

Moment Maps of Galaxy Datacubes from SÍGAME

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Abstract

- Simulator of Galaxy Millimeter/submillimeter Emission (SÍGAME) is a python based module that derives far-infrared (FIR) emissions for simulated galaxies.
- Using the outputs from SÍGAME, we present a method to create moment0 maps of these simulated galaxies.
- These maps can be then used to create line ratio maps that provides useful information on the physics of the galaxies.
- The same algorithm can be extended to create spectral cubes which are useful to create higher order moment maps and line profiles of the galaxies.

Introduction

- The output from SÍGAME is a 3D datacube that is made up of smaller cells of various sizes that contains information on line luminosities in that region.
- To create moment0 maps, the line luminosities from each of these cells needs to be projected on a 2D map.

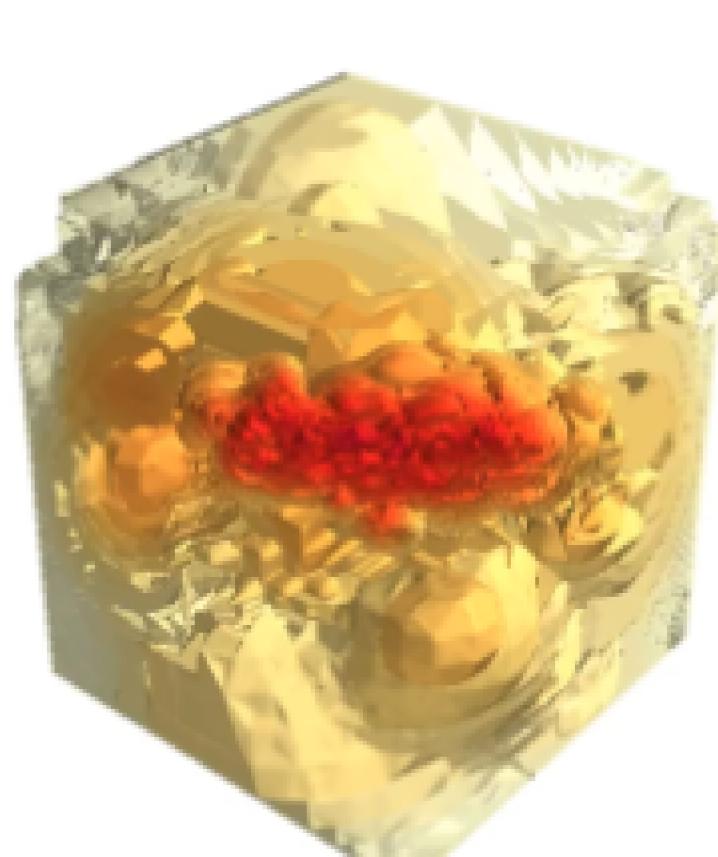


Figure 1. Depiction of output galaxy datacube from SÍGAME. Credits: Dr. Karen Olsen.

