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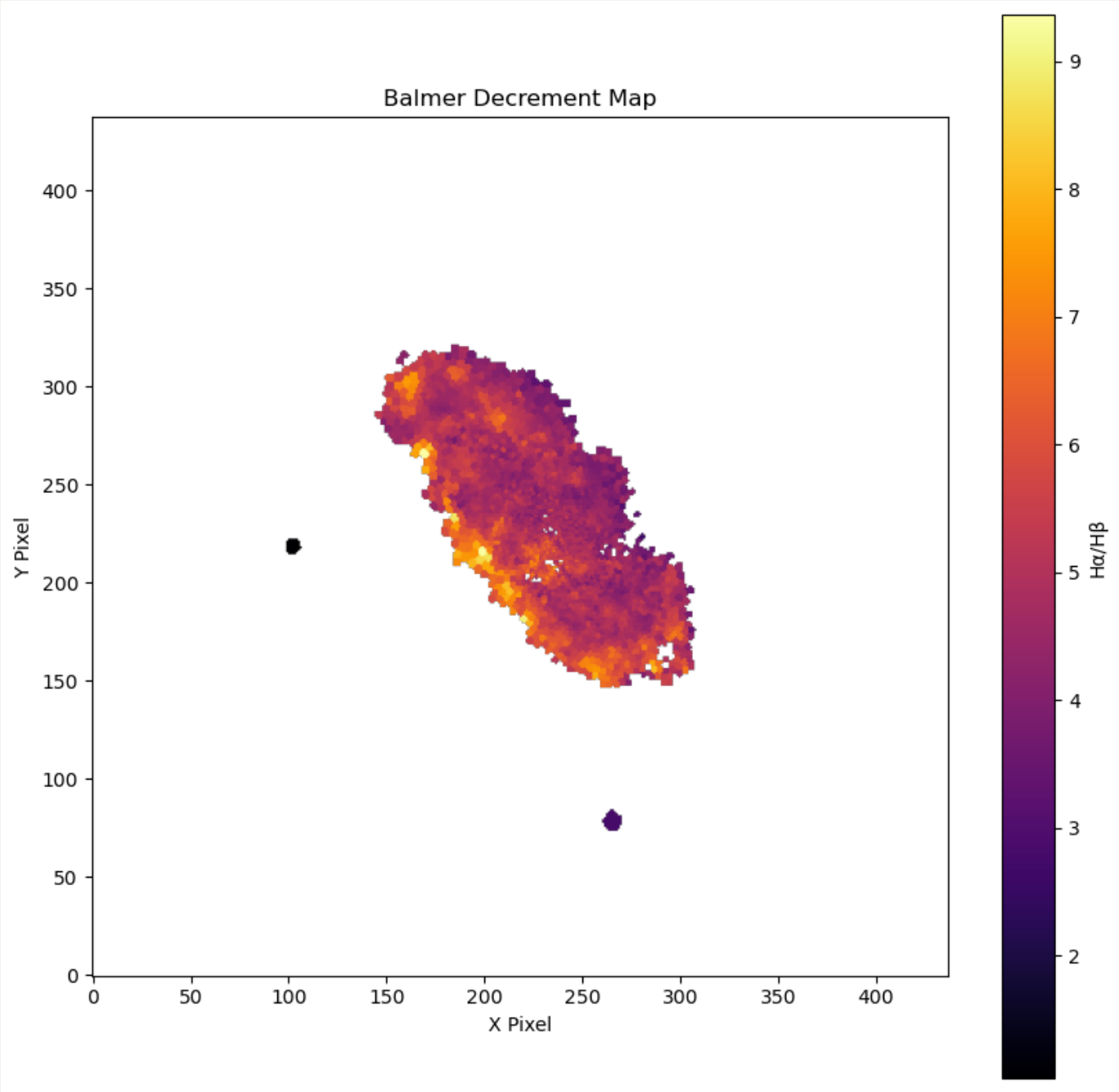
Balmer decrement

At first, I use a threadhold that $\text{flux}/\text{flux}_{\text{err}} > 5$ for both H_α and H_β lines, but for the outer region, a few bins have $\frac{H_\alpha}{H_\beta} < 2.86$. After tweaking, I decide to use the threadhold at 15 so that only two bins have negative $E(B-V)_{BD} < 0$.



