



Rotation in Massive Star Forming Regions

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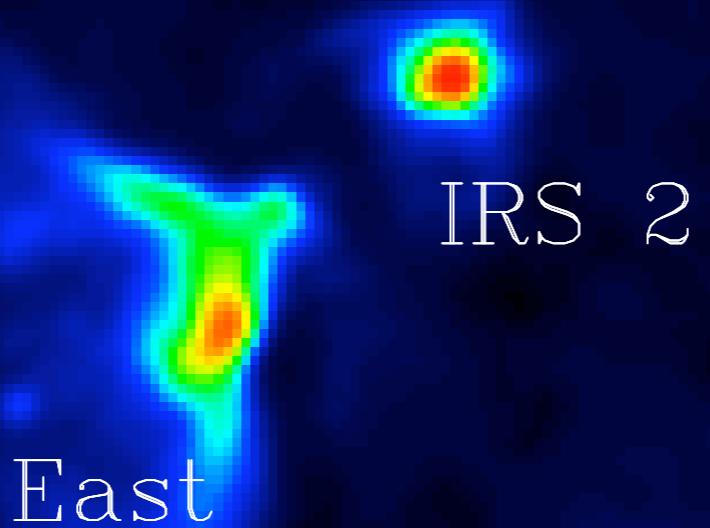


Outline

- Recent molecular line observations of massive star forming regions have shown evidence for rotation on a number of scales
- I will present evidence for this in W51
 - in both early and late stages of MSF

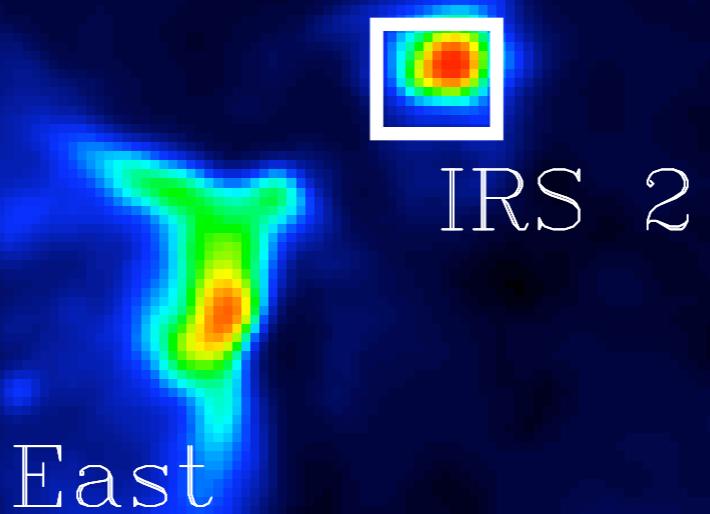
W5 I

6 cm continuum



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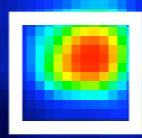
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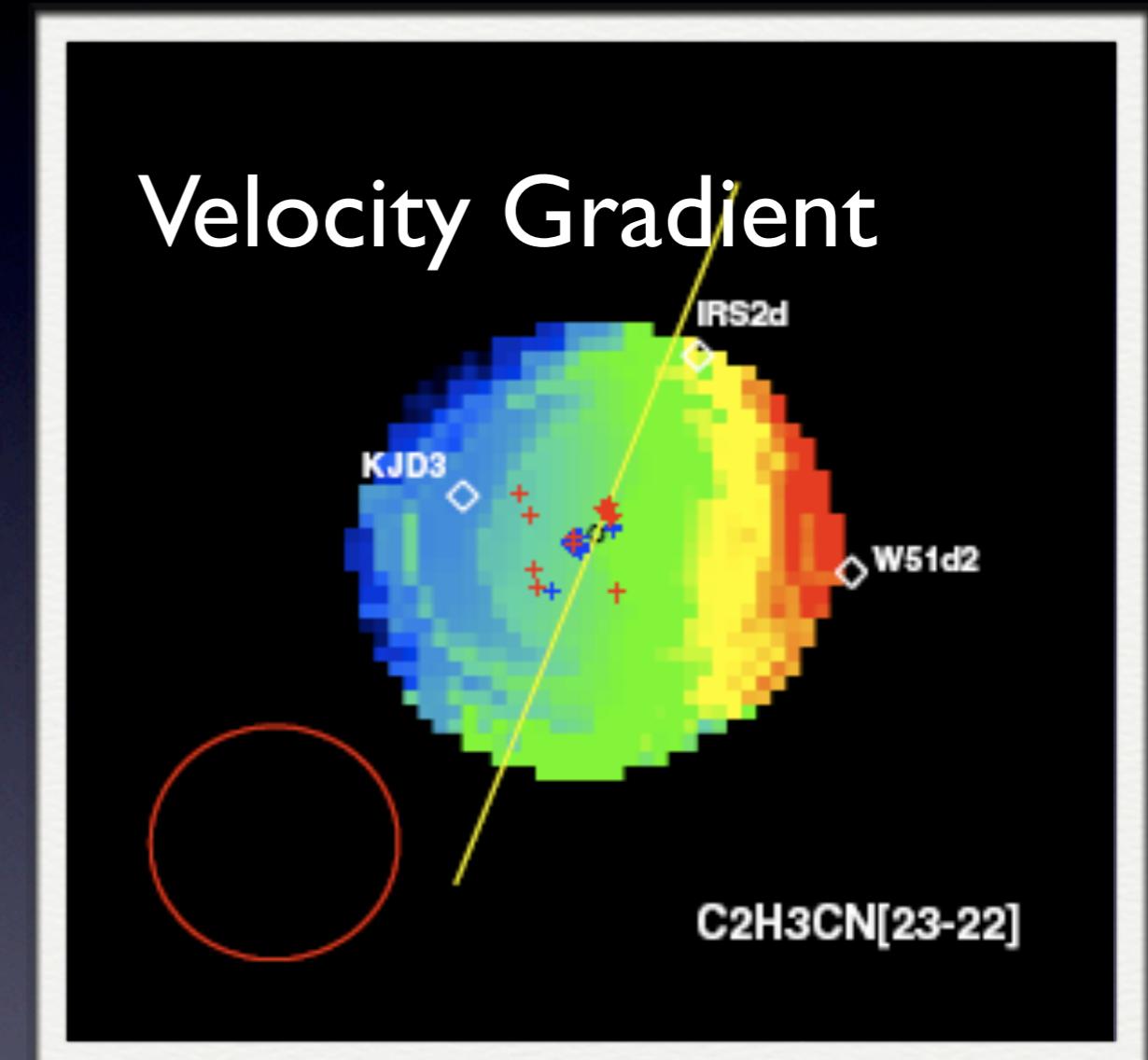
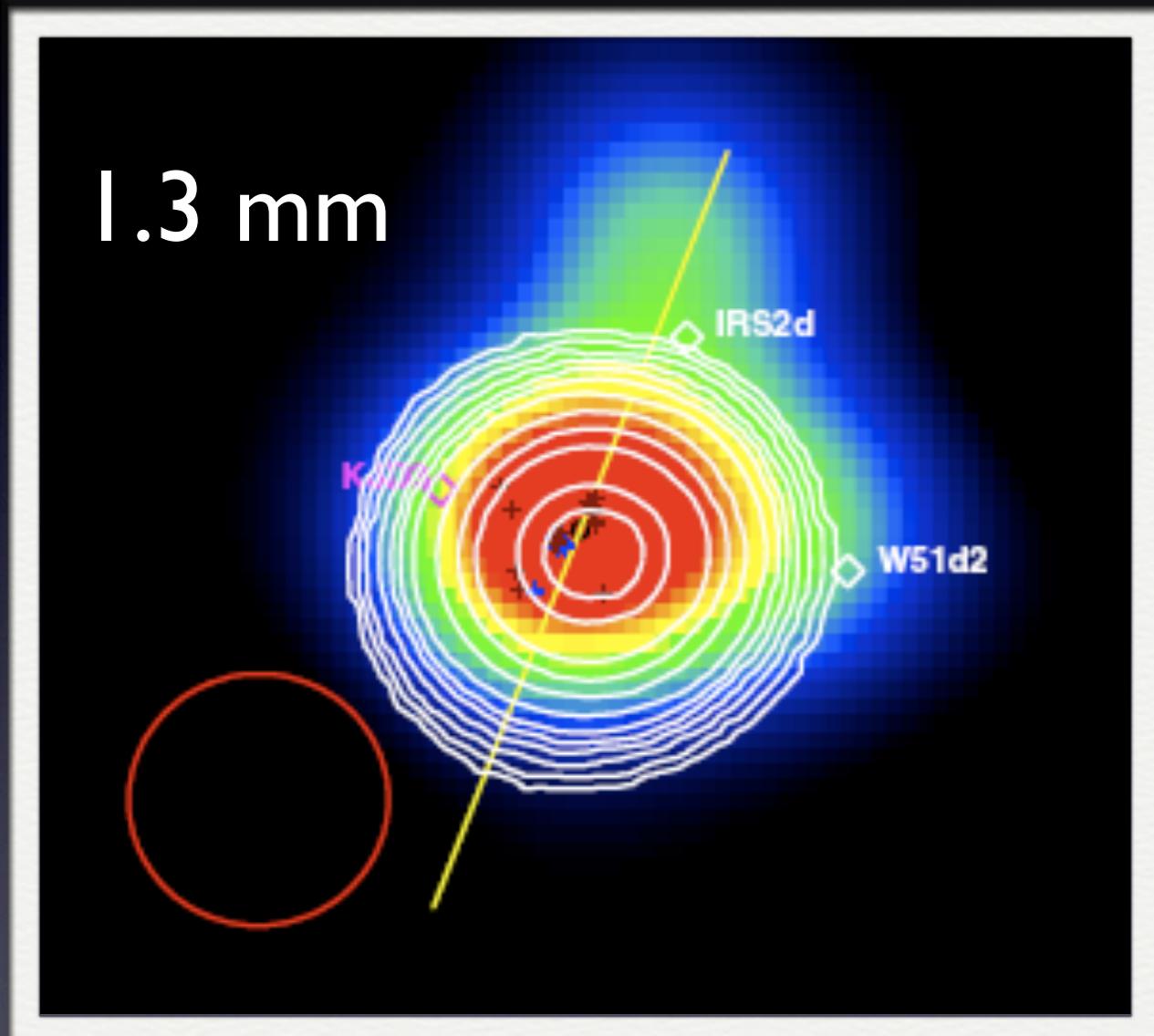
East



