

# Probing high-mass star formation through different molecules

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High-mass  $\rightarrow$   $>8 M_{\odot}$   $\rightarrow$   $>10^3 L_{\odot}$   $\rightarrow$  O-B star

- 1) The recipe of (OB) star formation: infall, outflow, rotation  $\rightarrow$  the role of accretion disks
- 2) OB star formation: observational problems
- 3) The search for disks: tracing rotation and infall
- 4) Results: disks in B stars; for O stars ALMA is needed

# The recipe of (OB) star formation: infall, outflow, rotation

**Infall of circumstellar material onto **protostar****

Two relevant **timescales**:

accretion:  $t_{\text{acc}} = M_{\text{star}} / (\text{d}M/\text{d}t)_{\text{acc}}$

contraction:  $t_{\text{KH}} = GM_{\text{star}} / R_{\text{star}} L_{\text{star}}$

$M_{\text{star}} > 6-10 M_{\odot}$   $\rightarrow t_{\text{acc}} > t_{\text{KH}}$  (Palla & Stahler 1993)

High-mass stars reach ZAMS **still accreting!**

Spherical symmetry  $\rightarrow P_{\text{radiation}} > P_{\text{ram}}$   $\rightarrow$

$\rightarrow$  stars  $> 6-10 M_{\odot}$  should not form!??

**Rotation** and **outflow** may be the solution  
(Yorke & Sonnhalter, Kruhmalz et al.):

Rotation+ang.mom.conserv. → Disk →

→ focuses accretion →

→ boosts ram pressure

Outflow → channels stellar photons →

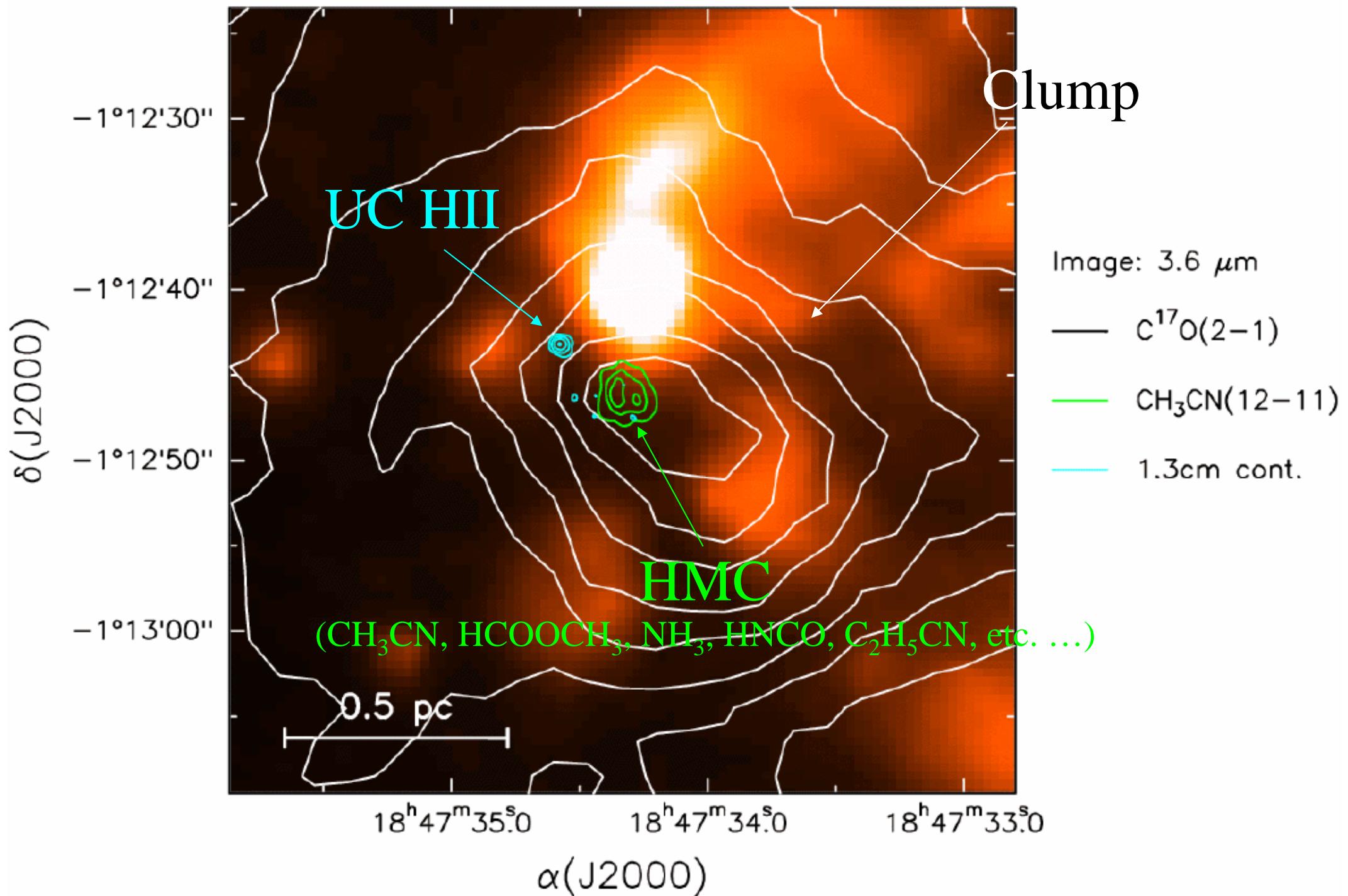
→ lowers radiation pressure

→ Detection of accretion disks is crucial  
to understand O-B star formation

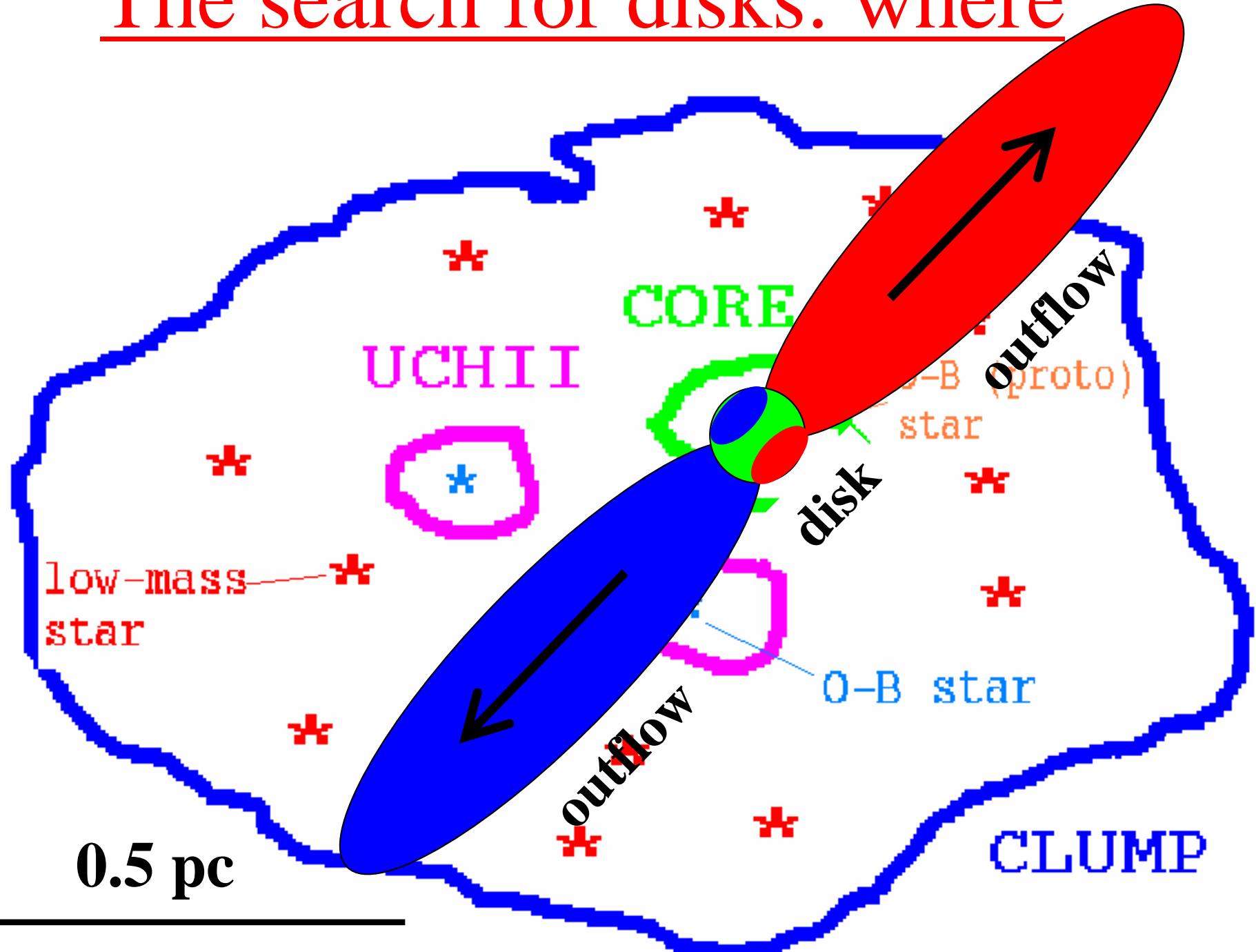
# High-mass star observations

- Problems:
  - IMF → high-mass stars are rare
  - large distance: >450 pc → a few kpc *ALMA sensitivity!*
  - formation in clusters → confusion *ALMA resolution!*
  - rapid evolution:  $t_{acc} = 50 M_O / 10^{-3} M_O \text{yr}^{-1} = 5 \cdot 10^4 \text{yr}$
  - parental environment profoundly altered
- Advantage:
  - very luminous (cont. & *line*) and rich (*molecules*)!  
*ALMA spectral coverage!*

# G31.41+0.31



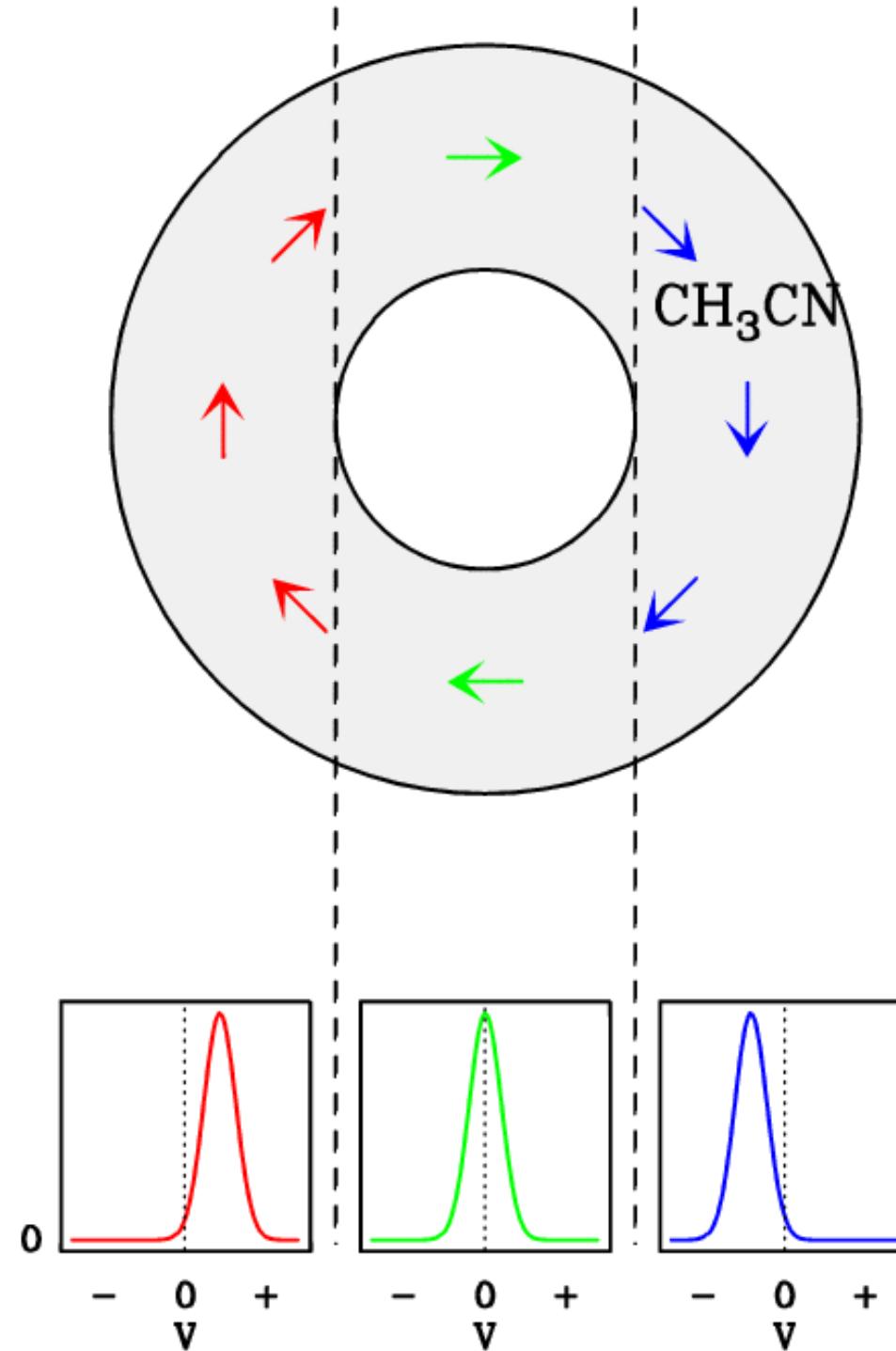
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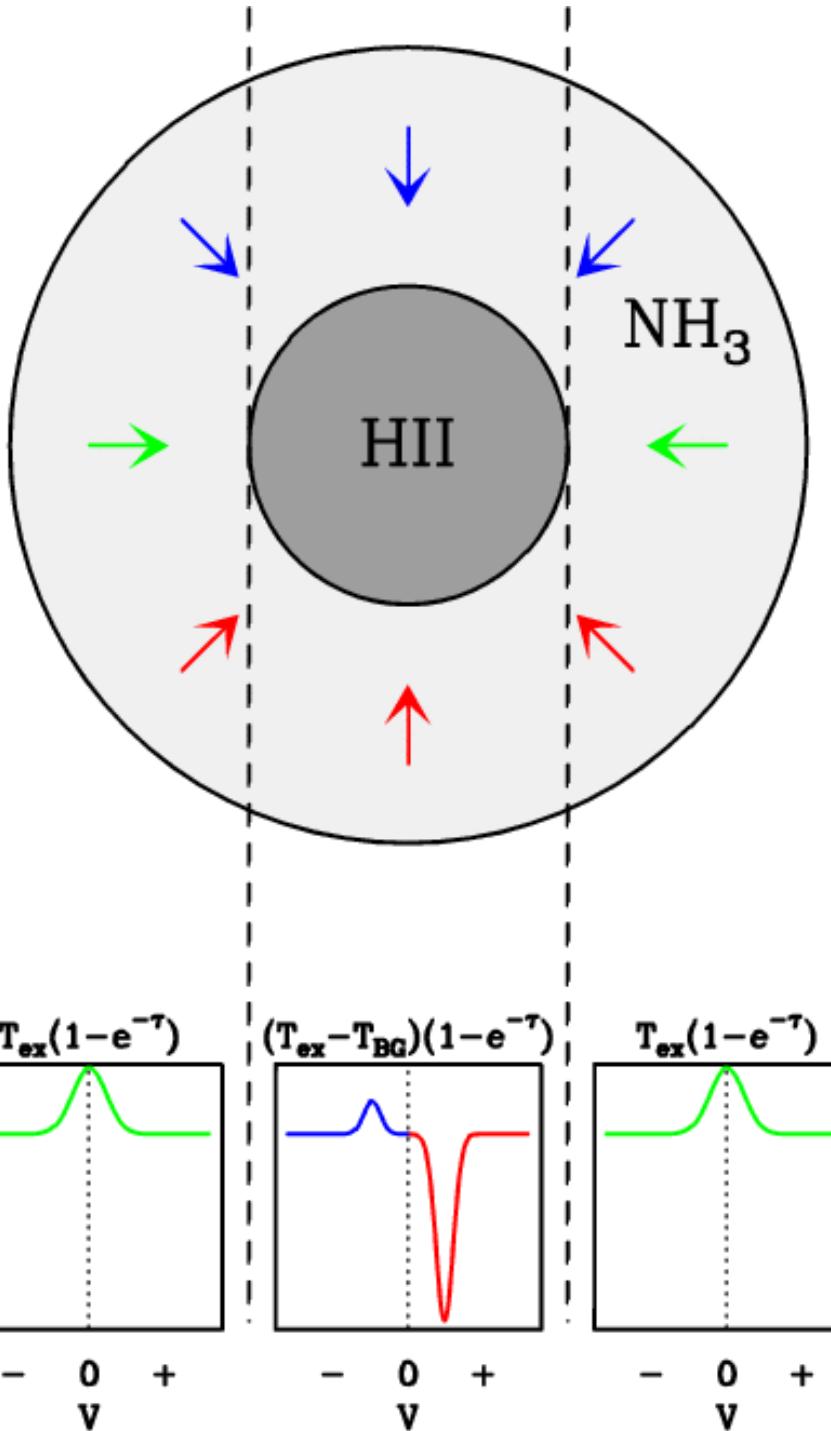
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# Absorption line from infalling envelope