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Lowest Balmer Decrement: 1.0401808450211778
Highest Balmer Decrement: 9.36650837704988
Lowest 5 unique non-NaN Balmer Decrement values: [1.04018085
2.65574445 2.82774723 3.09627082 3.22428465]
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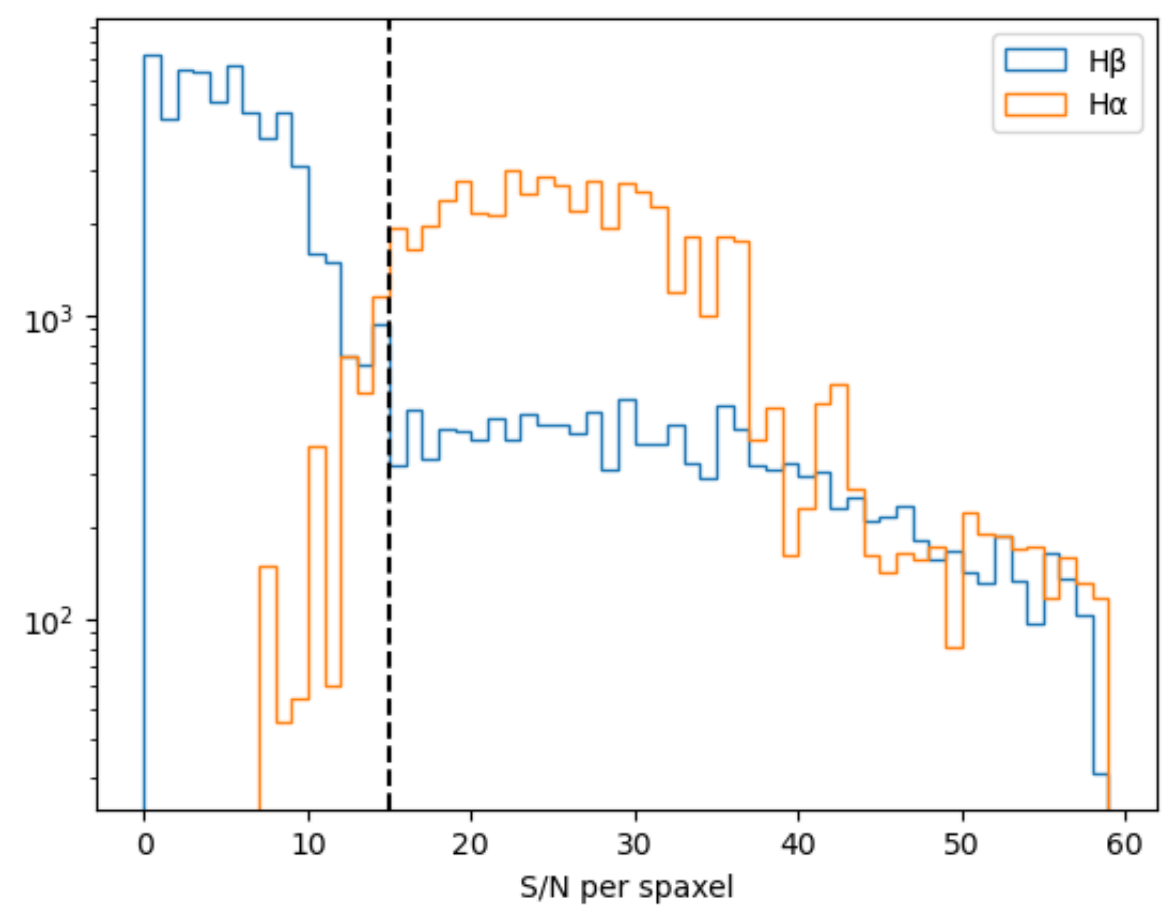
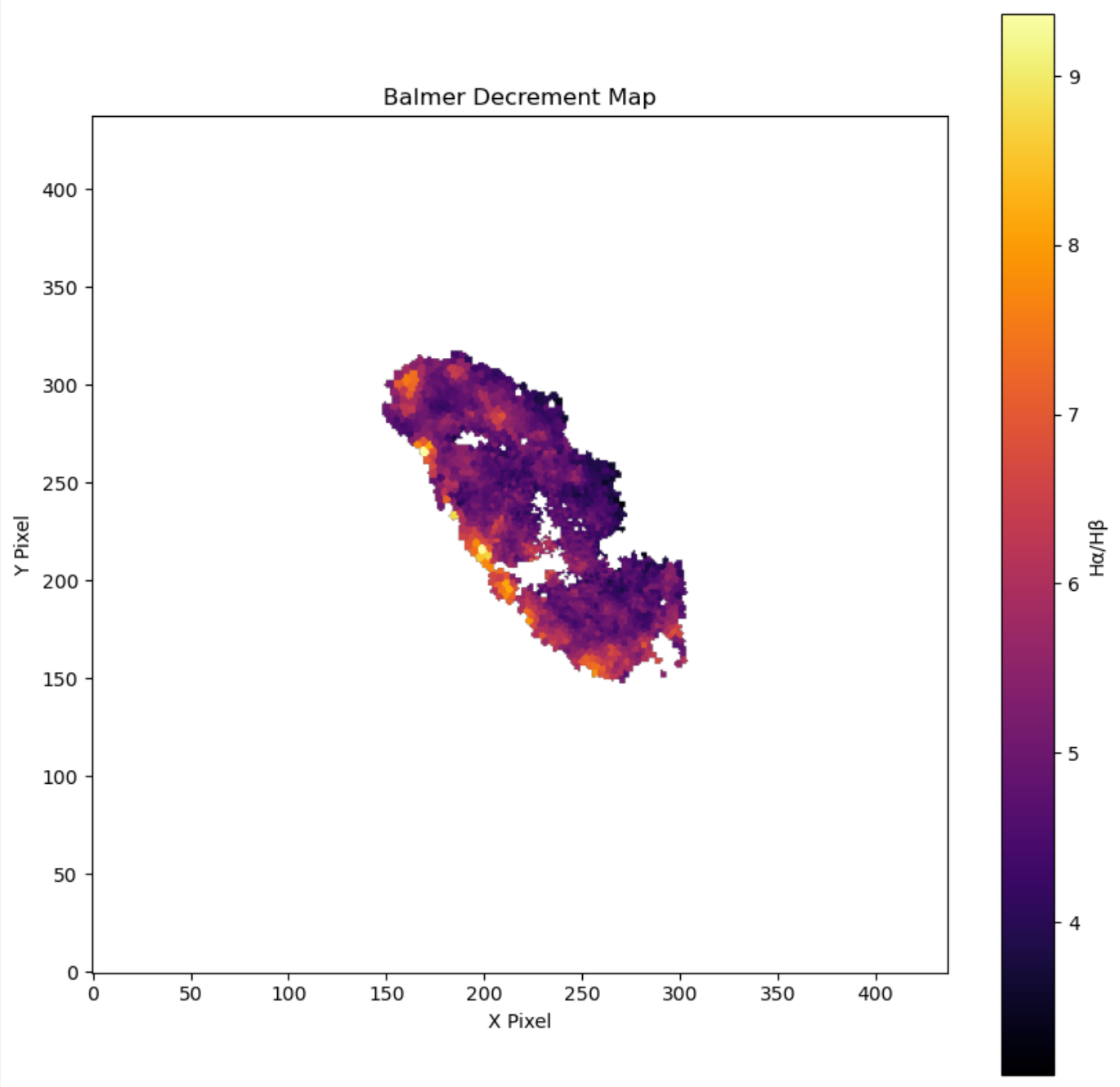
Below is the histogram of SNR for both H_α and H_β lines:



In fact, at least 22 can get rid of these two bin:

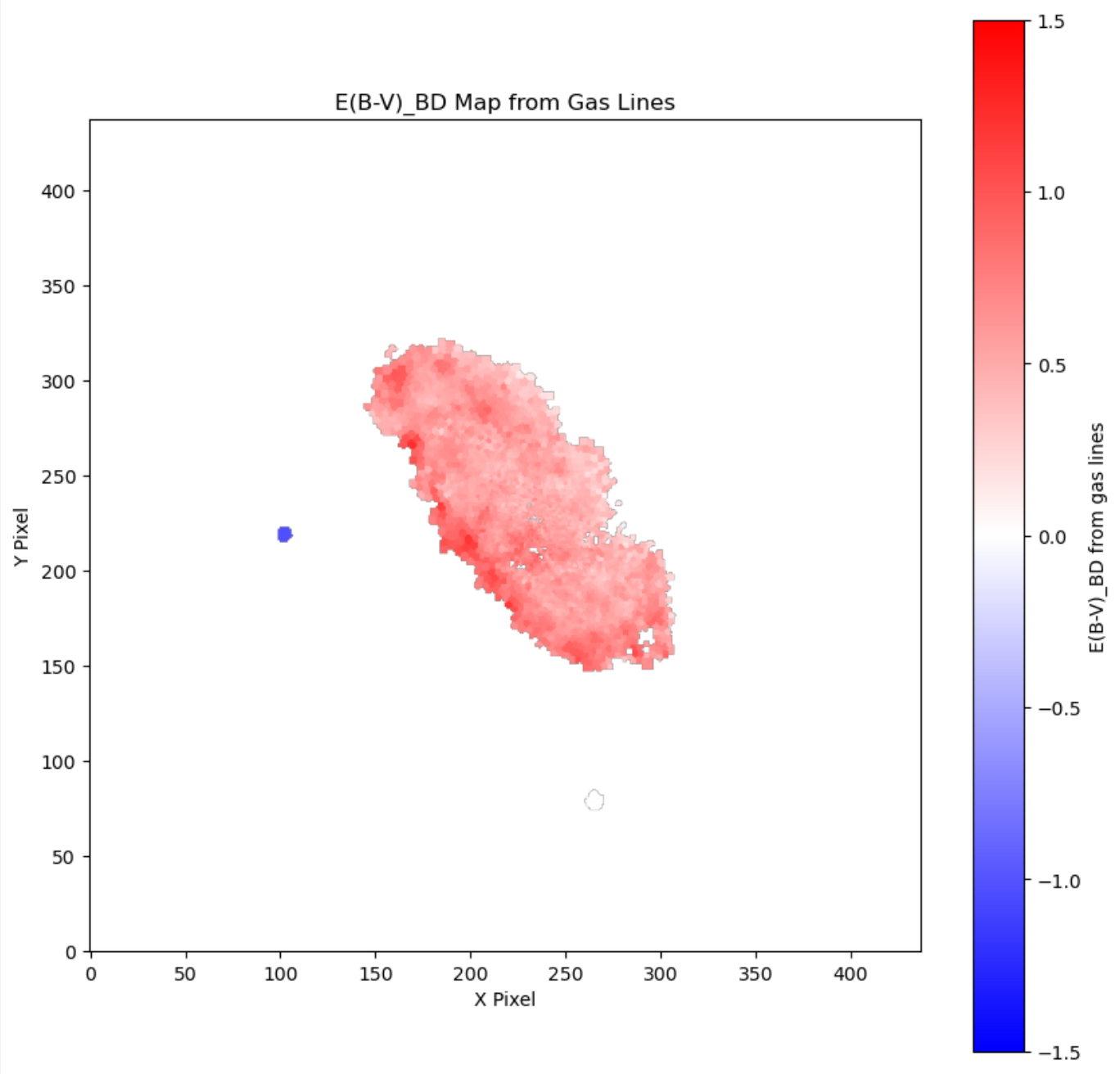


But for now, I choose 15.