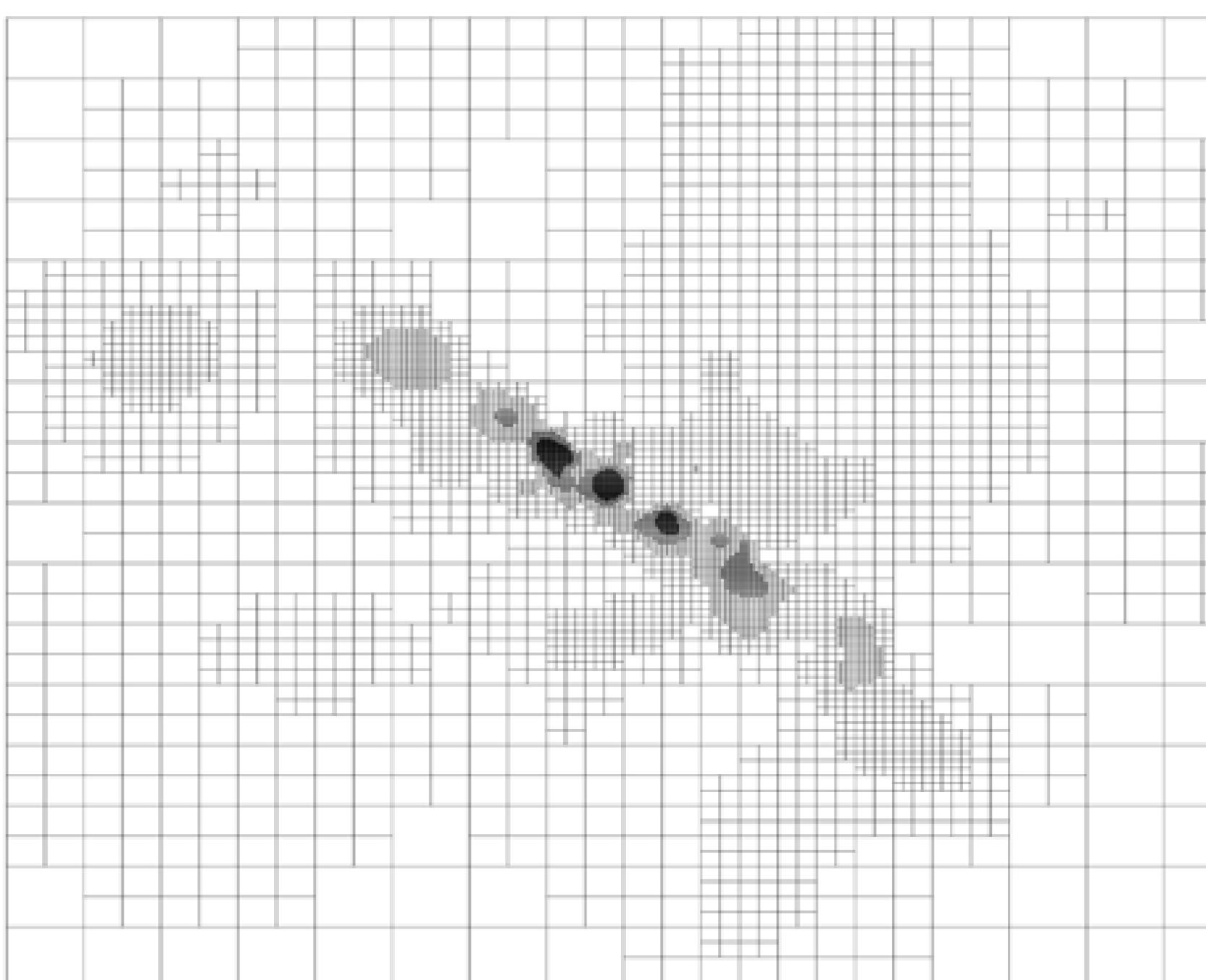


Figure 2. A 2D depiction of cells in the galaxy datacube. Credits: Dr. Karen Olsen.

