

H₂O and CO₂ Ices around Extragalactic Young Stellar Objects

-- AKARI 2-5μm spectroscopy --



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1. Introduction

Ices around YSOs

- Important reservoir of heavy elements and complex molecules (Tab.1, Fig.1)
- An origin of a cometary ice and a planetary ocean (Tab.1)
- Observed by infrared absorption bands
- Formation mechanisms of ices are not understood well

Extragalactic YSOs

- The diversity of a chemical balance around YSOs in extragalactic environments
- Few spectroscopic observations of ices toward extragalactic YSOs so far

The Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC)

- The nearest (~50kpc) irregular galaxy to our Galaxy
- An ideal environments for the study of extragalactic YSOs due to its proximity and low metallicity

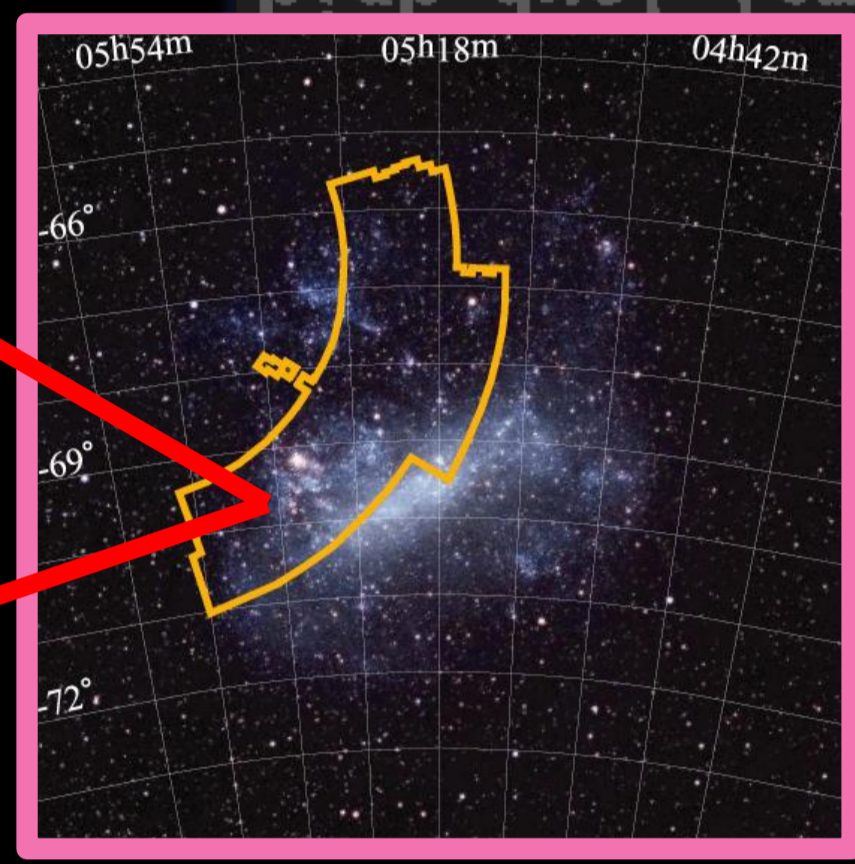
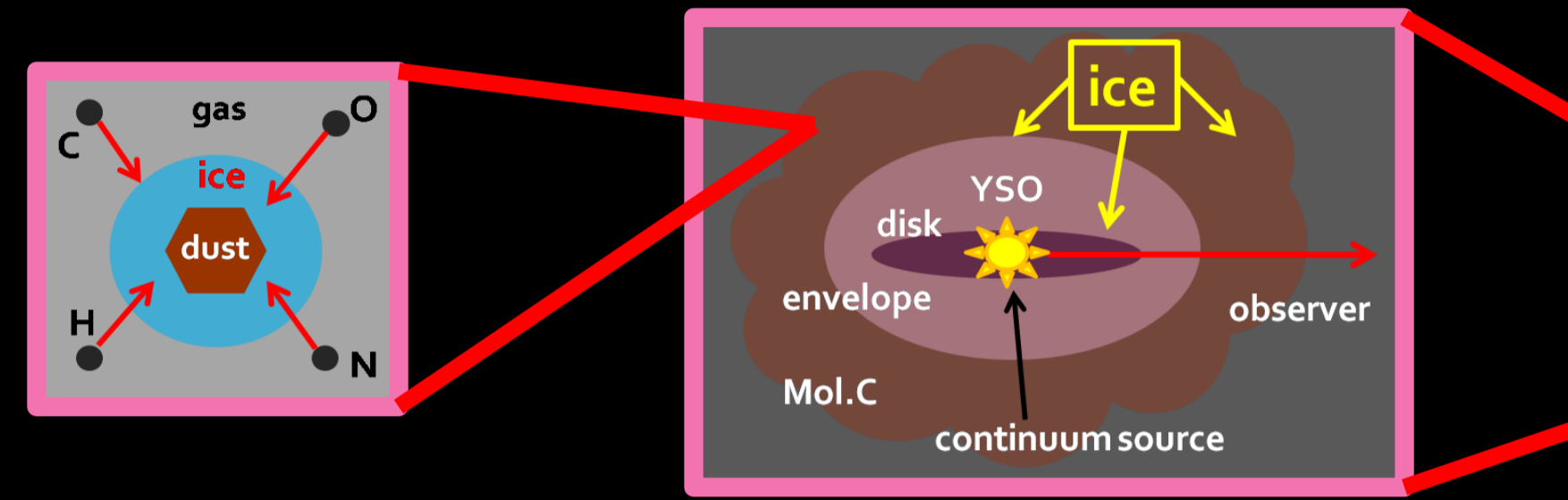