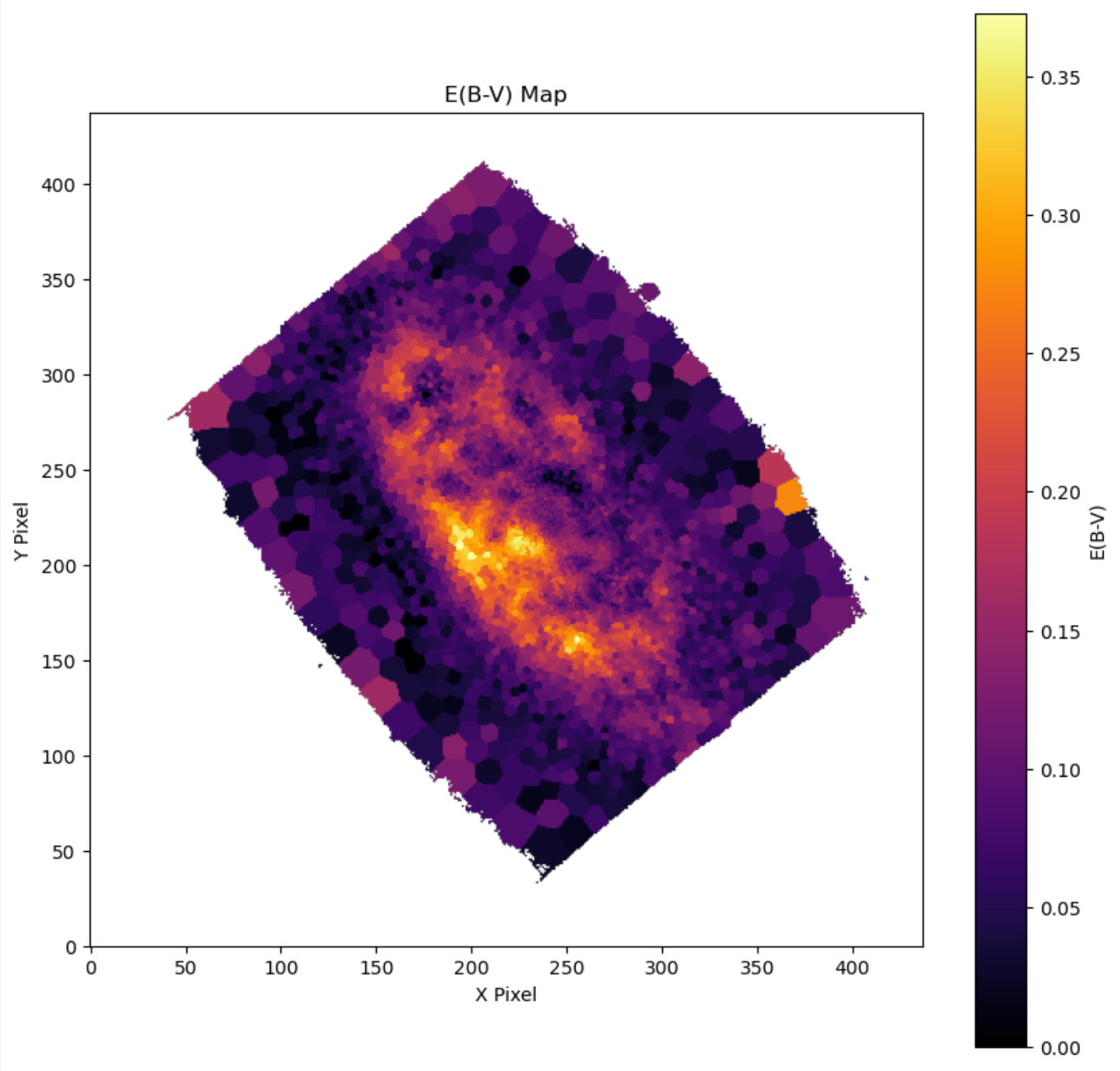
Then I can recreate the gas E(B-V) map using Balmer decrement (same as Belfiore et al. 2023)

