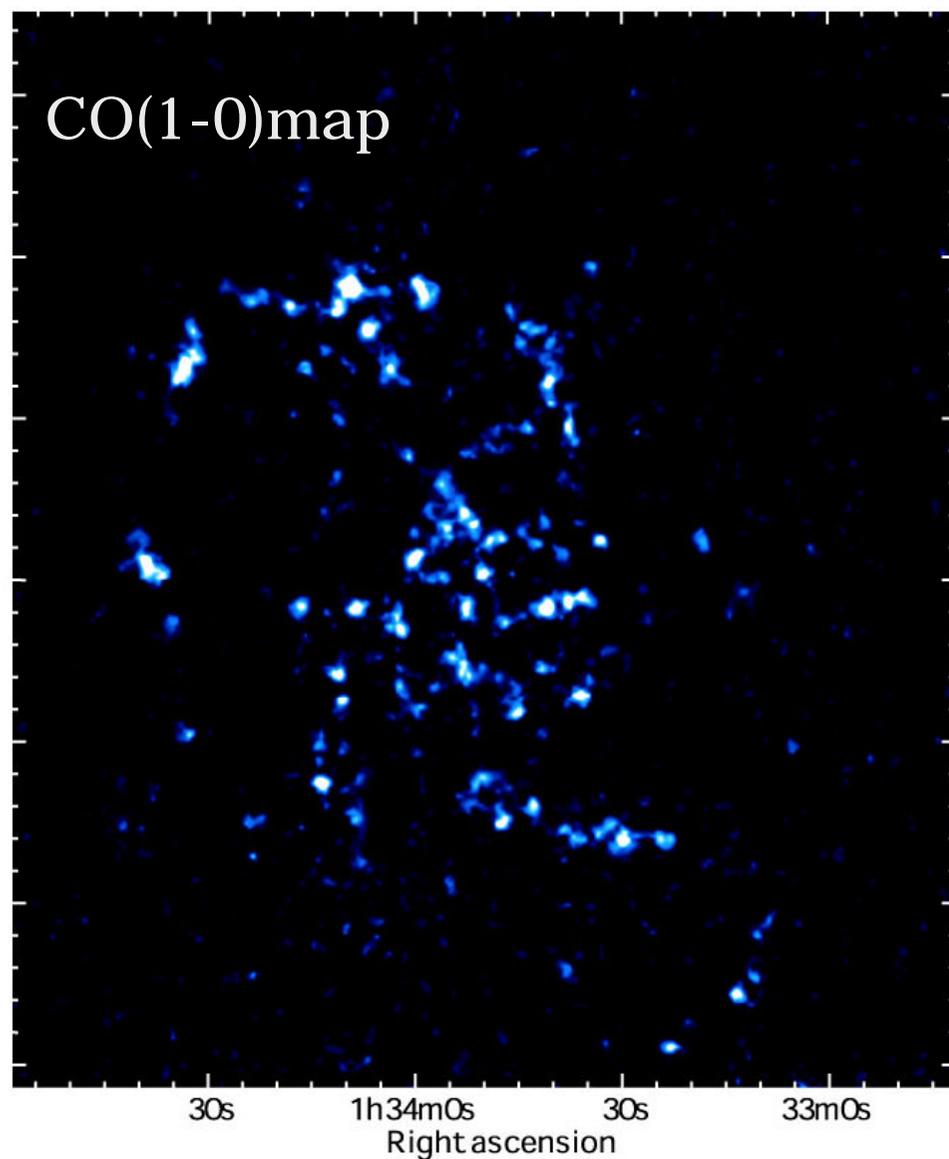
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Suprime-Cam (B, V, H $\alpha$ )

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(Arimoto et al.)

# Variety of Star Formation among GMCs



# What to do with the SUBARU Data

Essential as indicators of evolutionary stages of GMCs...

- H $\alpha$ : ongoing star formation
- B-band: young clusters
- BVRI: galactic potential made by older stars

(near) future work

Identification of young clusters & star-forming regions  
publication of a GMC catalog with information about  
evolutionary stages of each GMC