

Haro 11:

The Resolved Lyman Continuum Source and Cosmological Implications

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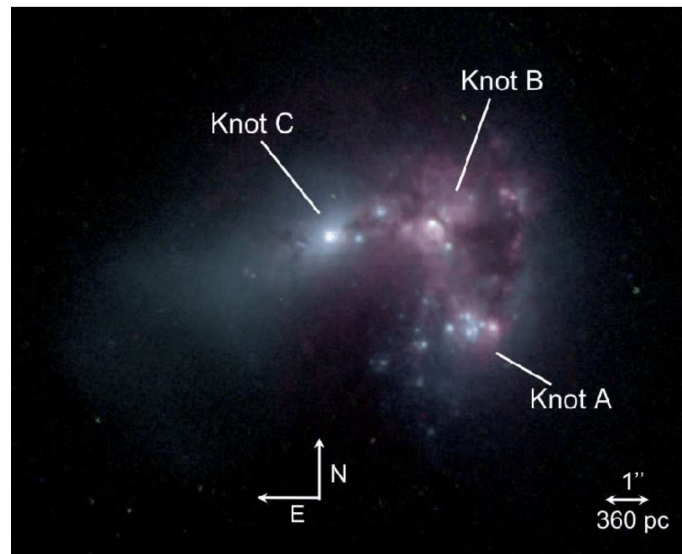
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Haro 11

- **Closest, first confirmed LyC emitter** (88 Mpc)
 - $f_{\text{esc}} \sim 3\%$ (Leitet+ 2011, Bergvall+ 2006)
 - Initial detection aperture covers entire galaxy
- **Knots C and B** host ultra-luminous X-ray sources (ULXs)
- **Knot C** is strongest Ly α emitter
- **Knot A** is Green Pea analog, showing low optical depth
- Our new HST/COS data reveals LyC-leaking knot



RGB H α ,F550,F435. Cormier+ 2012

Identifying LyC-leaking Knot(s)

- HST/COS spectra 900 - 1200 Å, R = 18 000
 - G130M, 2.5'' aperture, 5000 s/knot x 3 visits
 - Reduction in CalCOS/boxcar, custom background

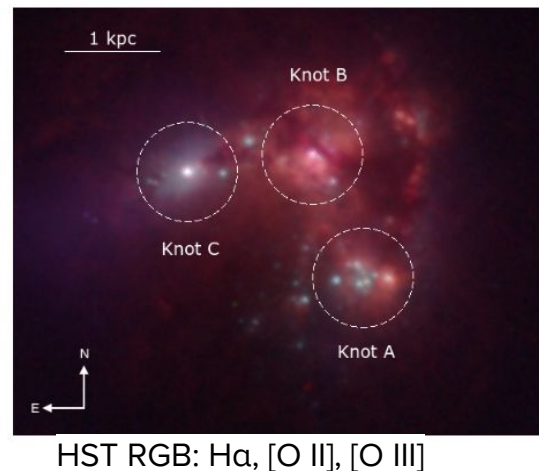
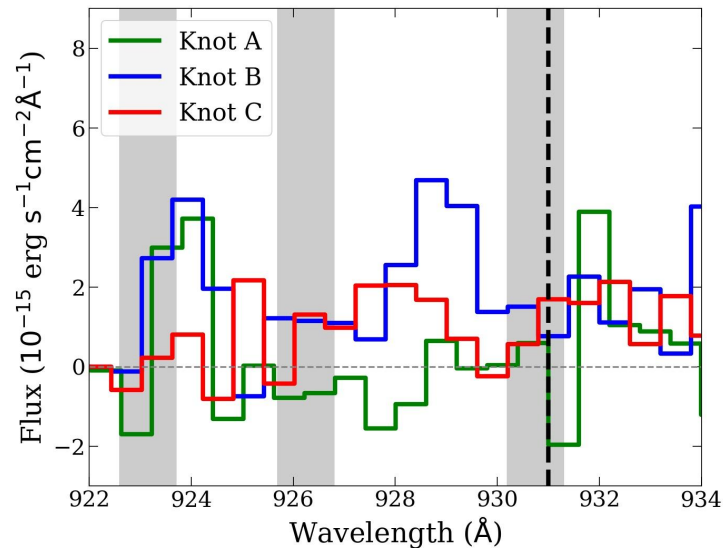
LyC flux density in $10^{-15} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$