Fig.1 Ices, YSO, and the LMC

ABSTRACT & CONCLUSION

- We have been performing the NIR spectroscopic survey of the LMC with the infrared satellite AKARI
- We spectroscopically confirmed 7 massive YSOs which show strong absorption features of H₂O (3.05μm) and CO₂ (4.27μm) ices
- Derived CO₂ / H₂O ice ratio is 0.45±0.17, which is higher than that of Galactic massive YSOs (0.17±0.02)
- We suggest that strong UV radiation field and/or high dust temperature in the LMC are responsible for the high CO₂ ice abundance

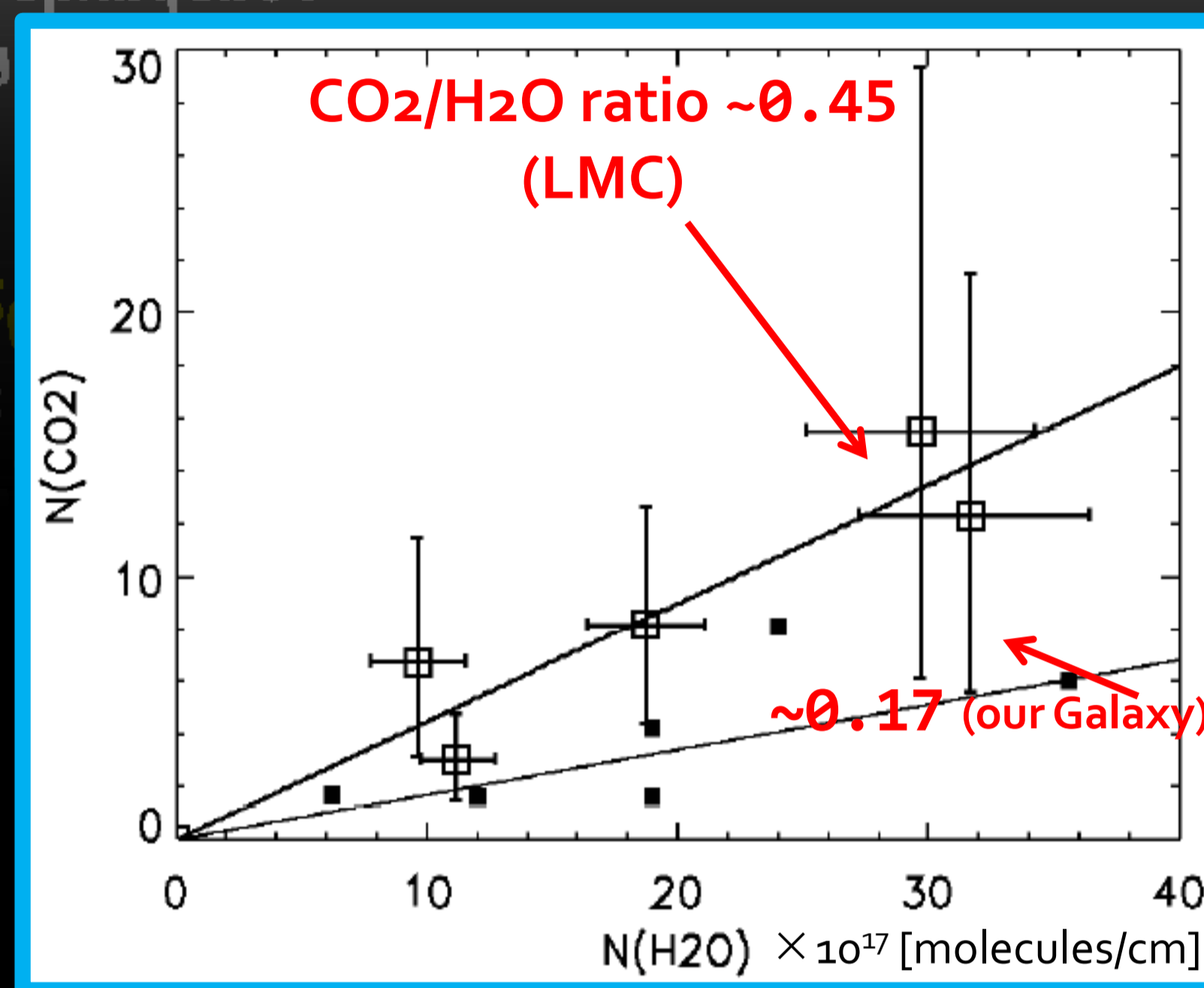


Fig.6 H₂O vs. CO₂ column density plot. Open and filled circles represent results of this study and that of Galactic massive YSOs.