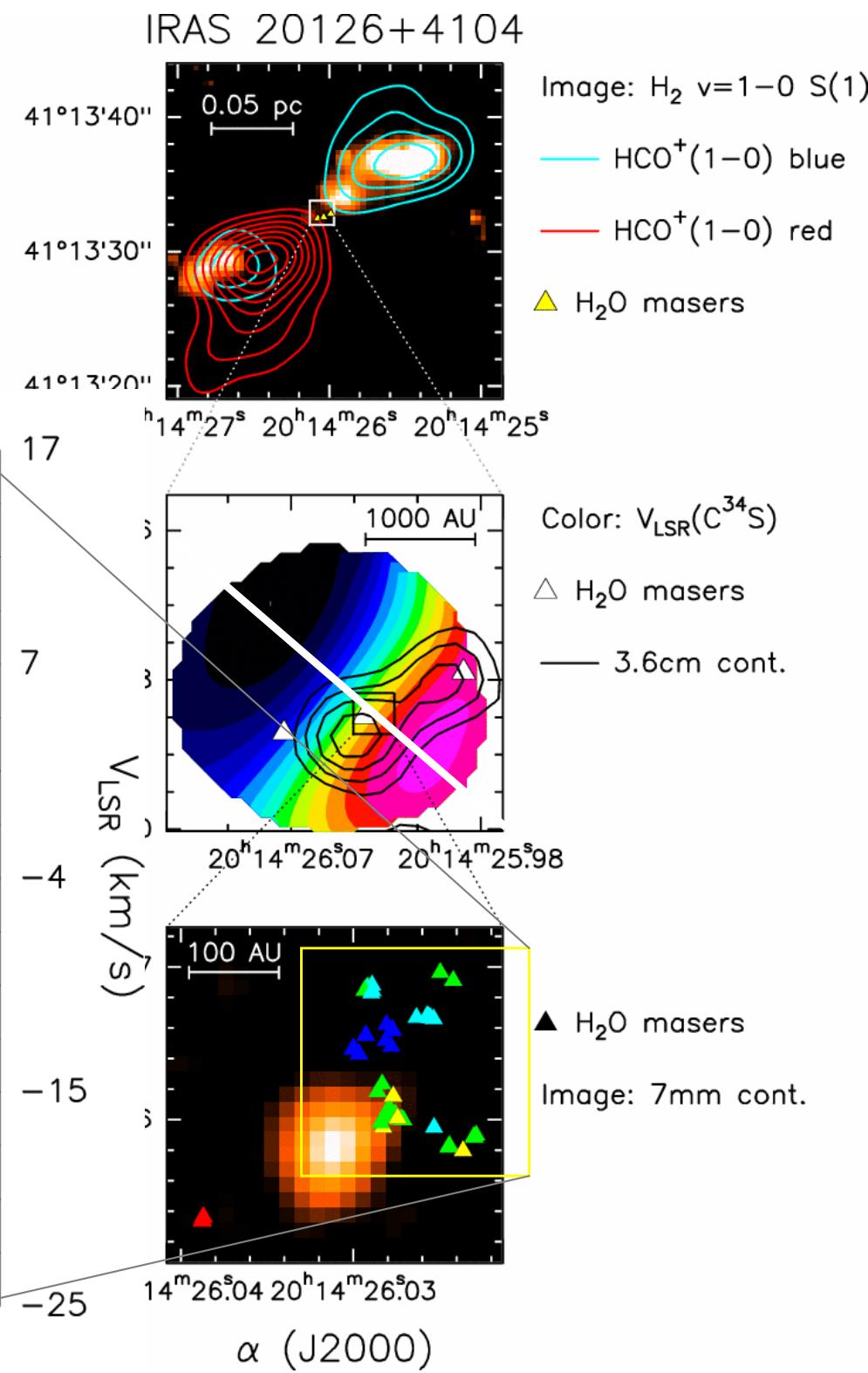
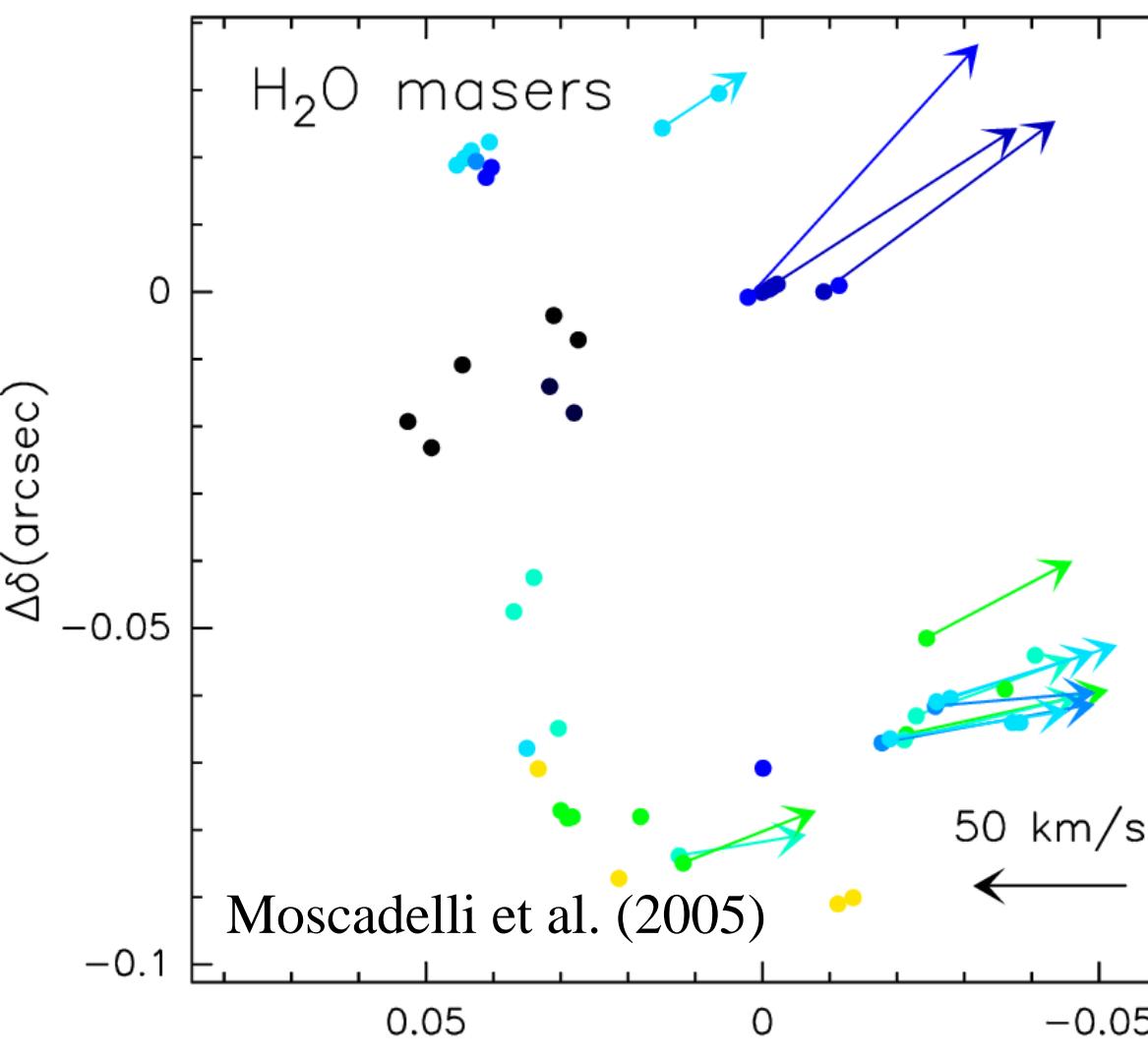
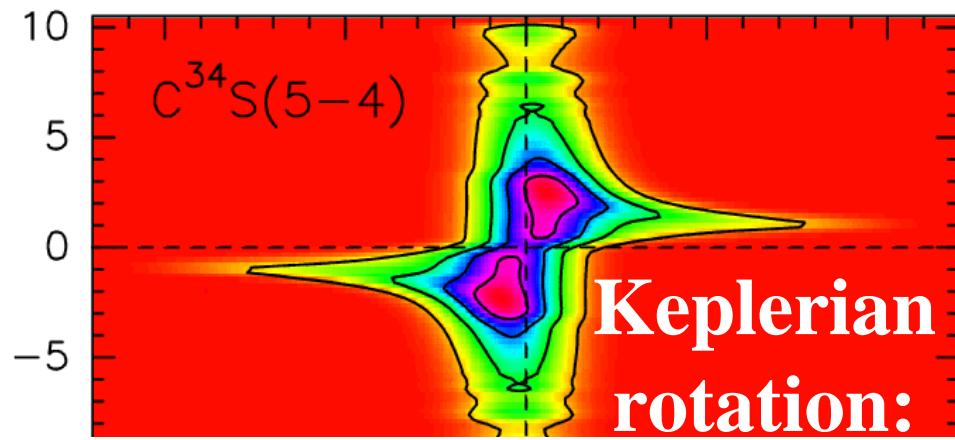
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# Results of disk search

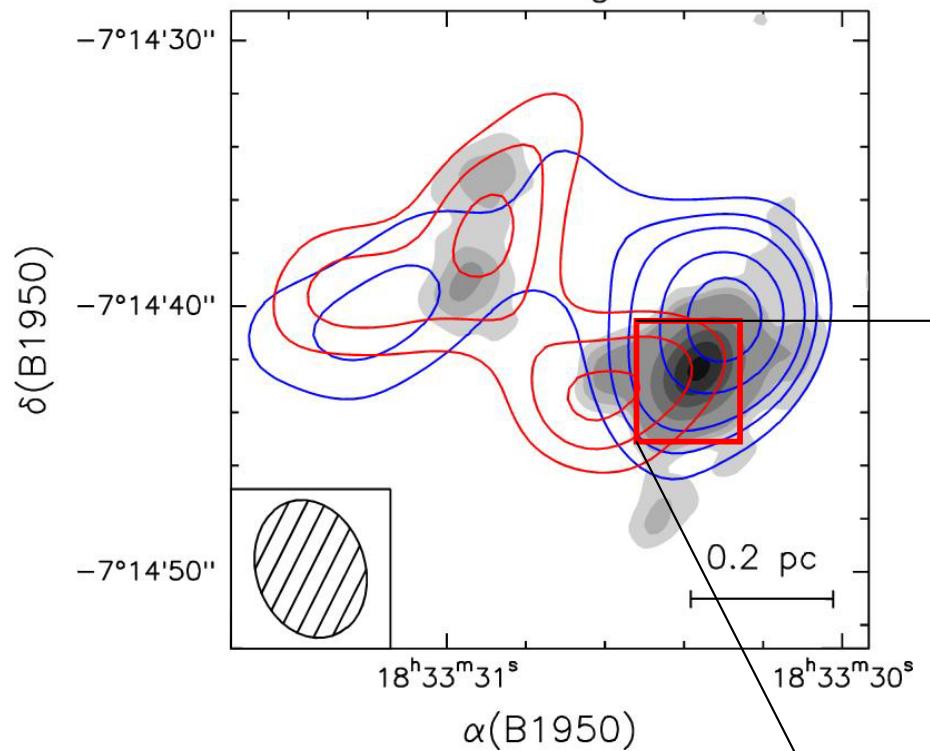
## in B and late-O (proto)stars:

### 2 examples

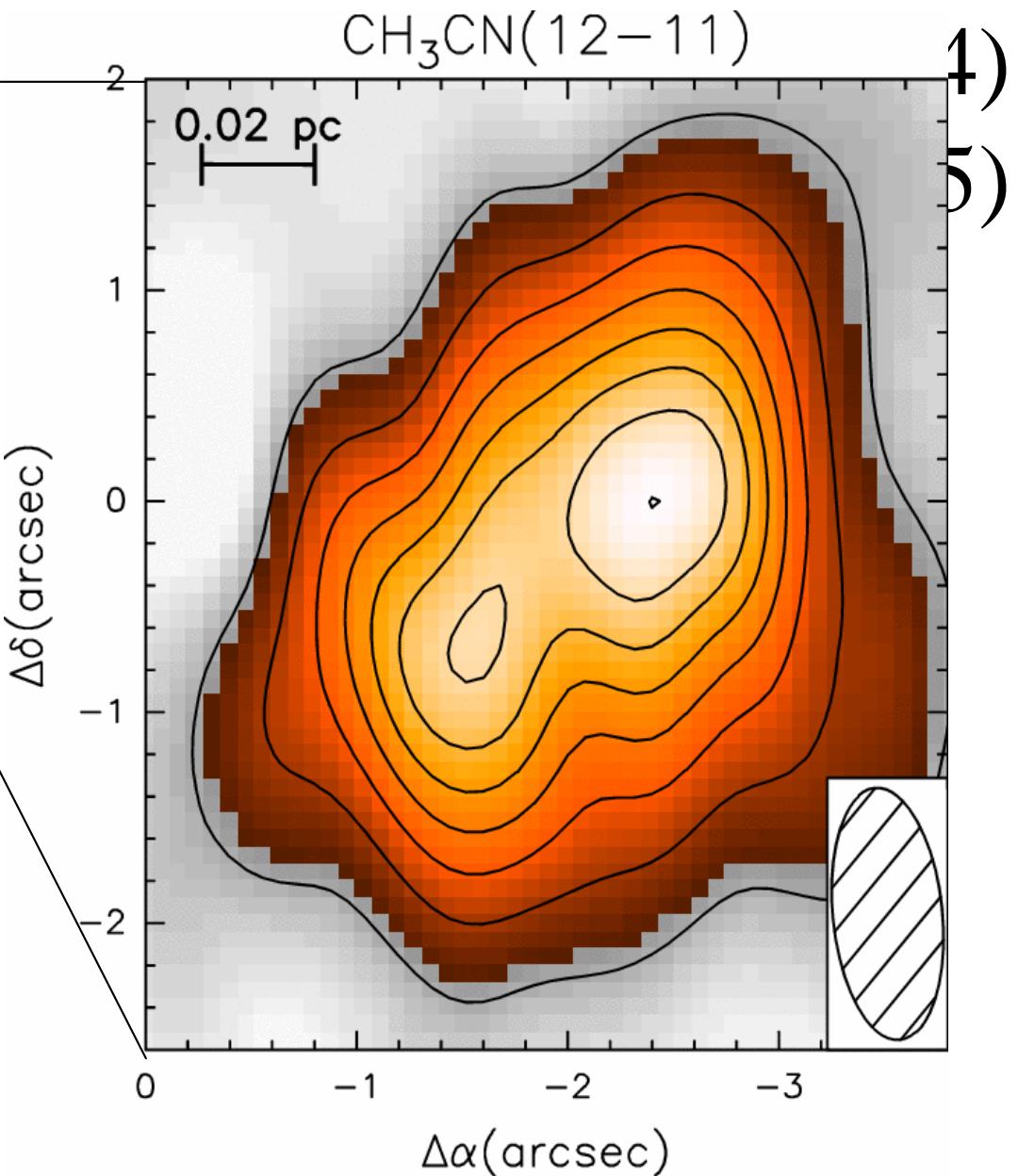
	$L_*$ ( $L_O$ )	$M_{\text{disk}}$ ( $M_O$ )	$D_{\text{disk}}$ (AU)	$M_*$ ( $M_O$ )	Spec. Type
<b>IRAS20126</b>	$10^4$	4	1600	7	B0.5
<b>G24.78 A1</b>	$5 \cdot 10^4$	130	5000	20	O9.5