IDC 2



W51 IRS2



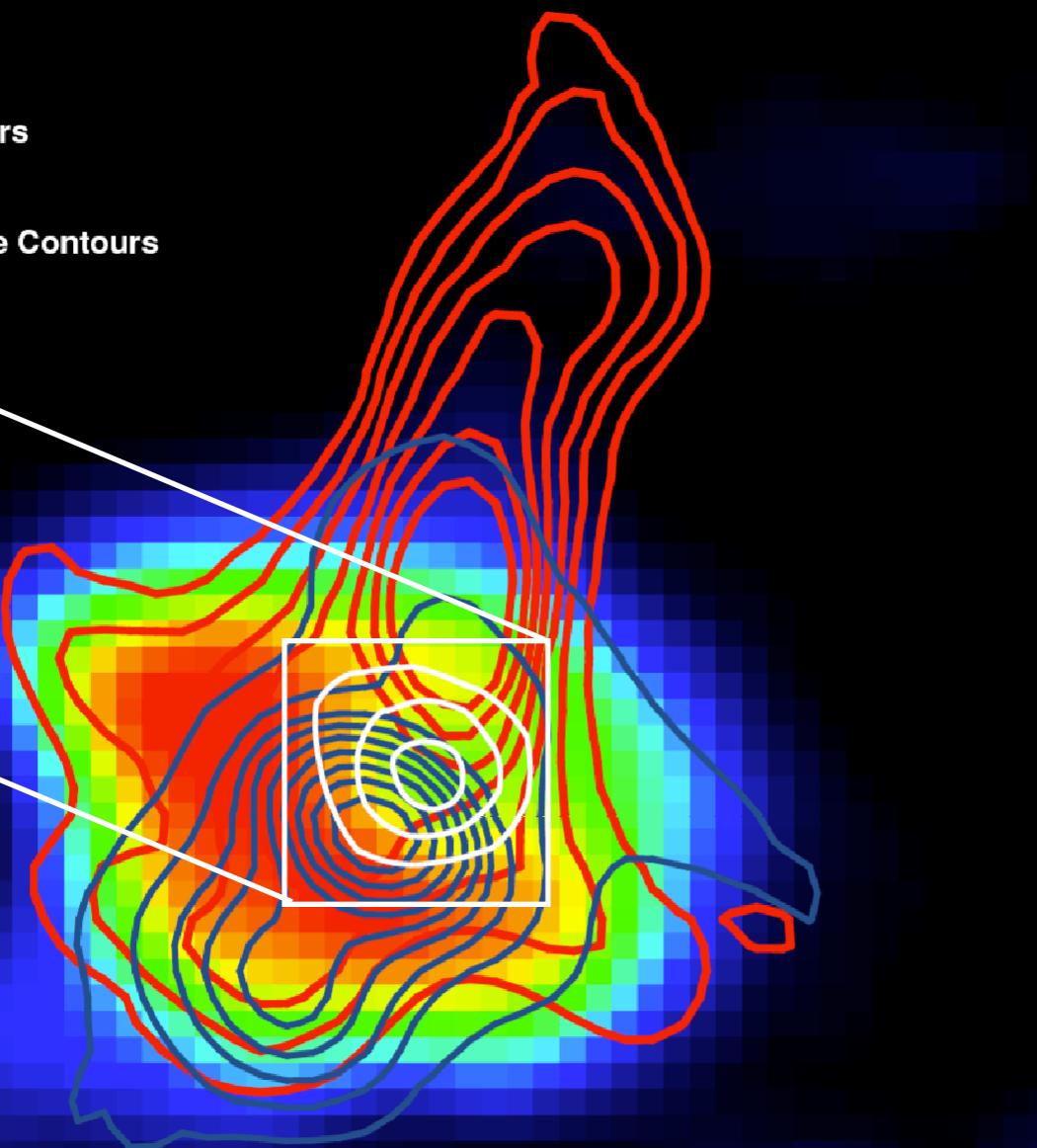
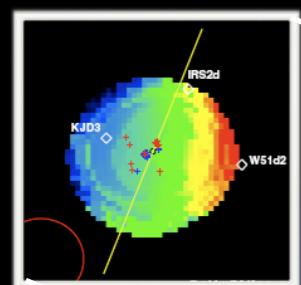
W51 IRS2