4. Results and Discussion

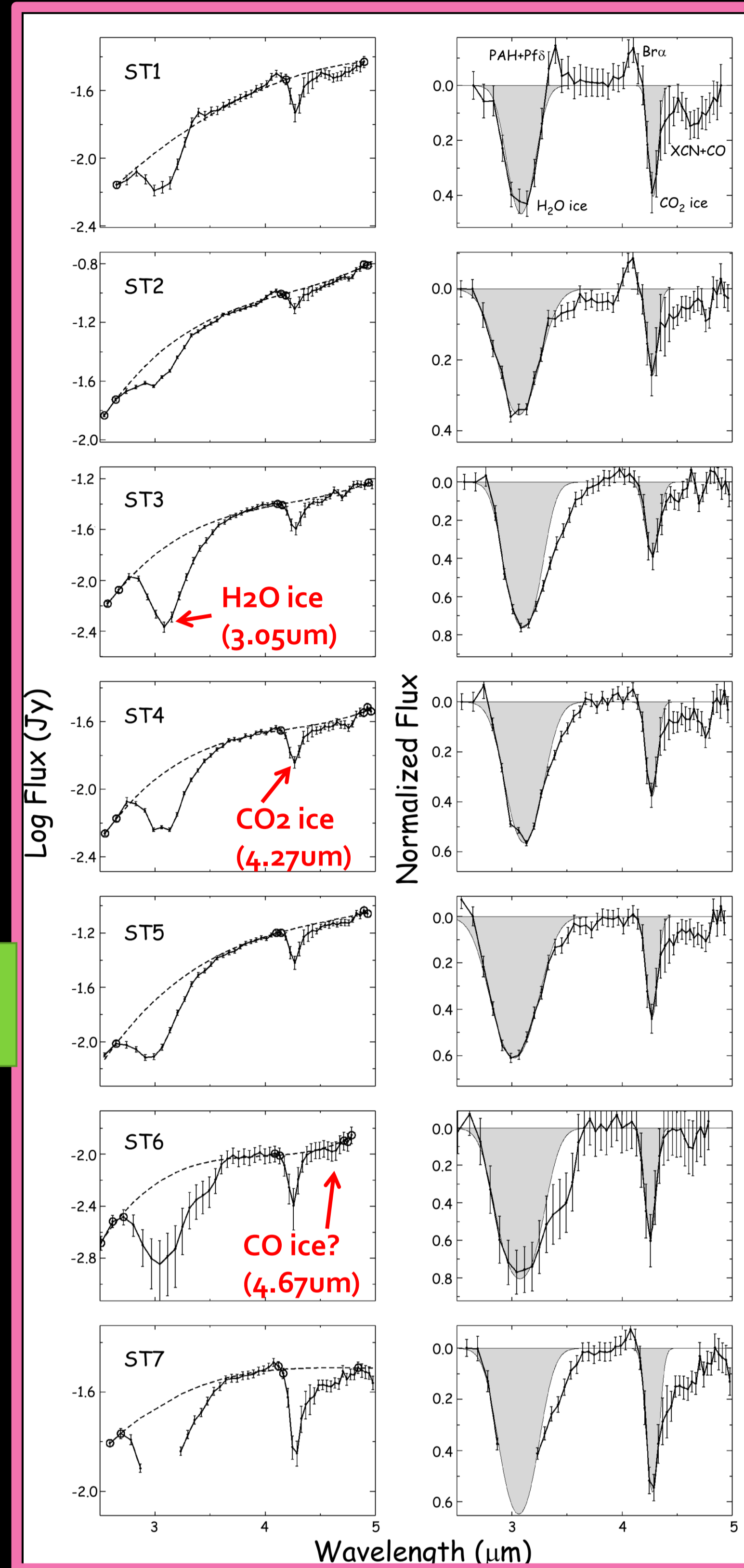


Fig.5 AKARI NIR spectra of selected 7 massive YSOs

* The formation mechanism of CO₂ ice around YSO is not understood at this time.

Table.2 Possible formation mechanisms of the CO₂ production

Process	Explanation	Key parameter
UV photolysis	Laboratory experiments indicate that UV irradiation is necessary to produce CO ₂ ice	UV radiation field
Grain Surface Chemistry	Theoretical studies indicate that high dust temperature (14–18K) is necessary to produce sufficient amount of CO ₂ ice.	Dust temperature

2. LMC NIR Spectroscopic Survey

- AKARI is the first Japanese infrared astronomical satellite
- 2–5μm, R~20, slit-less prism multiobject spectroscopy
- 667 fields are observed so far (Fig.1 right), an enormous NIR spectral database is expected