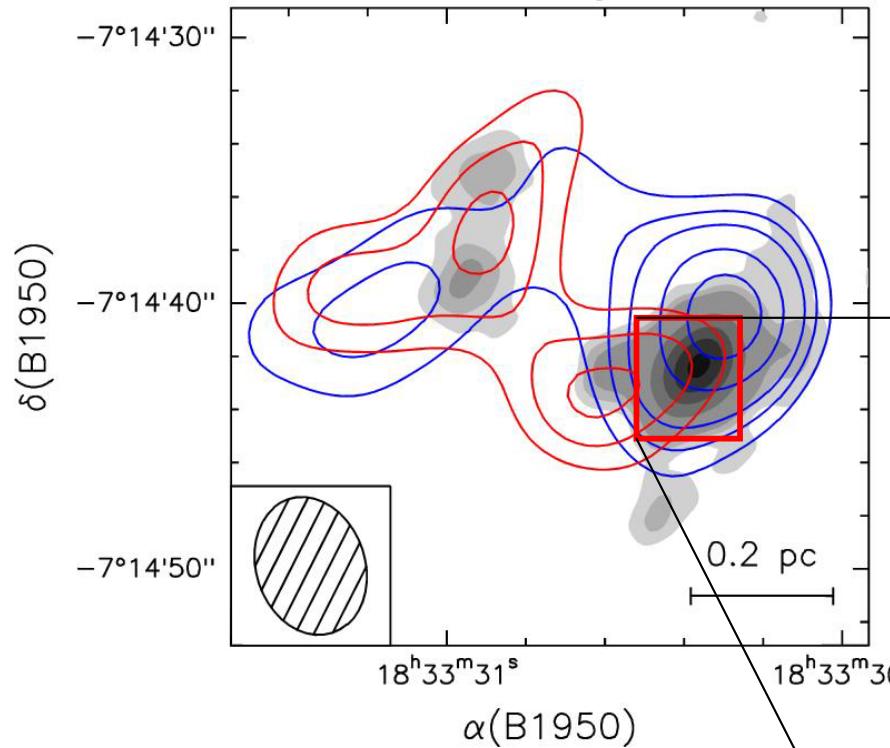
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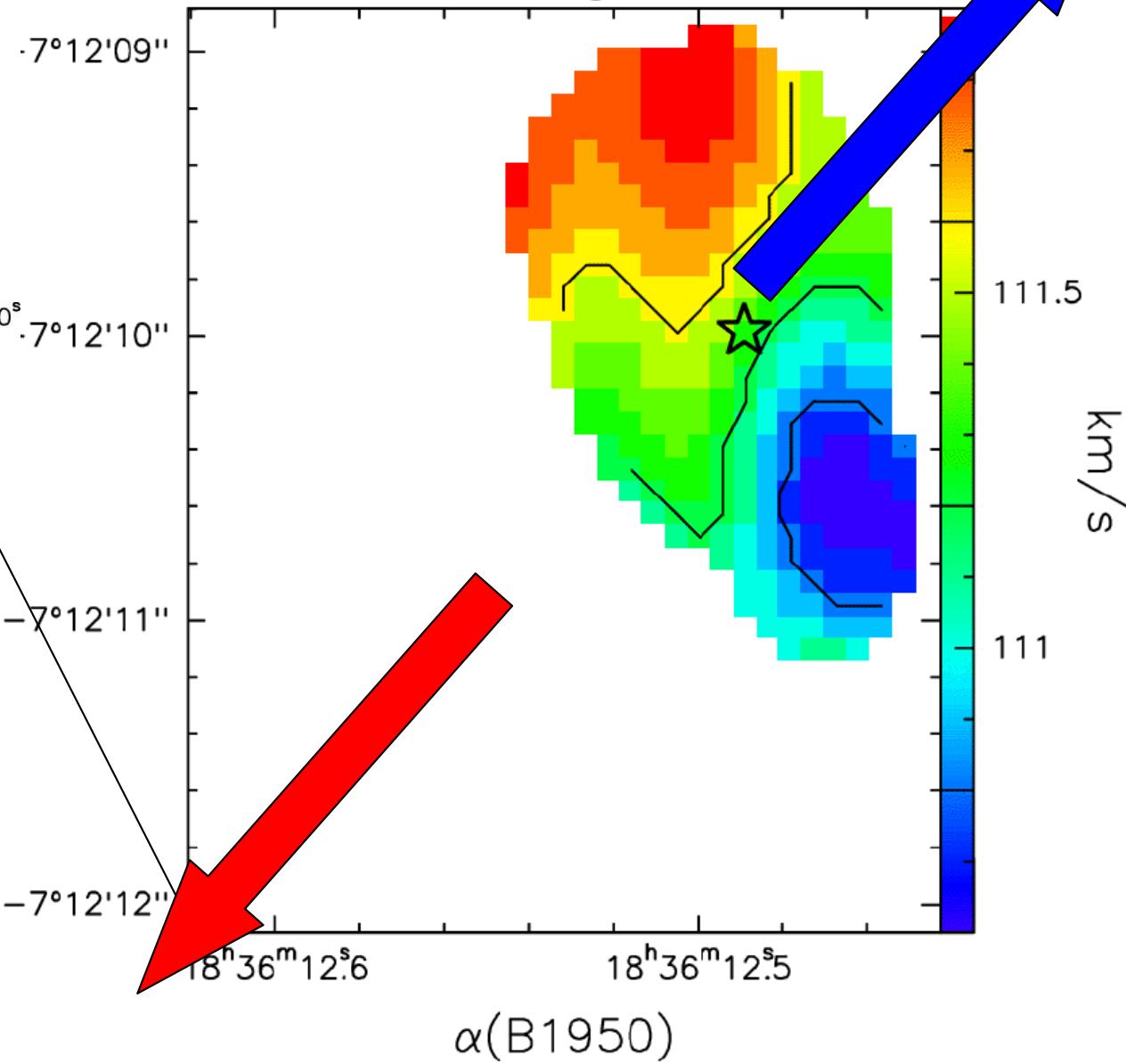


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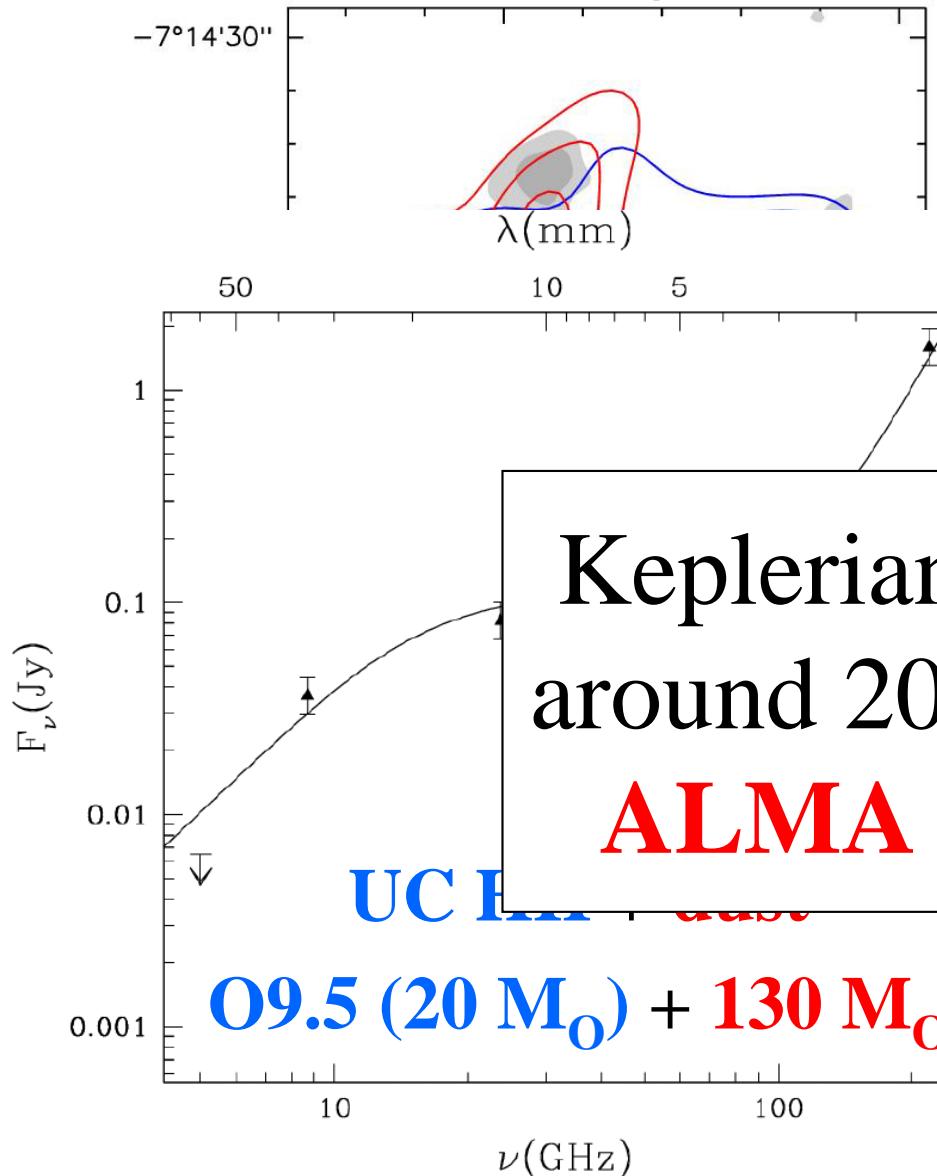


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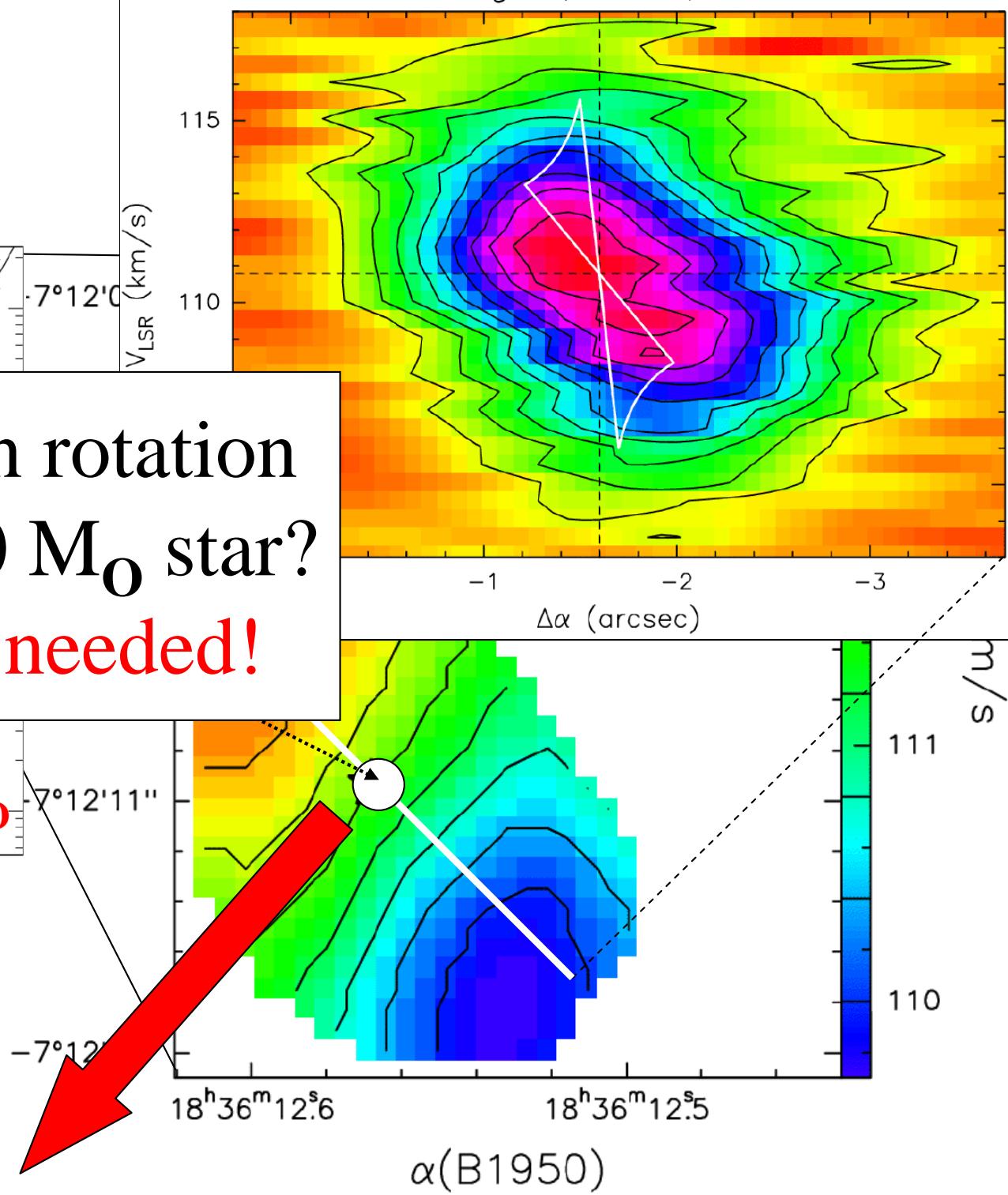
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CH<sub>3</sub>CN(12–11) K=3

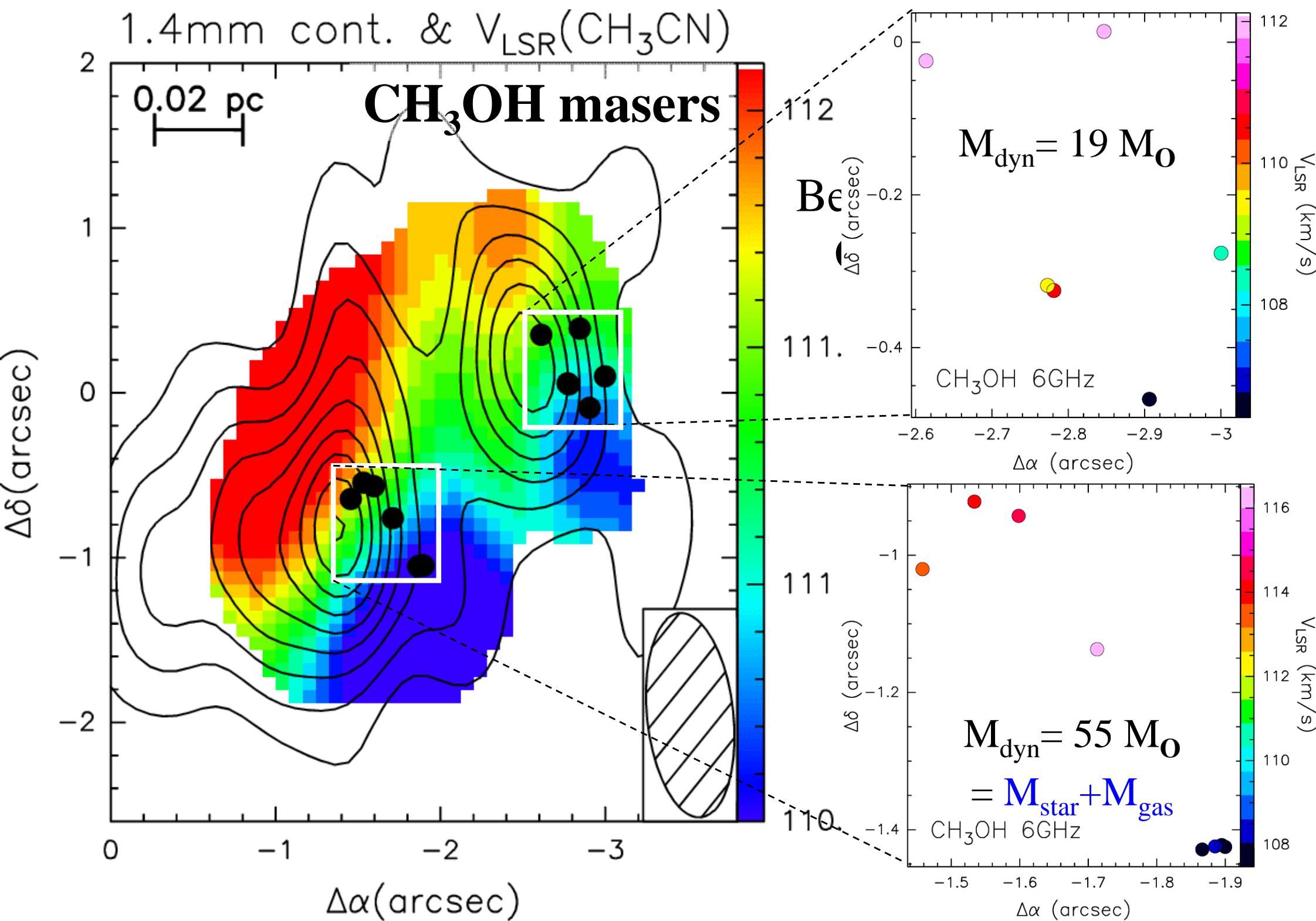


Keplerian rotation  
around 20 M<sub>O</sub> star?