Algorithm

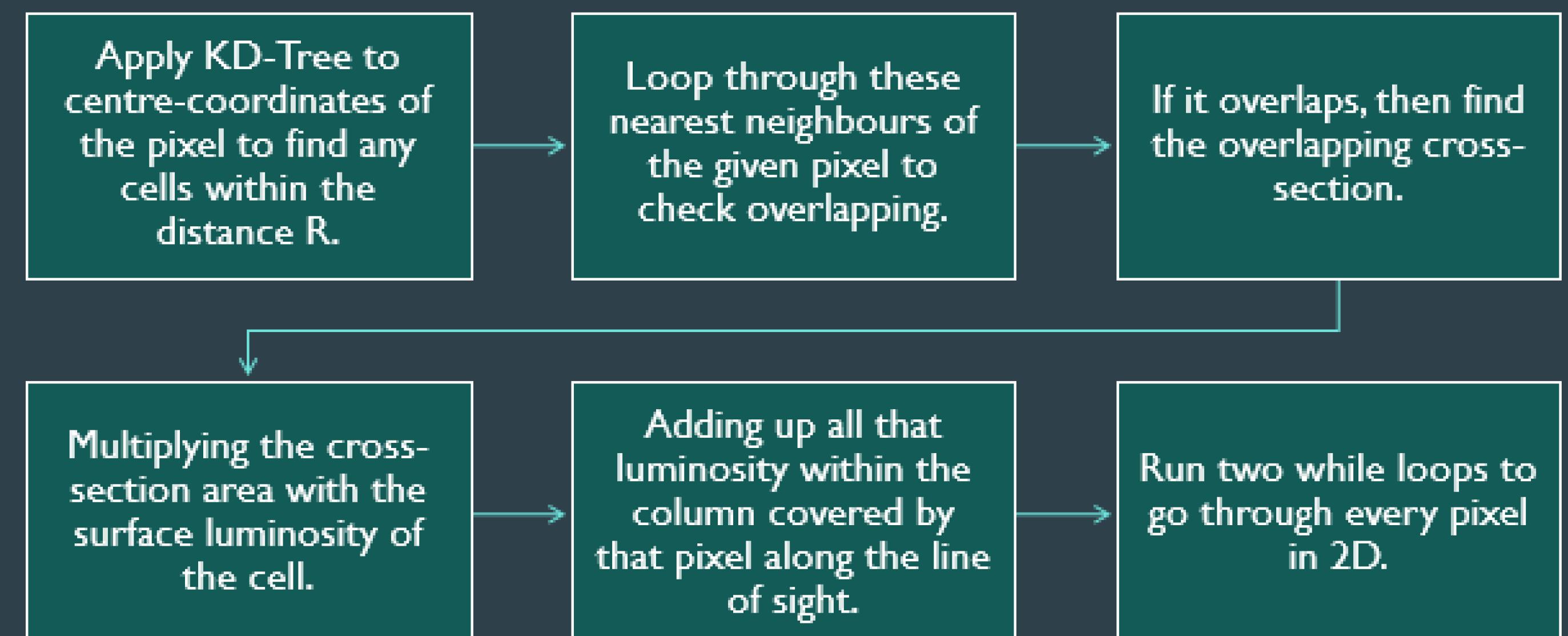


Figure 3. Algorithm used to create moment0 maps from the galaxy datacubes.

- Take a pixel of the final 2D moment0 map separately.
- Find all the cells within a distance R of the center of the pixel using KD-Tree (finds everything within R).
- Set the distance to be the maximum distance between center of any touching cell and center of the pixel.
- Loop through all these nearest neighbor cells to check for overlapping.
- If it overlaps, then find the cross-section area of overlapping region.
- Multiply this cross-section area with surface luminosity of the cell.
- Add up all these luminosity within that pixel.
- Repeat this process for all the pixels using loops.

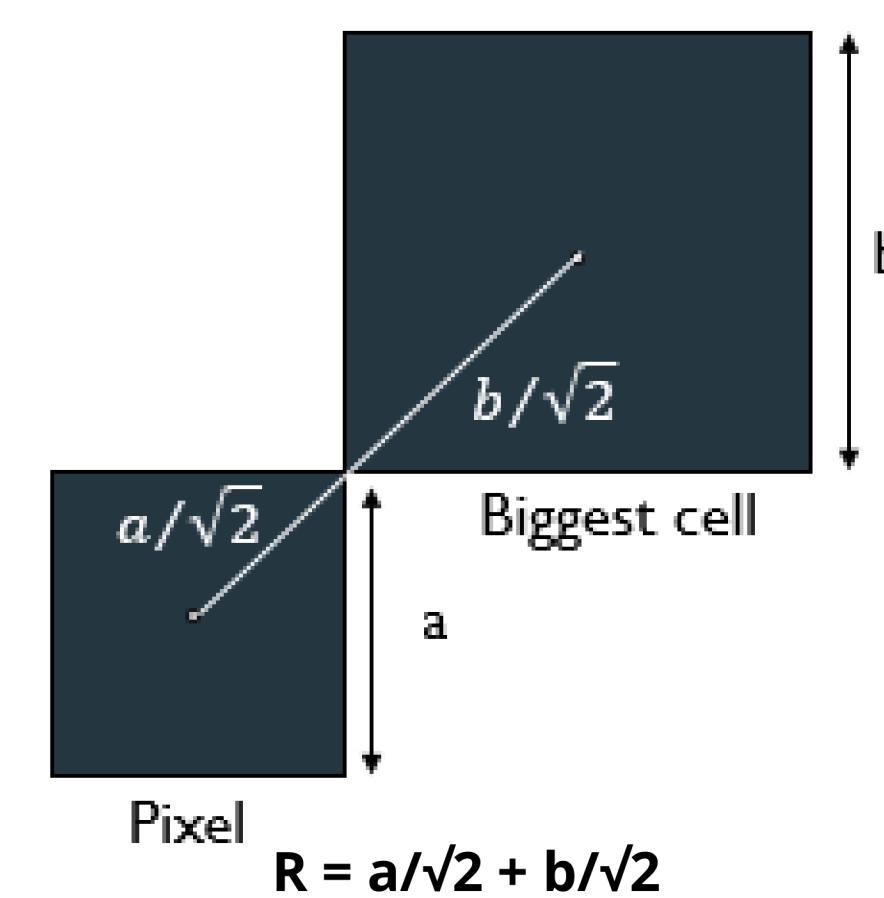


Figure 4. Depiction used to find the distance R .