W51 North

SiO[5–4] – blue/red Contours

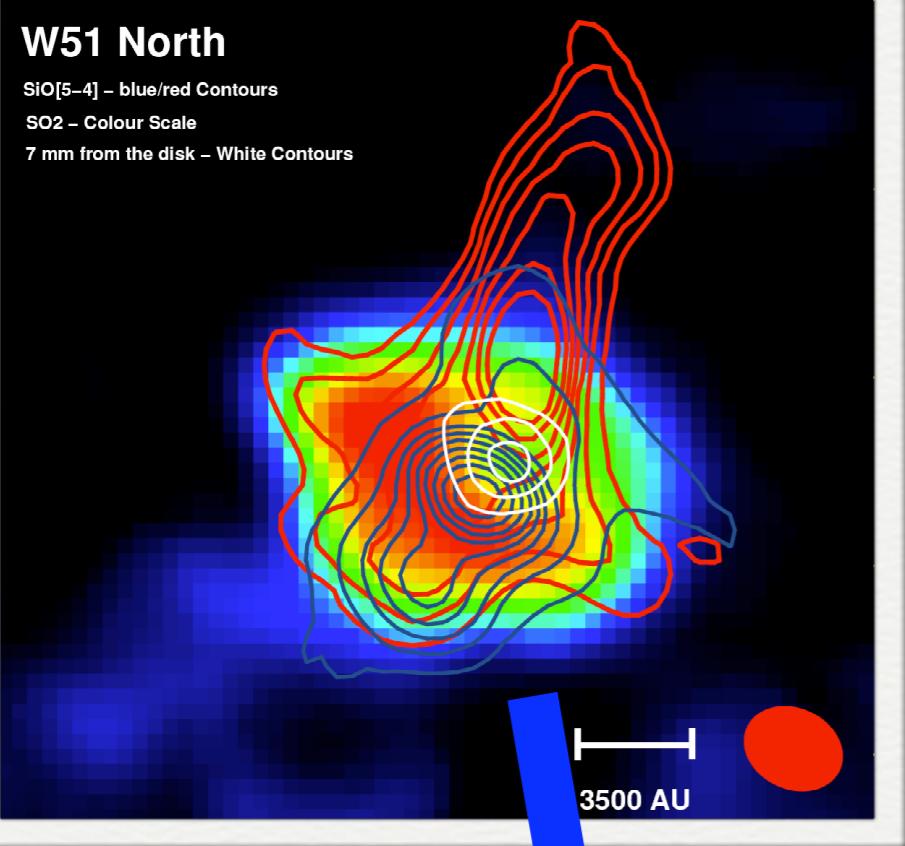
SO₂ – Colour Scale

7 mm from the disk – White Contours

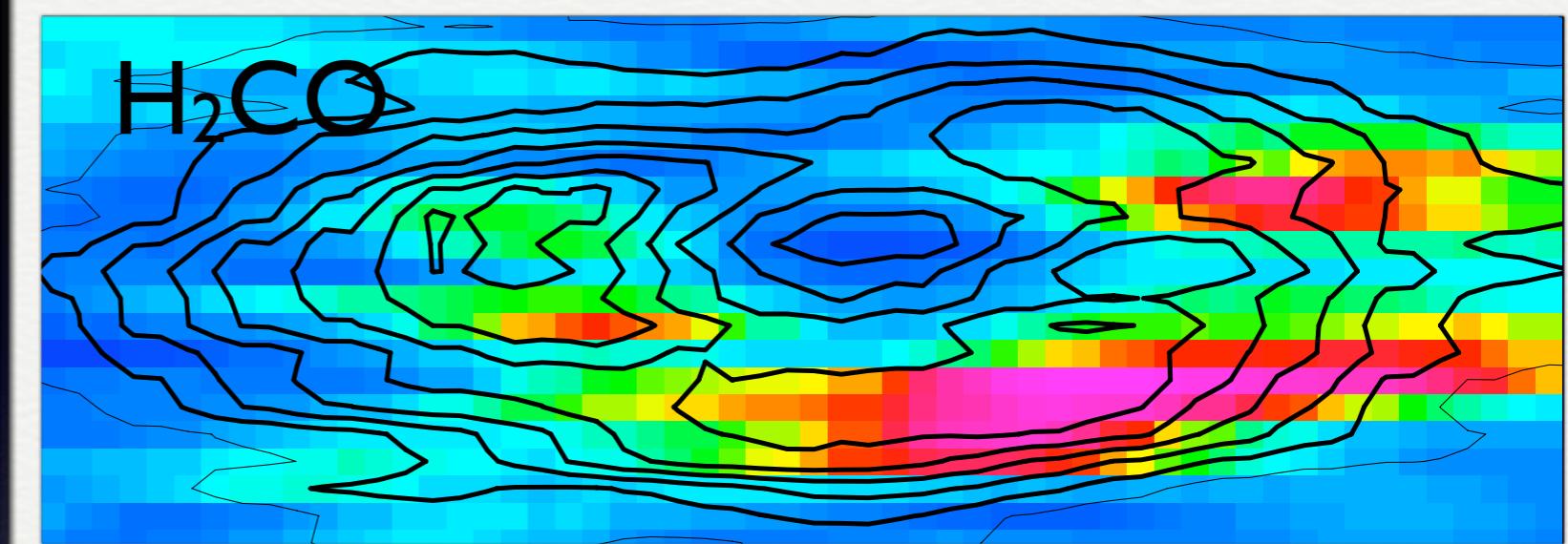


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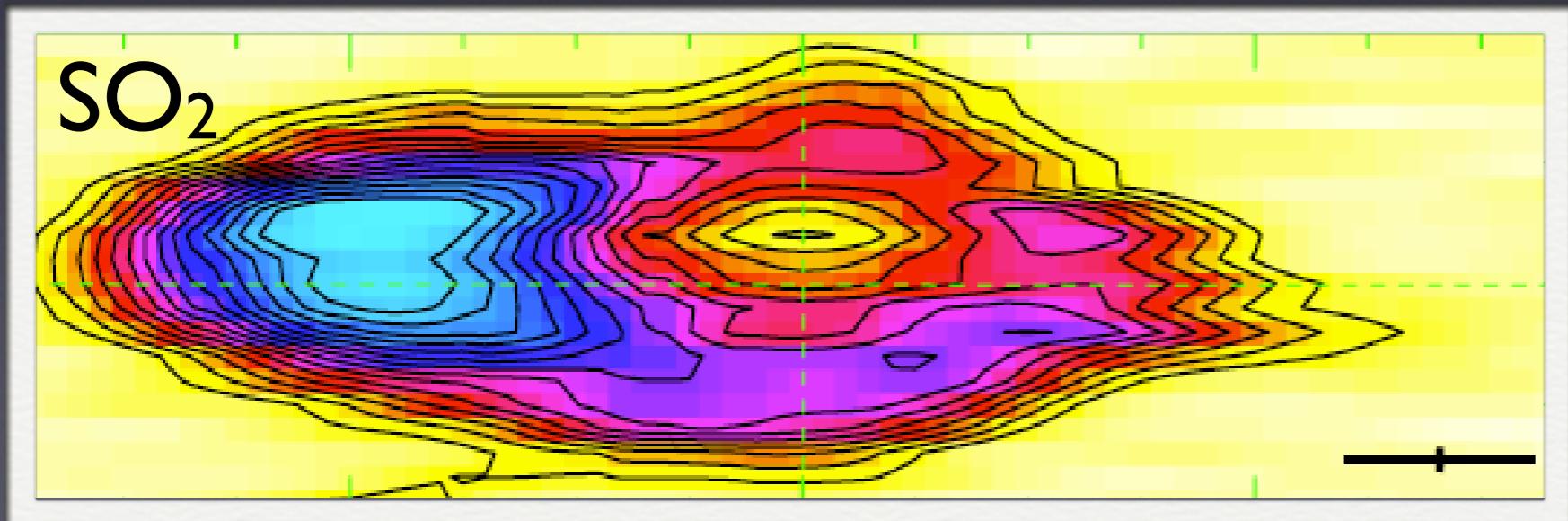
- Rotation in C₂H₃CN is perpendicular to the outflow
- There is an extra ‘ring’ of warm gas emission around the ‘disk’