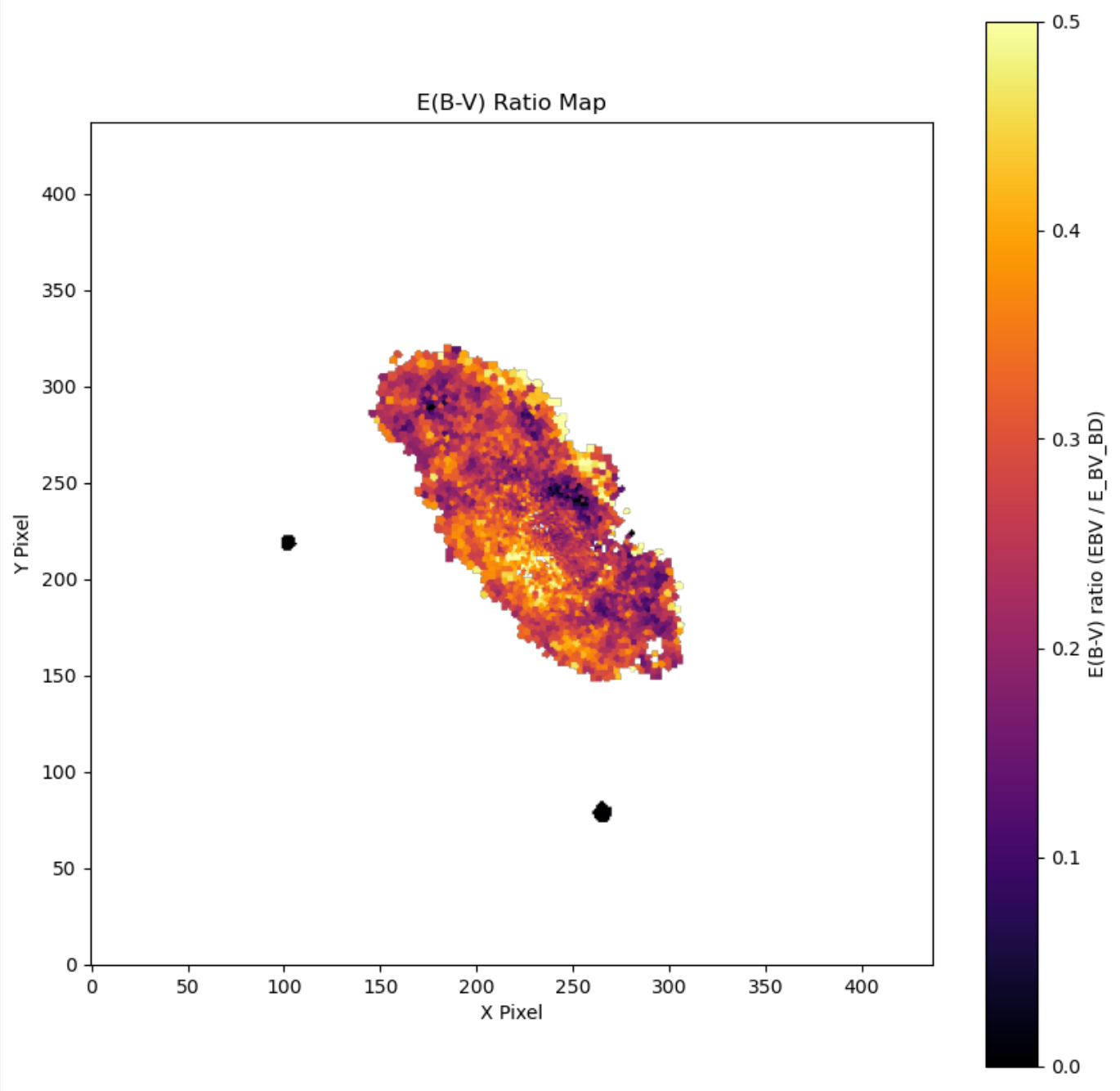
$$E(B-V)_{BD} = \frac{2.5}{k_{H_\beta} - k_{H_\alpha}} \log_{10}[\frac{L_{H\alpha}/L_{H_\beta}}{2.86}] \tag{1}$$