All of these signals are 2-5μm spectra

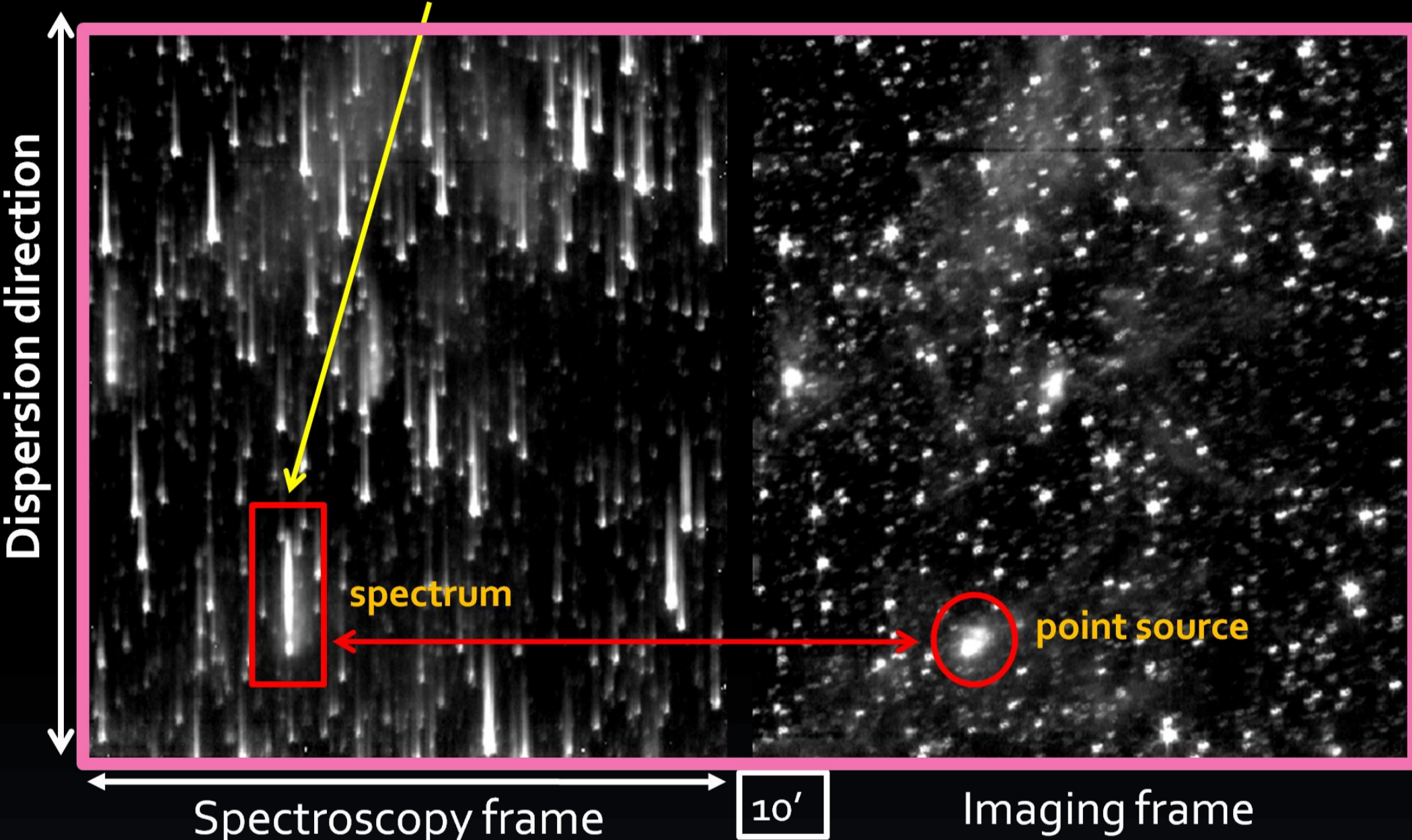


Fig.2 AKARI slit-less multiobject spectroscopy

An abundance of CO₂ ice toward massive YSOs in the LMC is higher than Galactic massive YSOs !!!

A strong UV radiation field (e.g. Israel & de Graauw, 1986) and generally high dust temperature of the LMC (e.g. Sakon et al. 2006) may be responsible for the high CO₂ ice abundance around Magellanic YSOs.

5. Future Works

Follow-up Observations by AKARI (this winter)

- Another spectroscopy mode (R~80, 2.5-5μm)
- Targets are NIR-interested objects found in our spectroscopic survey (including YSOs in Fig.5)

- More accurate estimation of column densities
- New species of ice in the LMC ???