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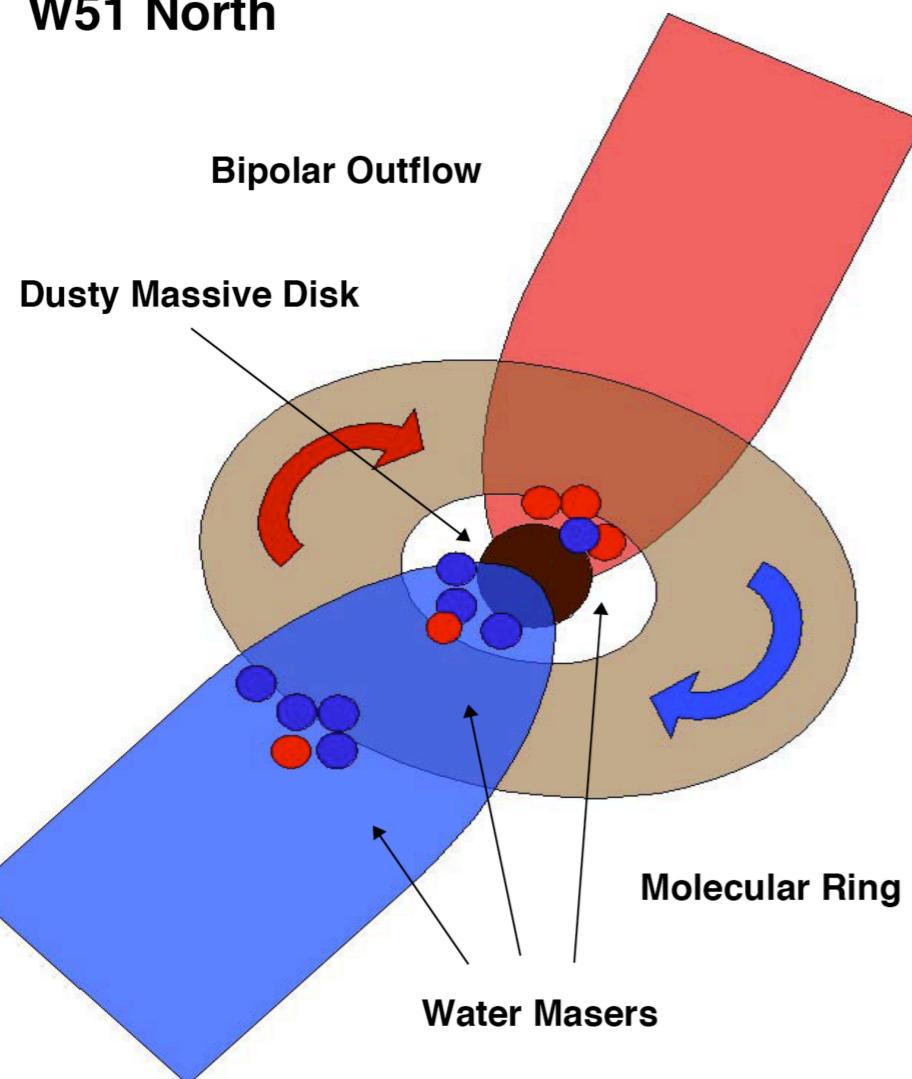
(20 km/s) V



