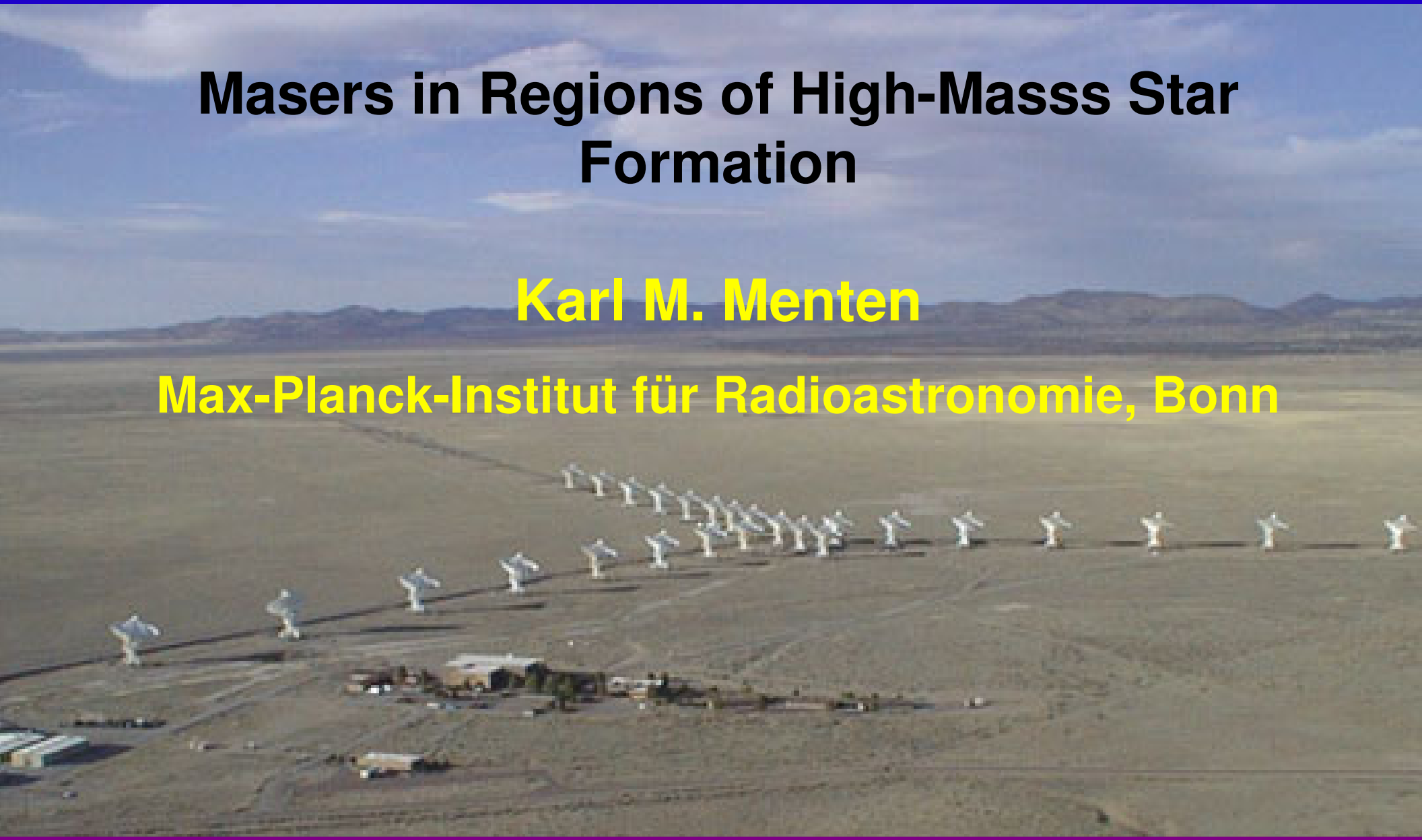
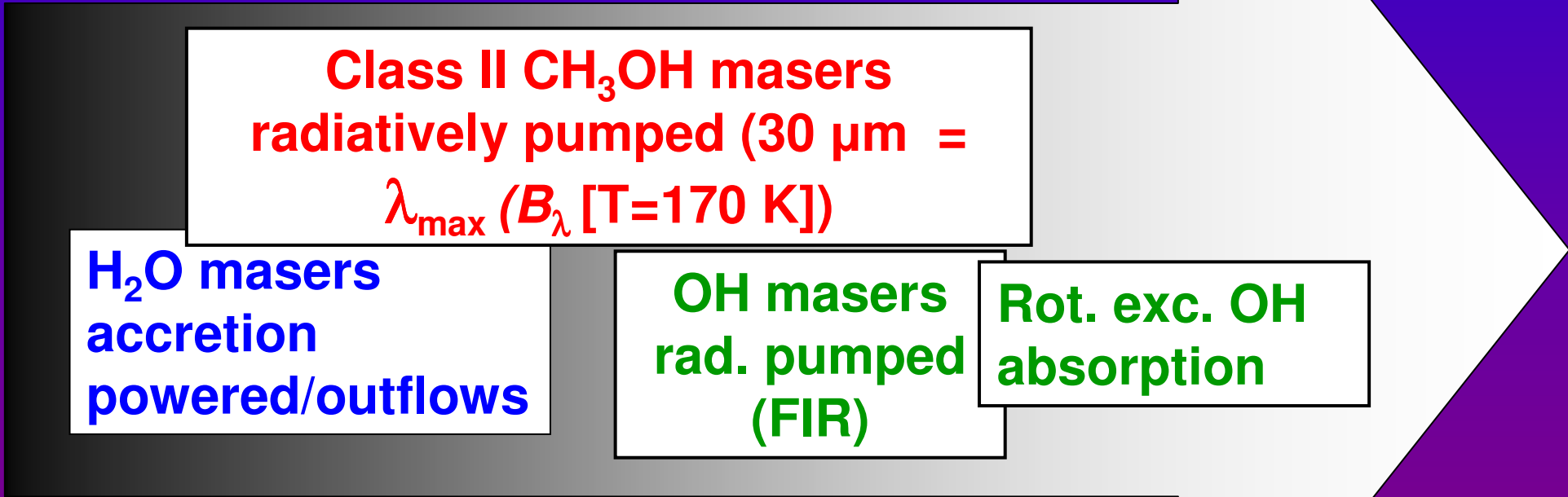
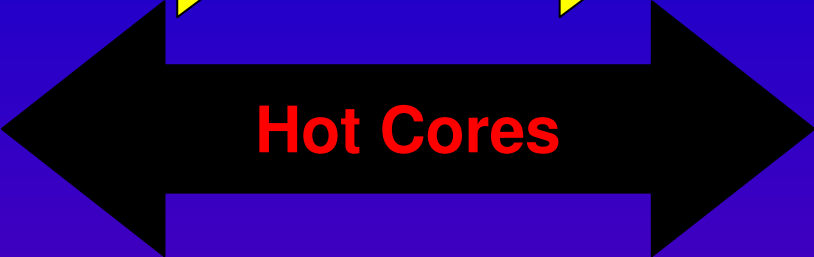
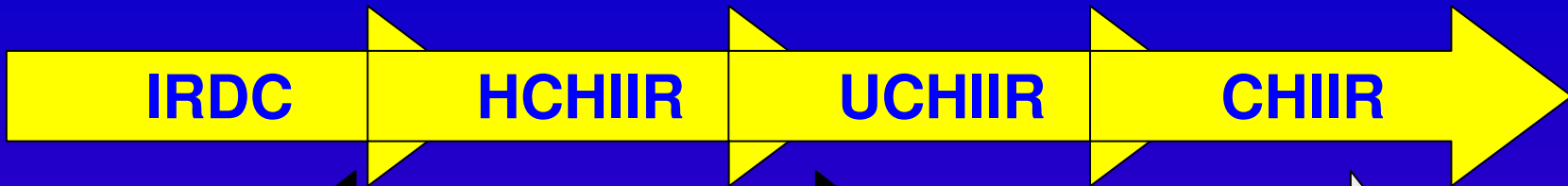


# Masers in Regions of High-Mass Star Formation

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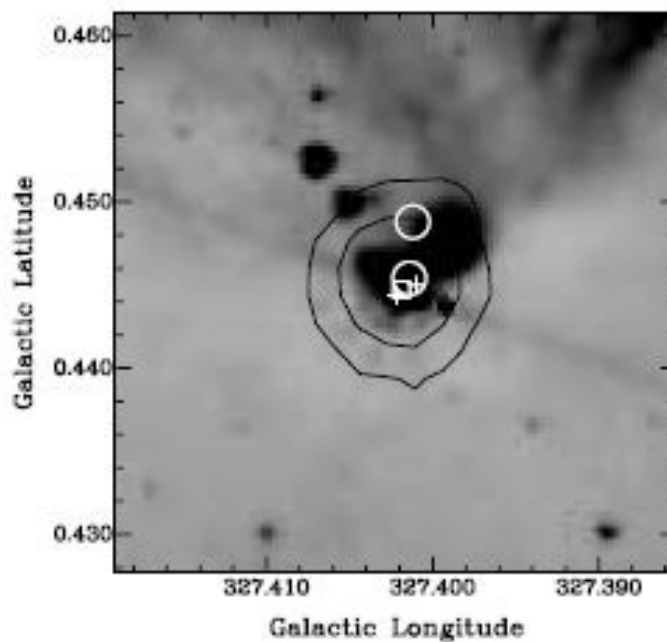
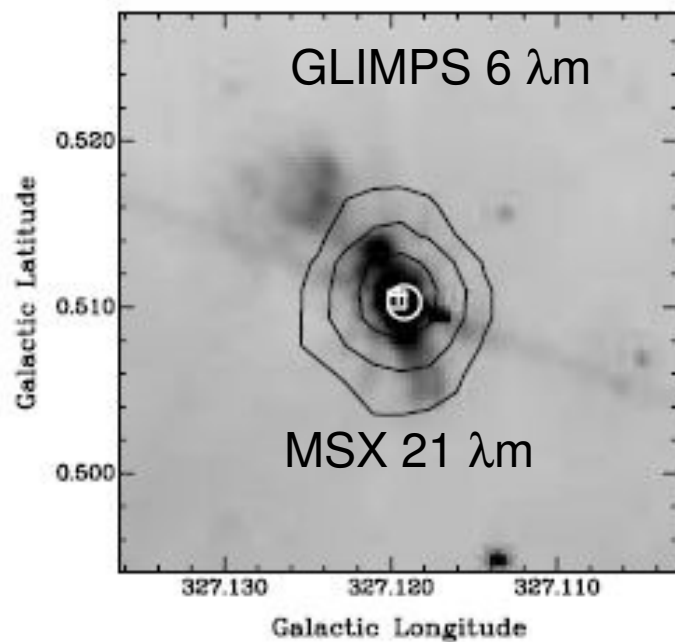




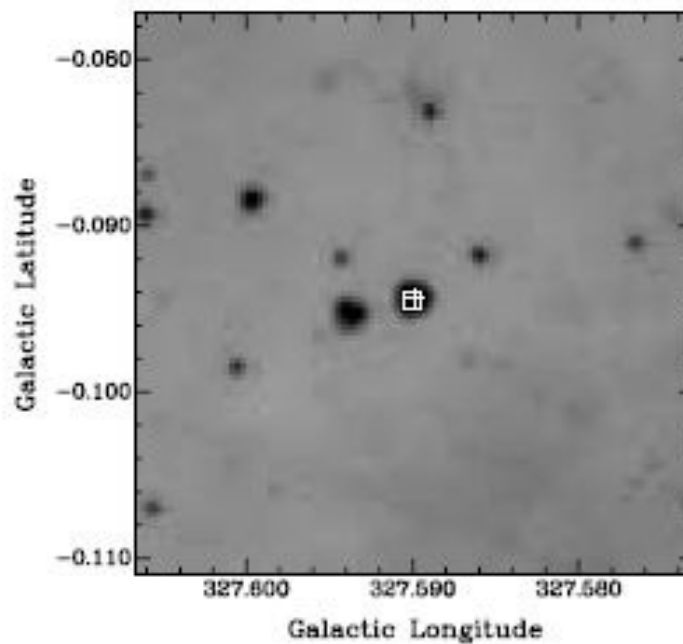
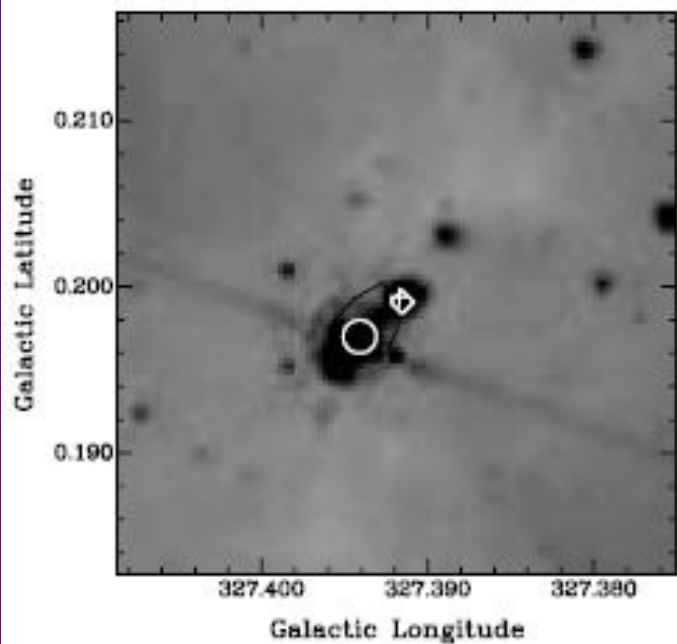
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METHANOL MASERS: RELIABLE TRACERS OF THE EARLY STAGES OF HIGH-MASS STAR FORMATION