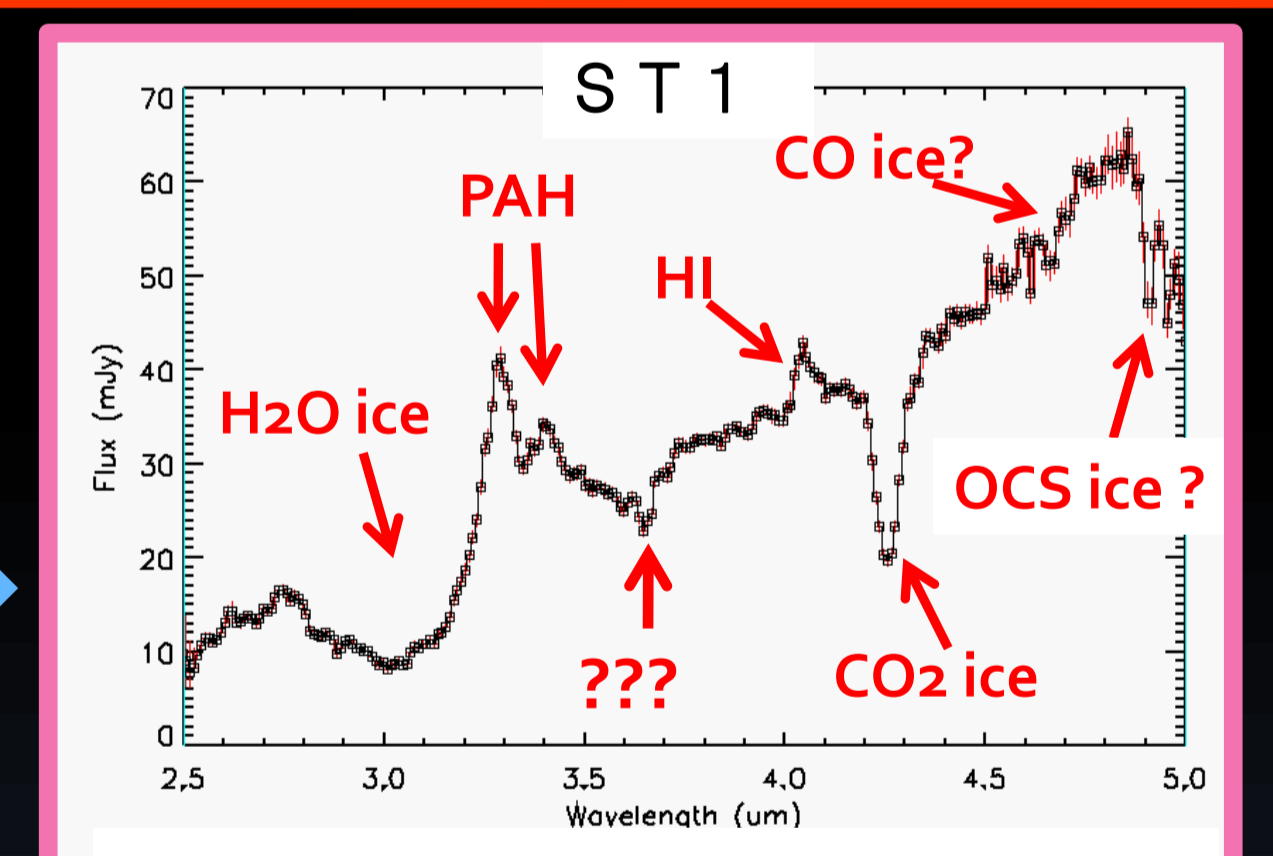


Fig.7 Initial results of follow-up observations

3. The Selection of YSOs

2,000,000 Infrared sources (Spitzer SAGE survey) In AKARI survey area (Fig.1 right)

450 sources selected by the photometric selection.