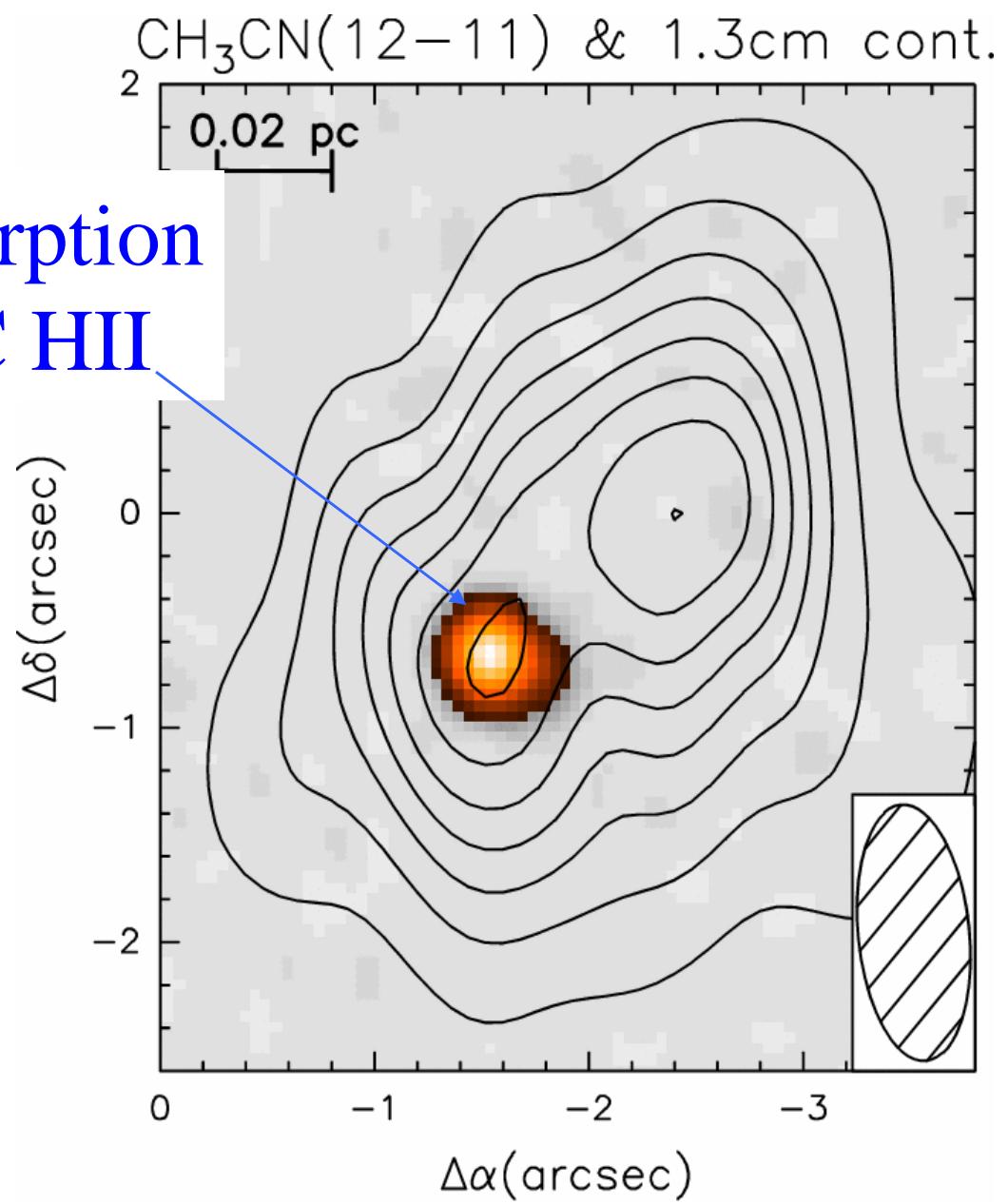
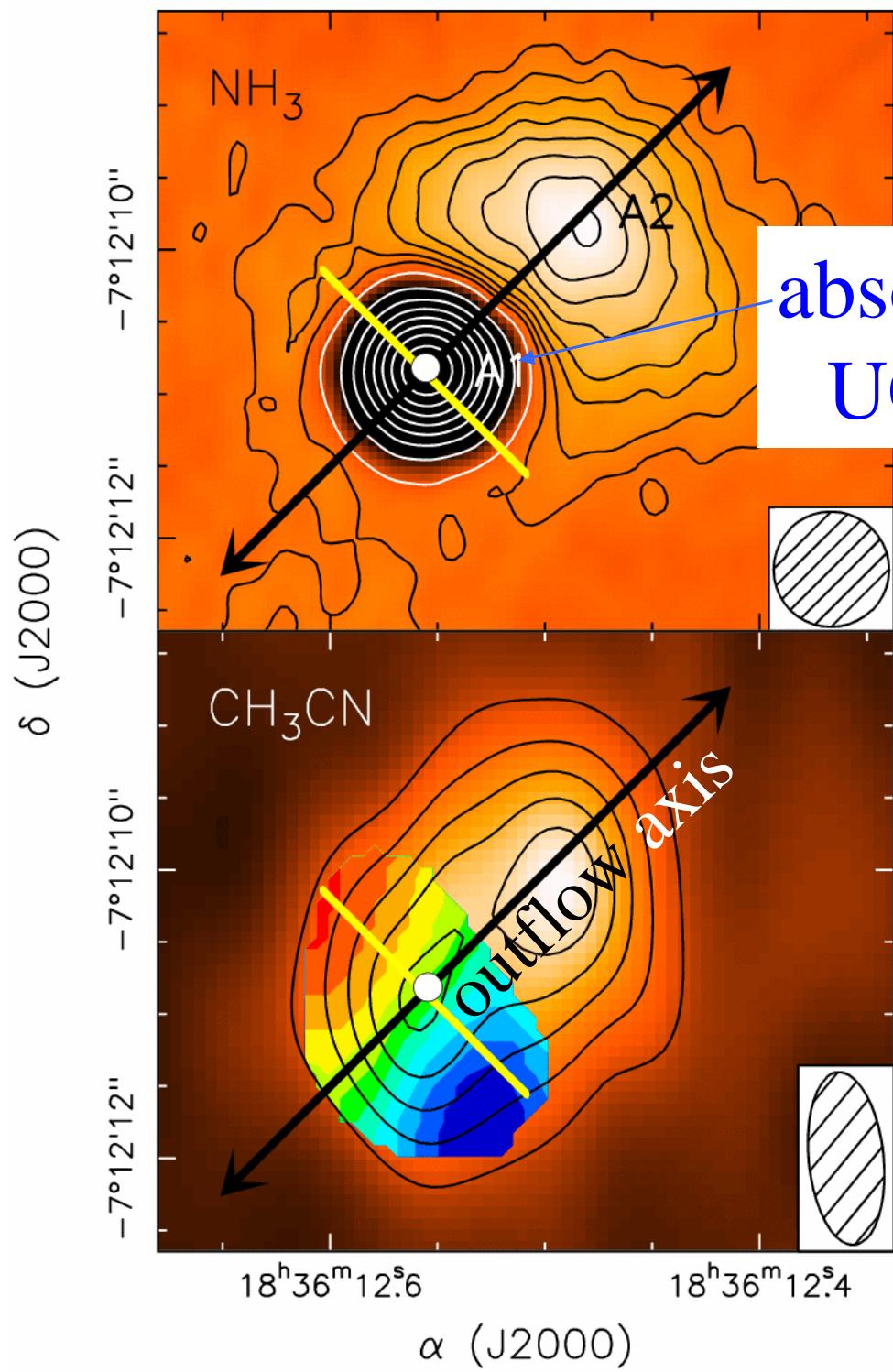
**ALMA needed!**

**UC HII dust**

**09.5 (20 M<sub>O</sub>) + 130 M<sub>O</sub>**



G24.78+0.08

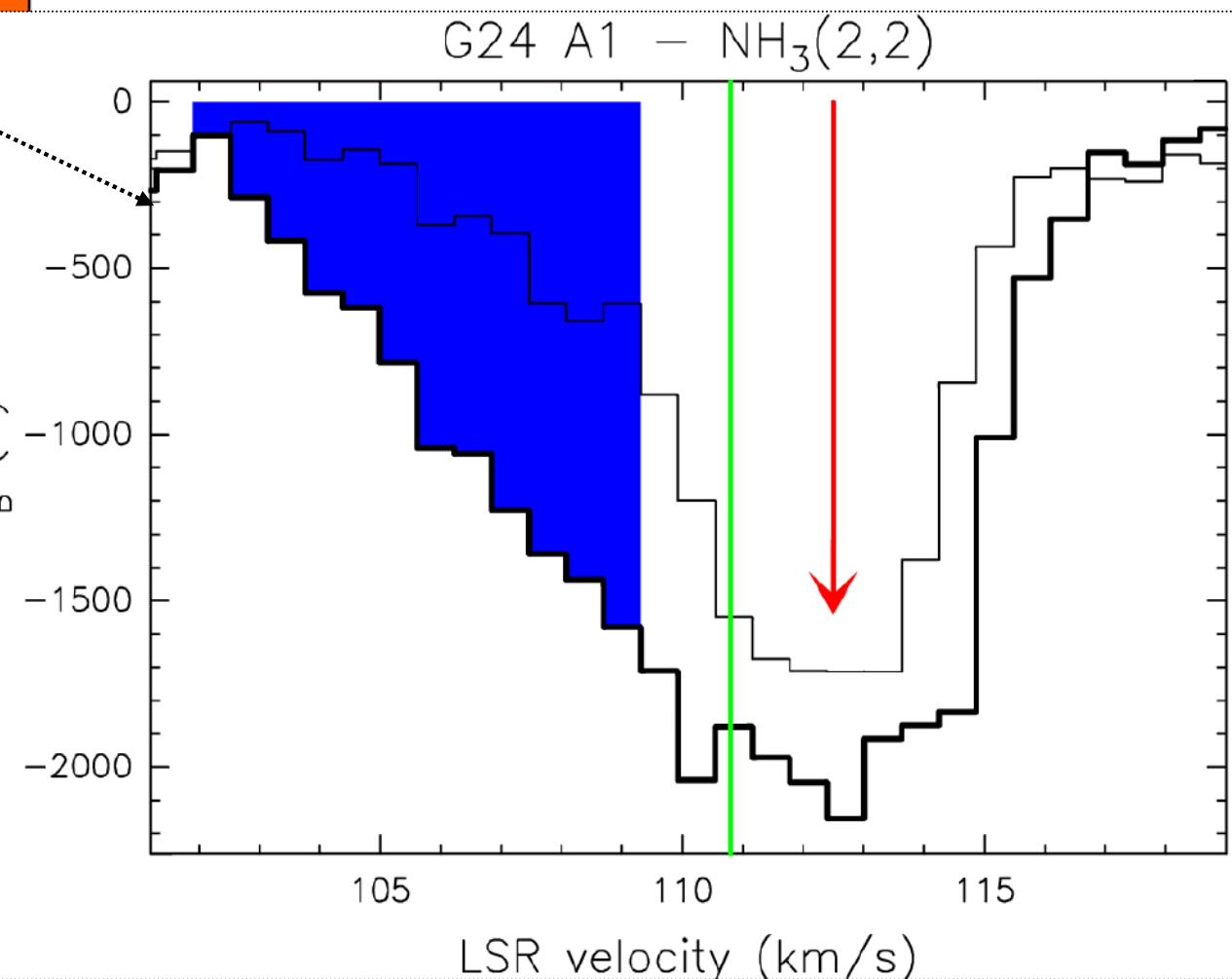
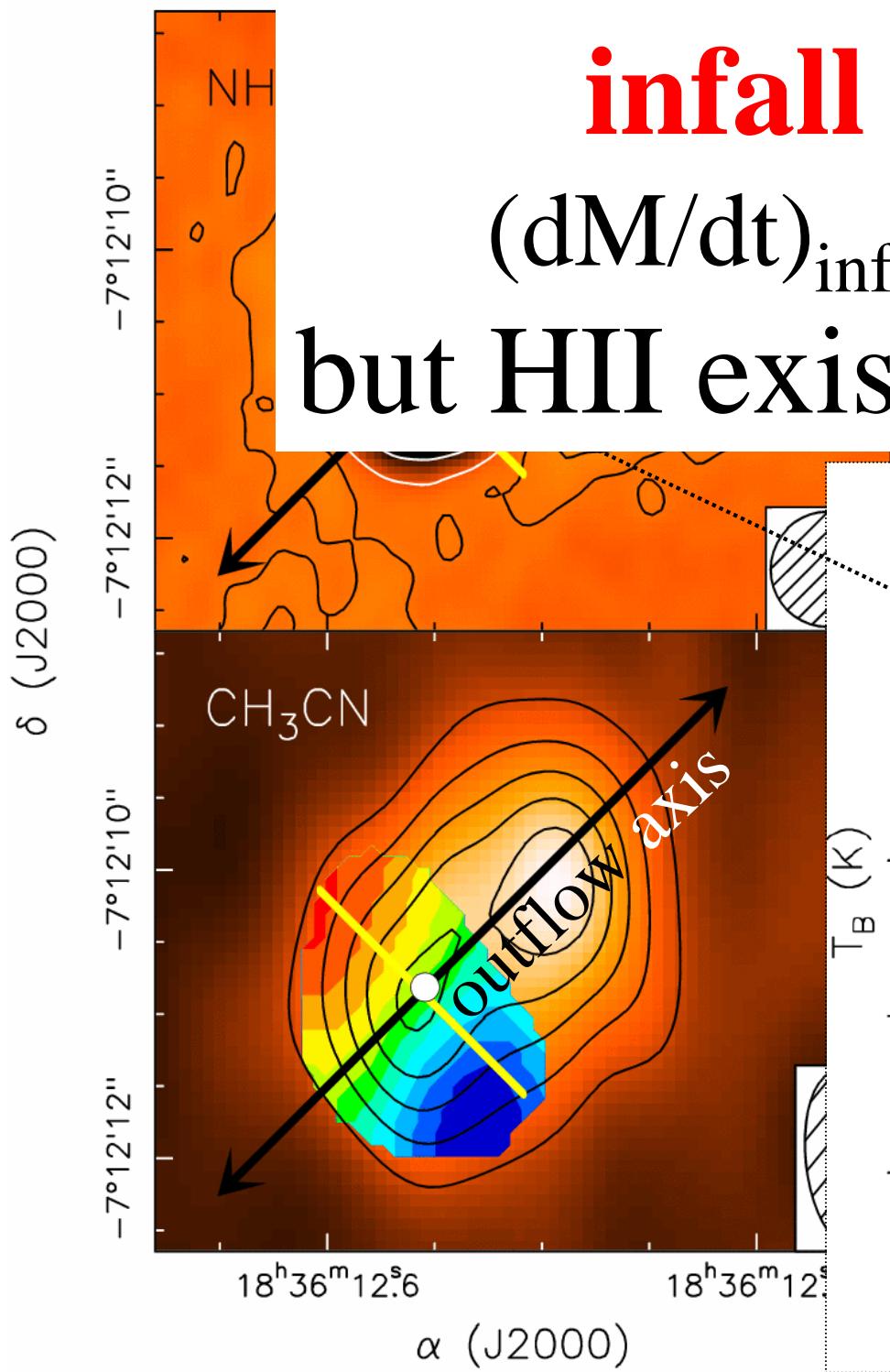


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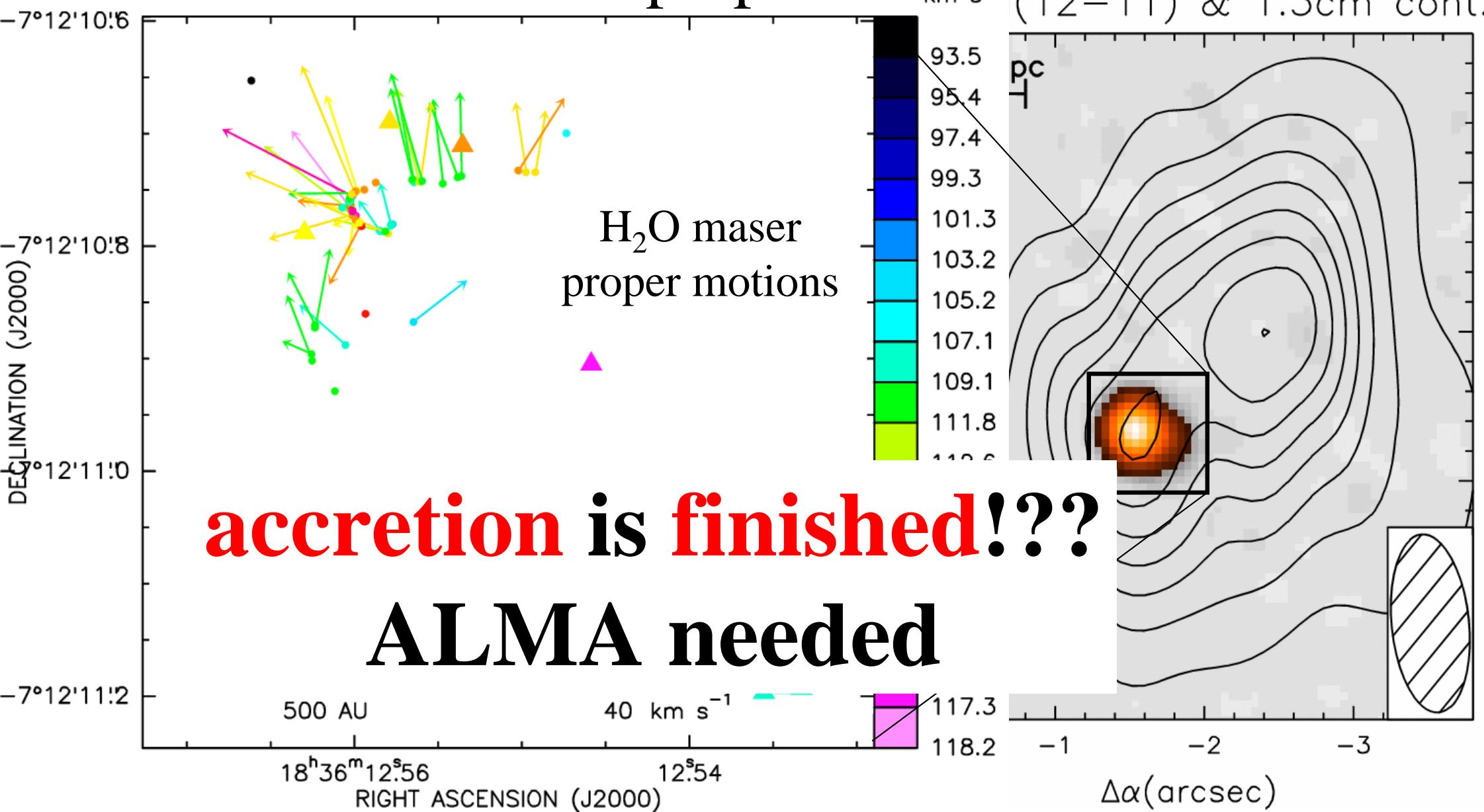
# infall and rotation!

$(dM/dt)_{\text{infall}} > (dM/dt)_{\text{HII quench}}$

but HII exists → infall in disk!



Goddi et al. in prep.



# Conclusions

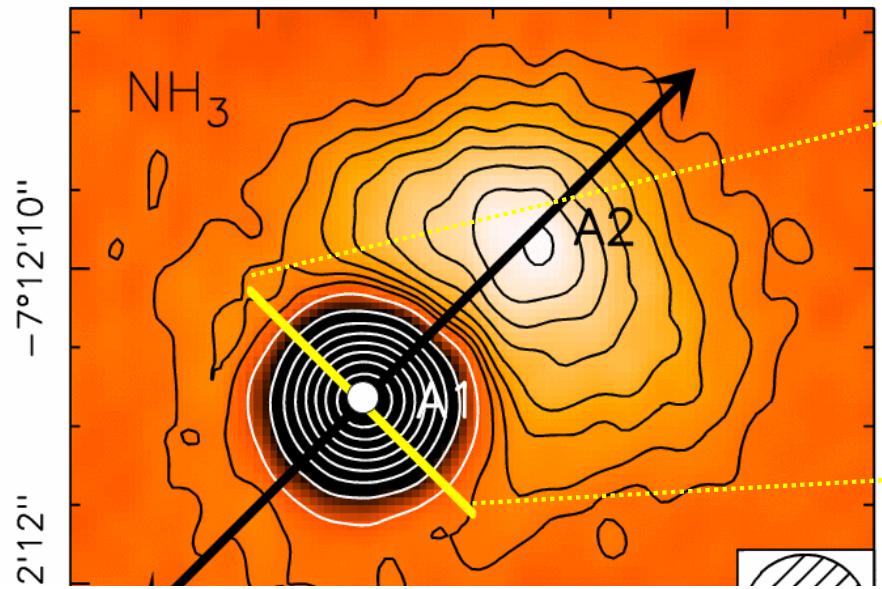
- Robust evidence of **disks** in B (proto)stars and perhaps in late O (proto)stars → star formation by **accretion** as in low-mass stars
- No disk found *yet* in *early* O (proto)stars → perhaps **observational bias**? perhaps **other star formation mechanisms** possible?