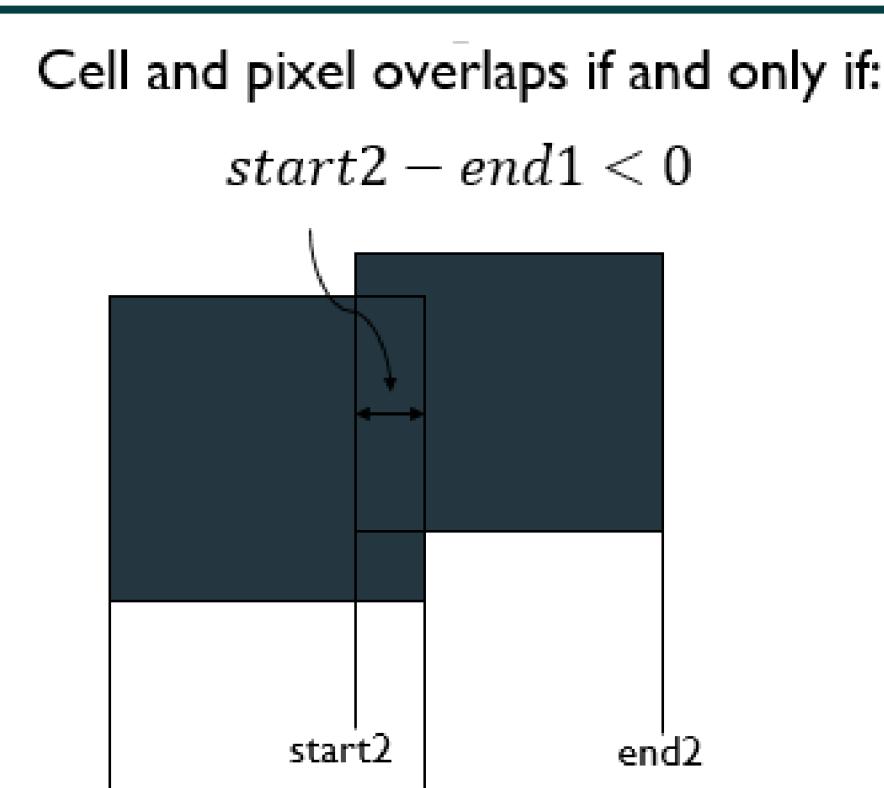


Figure 5. Depiction used to find overlap between cell and pixel.

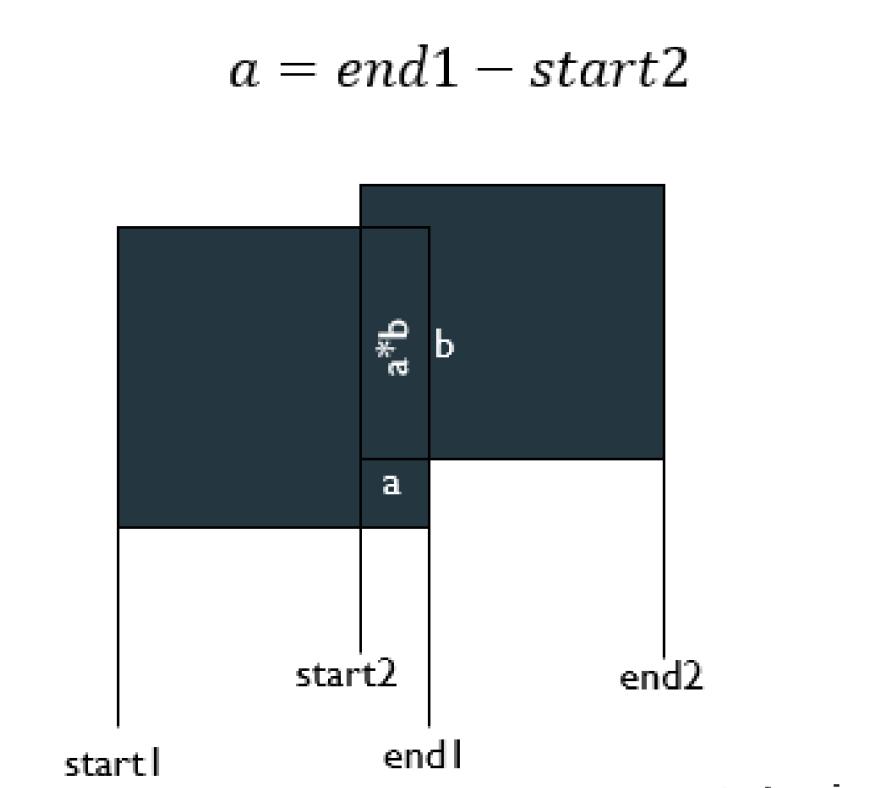


Figure 6. Depiction used to find the cross-section area of overlap between cell and pixel.