Knot A: 0.2 ± 1.7 (non-detection)

Knot B: 2.3 ± 1.8

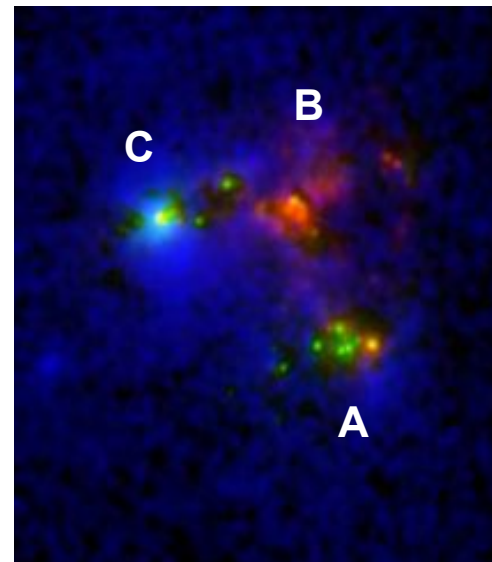
Knot C: 1.2 ± 0.9

→ Consistent with Leitert+2011 $(4 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$



Knot C: An Expected Detection

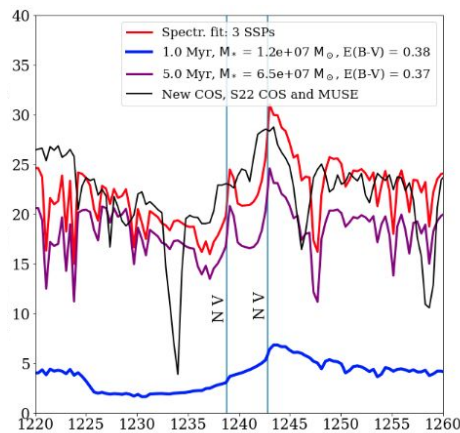
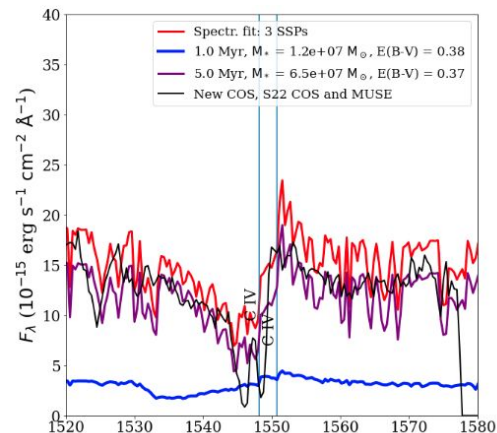
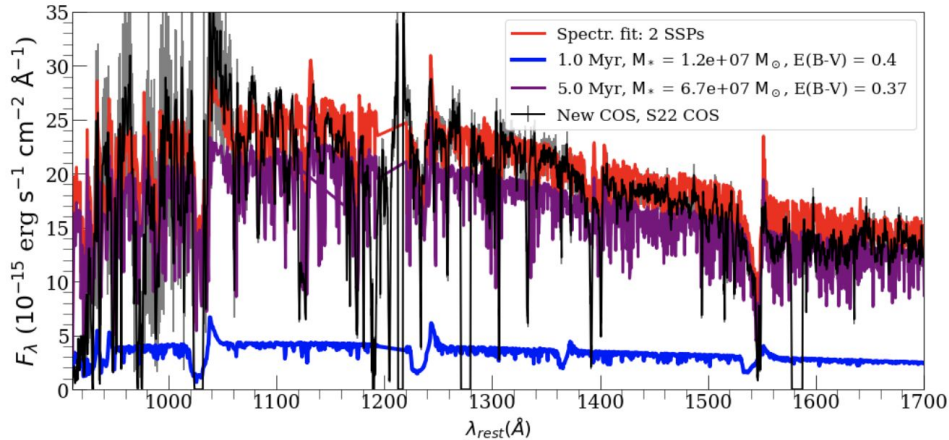
- Expected based on highest Ly α escape, $\sim 6\%$ (Hayes+2007, Östlin+ 2021)
- Likely nuclear cluster
- Longest, strongest stellar feedback (Sirressi+ 2022)
- Lowest M_{H_2} and HI covering fraction ~ 0.8 (Gao+2022, Östlin+ 2021)
- Remaining gas is clumpy (Rivera-Thorsen+ 2017)