**Only ALMA will tell:**

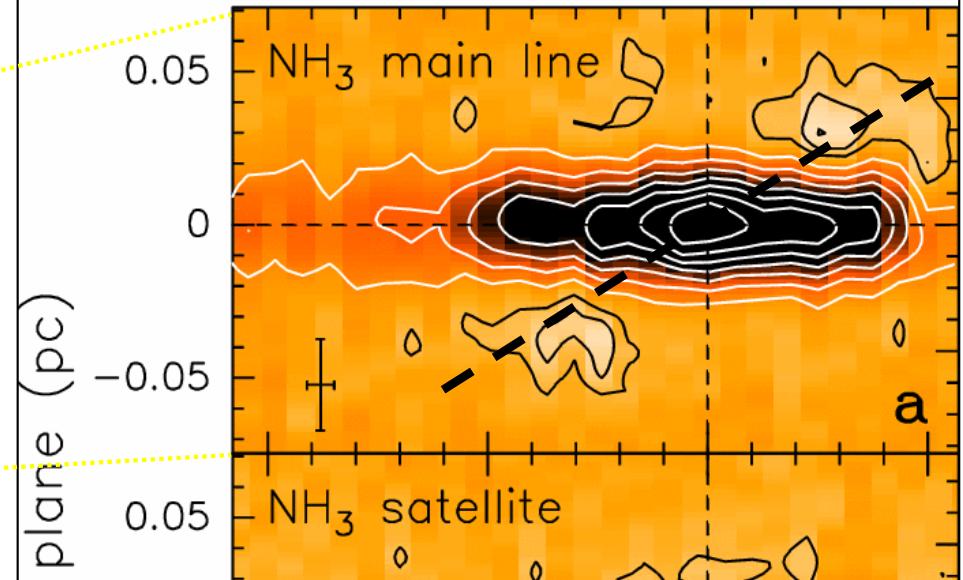
- High **sensitivity** & **resolution** → large **distances**
- **Sub-mm** lines → high-T tracers → **100 AU** region
- Wide **bandwidth** → **outflow**, **infall**, and **rotation** tracers *simultaneously*



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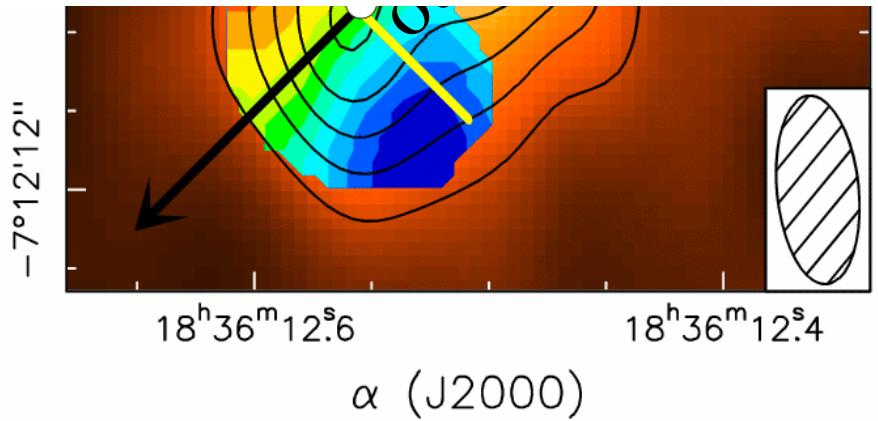
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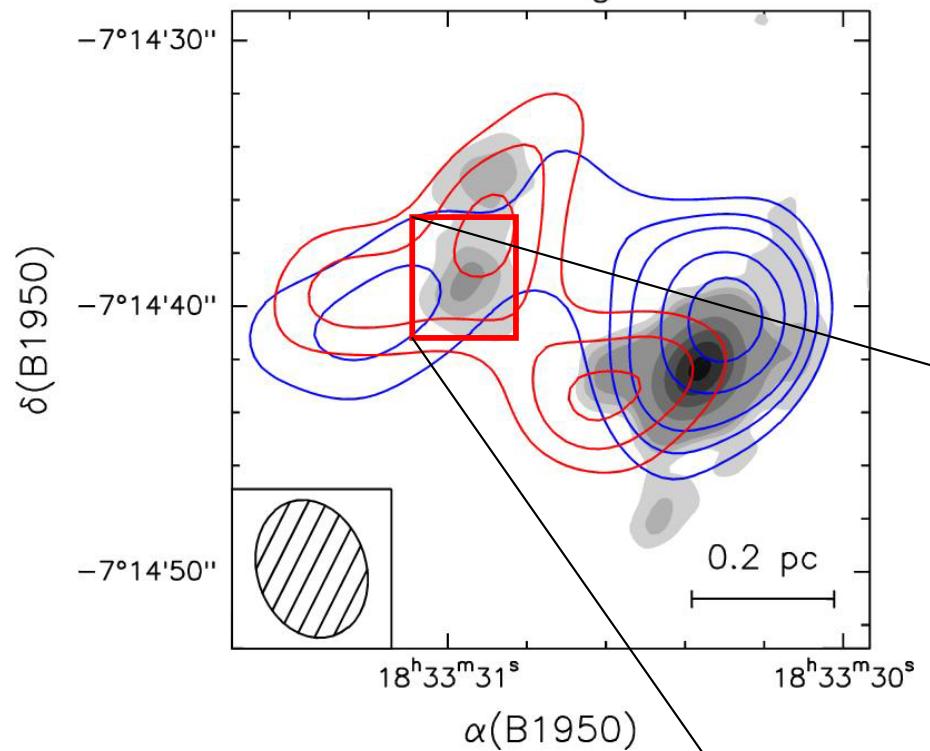
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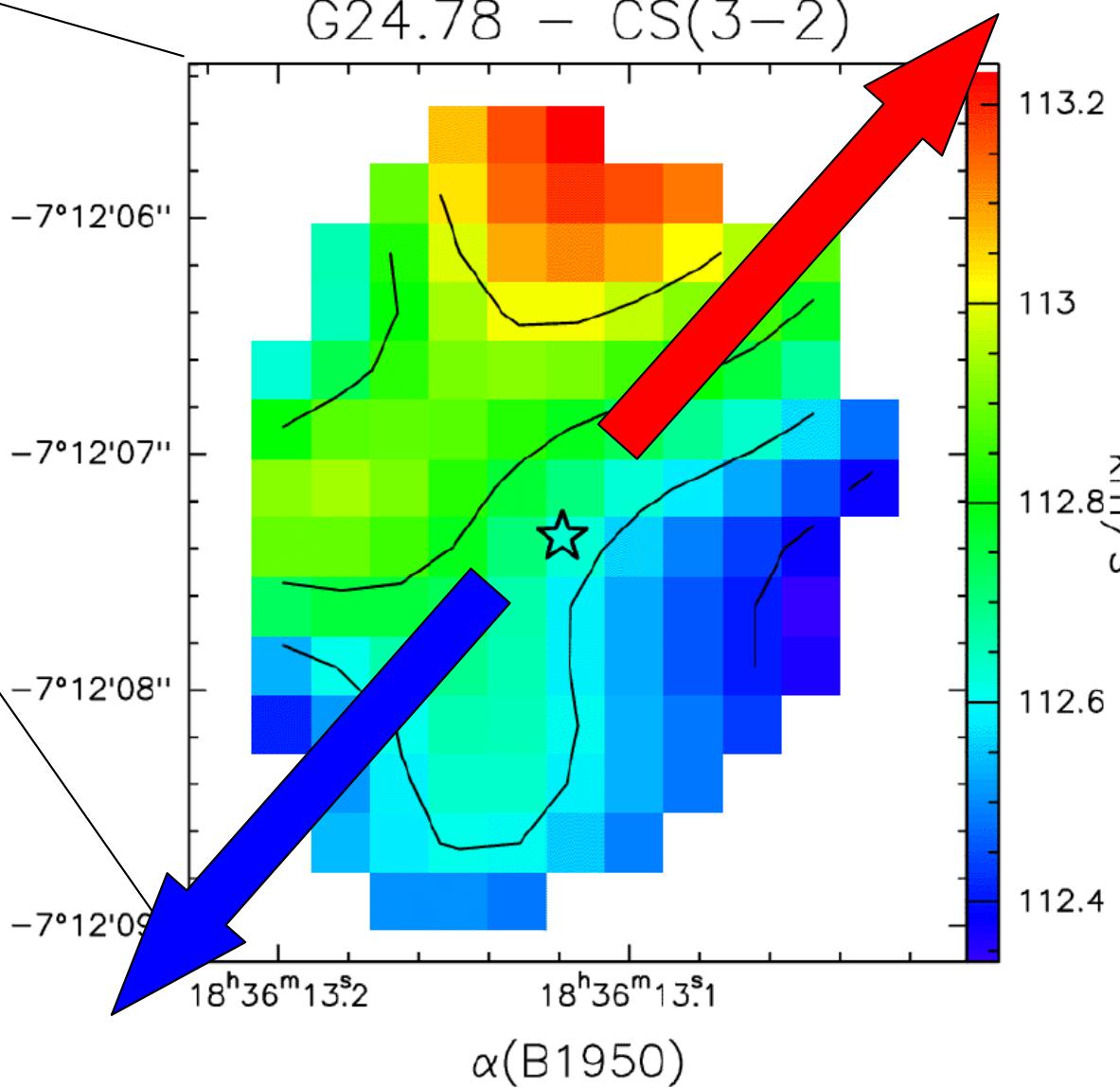


G24.78 – CH<sub>3</sub>CN & CO



Furuya et al. (2002)  
Beltran et al. (2004)

G24.78 – CS(3–2)



# Results of disk search

Two types of objects found:

## Disks in B stars

- $M < 10 M_O$
- $R \sim 1000 \text{ AU}$
- $L \sim 10^4 L_O$
- $(dM/dt)_{\text{star}} \sim 10^{-4} M_O/\text{yr}$
- $t_{\text{rot}} \sim 10^4 \text{ yr}$
- $t_{\text{acc}} \sim M/(dM/dt)_{\text{star}} \sim 10^5 \text{ yr}$

→  $t_{\text{acc}} \gg t_{\text{rot}}$

→ **equilibrium, circumstellar**  
structures

## Toroids in O stars

- $M > 100 M_O$
  - $R \sim 10000 \text{ AU}$
  - $L > 10^4 L_O$
  - $(dM/dt)_{\text{star}} > 10^{-3} M_O/\text{yr}$
  - $t_{\text{rot}} \sim 10^5 \text{ yr}$
  - $t_{\text{acc}} \sim M/(dM/dt)_{\text{star}} \sim 10^4 \text{ yr}$
- $t_{\text{acc}} \ll t_{\text{rot}}$
- **non-equilibrium, circum-cluster** structures

# The elusive disks in early O (proto)stars

Observational bias? For  $M_{\text{disk}} = M_{\text{star}}/2$ , a Keplerian disk in a  $50 M_{\odot}$  star can be detected up to:

- continuum sensitivity:

$$d < 1.7 [M_{\text{star}}(M_{\odot})]^{0.5} \sim 12 \text{ kpc}$$

- line sensitivity:

$$d < 6.2 M_{\text{star}}(M_{\odot}) \sin^2 i / W^2(\text{km/s}) \sim 8 \text{ kpc}$$

- spectral + angular resolution:

$$d < 14 M_{\text{star}}(M_{\odot}) \sin^2 i / [D('') W^2(\text{km/s})] \sim 19 \text{ kpc}$$

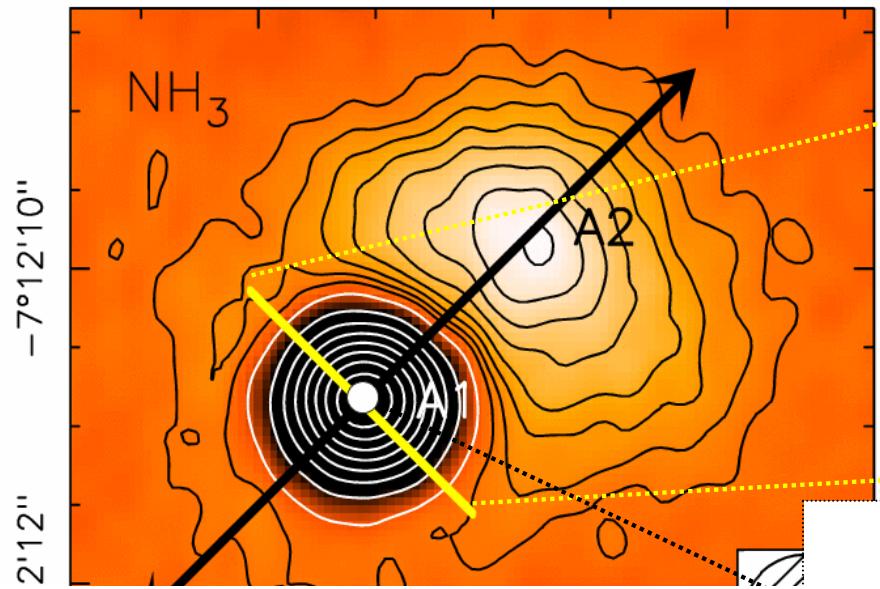
→ disks in all O stars should be detectable up to the galactic center

# Caveats!!!

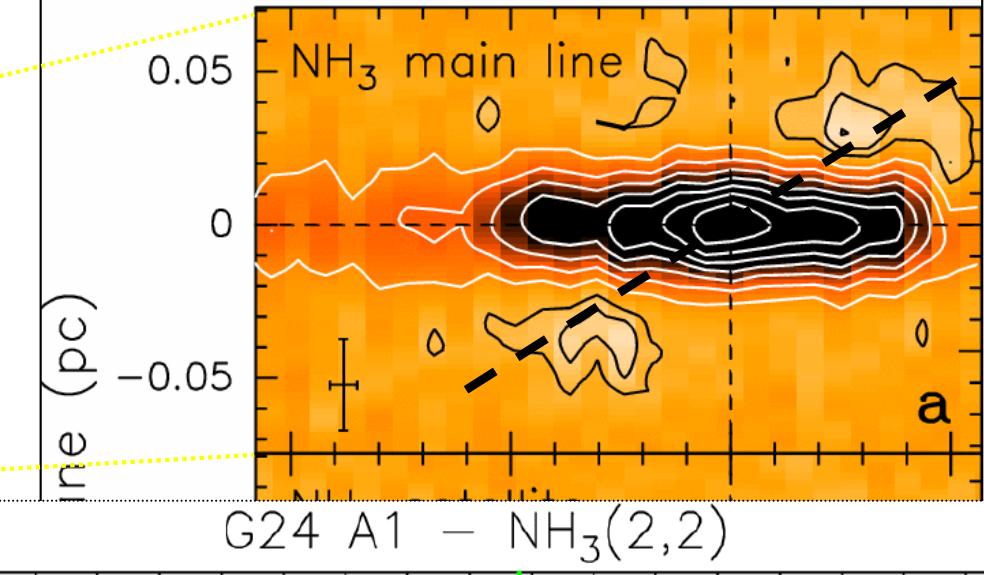
One should consider also:

- rarity of O stars → ALMA sensitivity
- confusion with envelope → ALMA resolution
- Chemistry → ALMA spectral coverage
- confusion with outflow/infall → ALMA resol.
- non-keplerian rotation
- disk flaring
- inclination angle
- ...