with $k_{H_\beta} = 3.609$ $k_{H_\alpha} = 2.535$ from Cardelli et al. 1989



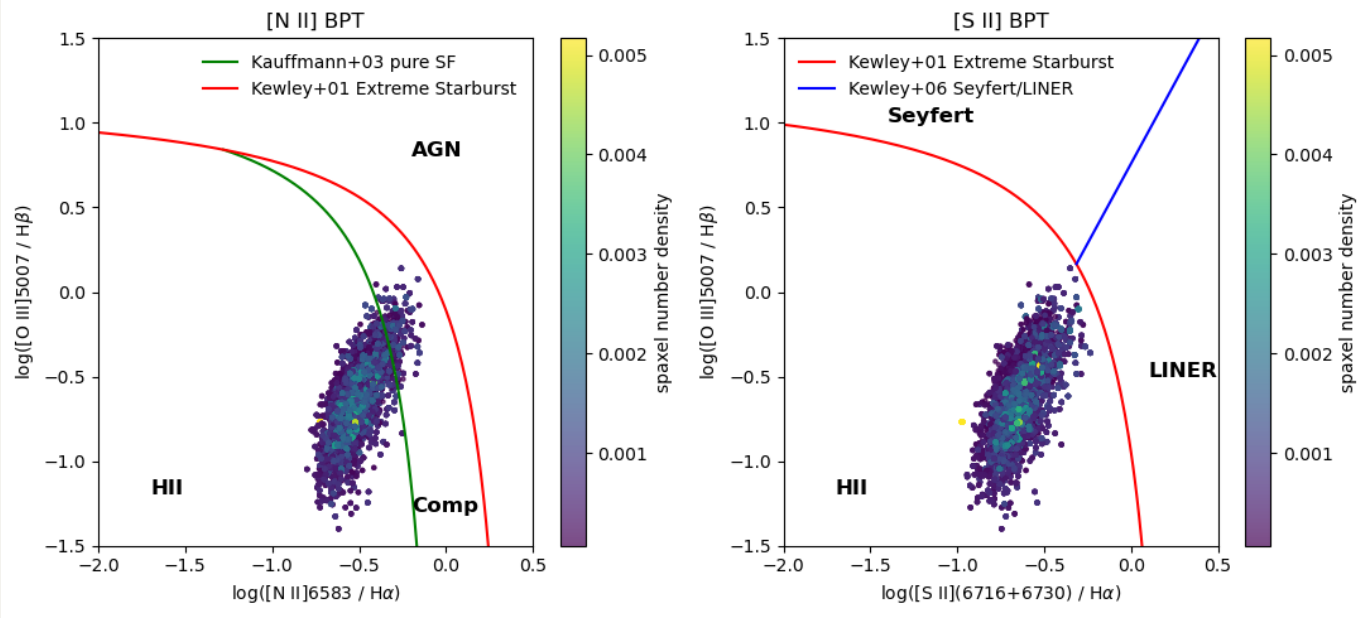
As a comparison, here i show the E(B-V) map from stellar continuum and the ratio between them:


E(B-V) Map
Y Pixel
X Pixel
E(B-V)
0
50
100
150
200
250
300
350
400
0.00
0.05
0.10
0.15
0.20
0.25
0.30
0.35



BPT diagram

Here I apply the same mask ($\text{flux}/\text{flux}_{\text{err}} > 5$ for H_α and H_β) for $O[III]\lambda 5007$, H_α, $[NII]\lambda 6584$, and $[SII]\lambda\lambda 6717, 6731$, and adopt the diagnostic from Kewley et al. 2006

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Number of spaxels in [N II] BPT regions:
HII: 13943, Comp: 1157, AGN: 0
Number of spaxels in [S II] BPT regions:
HII: 15100, Seyfert: 0, LINER: 0
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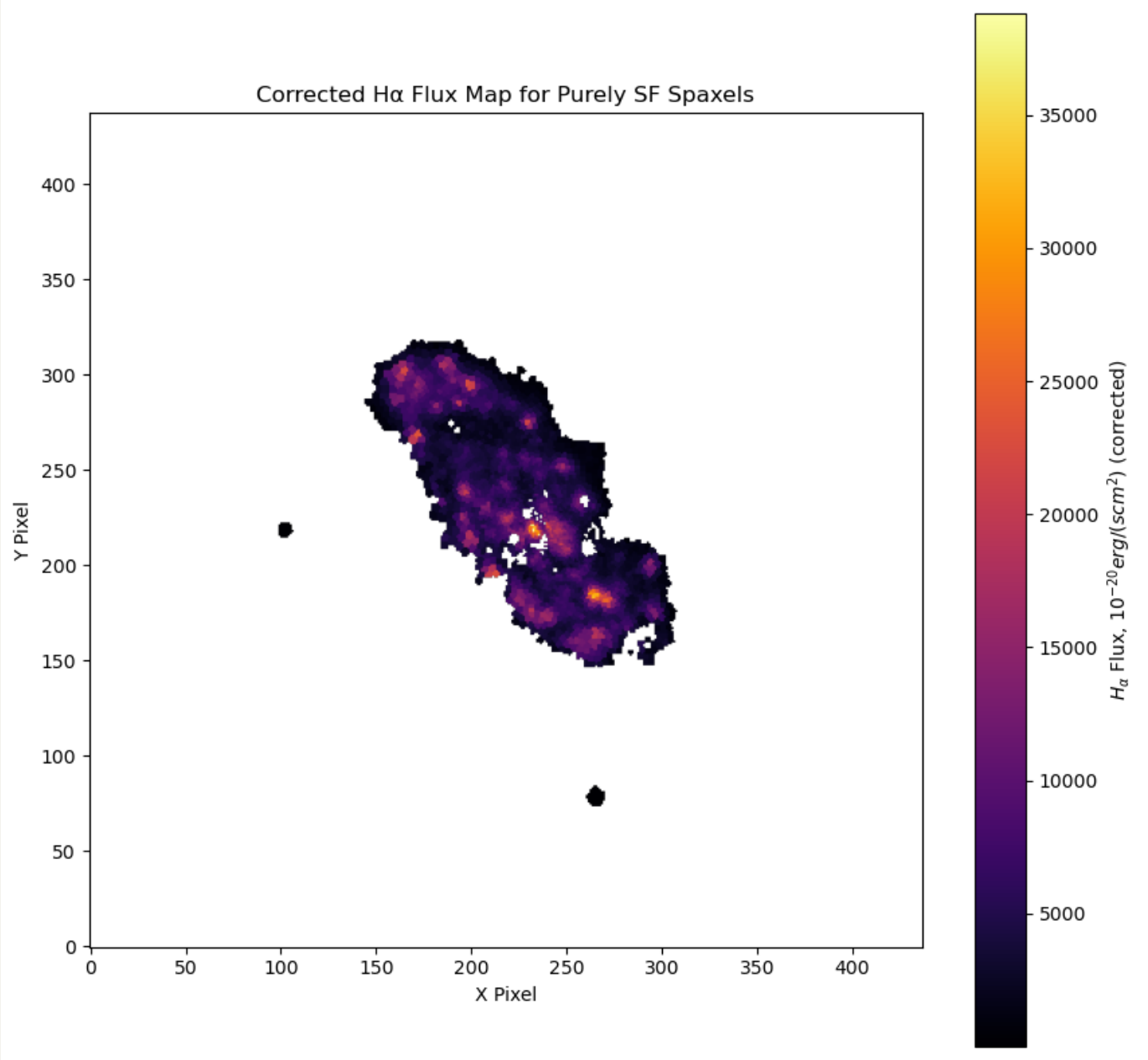
I have a question here, is the composite component also considered as star formation area? For now, I choose HII part only as SF.