Östlin+ 2021. Ly α , H α , 1500Å cont

Stellar Population in Knot C and Its LyC Output

$$f_{\text{esc}} = L_{900,\text{obs}} / L_{900,\text{int}}$$

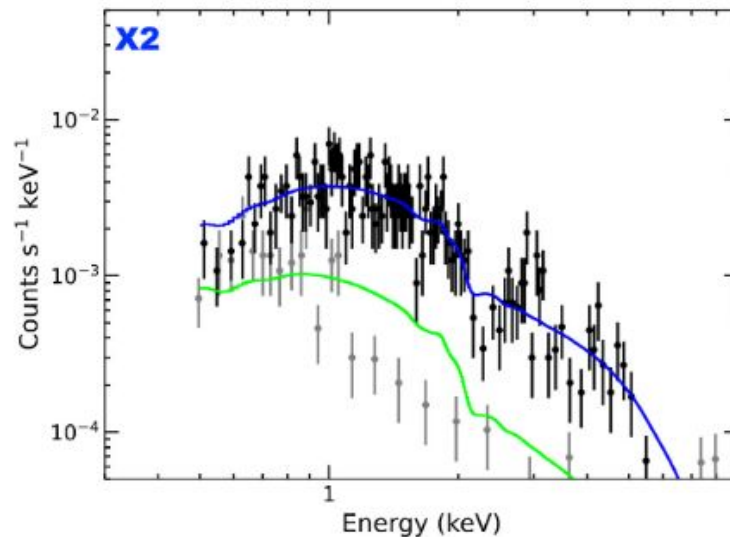


- What is the intrinsic stellar LyC of Knot C?
- Combine new COS with Sirressi+2022 COS 1060 - 1800 Å
- Find 5 Myr, $7 \times 10^6 M_\odot$, $E(B-V) = 0.4$ pop to dominate FUV
 - P Cygni point to 1 Myr component
 - $L_{900,\text{int}} = 5 \times 10^{41}$ erg/s

→ $f_{\text{esc}} \sim 0.02$ (Preliminary)

Knot C: Could the ULX Contribute LyC?

- Knot C hosts a bright, soft ULX Haro 11-X2
 - $L_x(0.3-8 \text{ keV}) = 4 \times 10^{40} \text{ erg/s}$
 - Spectral slope $\Gamma = 1.8$ (Gross+ 2021)
- Likely super-Eddington accretor ($M_{\bullet} > 20 M_{\odot}$) (Gross+2021)



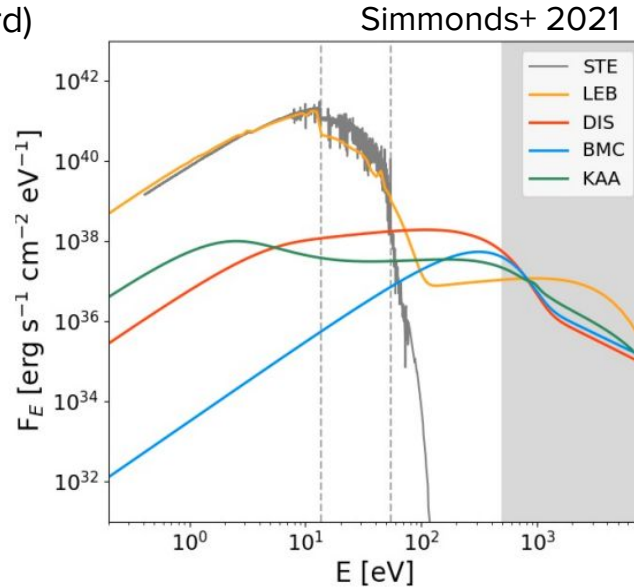
X2 (ULX in C) Chandra spectrum (Gross+2021), absorbed power law fit

Knot C: Could the ULX Contribute LyC?

Observe ULX in X-ray only; what is its SED in LyC?