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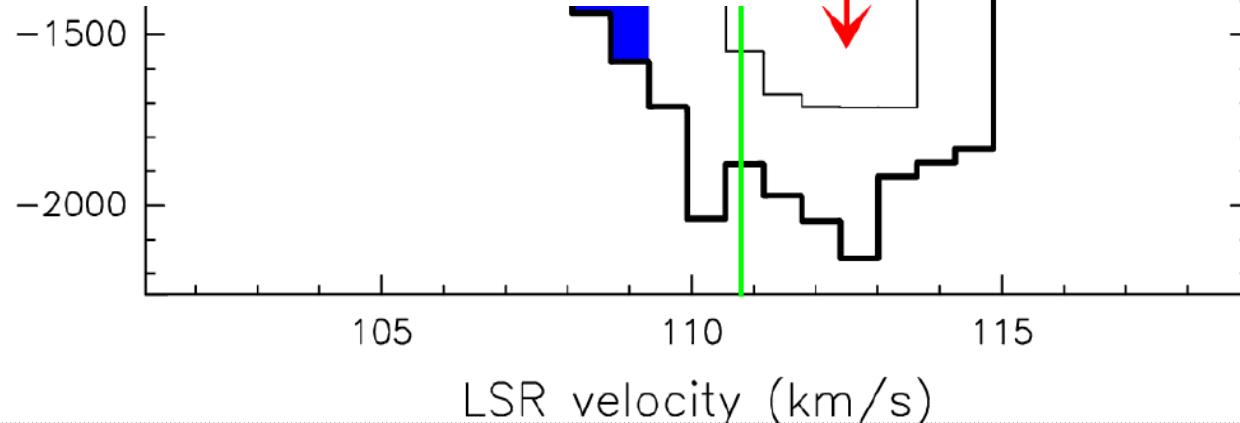
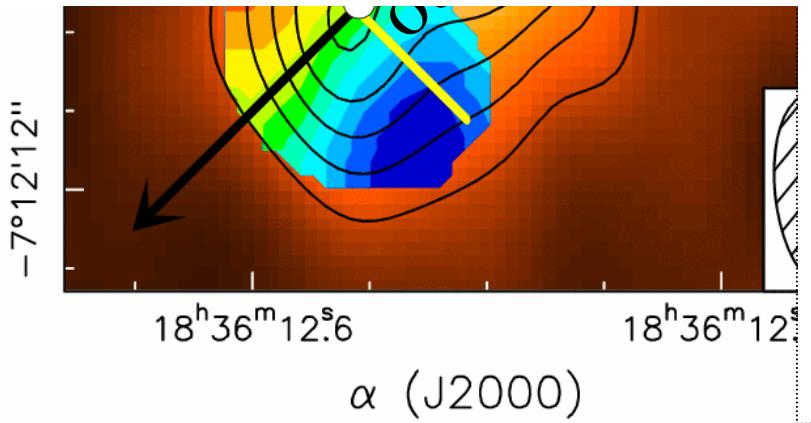
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$L_{\text{star}} = 10^3\text{-}10^5 L_0 \rightarrow$

$\rightarrow T_{\text{dust}} = 65 \text{ K} (L_{\text{star}}/10^5 L_0)^{0.2} (R/0.1 \text{ pc})^{0.4}$

$\rightarrow T_{\text{dust}} > 100 \text{ K}$  for  $R < 0.1 \text{ pc}$

$\rightarrow$  Grain mantles evaporated

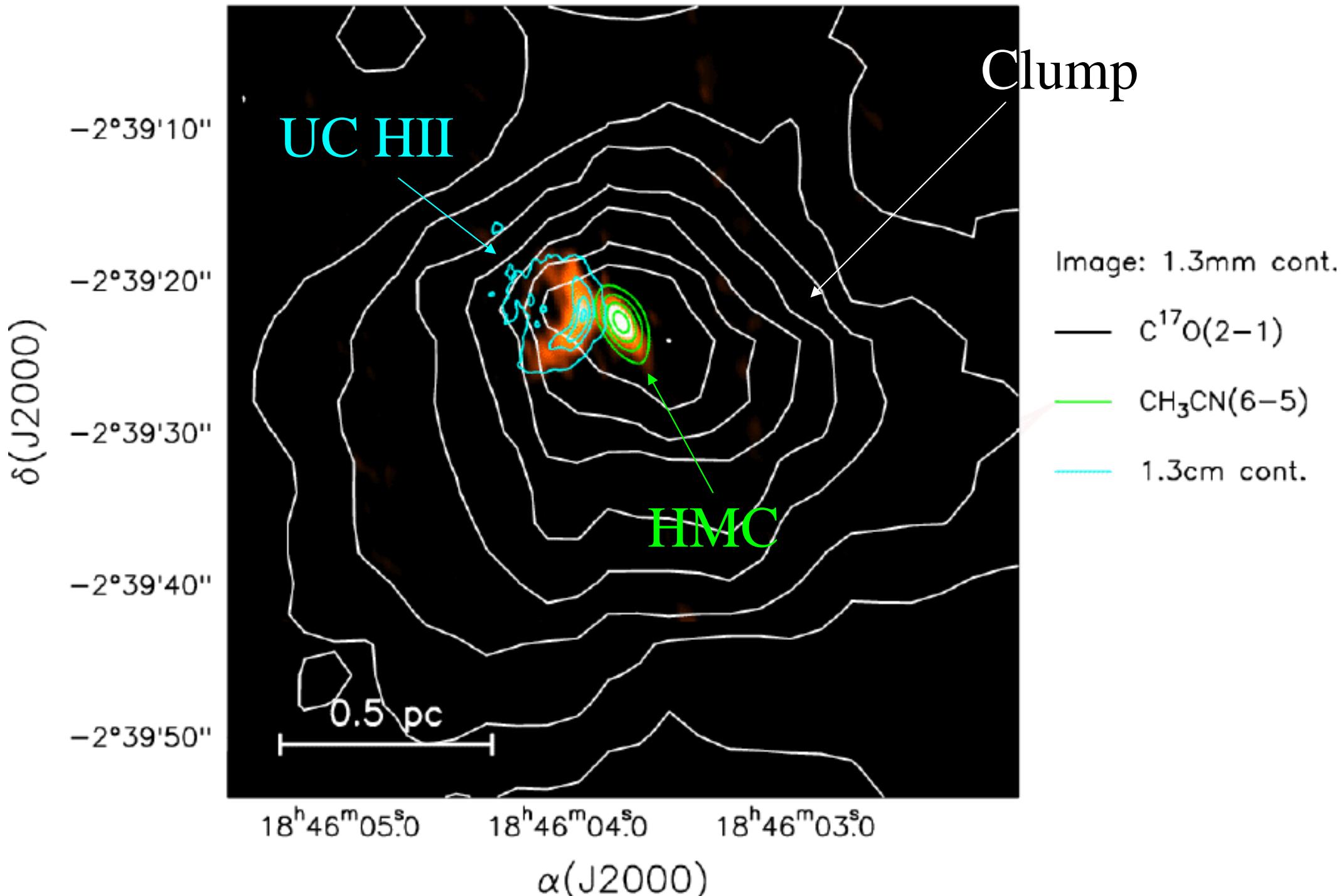
$\rightarrow$  chemical enrichment of gas phase: hot cores

$\rightarrow$  wide choice of molecular probes:  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ,  
 $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{HCOOCH}_3$ , etc. ...

Jets/outflows  $\rightarrow$

$\rightarrow$  shocks:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{SiO}$ ,  $\text{HCO}^+$ , etc. ...