Different molecules appear on different sides of the continuum source

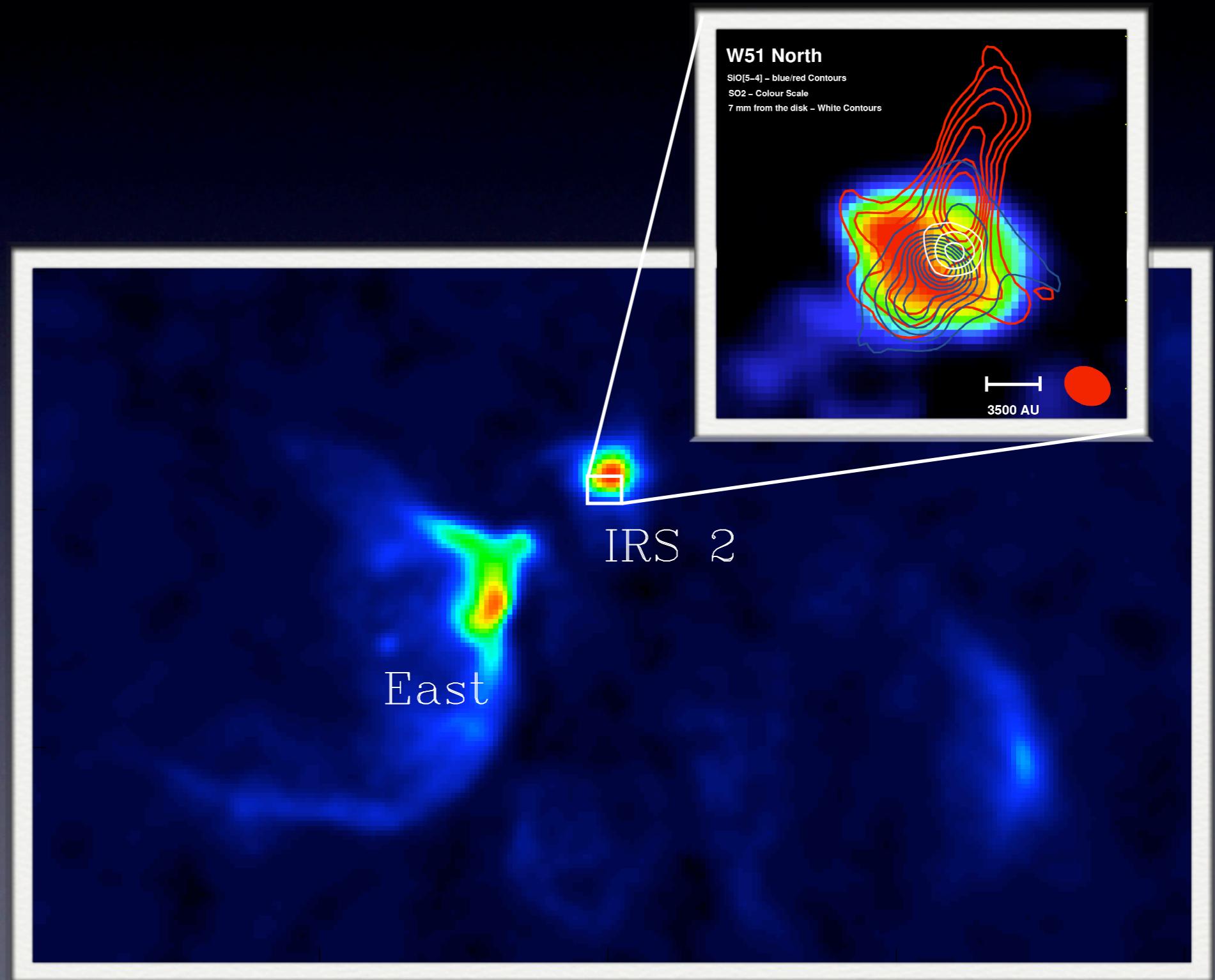
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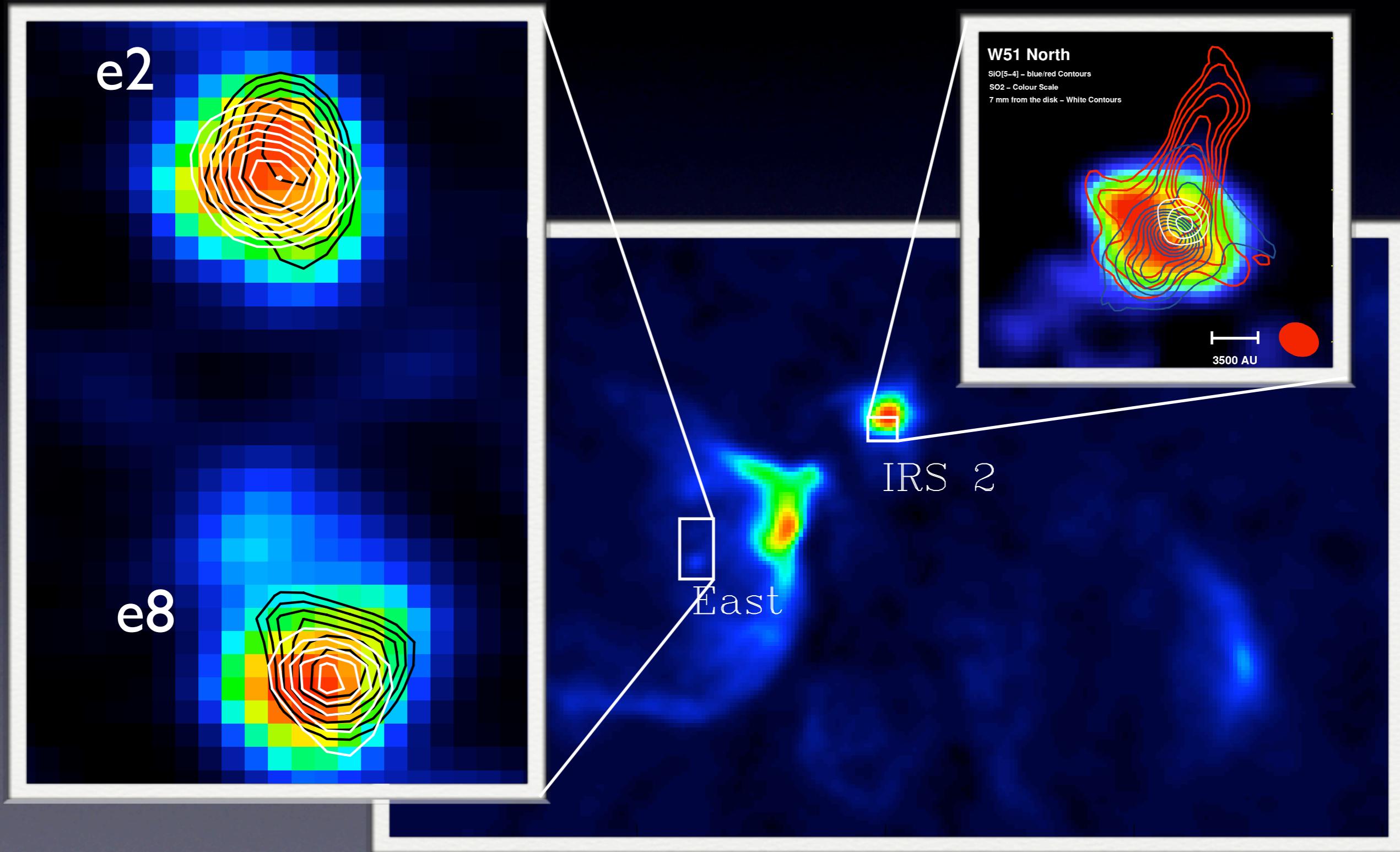


- The rotating and infalling molecular ring may be feeding the inner Keplerian disk.

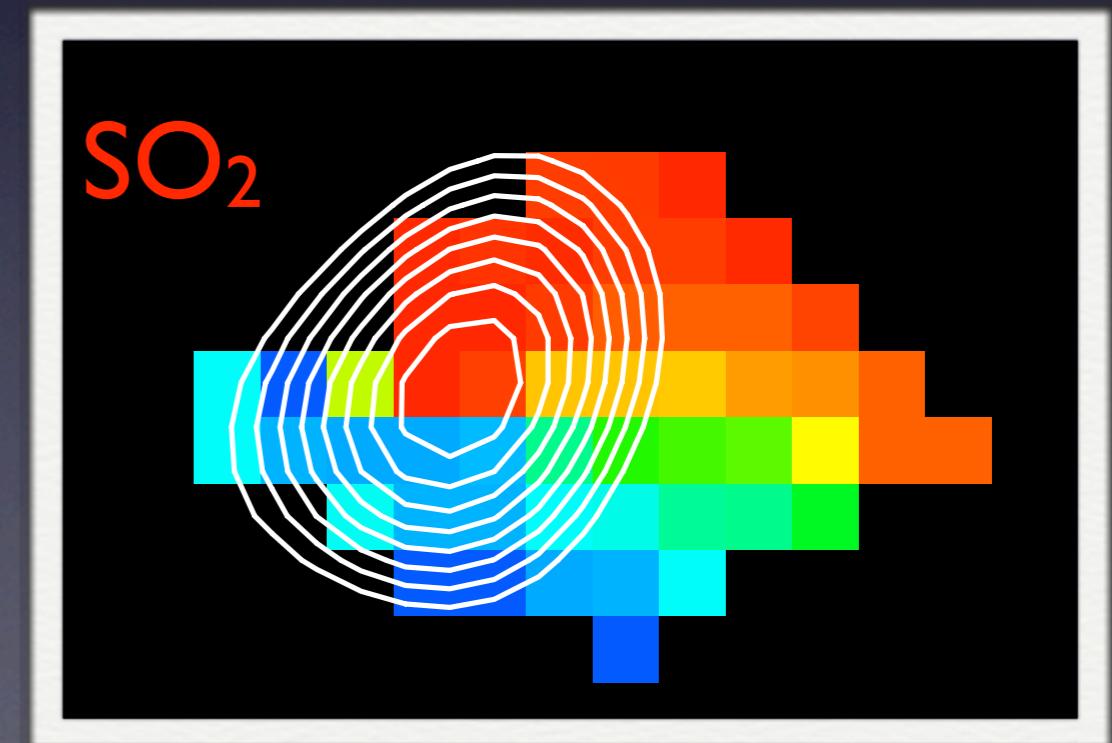
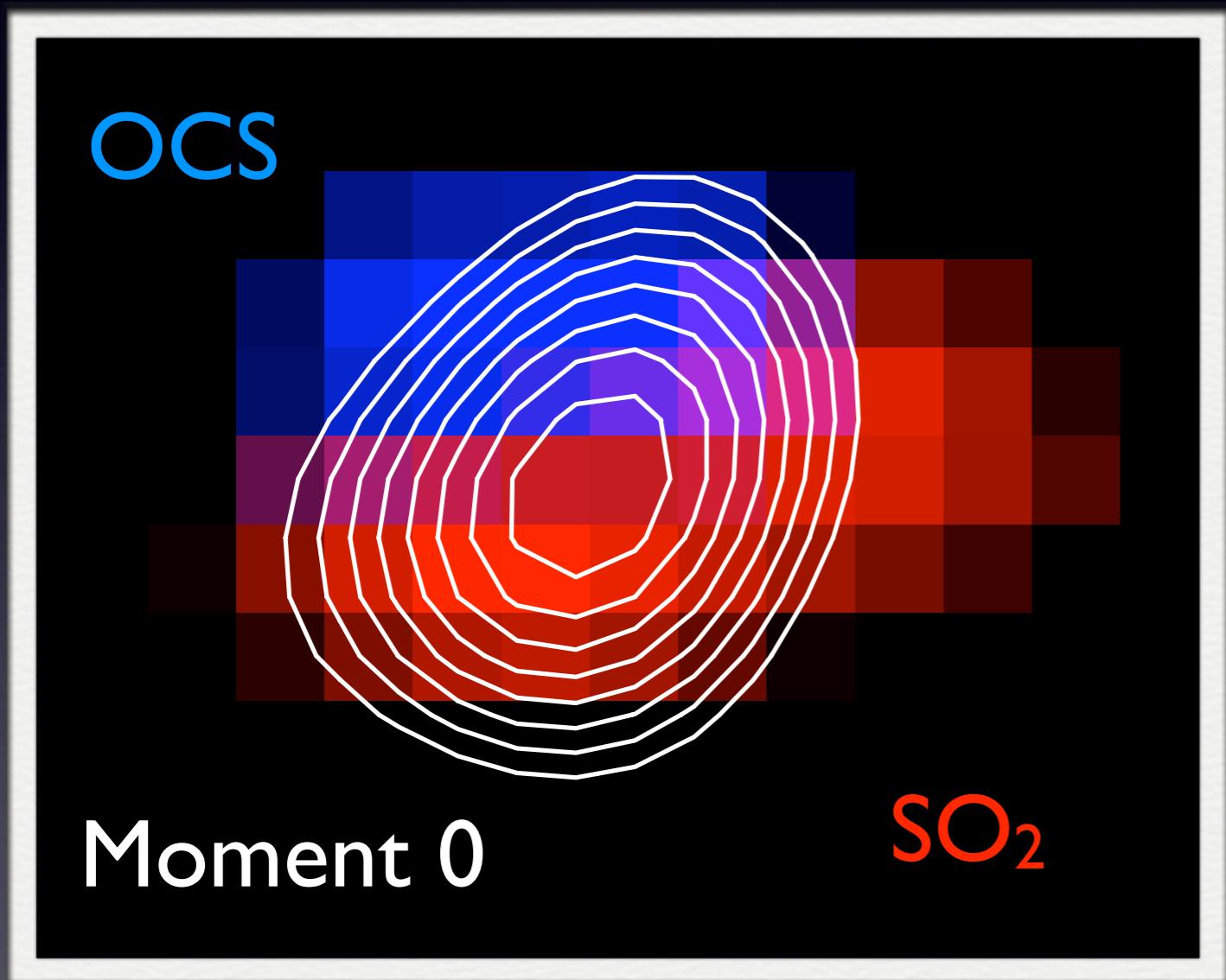
W51 - IRS2, e2 and e8