- DIS** - irradiated disk (low-hard)
- BMC** - bulk motion (generic)
- KAA** - super-Eddington

Model ULX SEDs



Observed

L_x	4×10^{40} erg/s
L_{900}	0.9×10^{40} erg/s

Modelled

$L_{900,star}$	5×10^{41} erg/s
$L_{900,ULX}$	$< 2 \times 10^{40}$ erg/s

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- Model SEDs vary by orders of magnitude
- $L_{LyC} \leq L_x$ for most
- **Possible for ULX to contribute LyC**

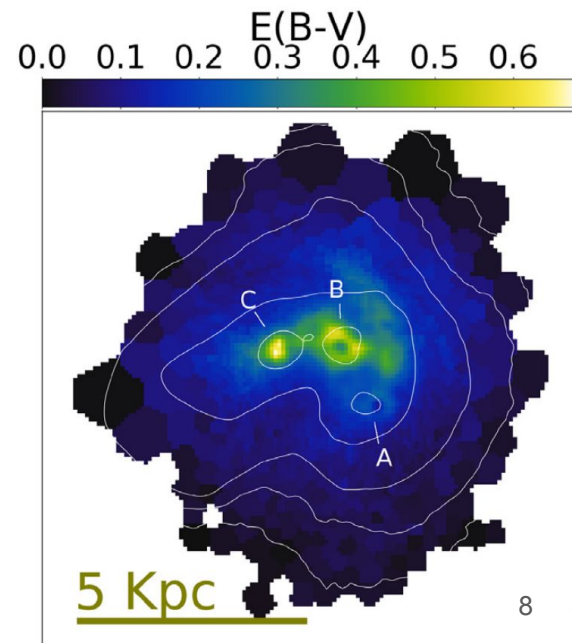
Knot B: Strongest detection

- Highest SFR, youngest age 1-3 Myr (this work)

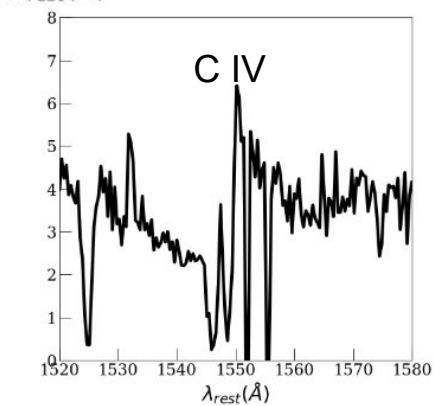
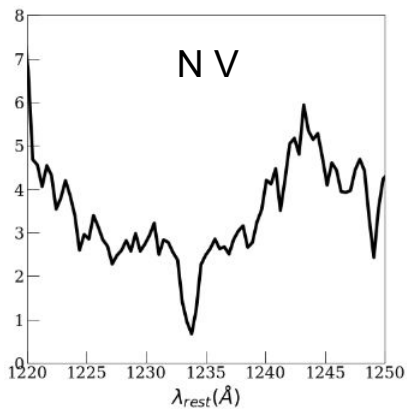
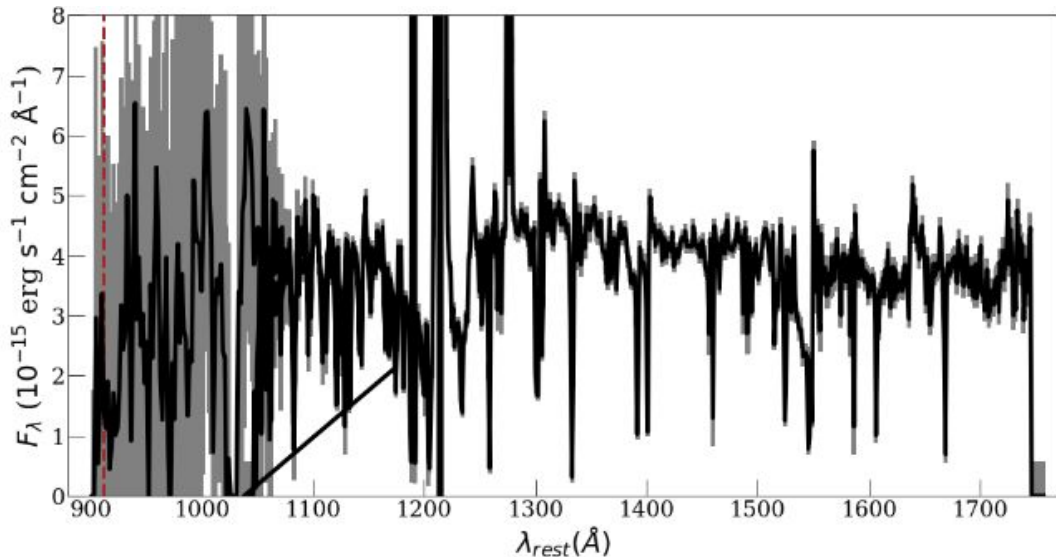
BUT