S. P. ELLINGSEN *ApJ*, 2006



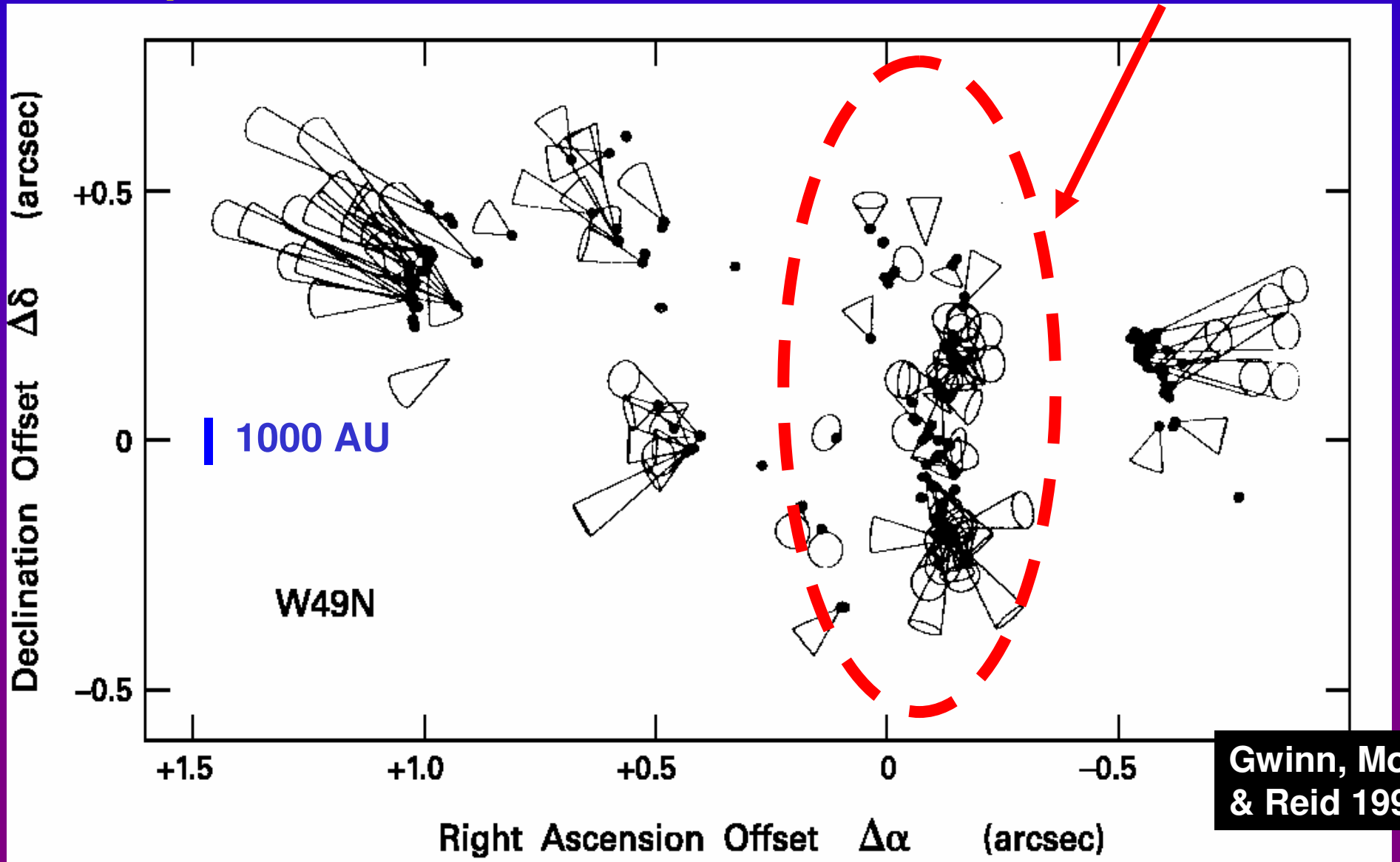
+ = 6.7 GHz  
 $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$



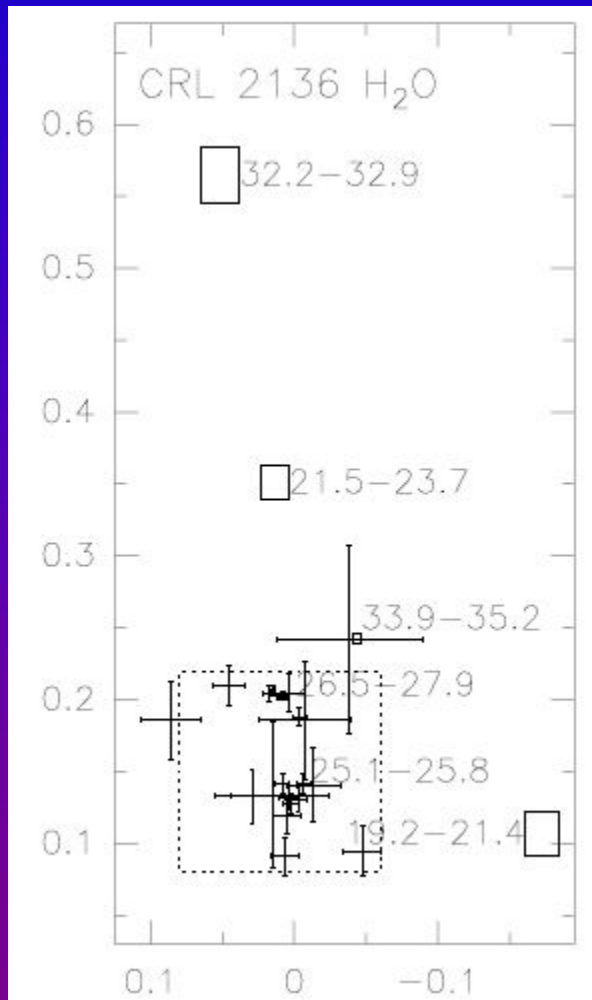
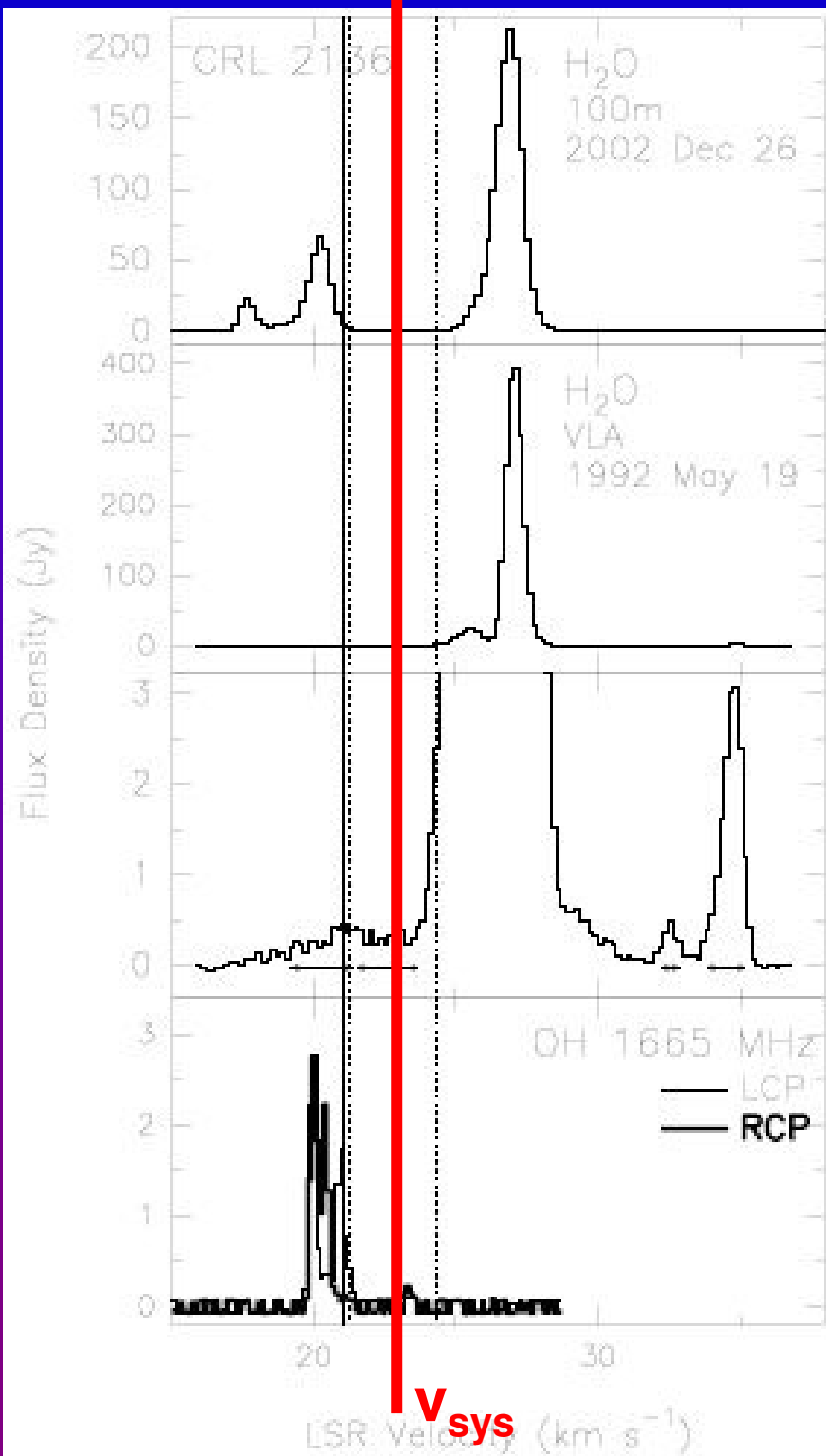
Ellingsen 2006