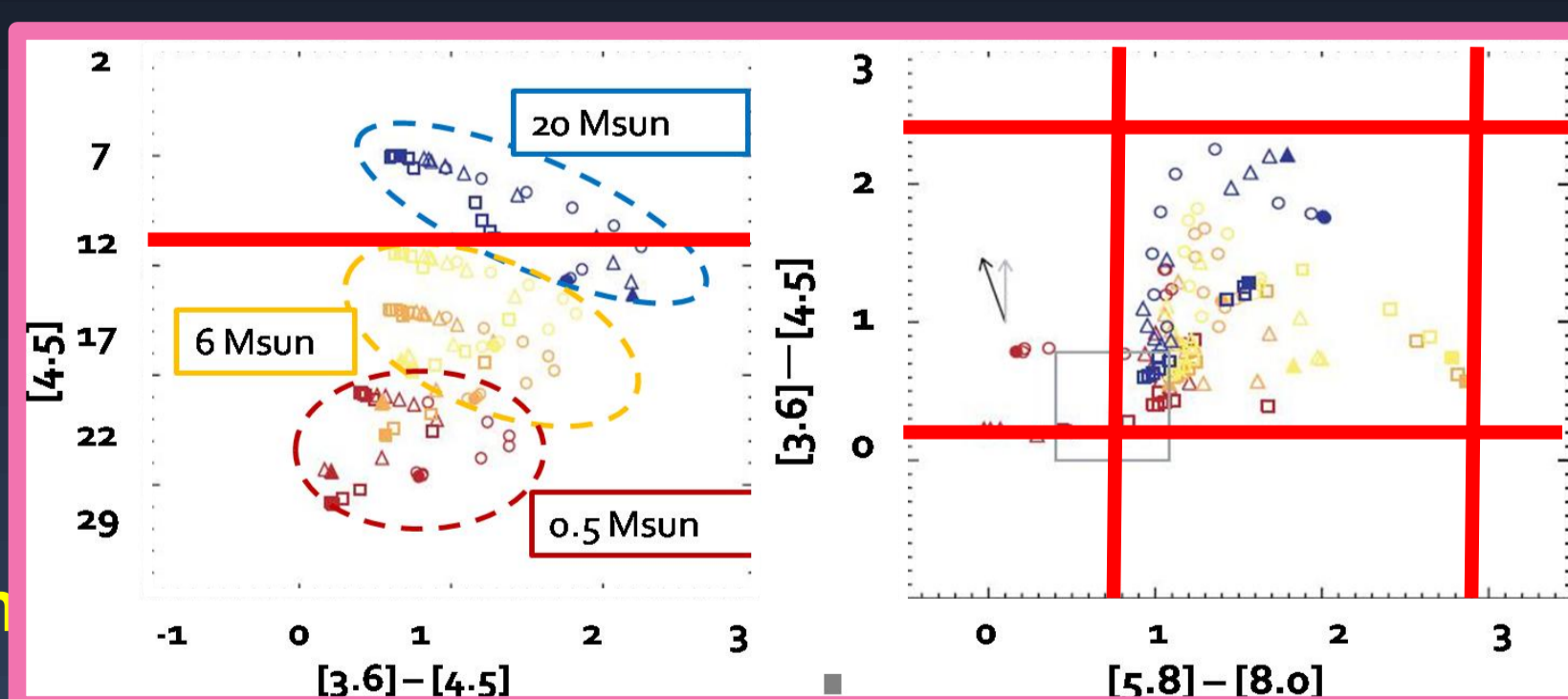


Fig.3 Color selection of YSO candidates (ref. Whitney et al. 2004)

Massive YSOs are selected by this criterion

Problems of photometric selection

- Photometrically selected YSO candidates include many dusty AGBs because SEDs of these two objects are similar