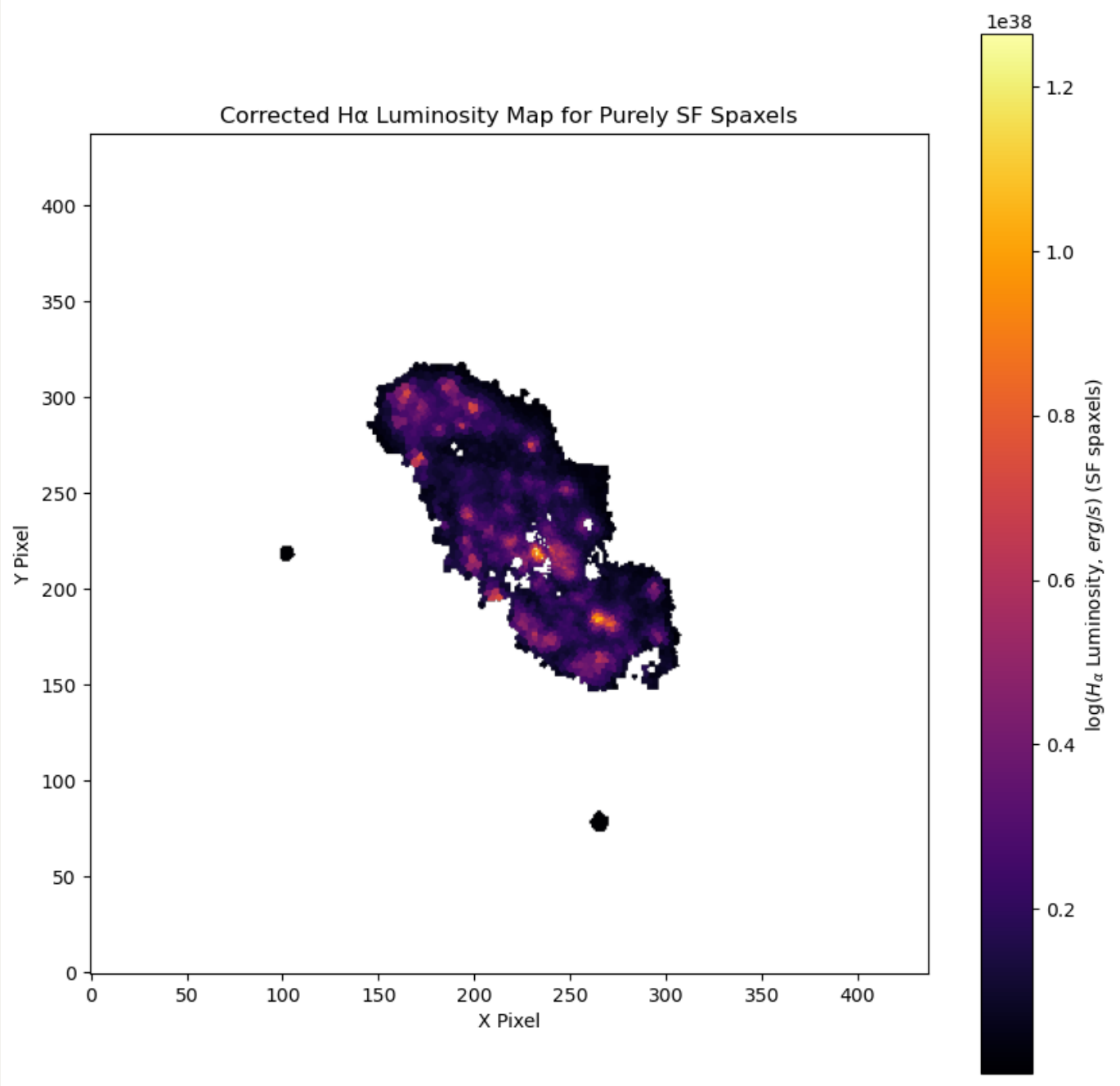
SFR

First I apply the extinction correction for H_α flux (same as Belfiore et al. 2023):

$$L_{H_{\alpha,corr}} = L_{H_\alpha} 10^{0.4 k_{H_\alpha} E(B-V)} \tag{2}$$



Now assume the distance at 16.5 Mpc, I can construct the H_α luminosity map:

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Total corrected Hα Luminosity for purely SF spaxels: 2.60e+41 erg /
s
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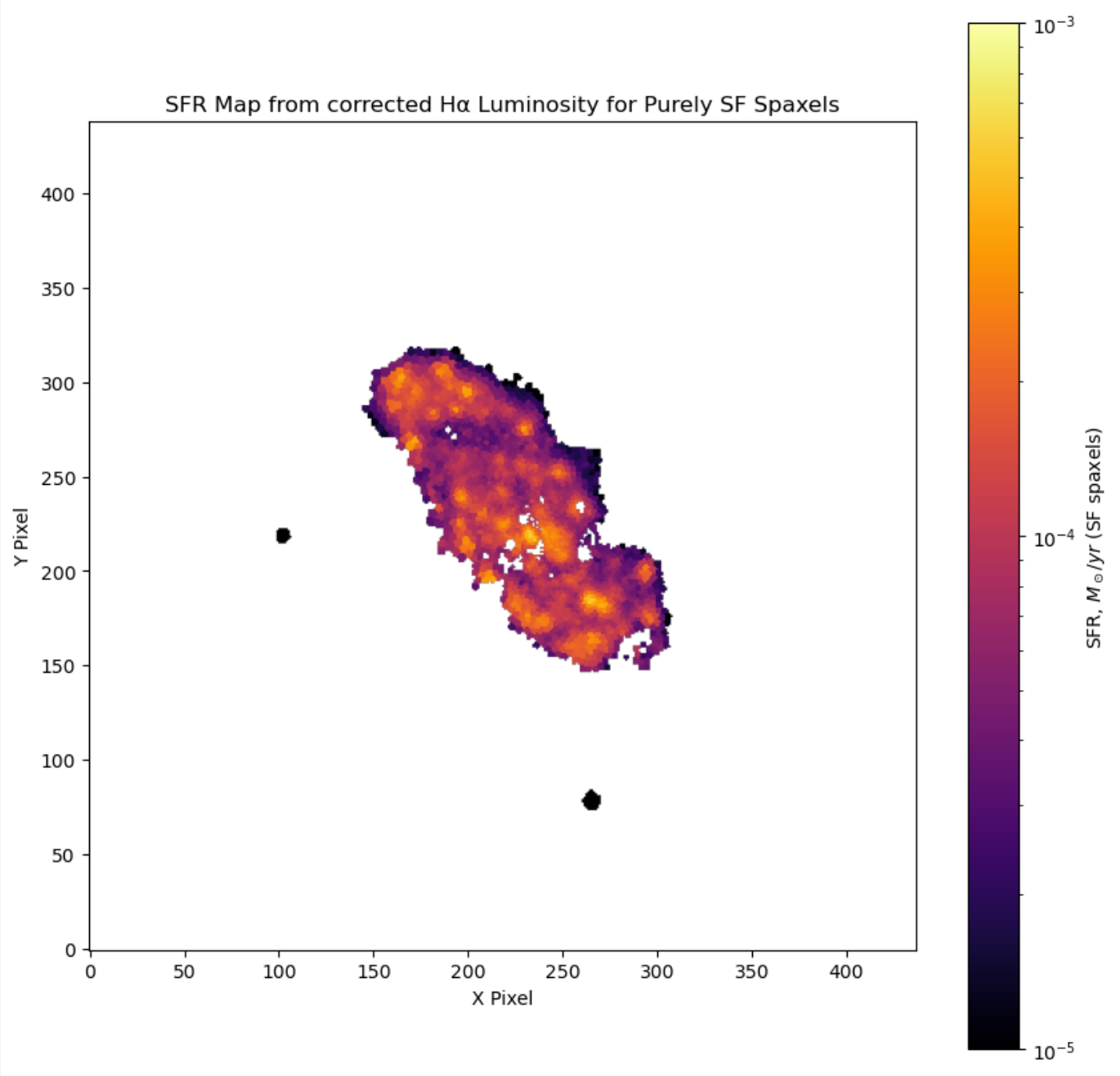
To convert H_α luminosity to SFR, I adopt the same approach as equation 3 in Belfiore et al. 2023:

$$SFR[M_\odot/yr] = C_{H_\alpha} L_{H_{\alpha,corr}}[erg/s] \tag{3}$$

with $C_{H_\alpha} = 5.3 \times 10^{-42}$ from Calzetti et al. 2007.

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Total SFR from corrected Hα Luminosity for purely SF spaxels: 1.38
M_sun/yr or log(SFR) = 0.14 M_sun/yr
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I feel like this is a bit higher than my expection.