# W49N H<sub>2</sub>O masers:

- Bipolar high velocity outflow
- Proper motion measurements via VLBI

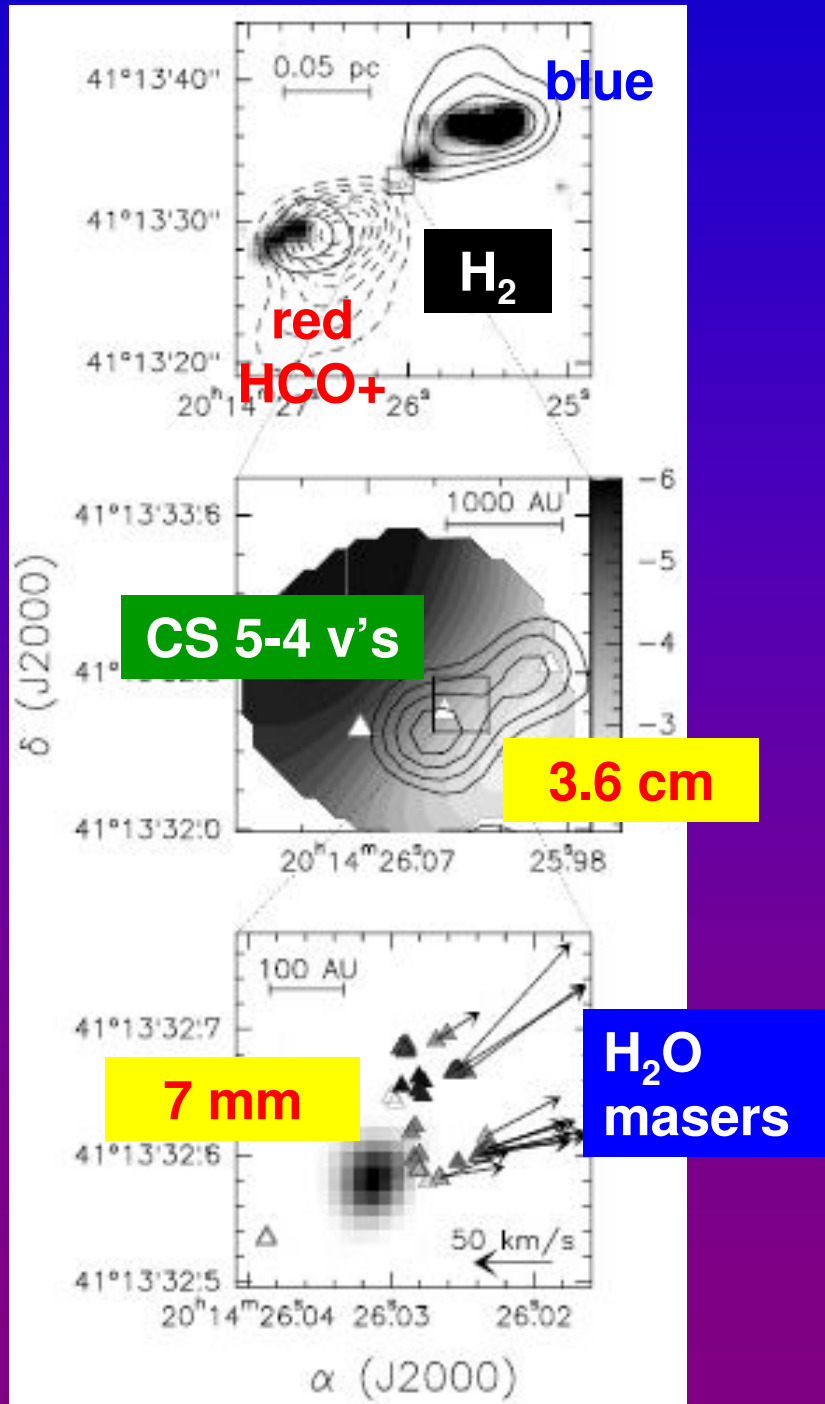


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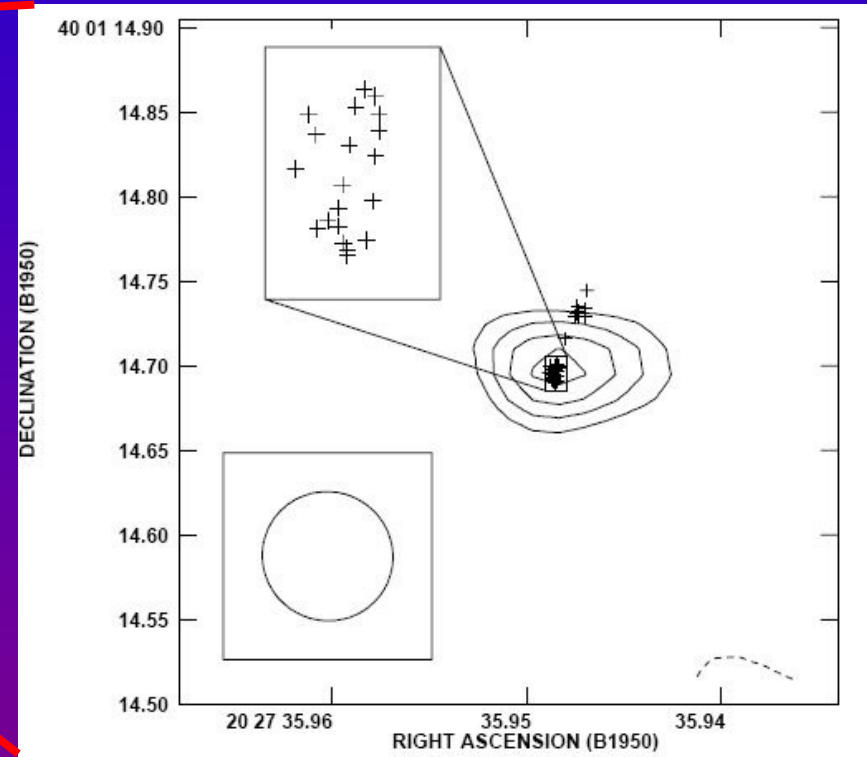
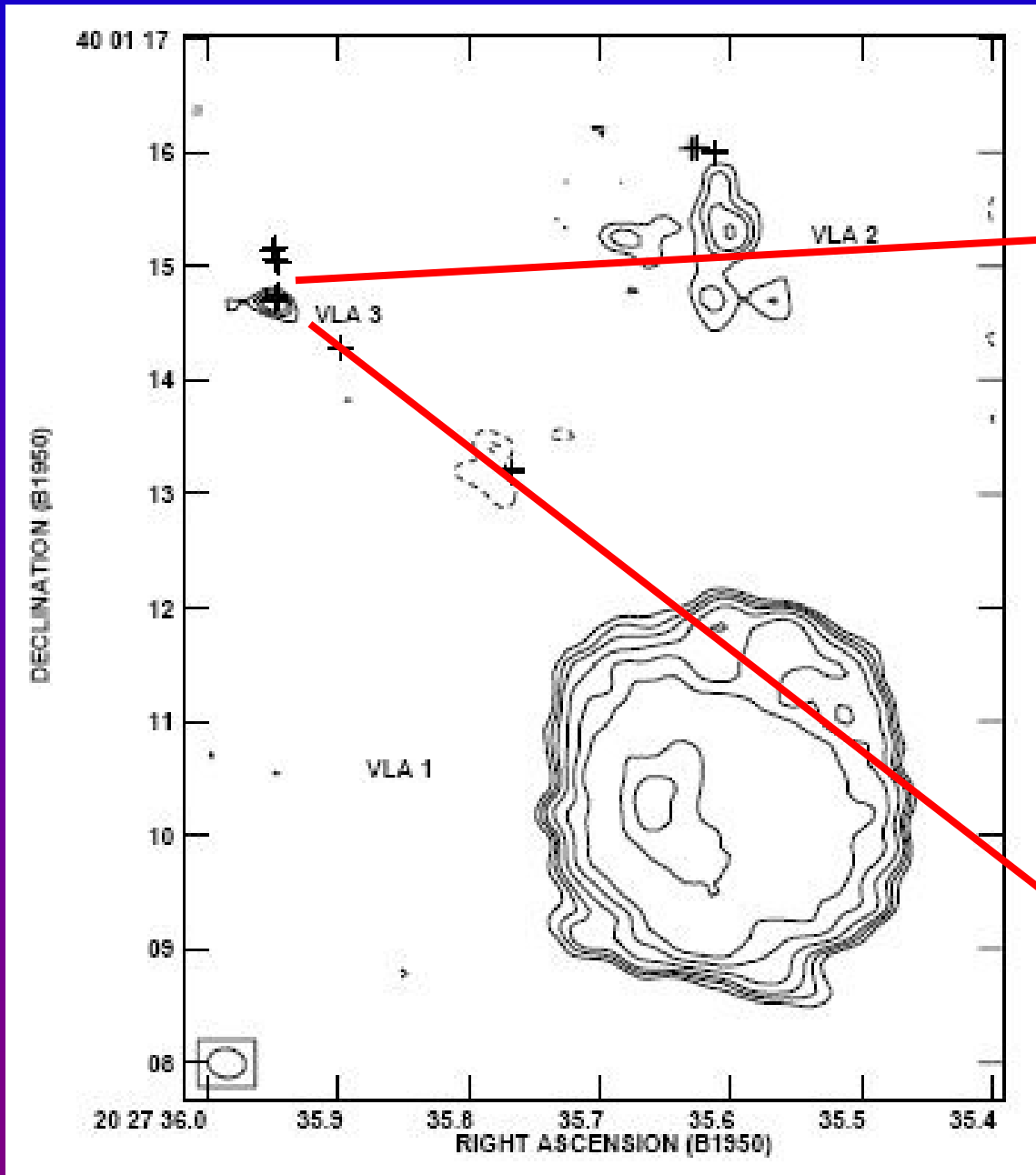
**H<sub>2</sub>O masers in accretion shock?**

# IRAS 20126+4104



Cesaroni et al. 2006 (P&PIV)

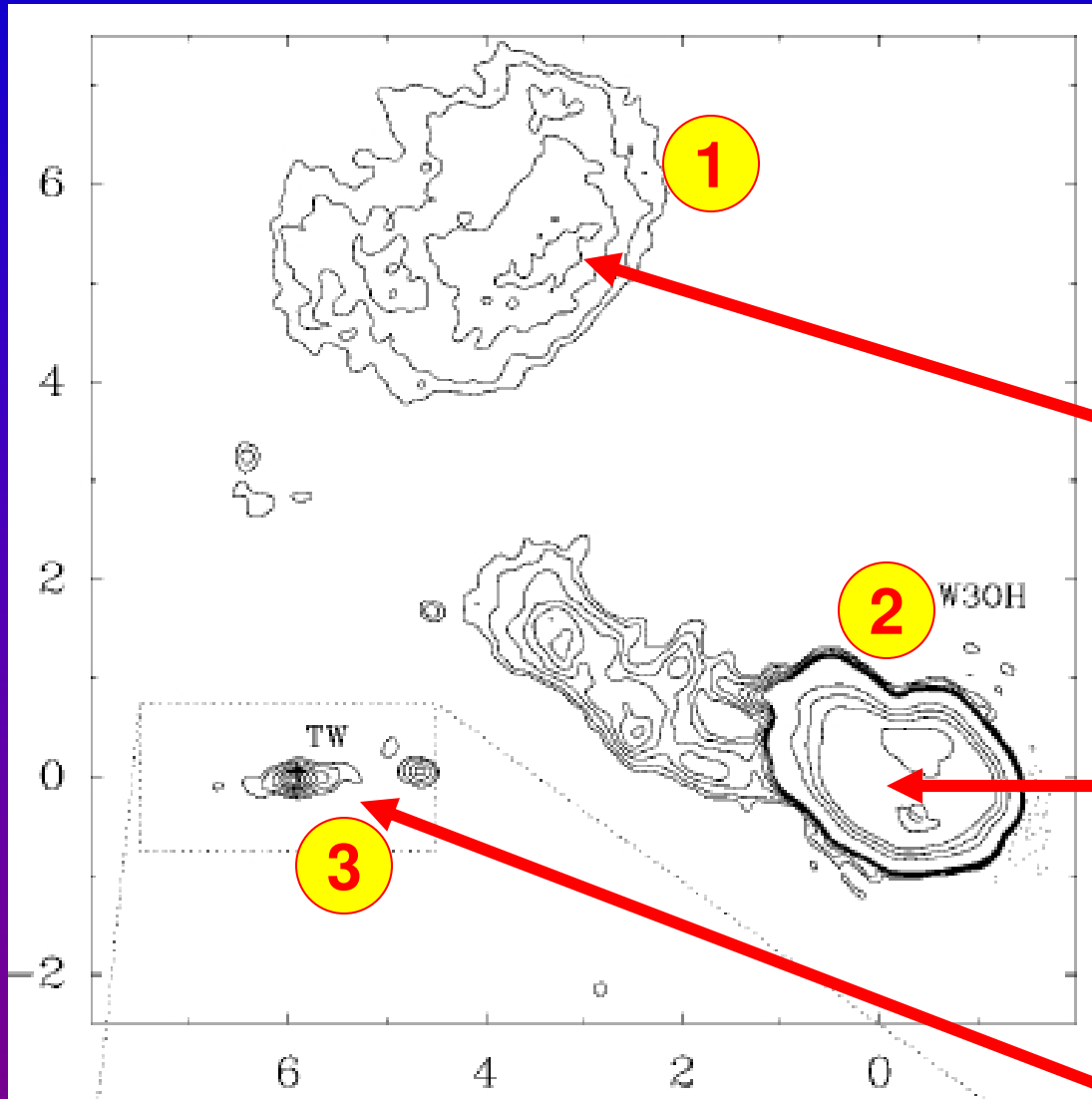
# AFGL 2591



Trinidad et al. 2003

→ Poster: Trinidad et al.