- Still enshrouded, with highest N_{HI} and M_{H_2} , high extinction
- Neutral covering fraction $f_c = 0.96$ in S II (Östlin+ 2021)
- Ionization-bounded (Keenan+ 2017)

Menacho+ 2021



Stellar Population in Knot B and Its LyC



- P Cygni point to 1 Myr component
- Spectroscopic fit in progress
 - Discrepancy with cluster photometry (Sirressi+2022)
- Based on Sirressi+2022 clusters,

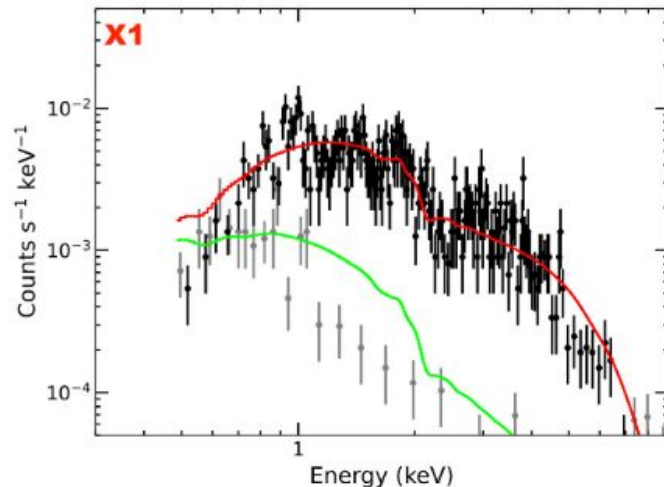
$$L_{900,\text{int}} = 6 \times 10^{41} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$\rightarrow f_{\text{esc}} = \mathbf{0.03 \pm 0.02}$$

(Preliminary)

Knot B: Could the ULX Contribute LyC?

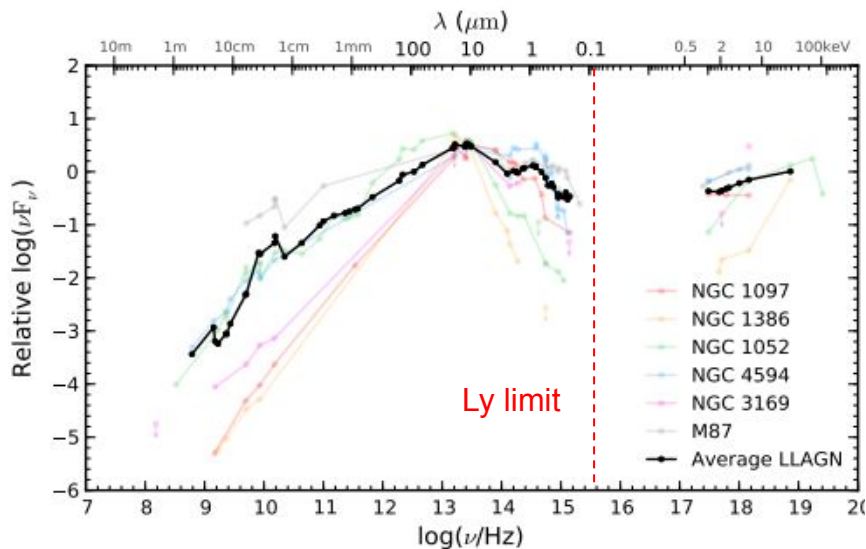
- Knot B hosts a hard ULX Haro 11-X1
 - $L_x(0.3-8 \text{ keV}) \sim 10^{41} \text{ erg/s}$
 - Spectral slope $\Gamma = 1.5$ (Gross+2021)
- Could be LLAGN or low, hard XRB (Gross+2021)



X1 (ULX in B) Chandra spectrum (Gross+2021),
absorbed power law fit

Knot B: Could the ULX contribute LyC?