Results

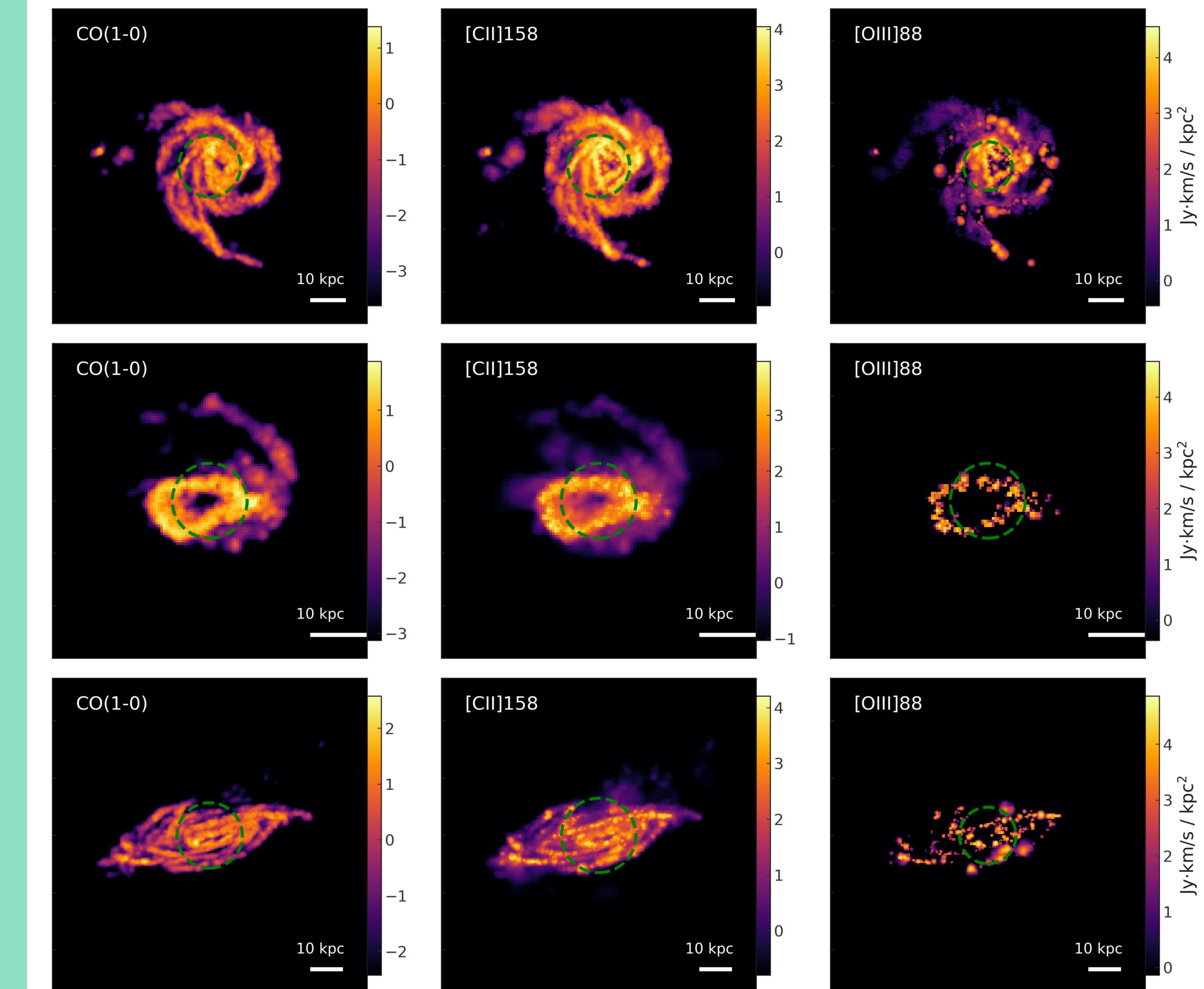


Figure 7. Moment0 maps of three galaxies for three different emission lines investigated.

Further Developments

- Line ratio maps by taking the ratios of the pixel luminosities of moment0 maps of different line emissions.
- Spectral cubes by extending the algorithm to collect information in 3D velocity bins instead of 2D pixels.

Conclusion & Reference

- Line ratio maps are direct indicator of various physics of the interstellar medium of the galaxy.
- By matching these results with observations, we can achieve an understanding of galaxy creation and galaxy evolution.

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