# The W30H region – different stages of high-mass star formation



Wilner, Reid, & Menten 1995

1) CHII region:  
dynamical age  $\sim 5000$  yr

2) UCHII region:  
dynamical age 2300 yr

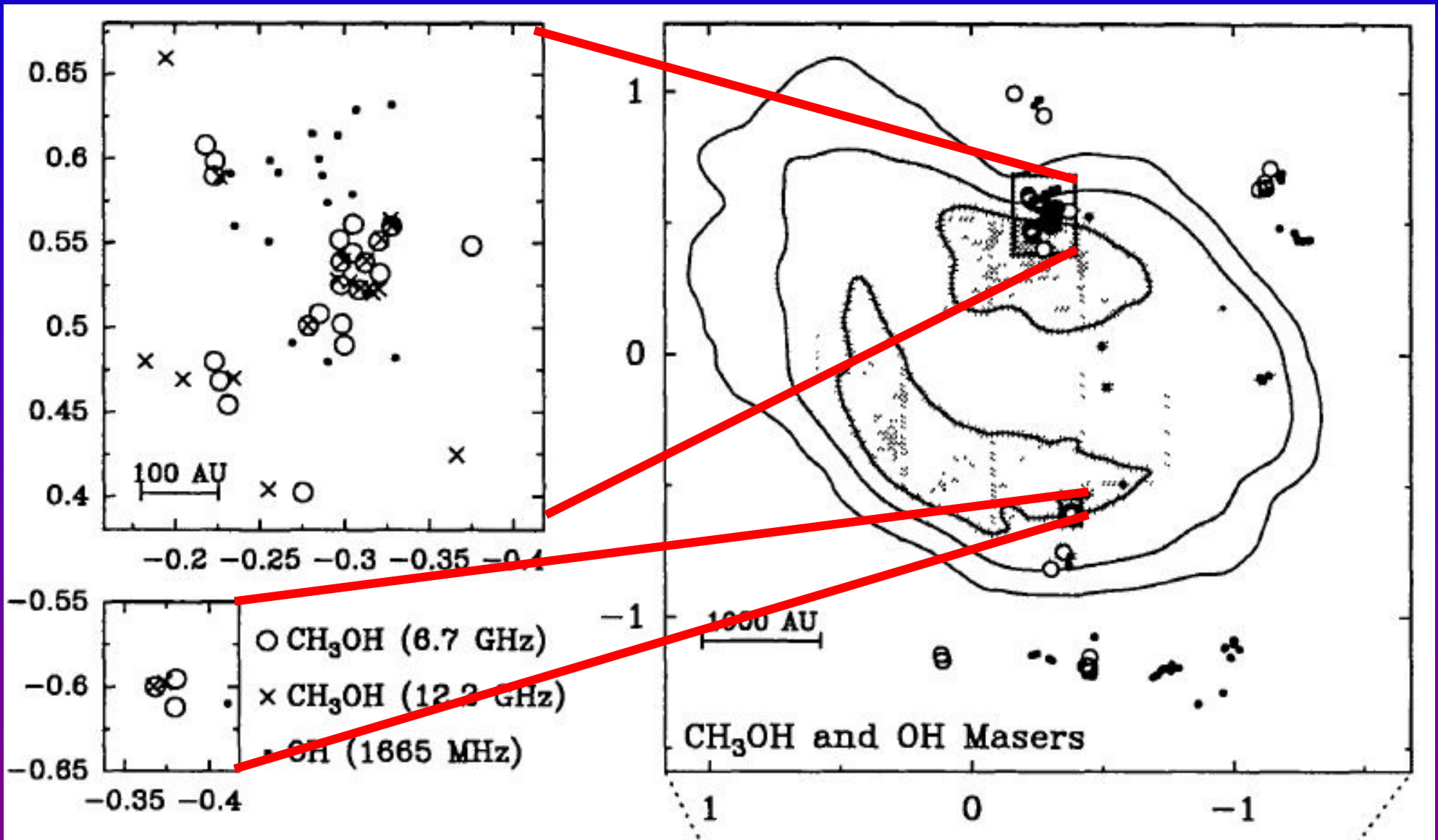
← Kawamura & Masson (1998)  
use VLA to determine  
expansion between 1986  
and 1995

3) Even younger: Turner-  
Welch (1984) object

4) Possibly even younger  
source  $\sim 15''$  (0.15 pc) SW

→ Poster by Sobolev et al.



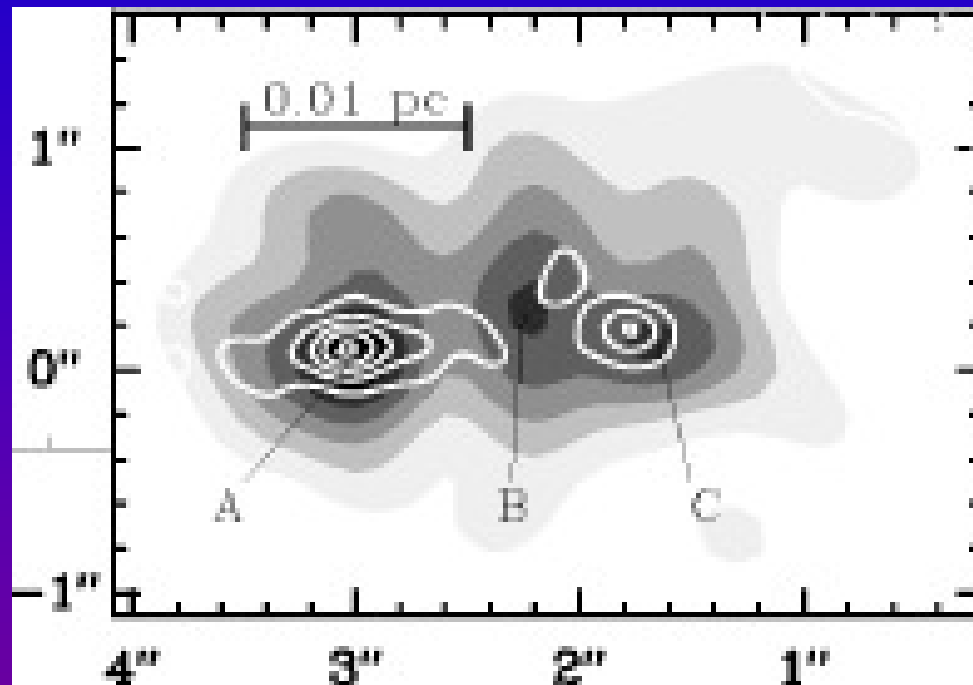


**W3OH**

Menten et al. 1988, 1992

# The Turner-Welch object [ $\equiv$ W3OH(H<sub>2</sub>O)]

(Turner & Welch 1984)



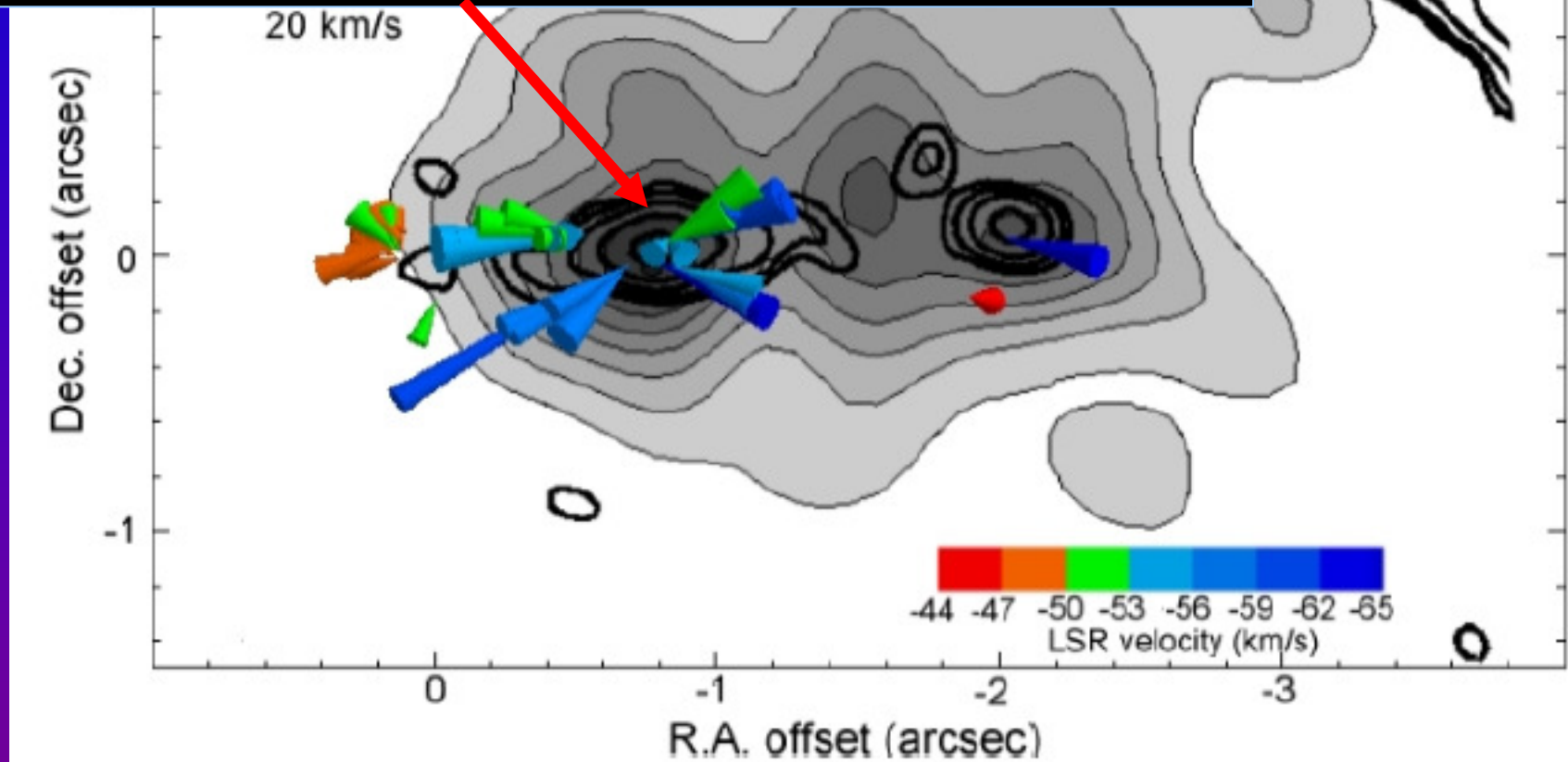
Wyrowski et al. 1999

Two density *and* temperature peaks (A & C)

- Temperatures: 150 – 200 K
- $M_{\text{total}} = 5 M_{\text{sun}}$
- $L \sim 3 \cdot 10^4 L_{\text{sun}}$

→ Poster: V. Chen et al.