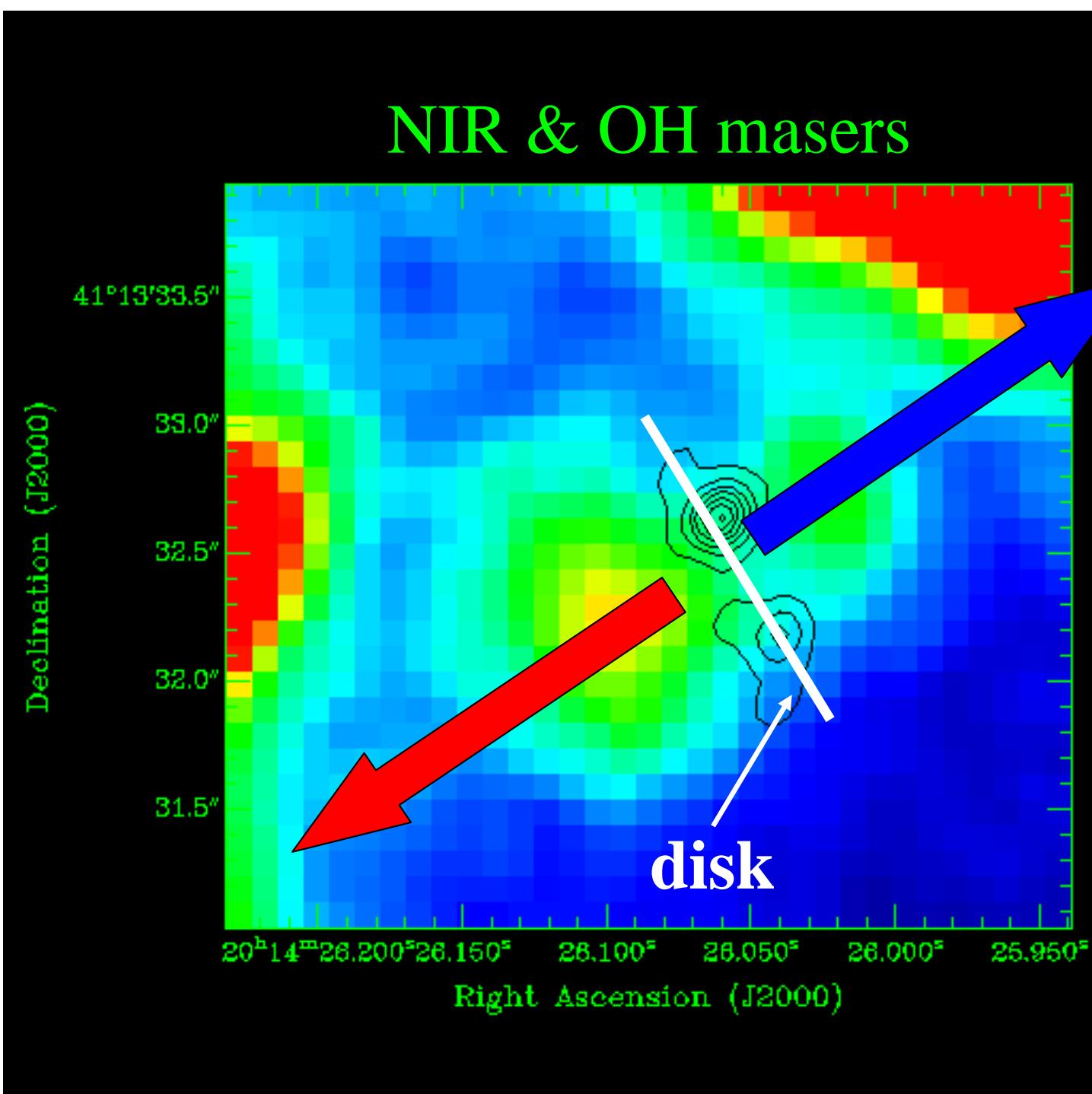
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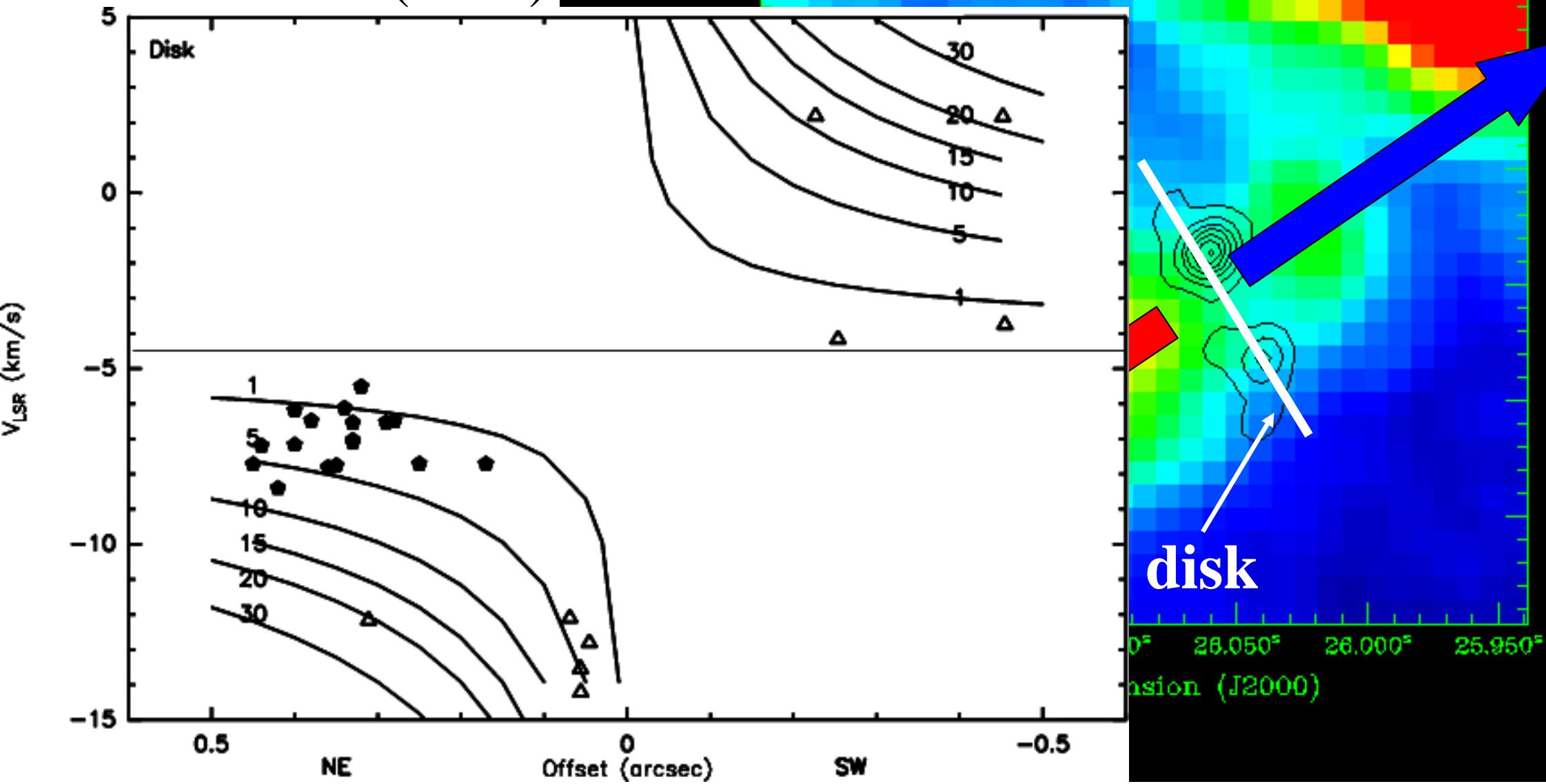
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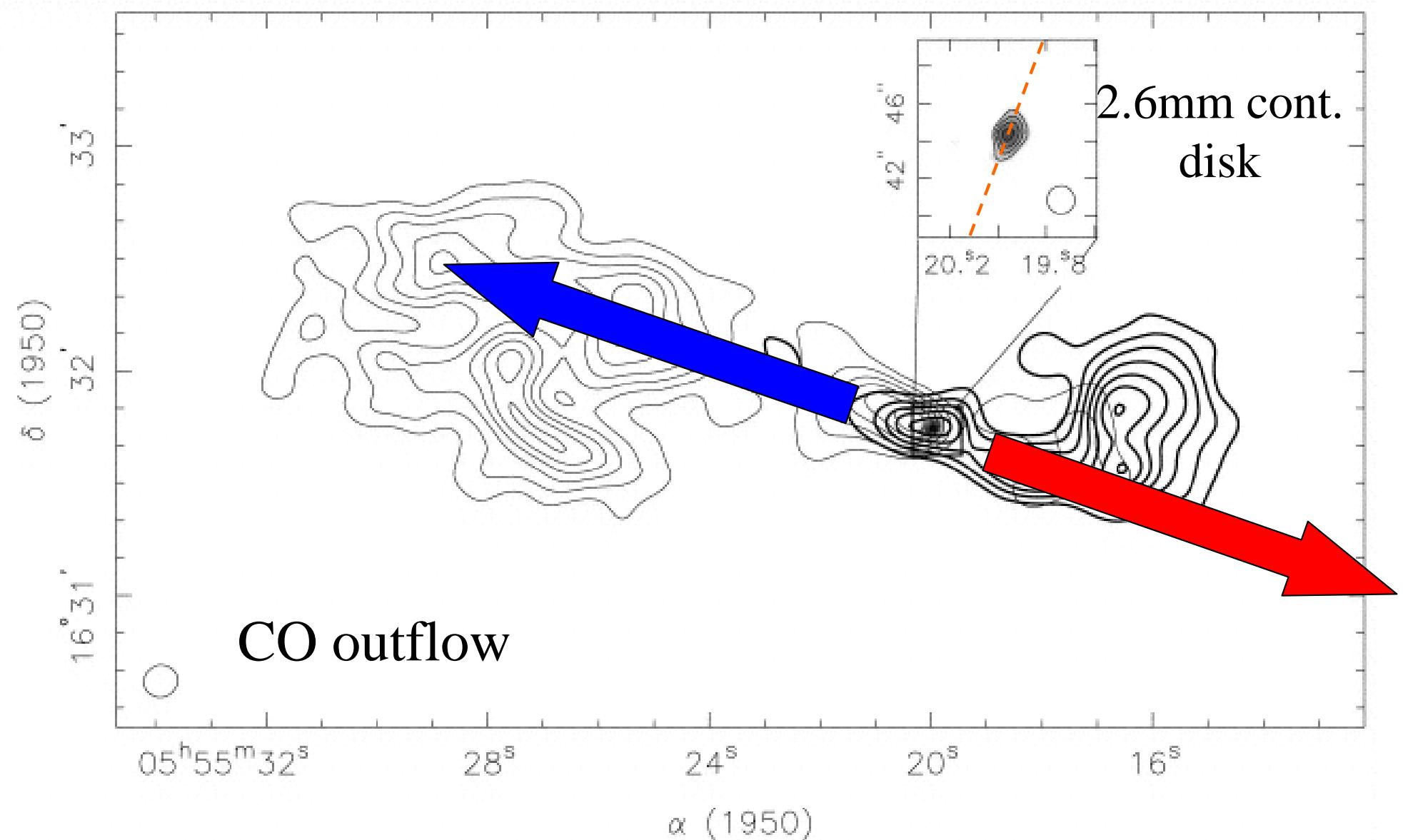
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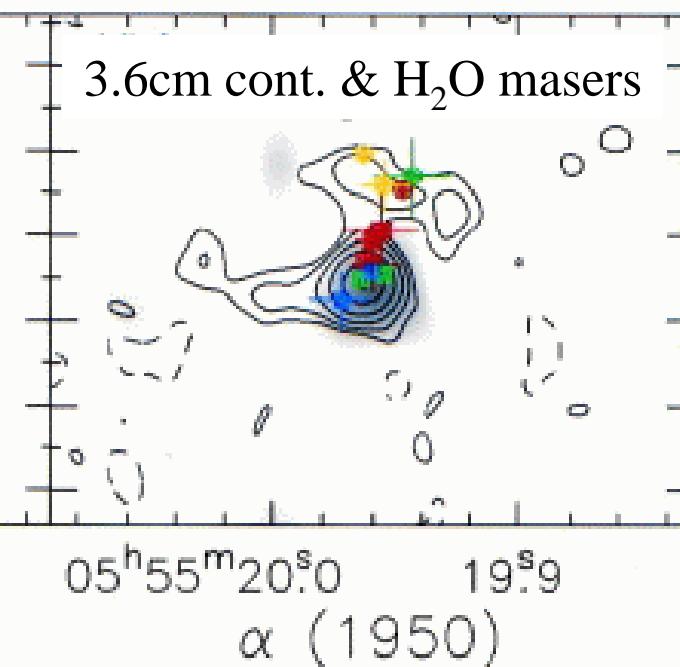
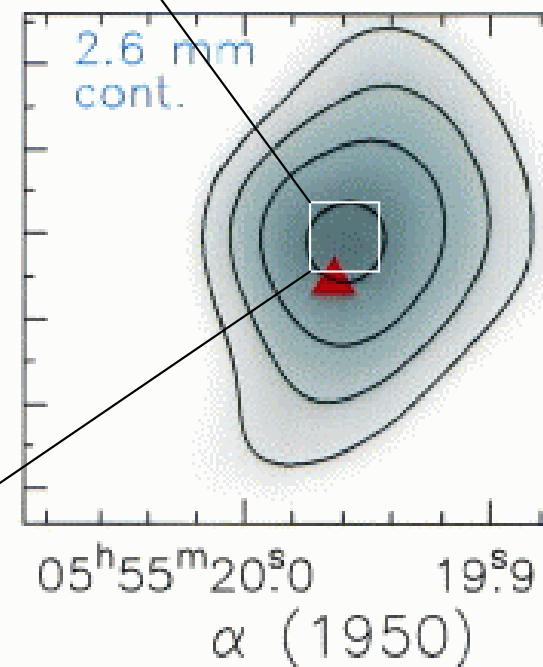
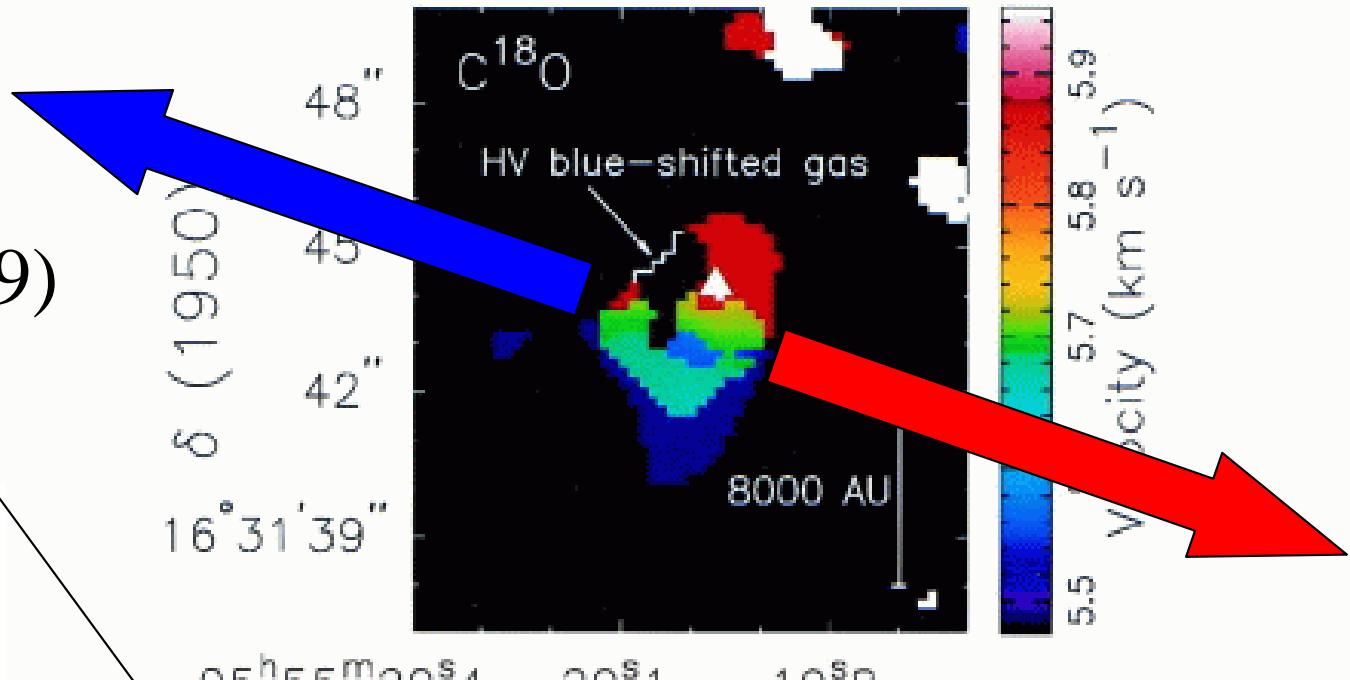
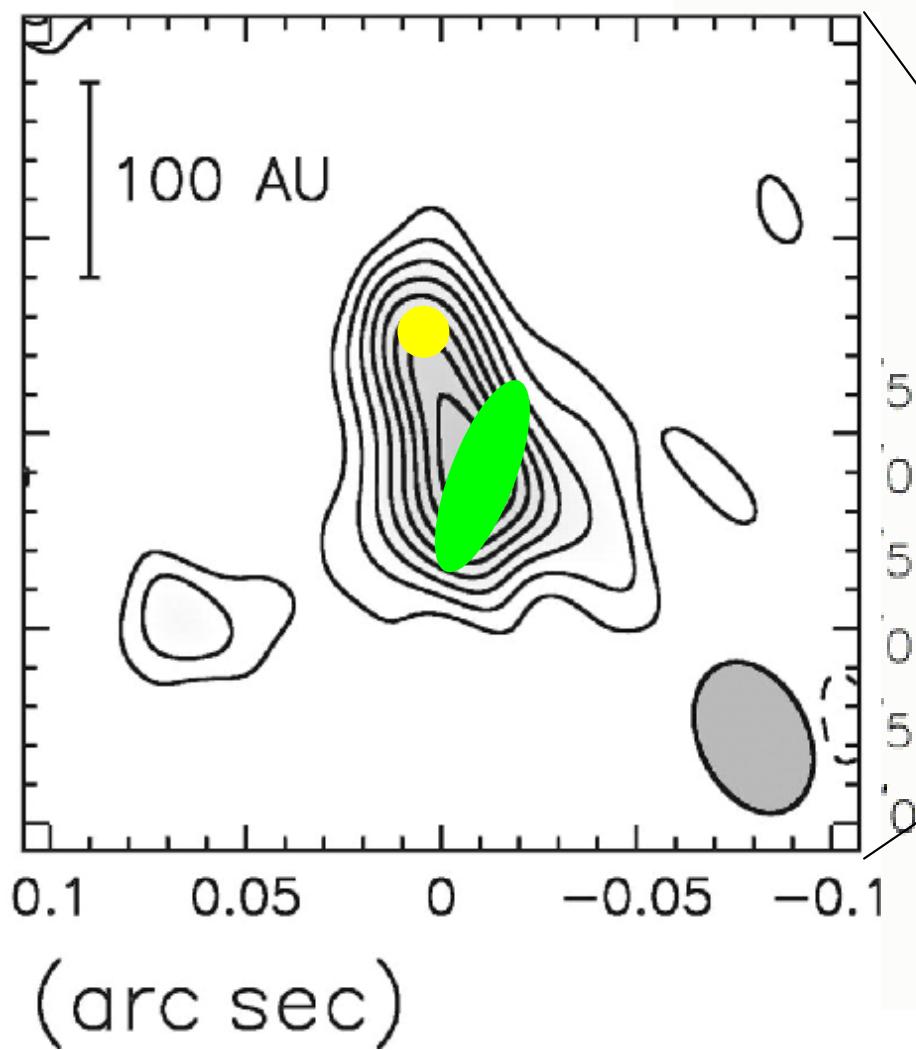
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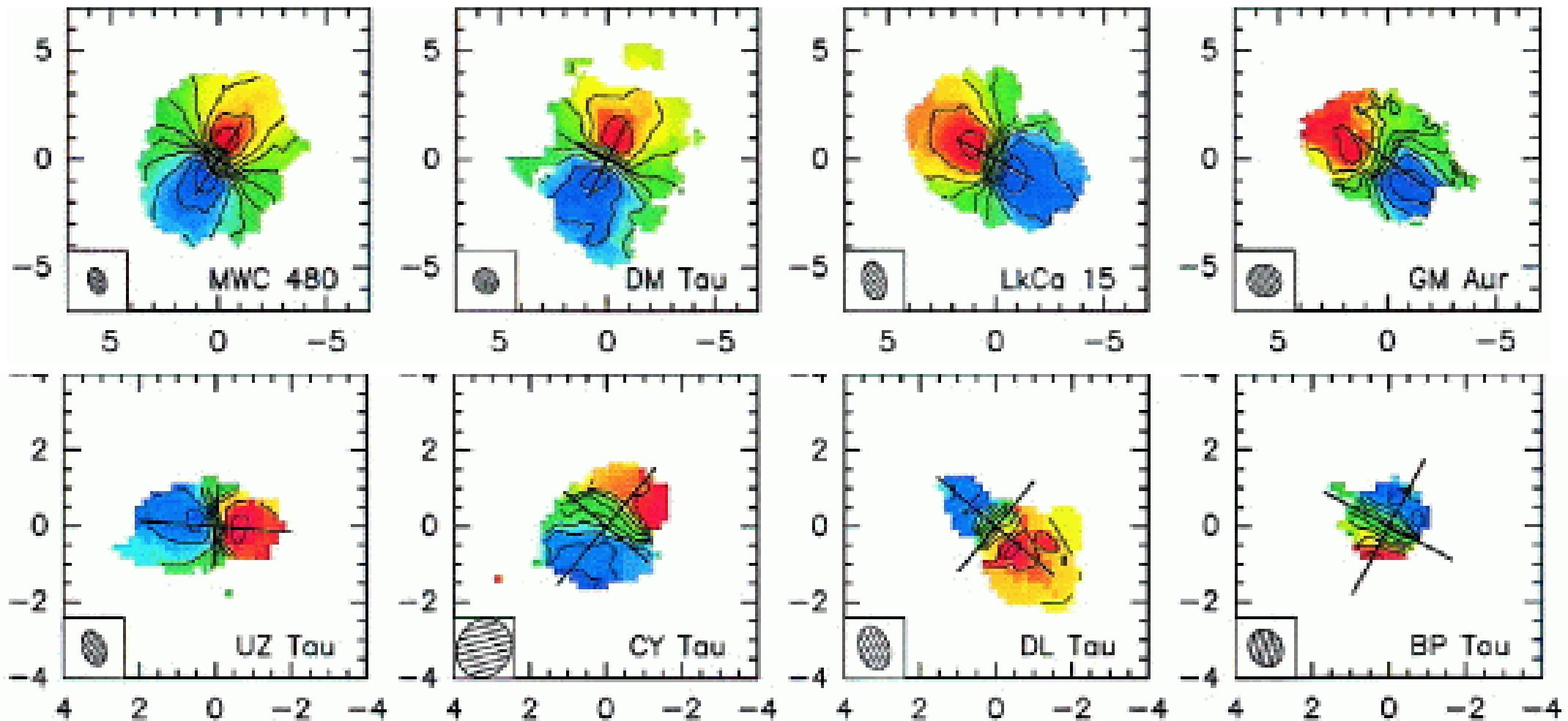
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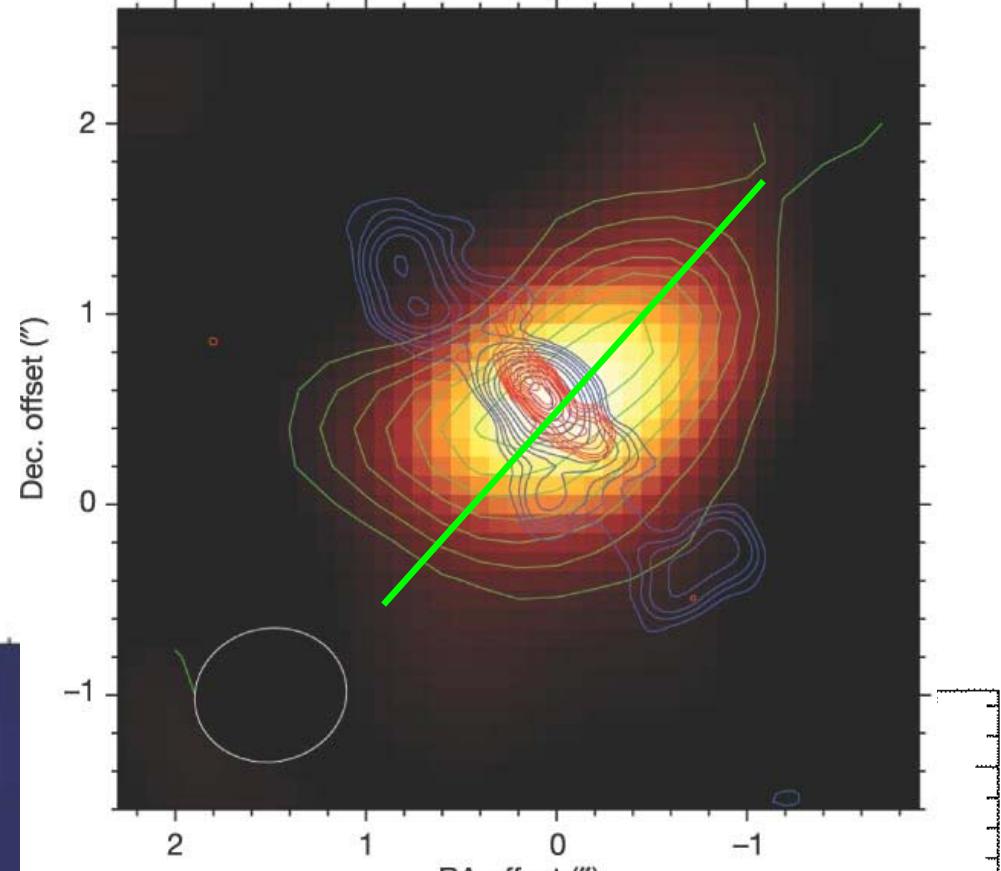
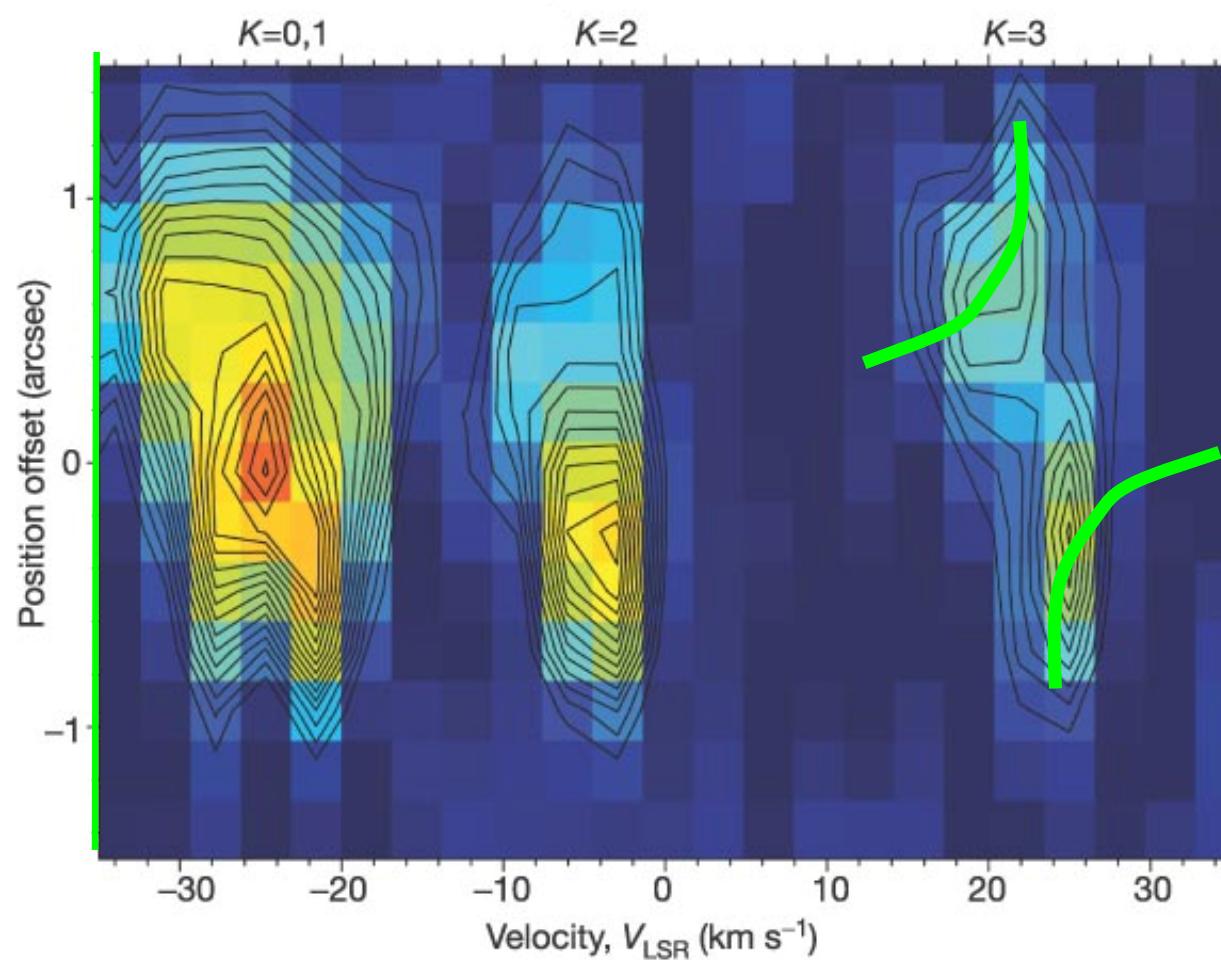
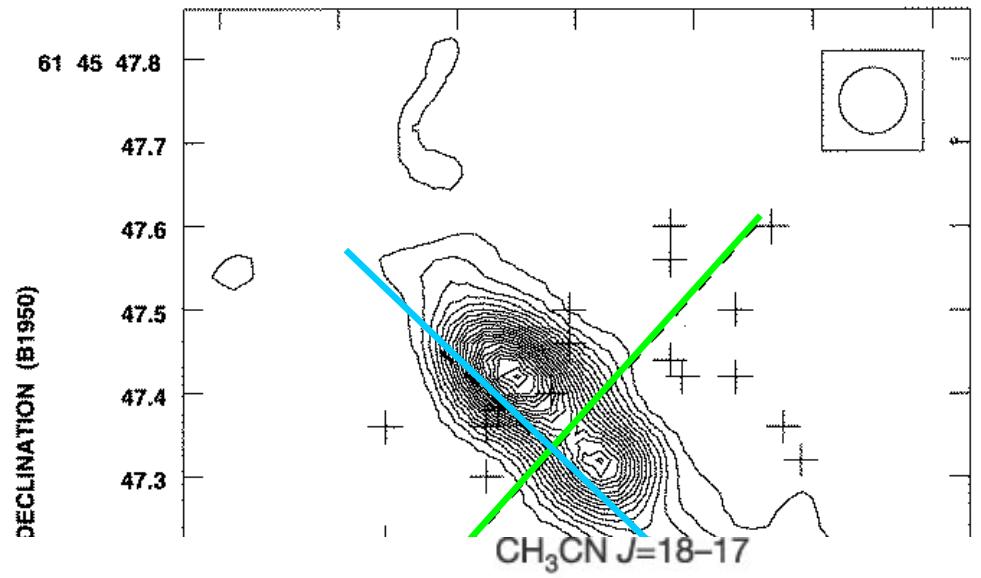
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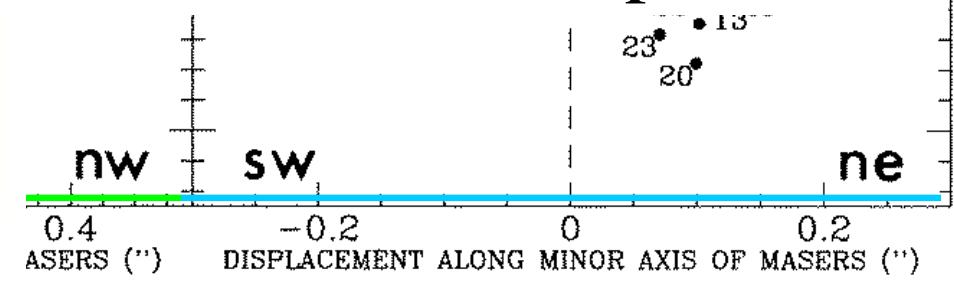
# Simon et al. (2000): TTau stars