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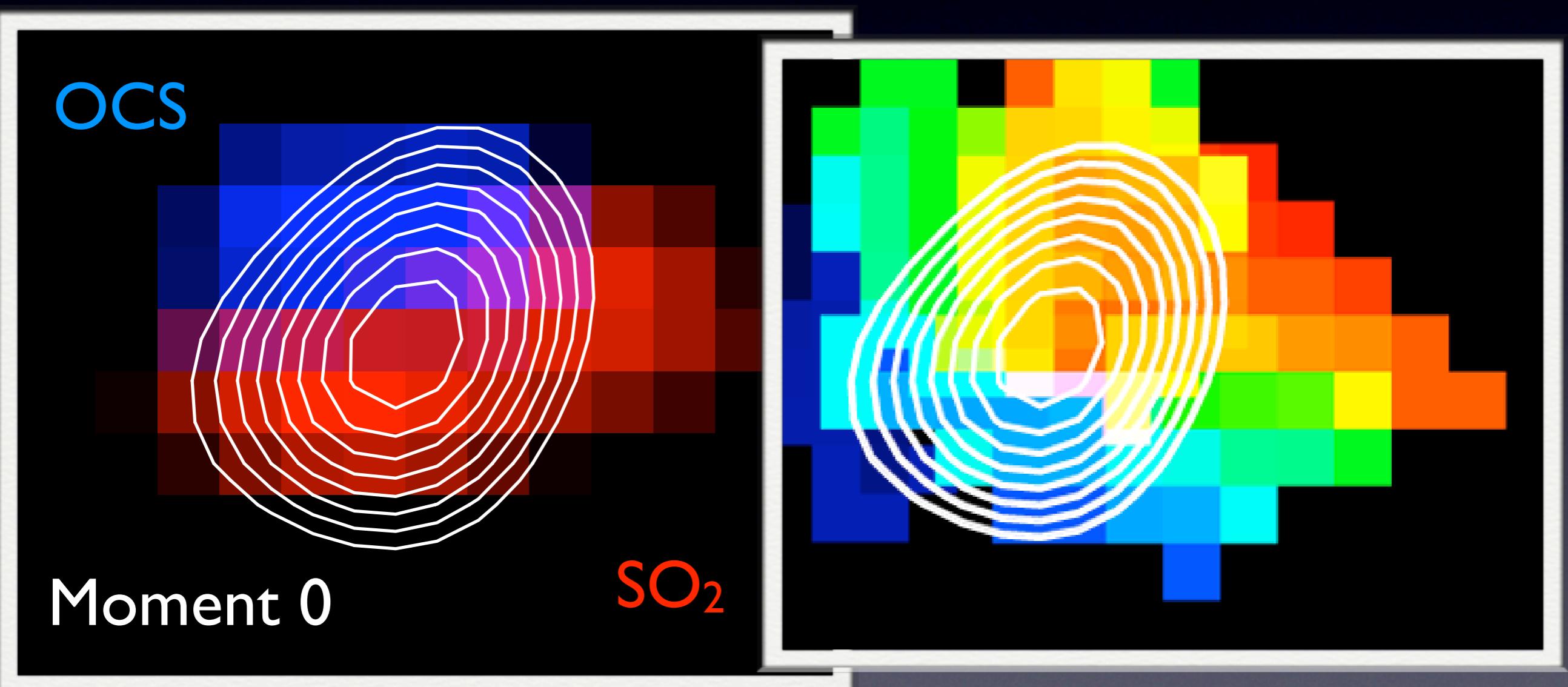