**Synchrotron emission (Reid et al. 1995; Wilner et al. 1999)  
from accretion disk: Shcheknov & Sobolev 2004**



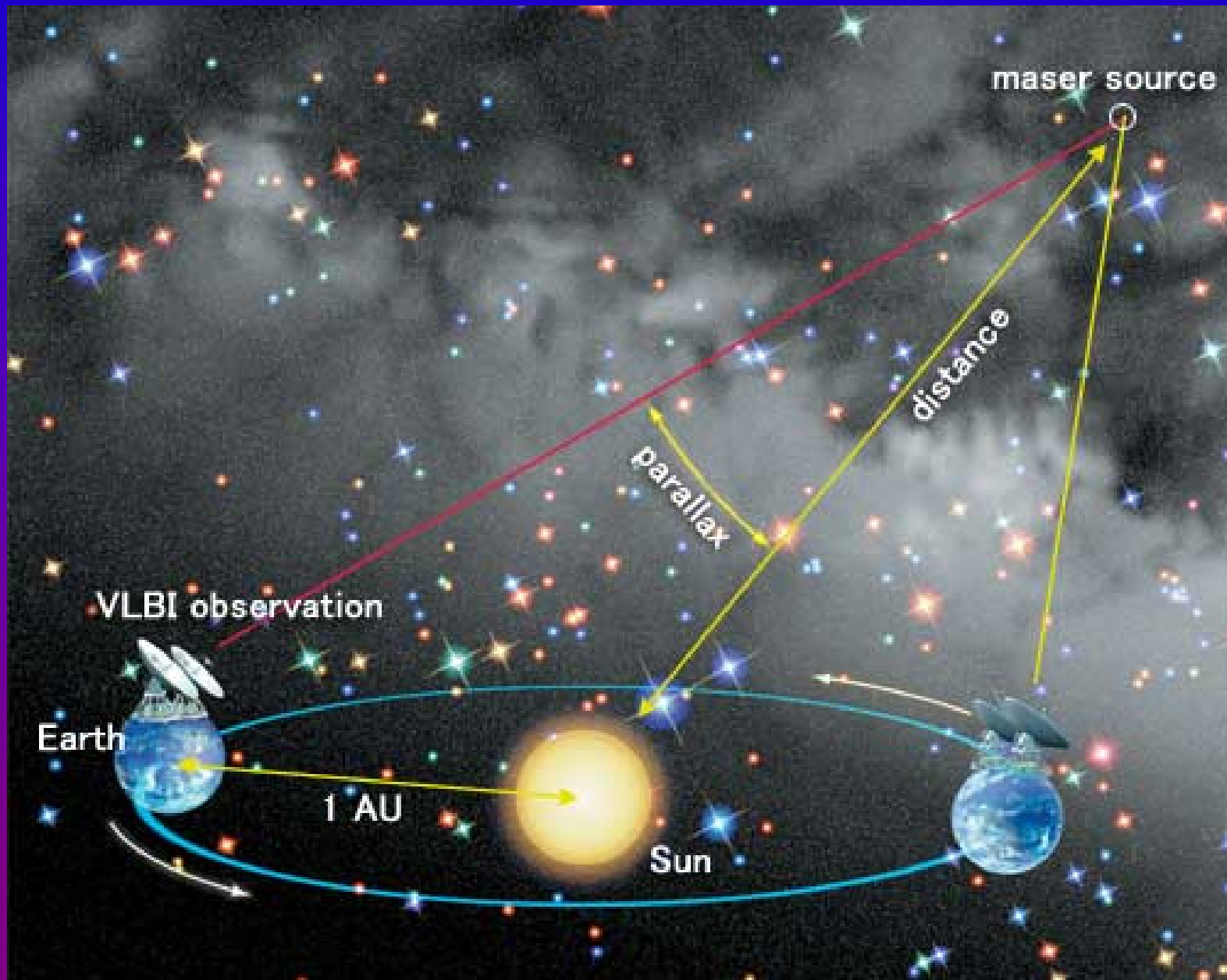
**Absolute proper motion measurements by  
phase-referenced VLBI**

$$\Rightarrow v_{\text{exp}} = 20 \text{ km/s} \Rightarrow t_{\text{exp}} = 320 \text{ yr}$$

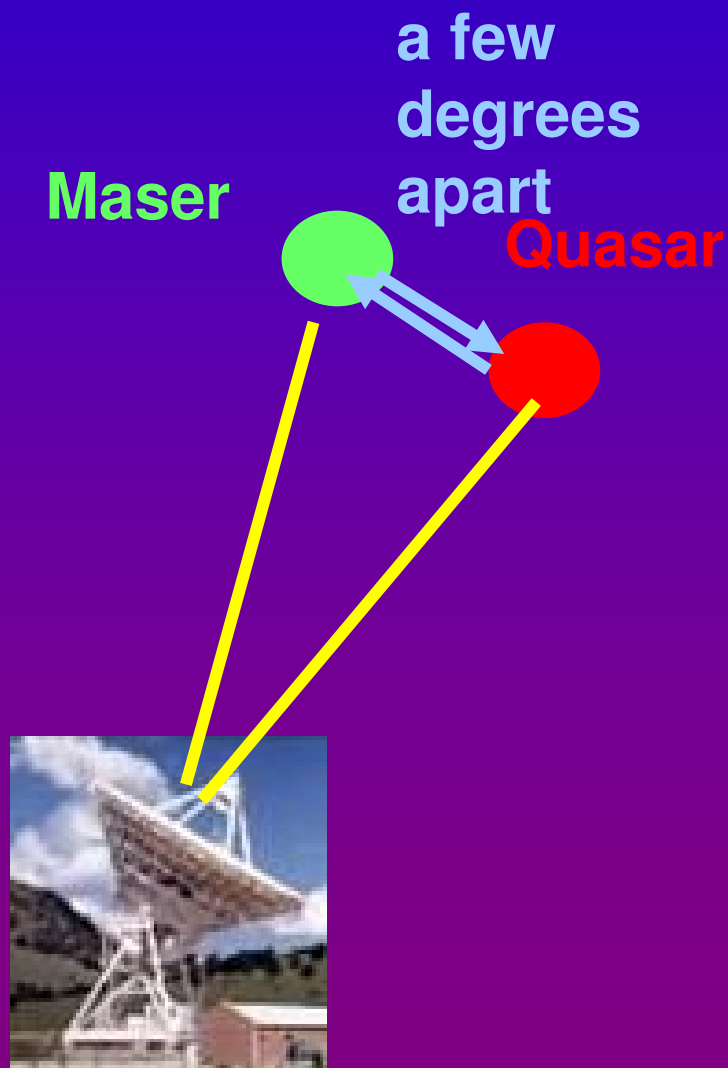
$$\Rightarrow D = 2.0 \text{ kpc}$$

→ Poster: Hachisuka et al.

# Milky Way Maser Trigonometric Parallaxes



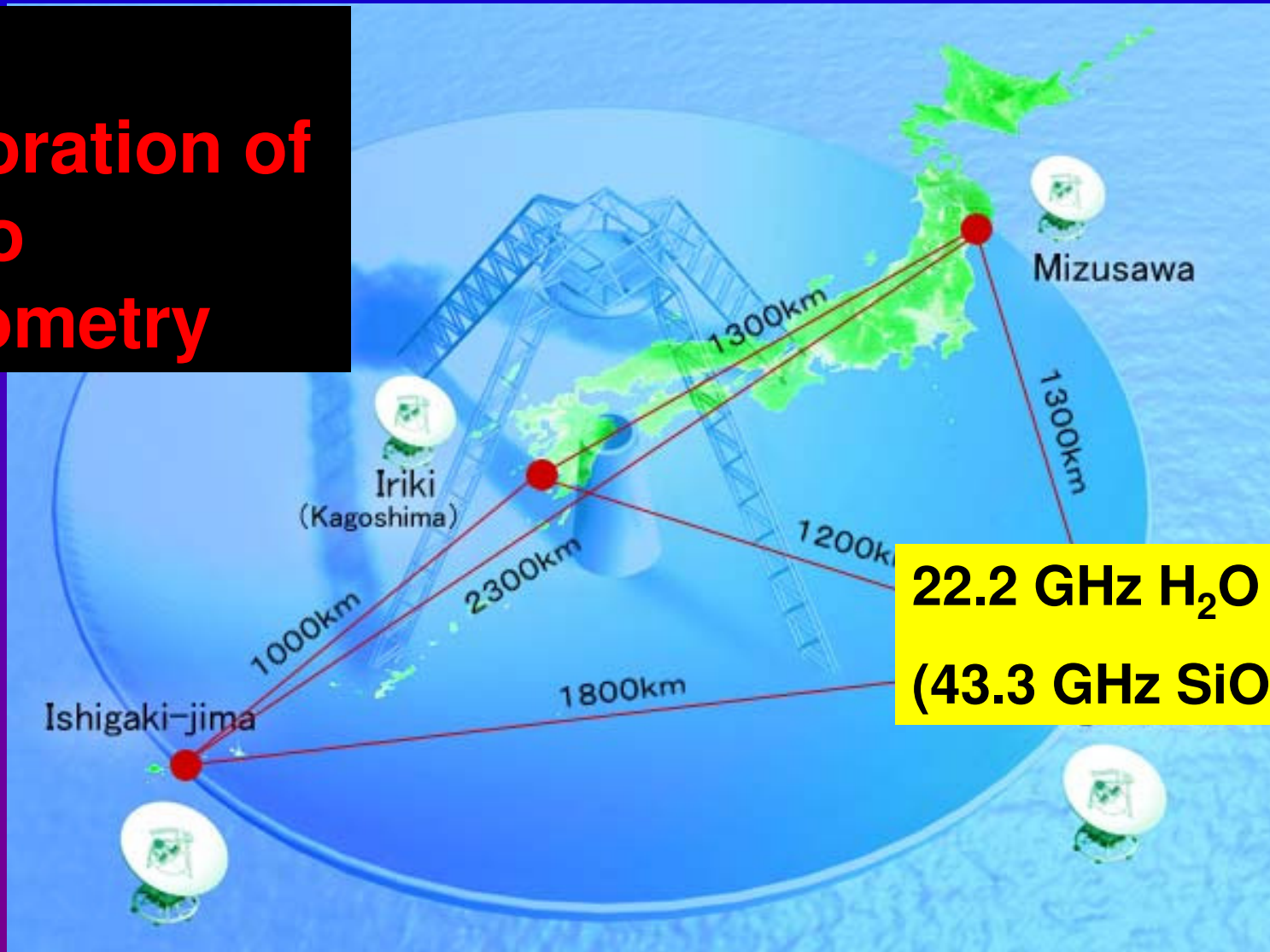
**With fast-switching phase referencing position uncertainties of  $\approx 10 \mu\text{arcsecond}$  can be reached**



**Phase referencing:**

- **VLBA:** Switch every 15 second between maser and quasar. 50% duty cycle
- **VERA:** Have one beam each directed to maser and quasar

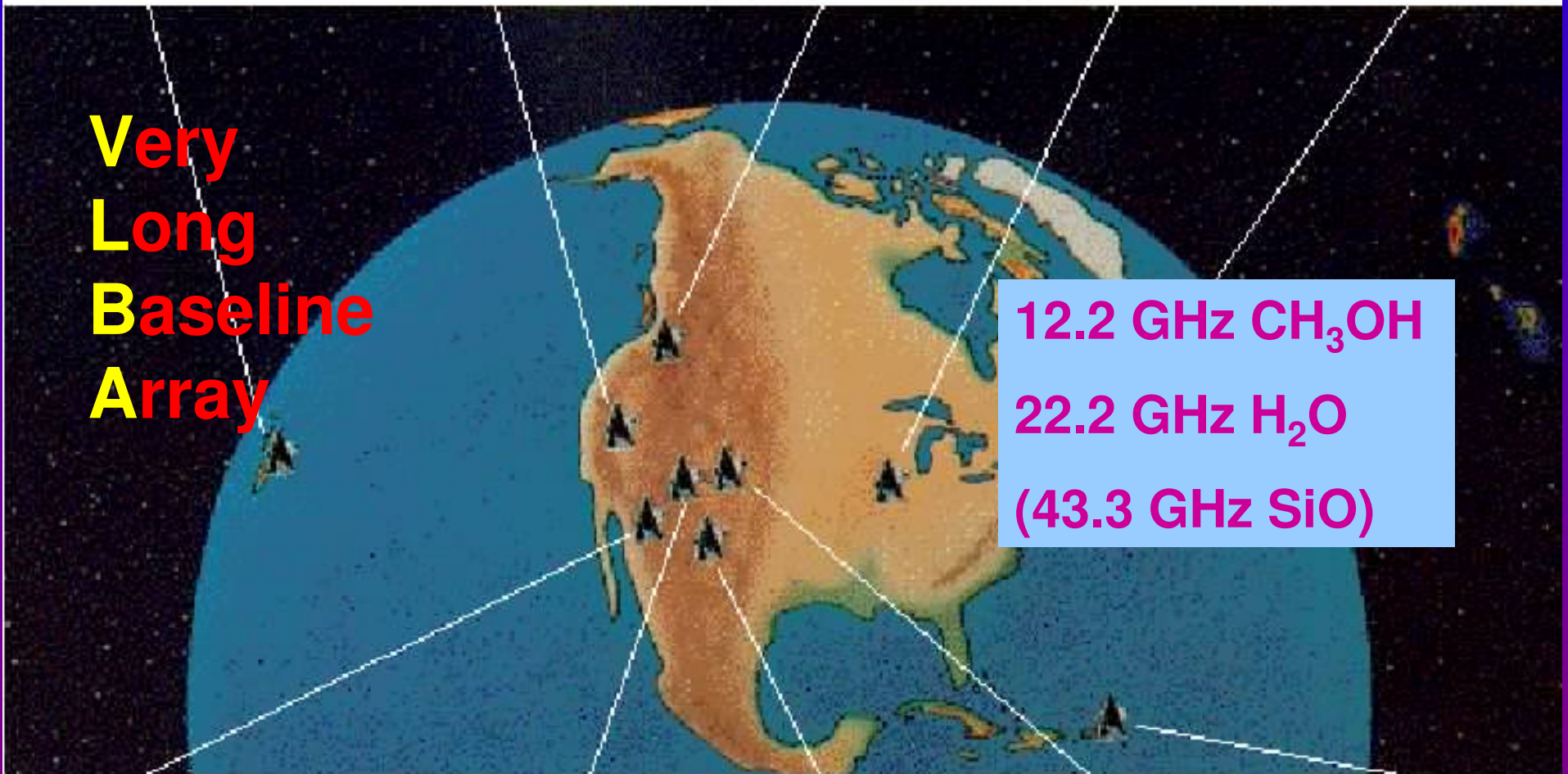
# VLBI Exploration of Radio Astrometry



<http://veraserver.mtk.nao.ac.jp/outline/vera2-e.html>



**Very  
Long  
Baseline  
Array**



12.2 GHz CH<sub>3</sub>OH  
22.2 GHz H<sub>2</sub>O  
(43.3 GHz SiO)



# Milky Way Maser Parallaxes

maser source

Large VLBA program to measure  
12.2 GHz CH<sub>3</sub>OH maser parallaxes

CfA:

- M. Reid

MPIfR:

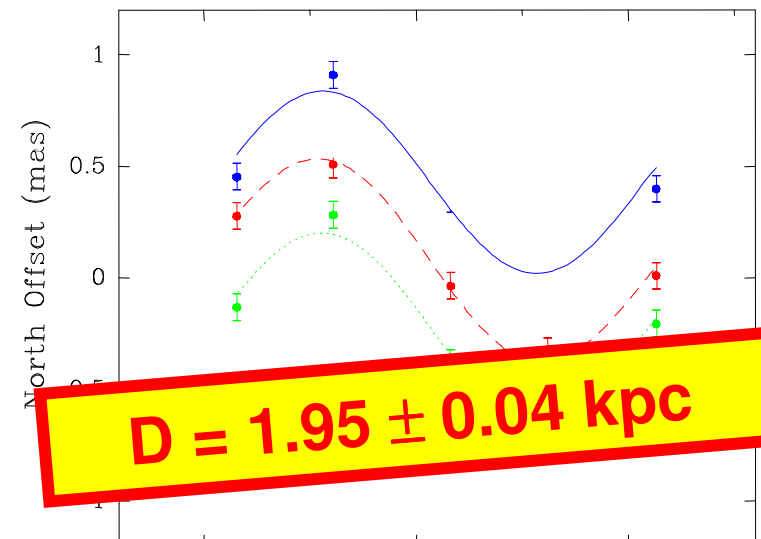
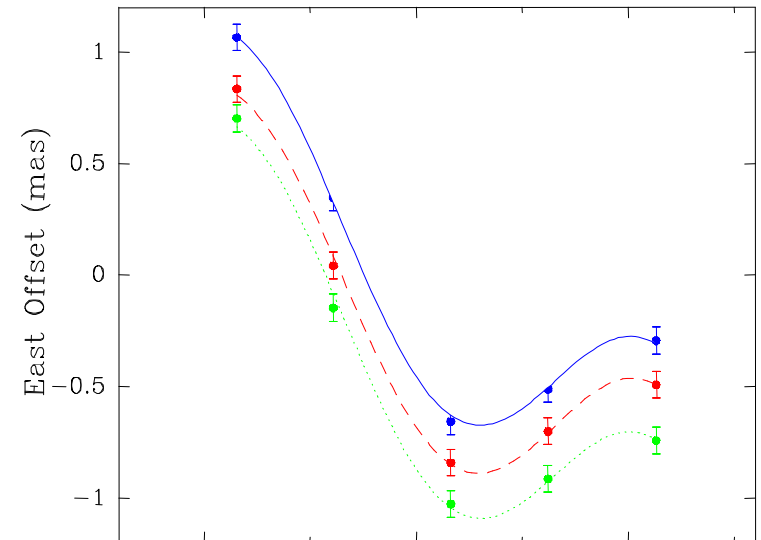
- A. Brunthaler, K. Menten, Y. Xu

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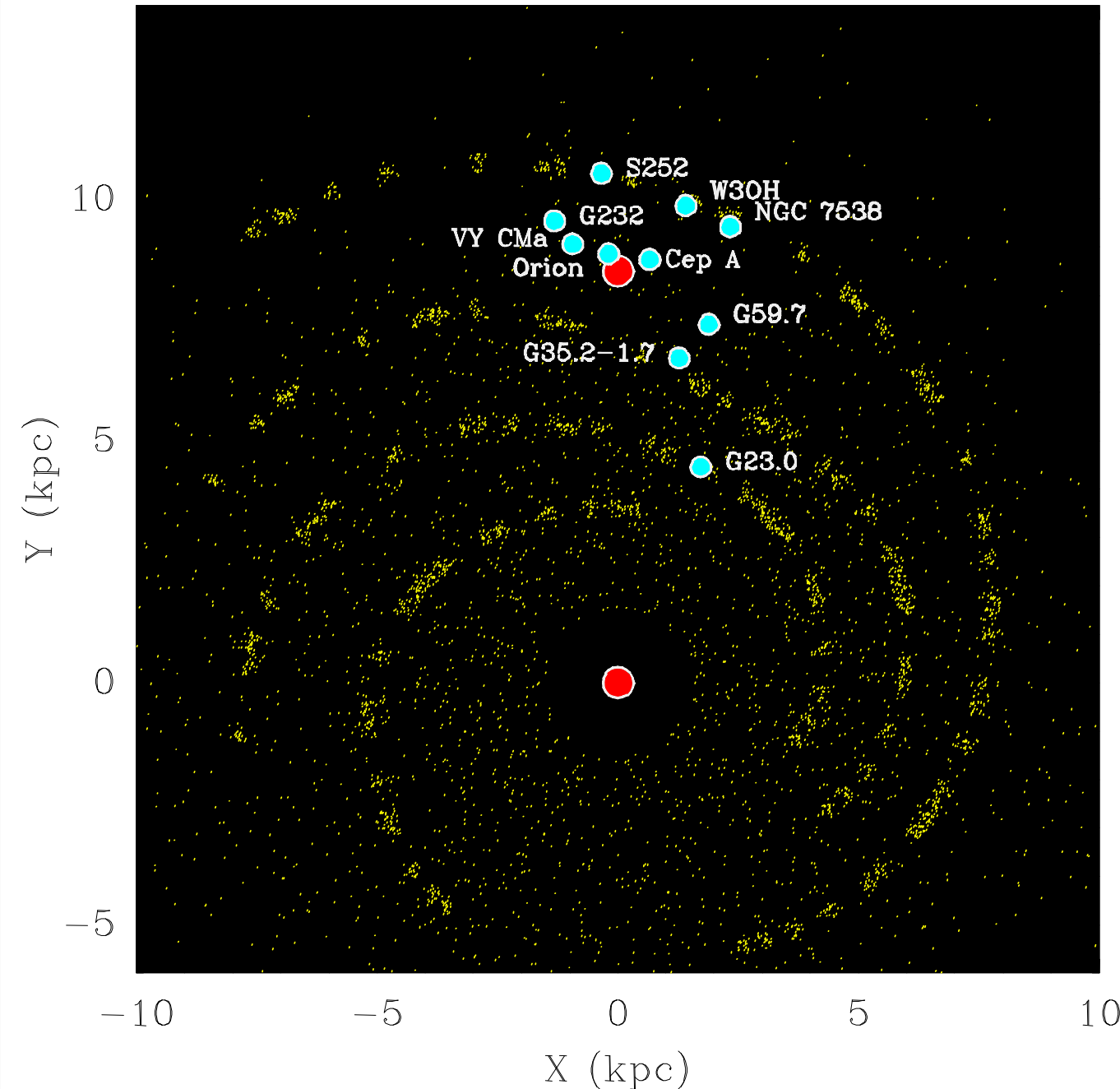
**$D = 1.95 \pm 0.04$  kpc**

1 AU

Sun



# Why 12.2 GHz Methanol Masers?



- **Slow time variability – many months → years**

→ **Poster: Goedhart et al.**

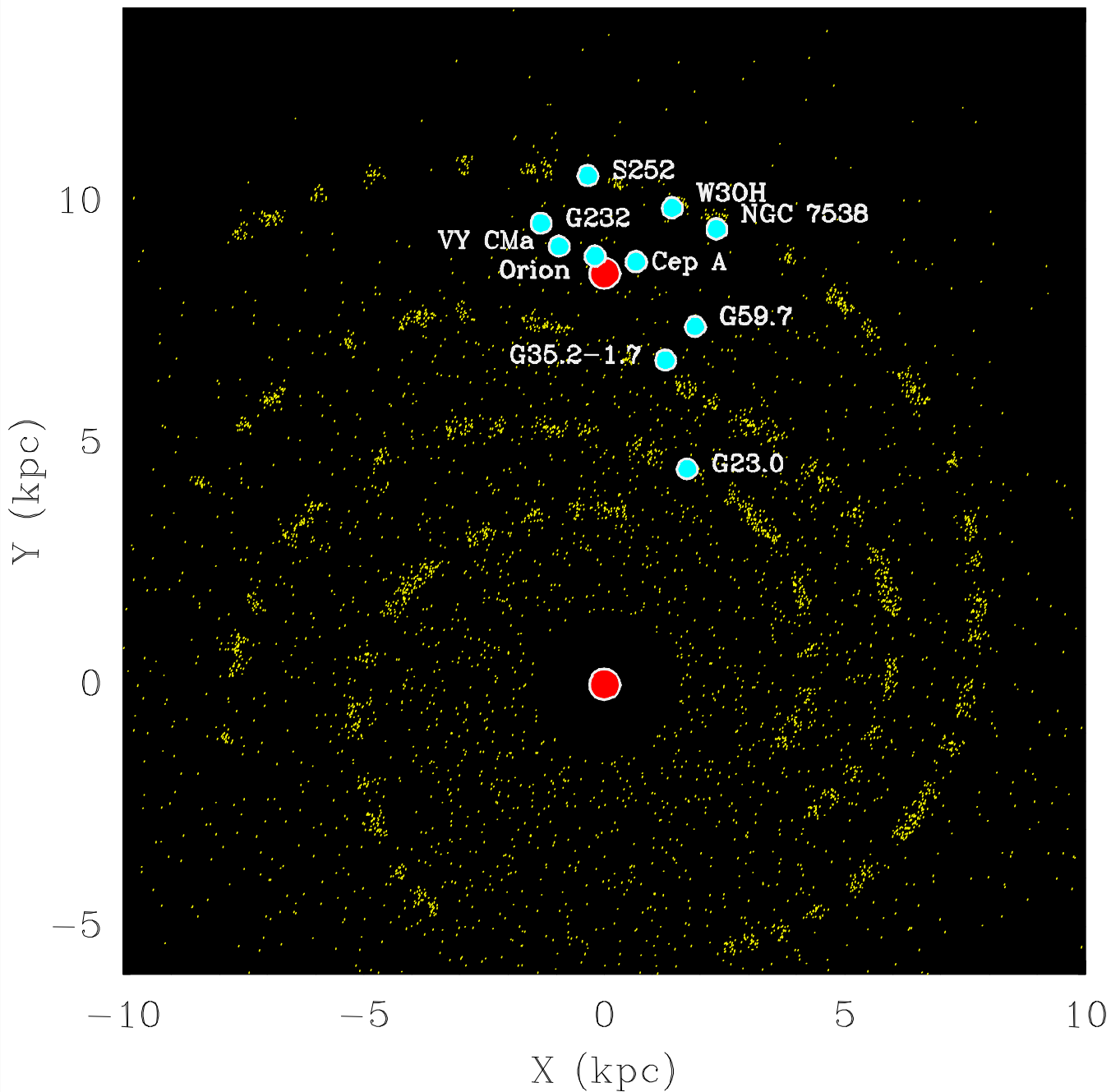
- **weaker (= rarer) than 6.7 GHz CH<sub>3</sub>OH masers**

**BUT:**

- **Can be done with VLBA**
- **smaller beam**
- **Less affected by IS scattering**