## Velocity maps (CO J=2→1)

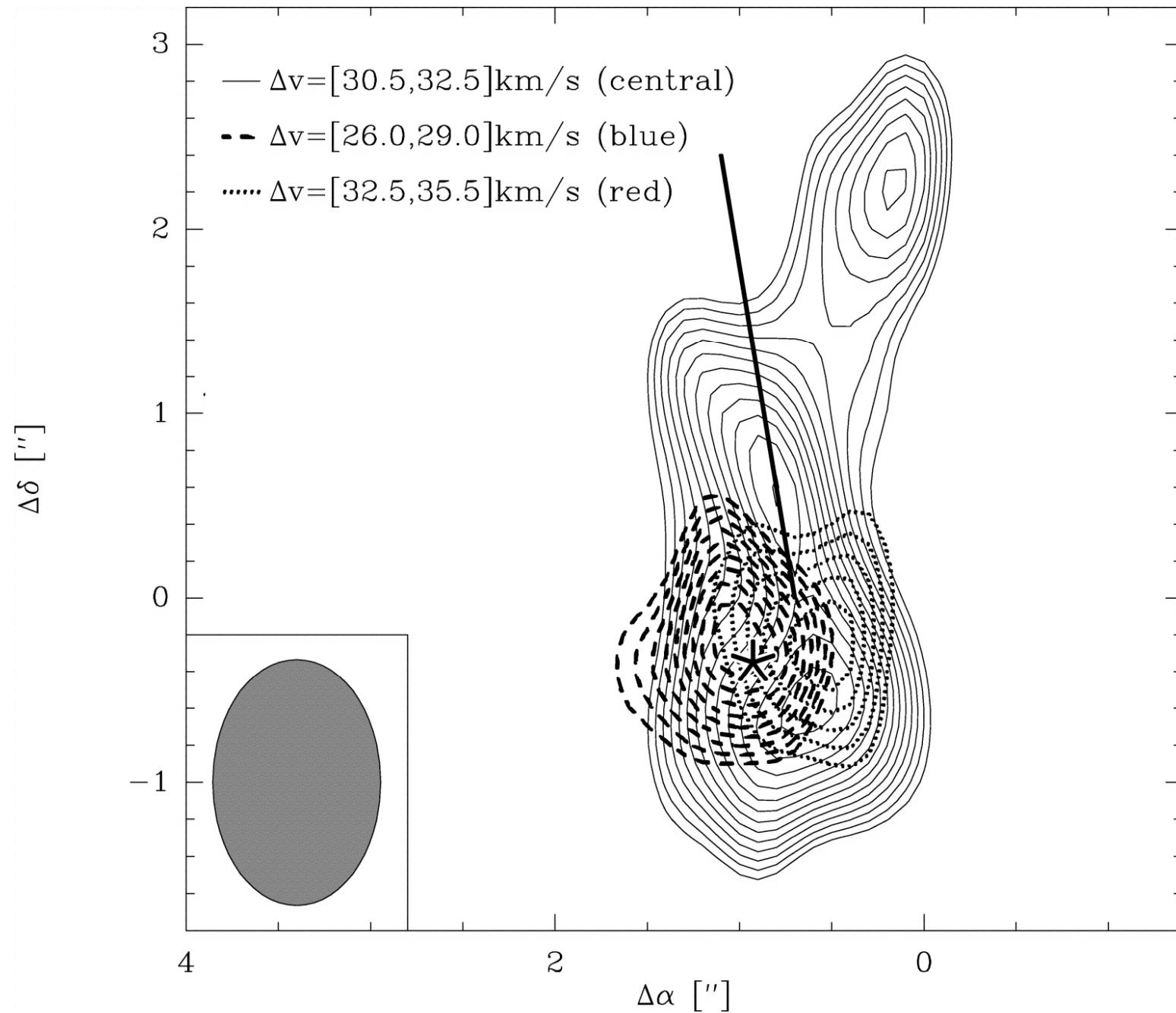




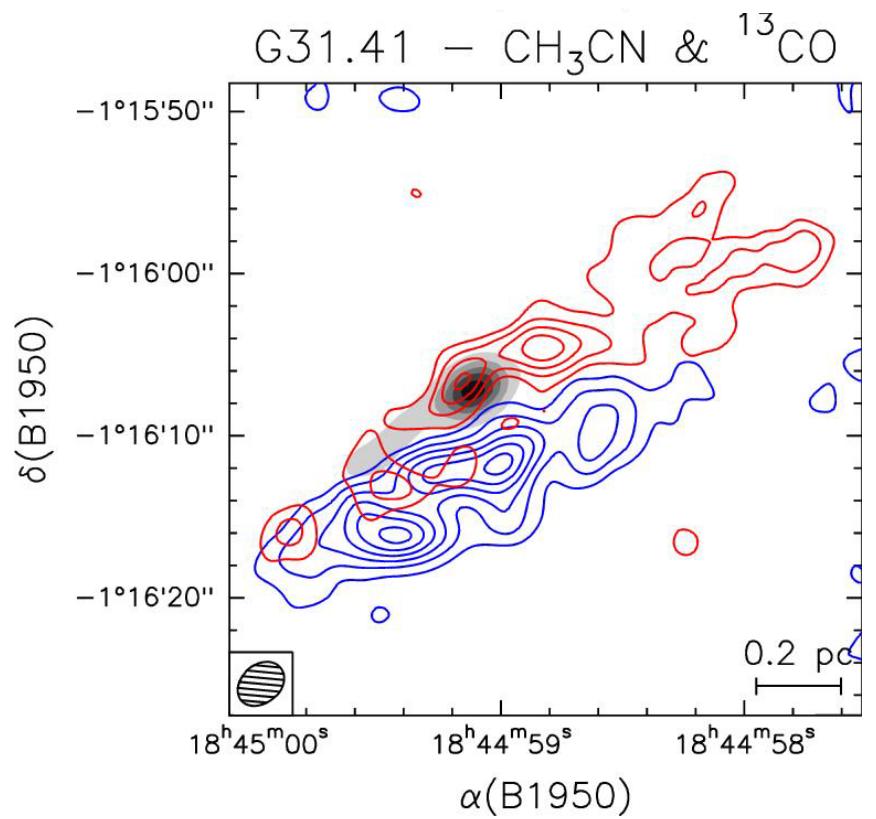
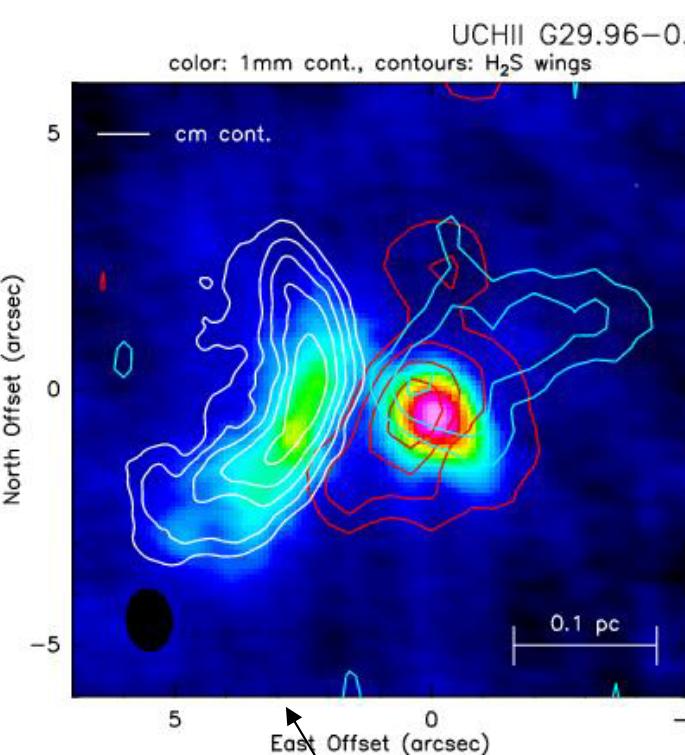
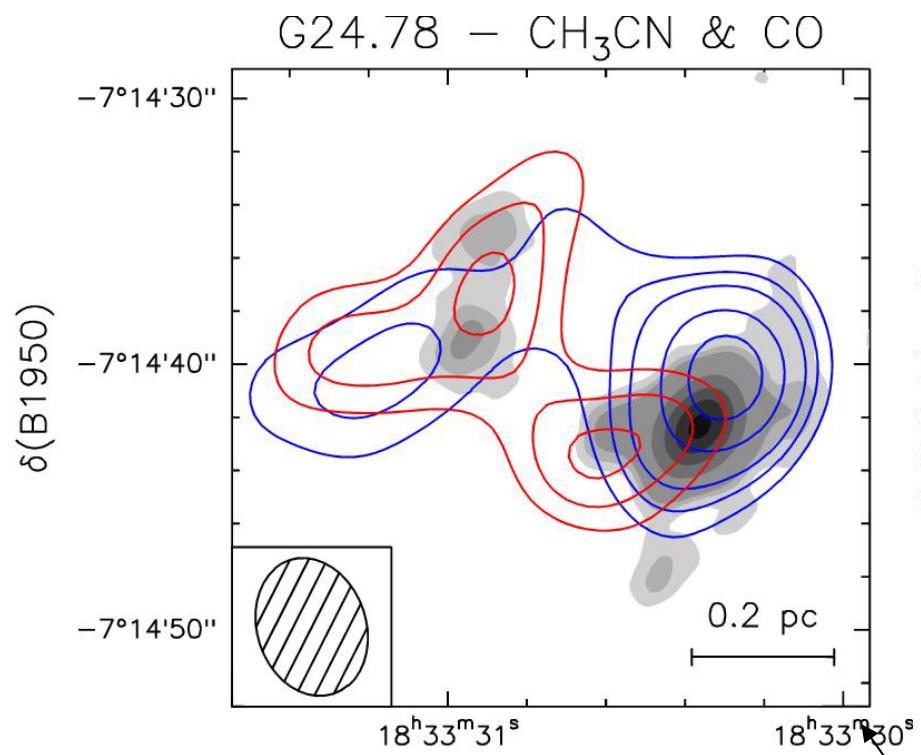
Patel et al. (2005)  
... but see Comito & Schilke  
for a different interpretation



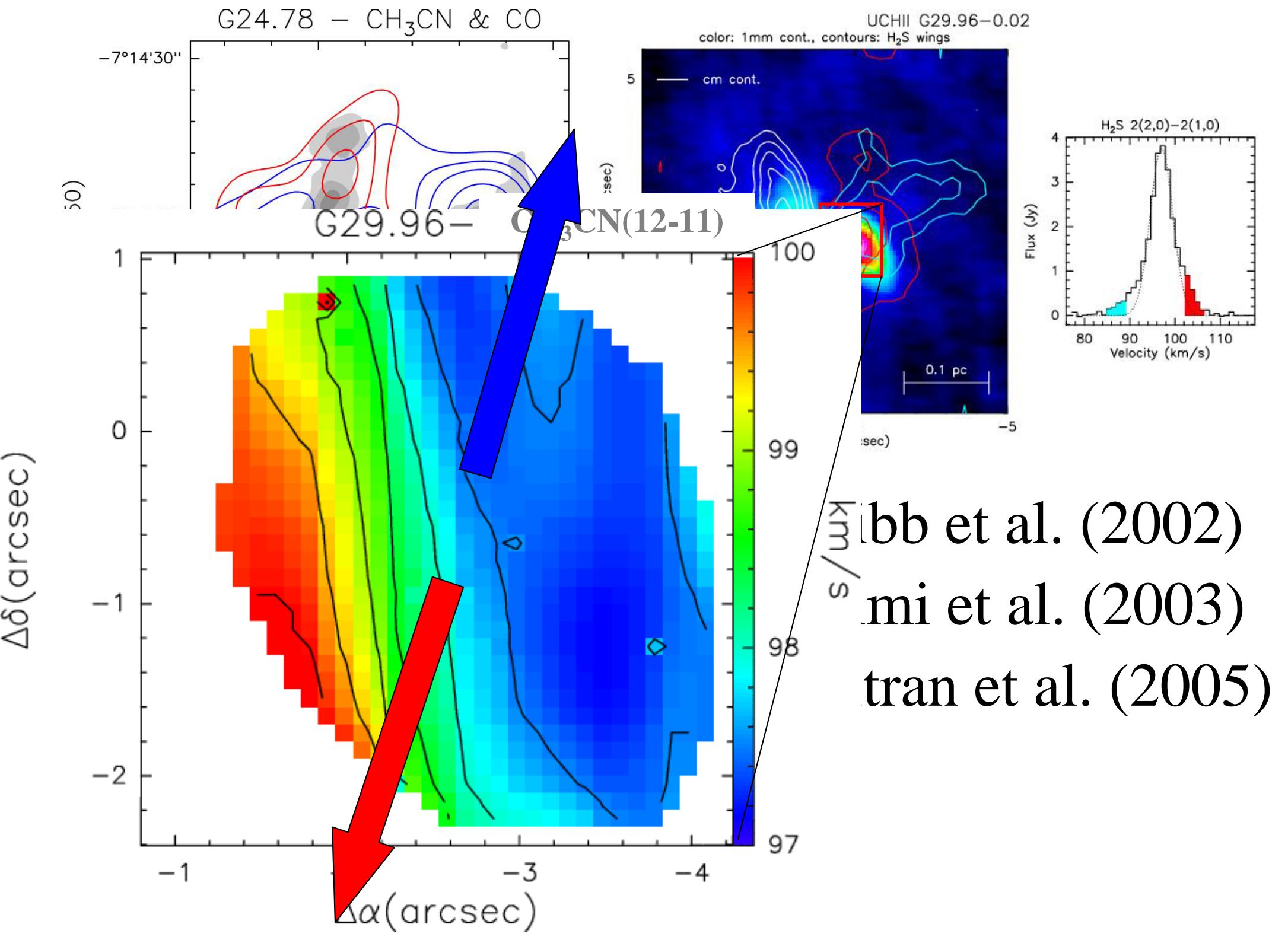
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Beuther et al.  
(2004, 2005)



Gibb et al. (2002)  
 Olmi et al. (2003)  
 Olmi et al. (1996)  
 Furuya et al. (2002)  
 Beltran et al. (2004)



# Disks & Toroids

	$L$ ( $L_0$ )	$M_{\text{disk}}$ ( $M_0$ )	$D_{\text{disk}}$ (AU)	$M_*$ ( $M_0$ )
<b>IRAS20126</b>	<b><math>10^4</math></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>G192.16</b>	<b><math>3 \cdot 10^3</math></b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>6-10</b>
<b>M17</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>&gt;110</b>	<b>20000</b>	<b>15-20</b>
<b>NGC7538S</b>	<b><math>10^4</math></b>	<b>100-400</b>	<b>30000</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>G24.78 (3)</b>	<b><math>7 \cdot 10^5</math></b>	<b>80-250</b>	<b>4000-8000</b>	<b>20...</b>
<b>G29.96</b>	<b><math>9 \cdot 10^4</math></b>	<b>300</b>	<b>14000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>G31.41</b>	<b><math>3 \cdot 10^5</math></b>	<b>490</b>	<b>16000</b>	<b>-</b>

B stars

O stars