GI 0.6-0.4



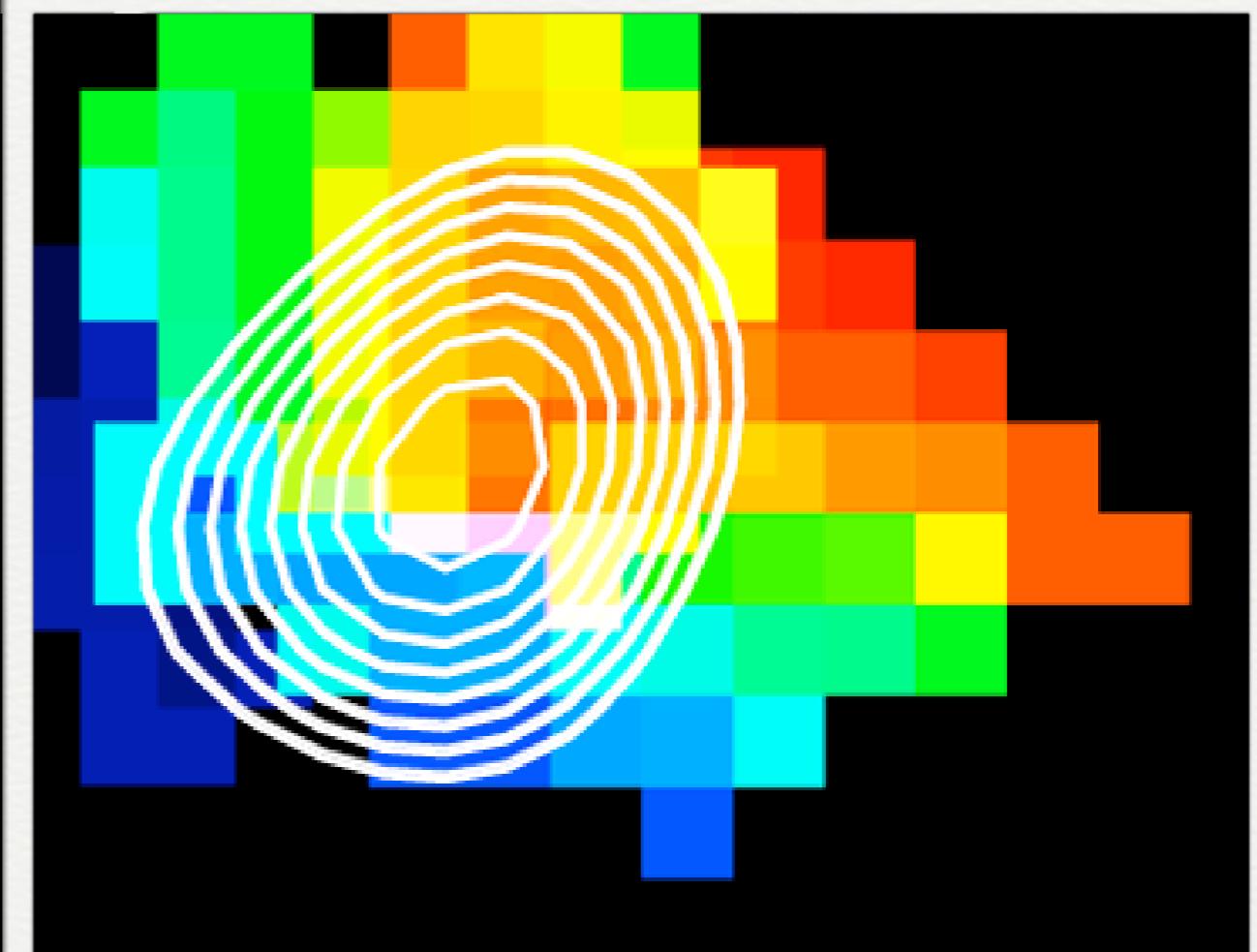
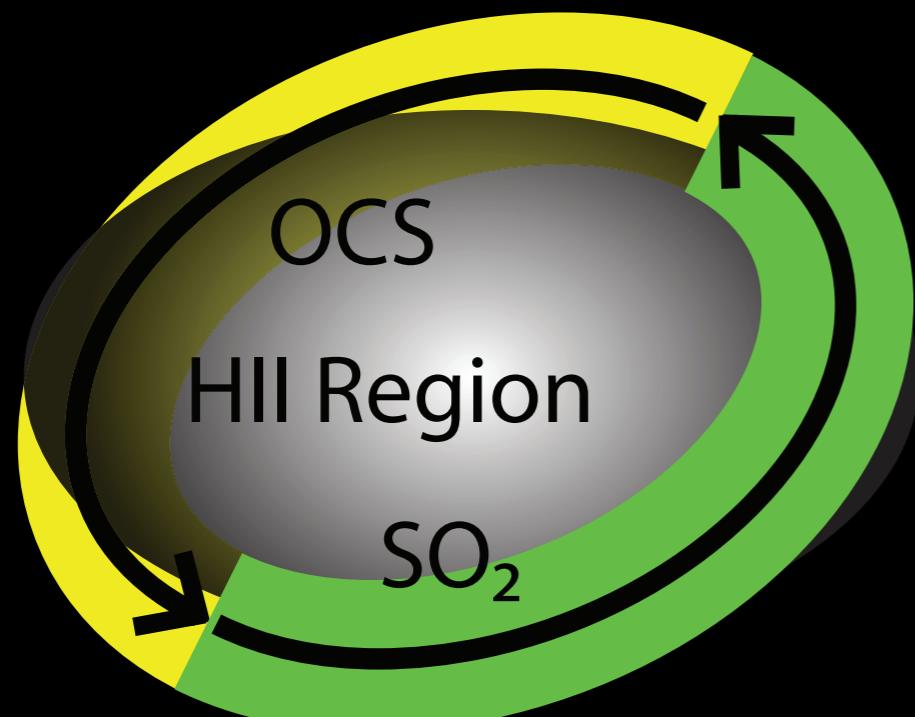
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Overlay of OCS and
SO₂ Moment I maps