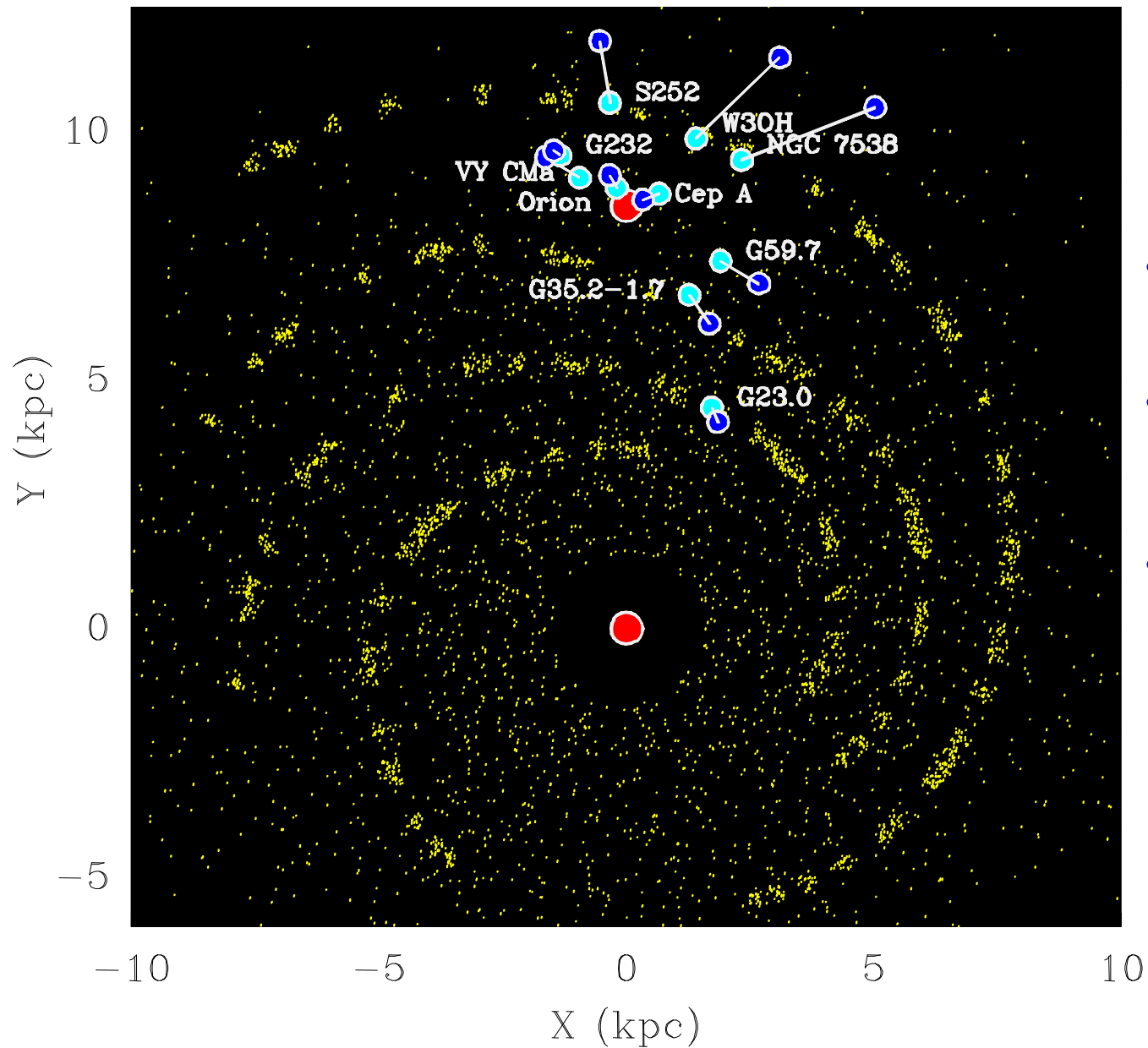
**Unfortunately not many found at large galactocentric radii**

# 12.2 GHz CH<sub>3</sub>OH parallax results:



Source	<i>D</i> (kpc)
W3OH	1.95(0.04)
NGC 7538	2.65(0.06)
Cep A	0.69(0.02)
G23.0-0.4	4.4(0.5)
G59.7+0.1	2.20(0.01)
G9.62+0.19	(0.9)
and	
VY CMa	1.1(0.1)
and	
Orion NC	0.414(0.007)

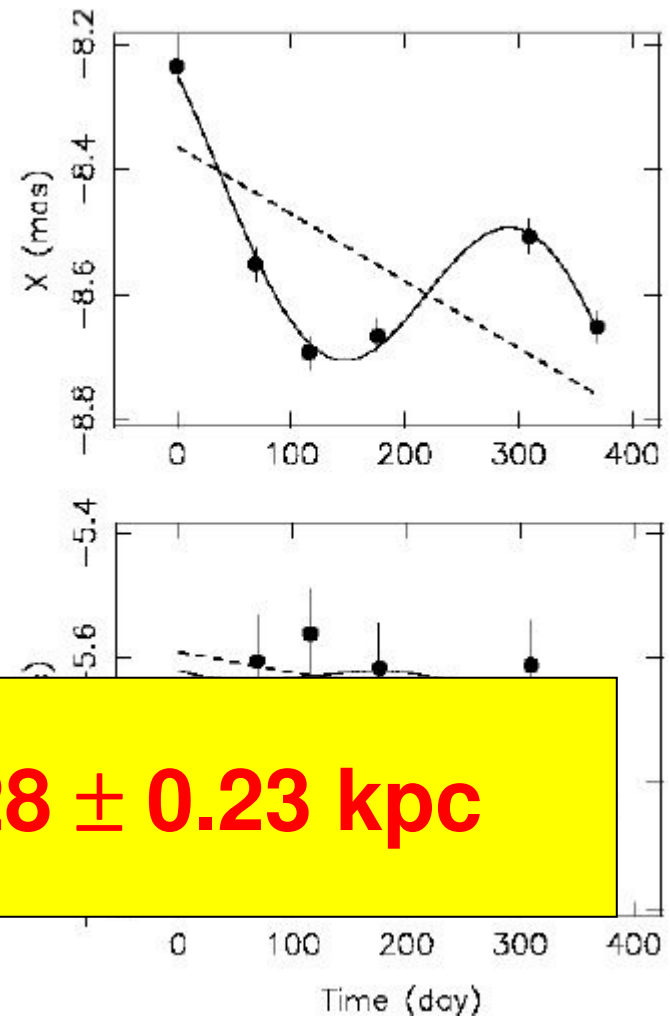
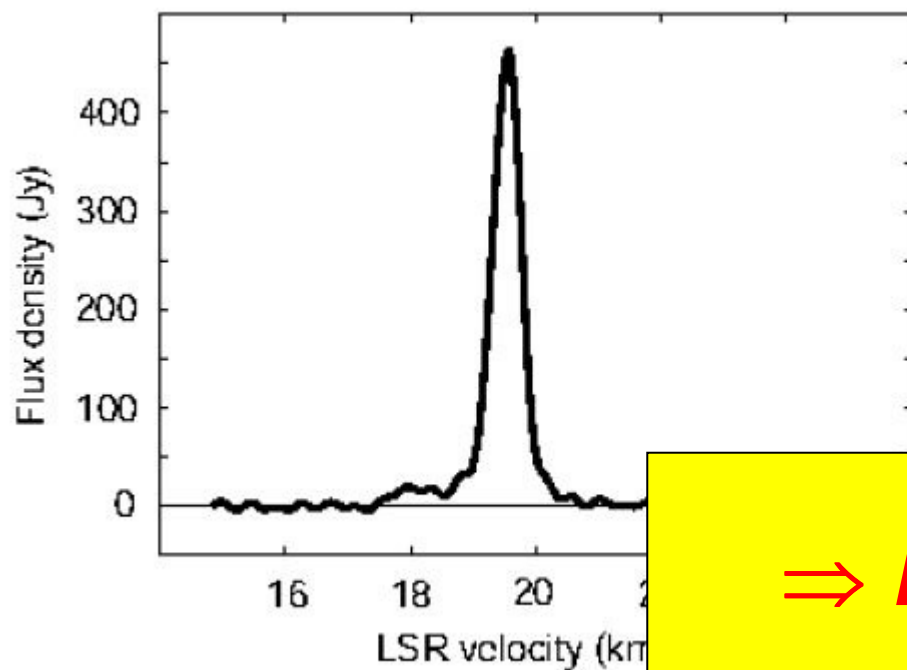
# Parallaxes versus Kinematic Distances



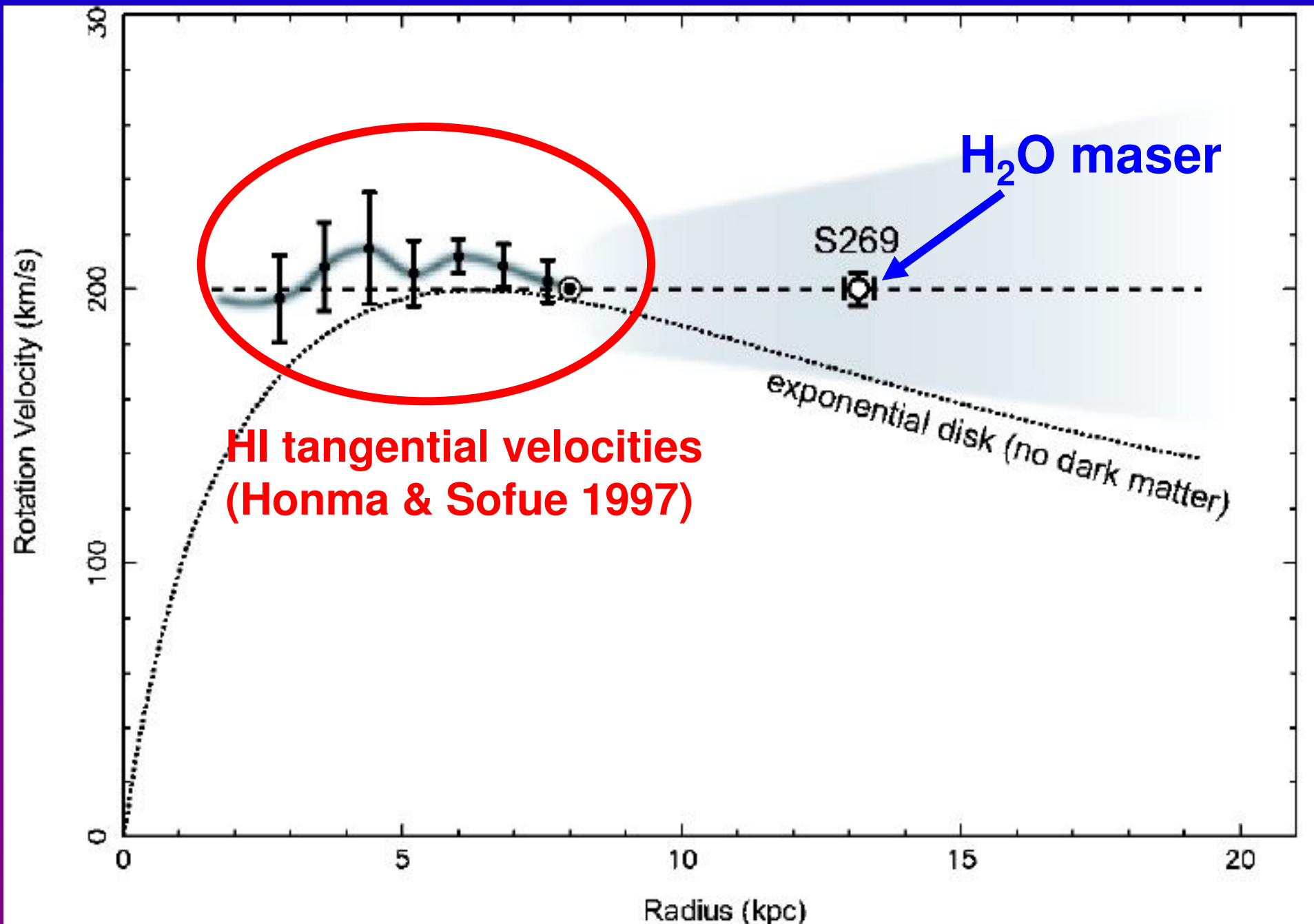
- **Kinematic distances larger than Parallaxes**
- **$R_0 < 8.5$  kpc and/or  $\Theta_0 > 220$  km/s**
- **Solar Motion important**