Fernández-Ontiveros+2012 LLAGN SEDs



Observed

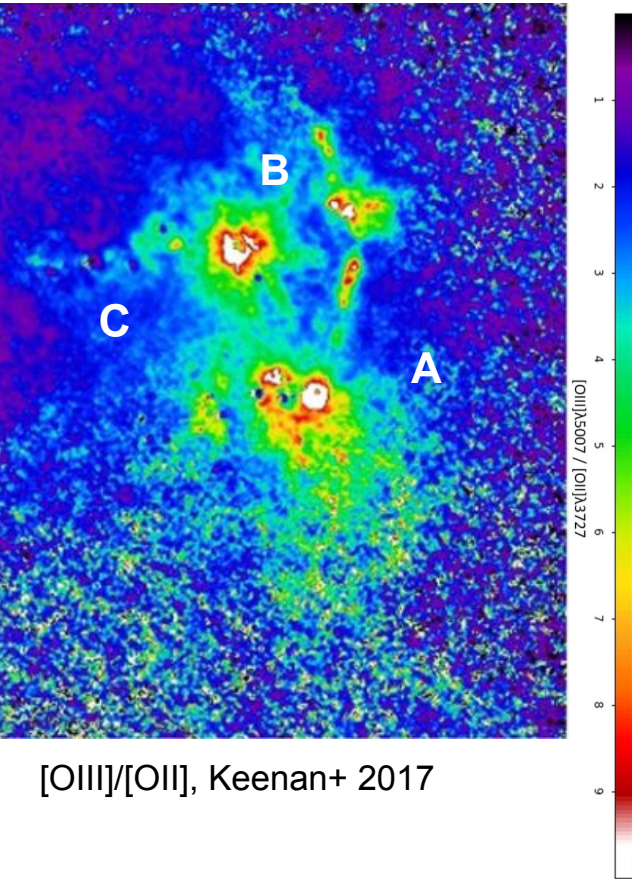
L_x	9.5×10^{40} erg/s
L_{900}	1.7×10^{40} erg/s

Modelled

$L_{900,\text{star}}$	6×10^{41} erg/s
$L_{900,\text{ULX}}$	$< 6 \times 10^{39}$ erg/s

- Model SEDs vary by orders of magnitude, $L_{\text{LyC}} \leq L_x$ for most
- **ULX is unlikely to contribute LyC**

Knot A: Non-Detection



- Drives Green Pea analogy of Haro 11
- Knot with highest ionization, $O_{32} \sim 9$ (Keenan+ 2017)
 - Unconfined morphology \rightarrow optically thin in sky plane

\rightarrow If LyC escapes in other LOS, it is highly anisotropic

\rightarrow Green Pea nature \neq LyC escape

- Observe Knots B and C in Haro 11 to leak LyC; no leakage in Green Pea Knot A

Knot C: $f_{\text{esc,LyC}} \sim 2\%$ (*Preliminary*)

- Nuclear region with little HI; $f_{\text{c, HI}} = 50\%$, $f_{\text{esc, Ly}\alpha} = 6\%$
- Super-Eddington ULX is a possible contribution?

Knot B: $f_{\text{esc,LyC}} \sim 3\%$ (*Preliminary*)

- High SFR in enshrouded, covered region; $f_{\text{c, HI}} = 100\%$, $f_{\text{esc, Ly}\alpha} = 1\%$
- LLAGN/XRB feedback may punch pinhole but can't provide required LyC

Cosmological Implications

- 1) LyC escapes even in high optical depth systems, if stellar FUV is strong
 - High Lyman luminosities may accompany low escape fractions

- 2) LyC escape in Green Peas may be highly anisotropic

- 3) Need to clarify importance of accretors in LyC budget
 - LCE candidates show excess of X-ray sources (e.g., Bluem+2019, Dittenber+2020)