- But, a presence of the CO₂ ice is able to distinguish YSOs since the CO₂ ice is not detected toward dusty AGBs.

We investigated a NIR spectrum of photometrically selected YSO candidates. Finally, 7 massive YSOs (Fig.5) are discovered

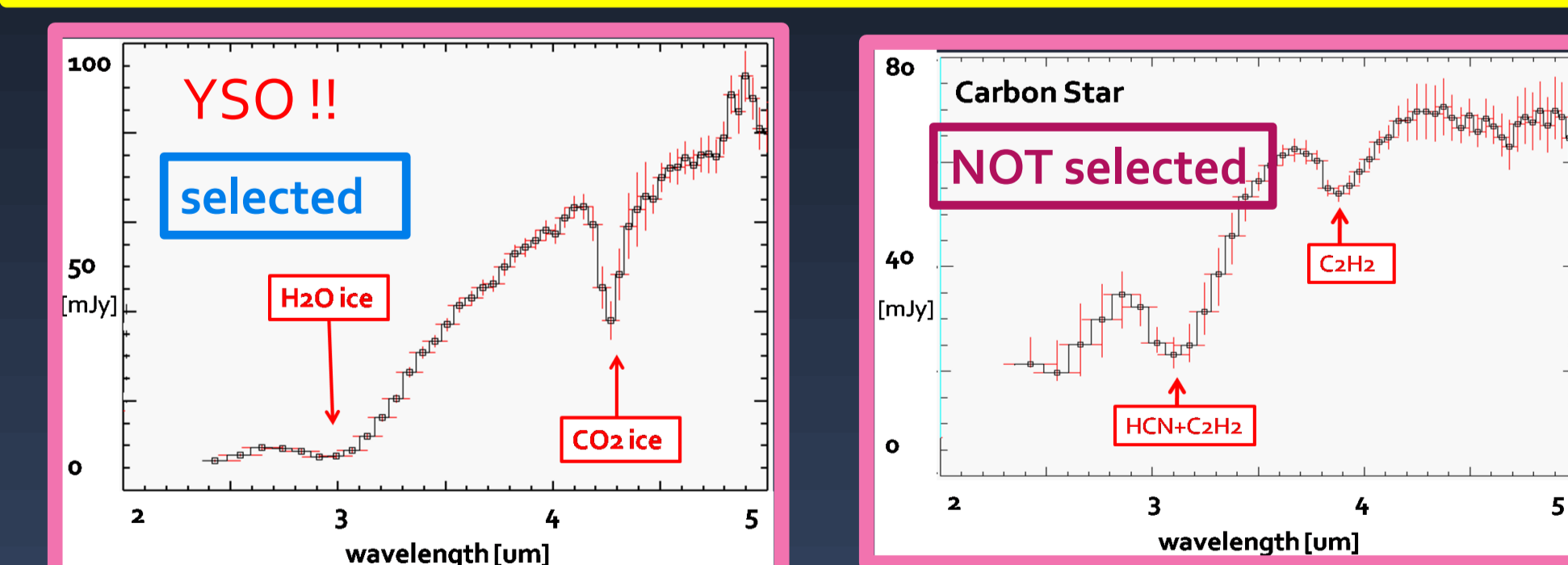


Fig.4 Spectroscopic selection of YSOs