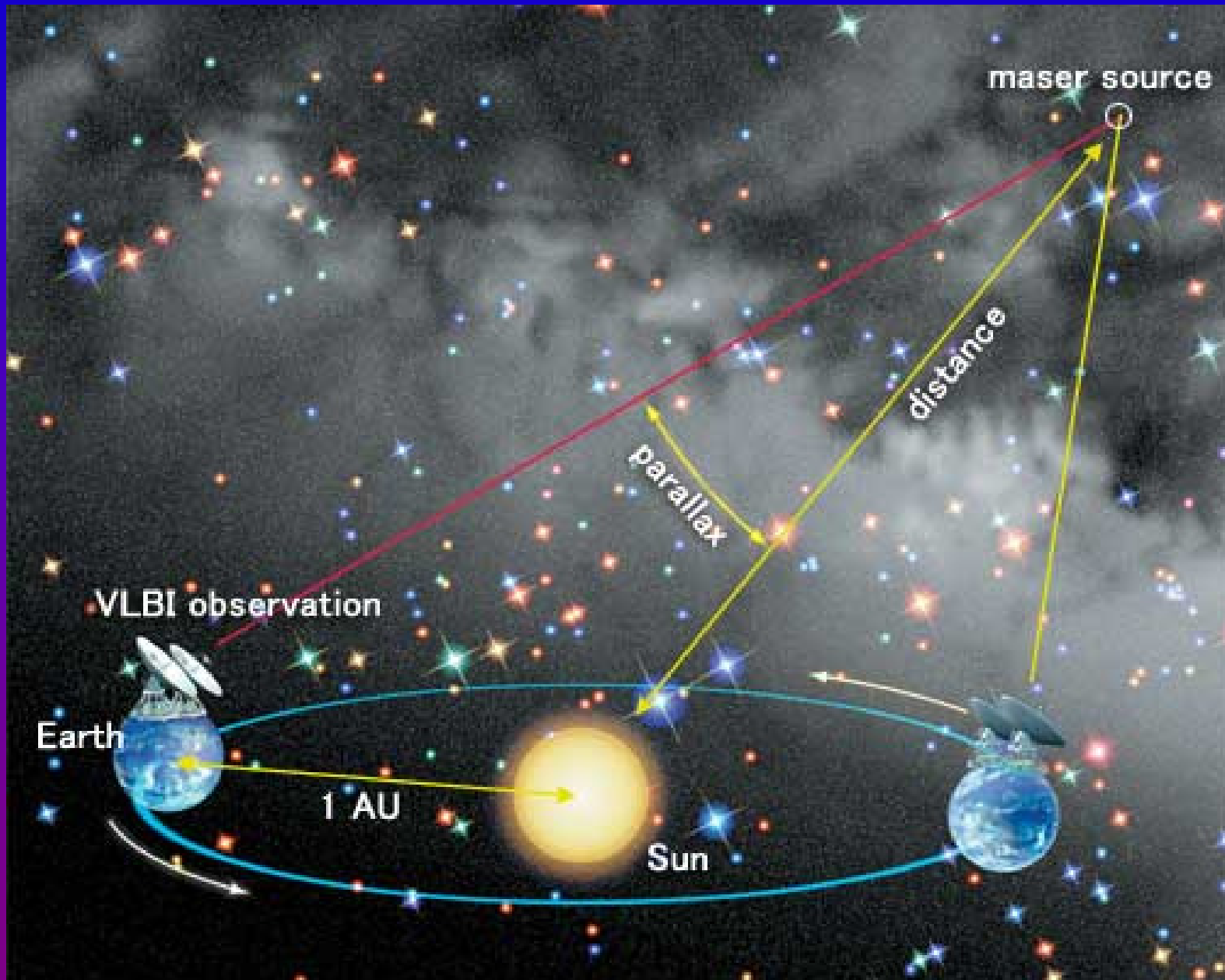
# Astrometry of Galactic Star Forming Region Sharpless 269 with VERA : Parallax Measurements and Constraint on Outer Rotation Curve

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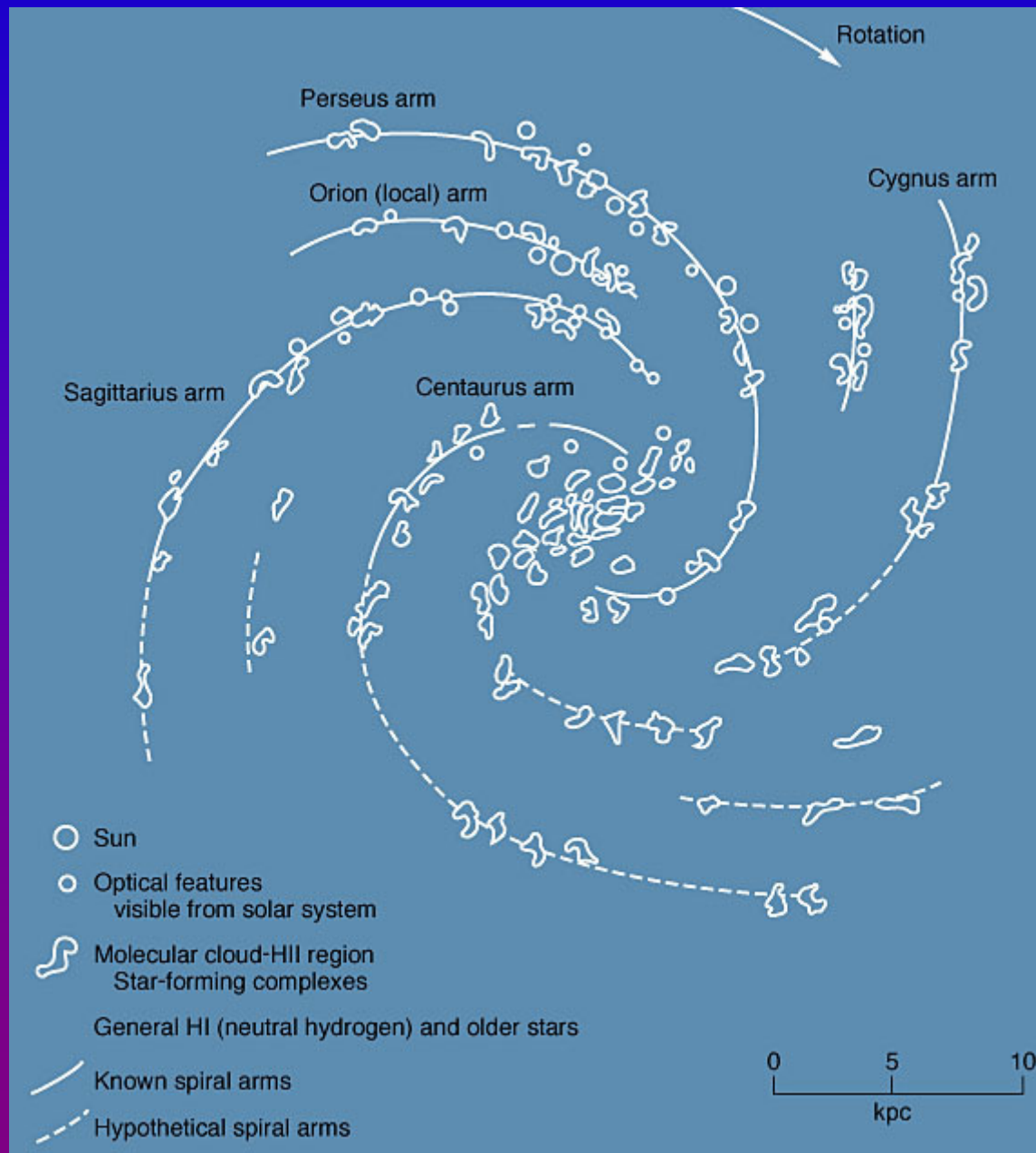


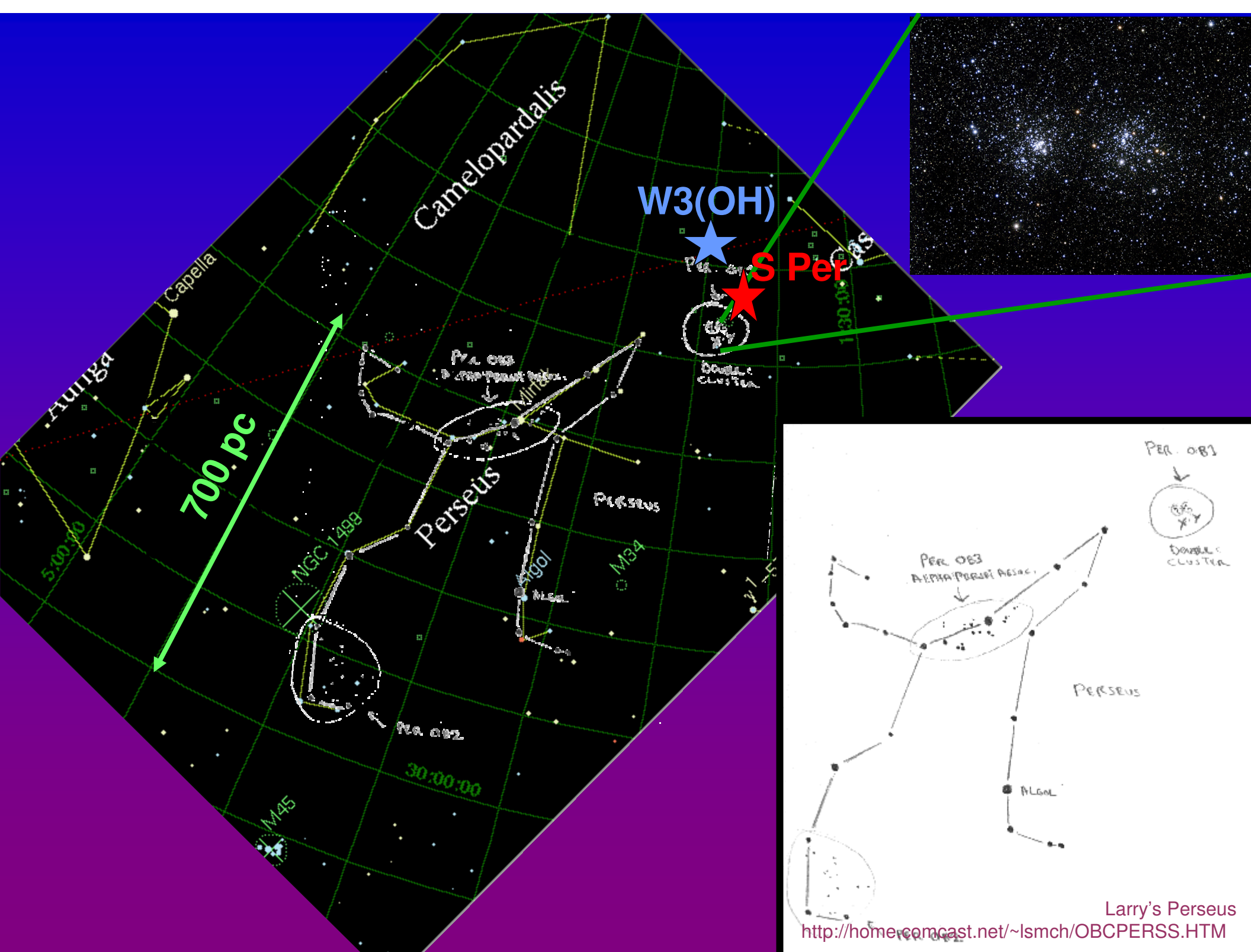
$$\Rightarrow D = 5.28 \pm 0.23 \text{ kpc}$$





<http://veraserver.mtk.nao.ac.jp/outline/vera2-e.html>







$D(\text{S Per}) = 2.55 \pm 0.05 \text{ kpc}$

(Asaki et al., in prep.)

$D(\text{W3OH}) = 2.00 \pm 0.04 \text{ kpc}$

(Xu et al., Hachisuka et al. 2006)

→ Talk by Reid

→ Toward a 3D picture of different epochs of high-mass stars formation in Perseus and Cassiopeia

Red supergiants spread over ca. 2 degrees (= 90 pc).

$h/\chi$  Persei Double Cluster

# Masers at MSF07

- Castangia: H<sub>2</sub>O masers in starburst galaxies
- de Buizer: Maser disks or maser outflows
- Goddi: Maser VLBI
- Goedhart: Periodic methanol masers
- Gomez: Class I methanol masers
- Green: The methanol multibeam survey
- Greenhill: Orion revisited
- Hachisuka: Water masers in W3(H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Hirota: Orion H<sub>2</sub>O Astrometry with VERA
- Hofner: Formaldehyde masers
- Kim: VERA Orion SiO masers
- Pandian: Probing Galactic Structure using 6.7 GHz methanol masers
- Tostensson: Environment of methanol masers
- Pestalozzi: What methanol masers tell us about HMSF
- Quinn: 6035 Hz OH masers
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- Vlemmings: Maser polz'n