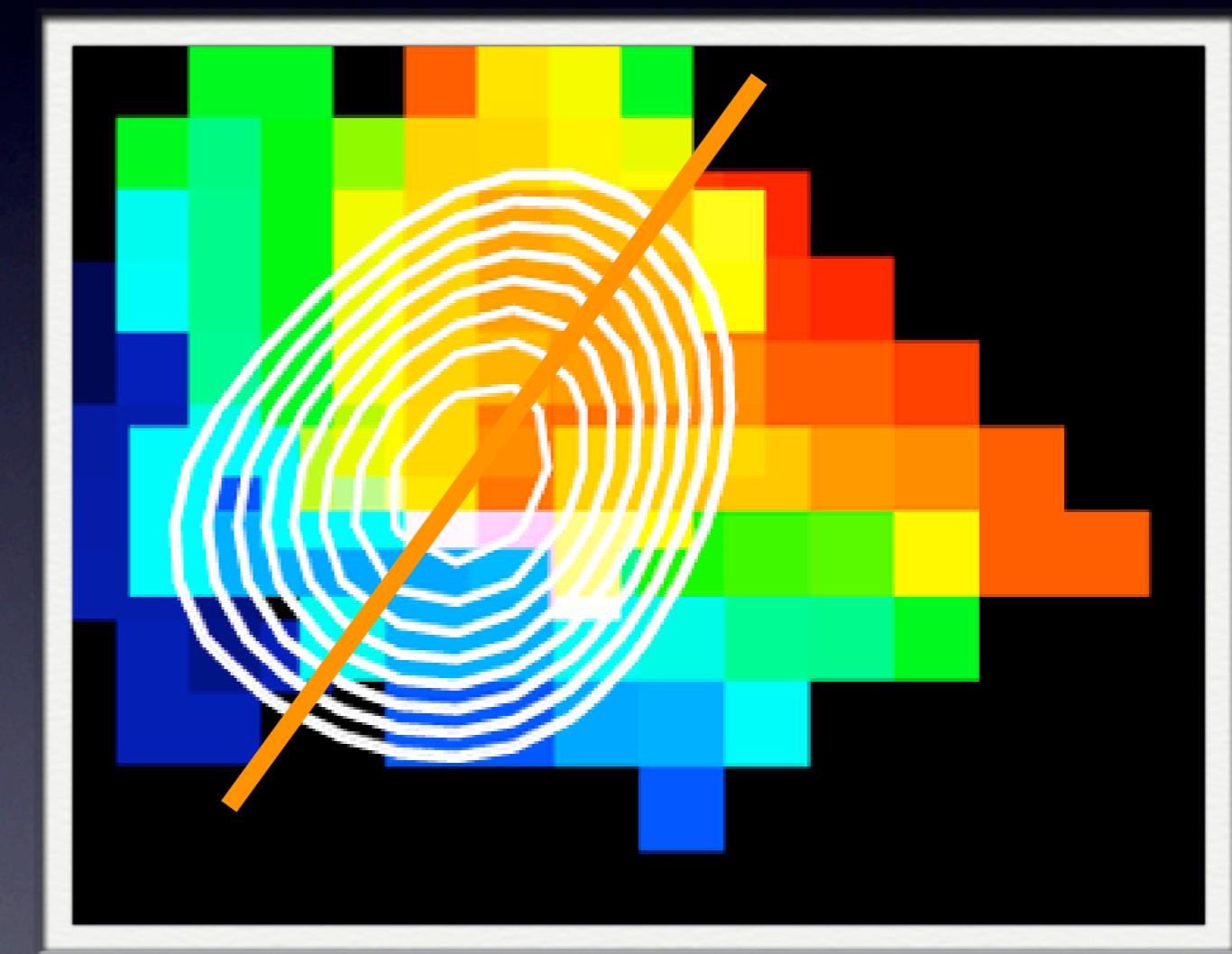
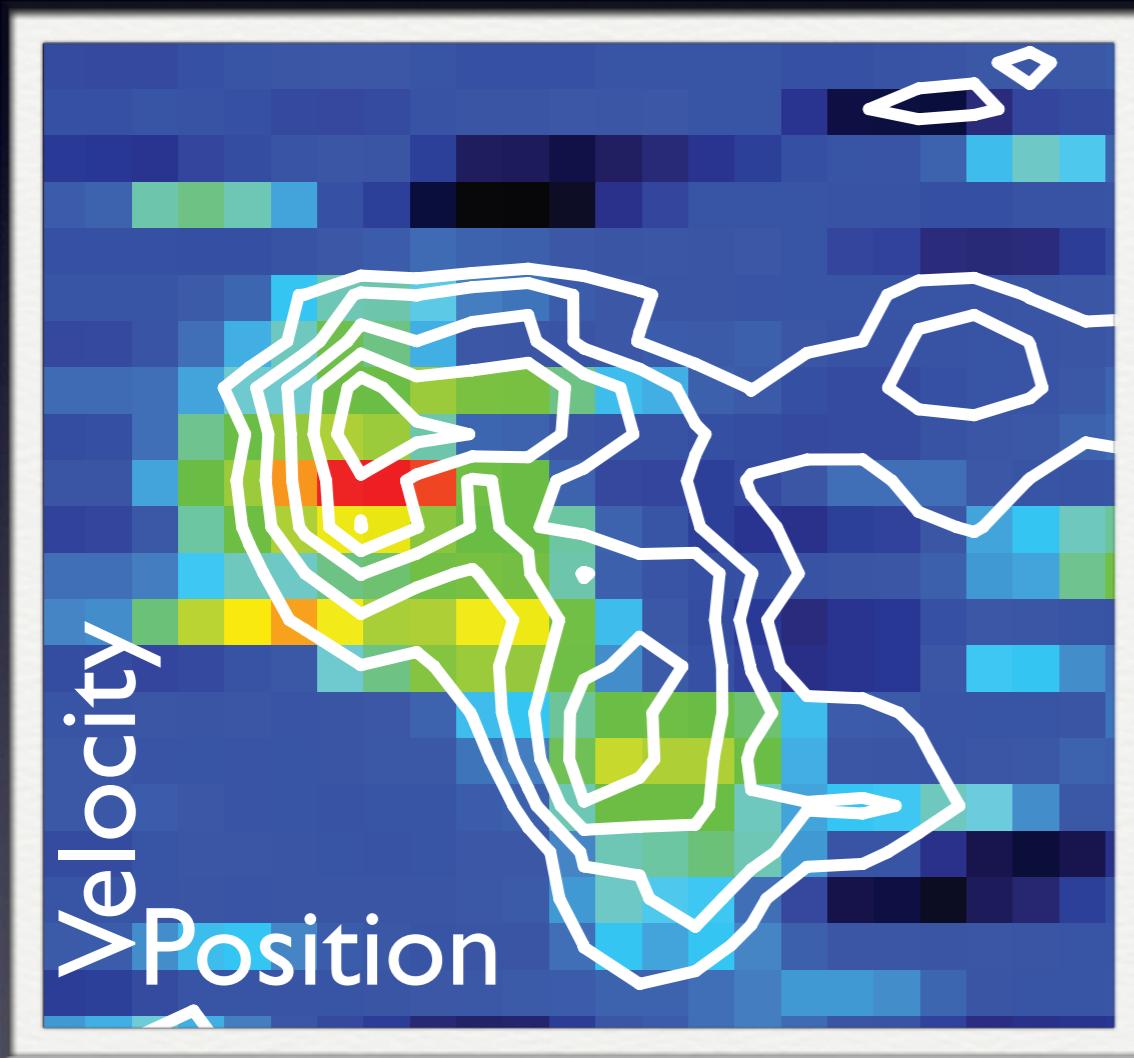
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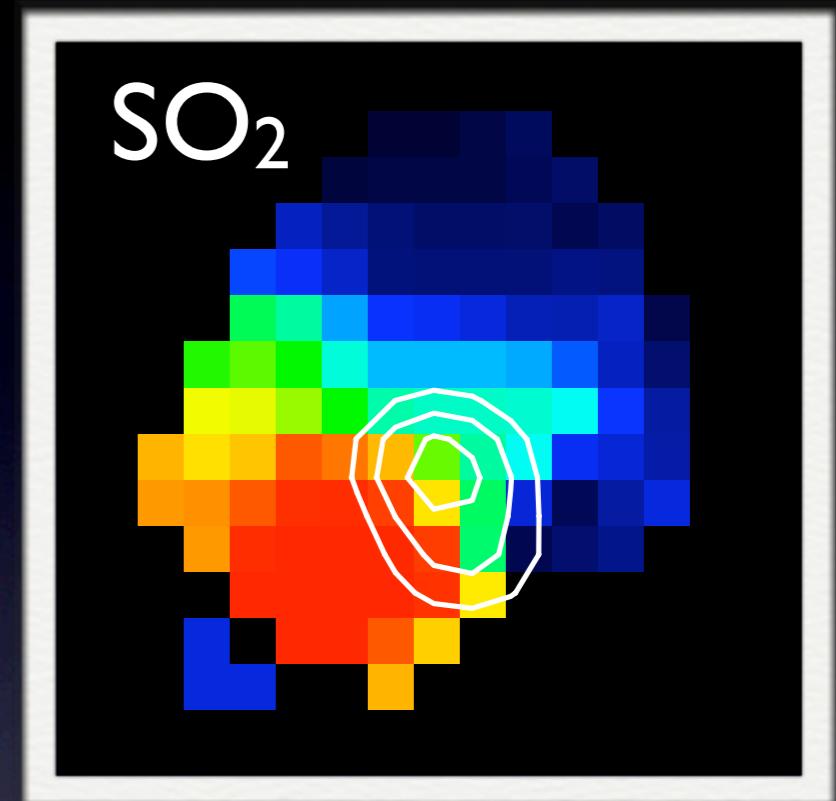
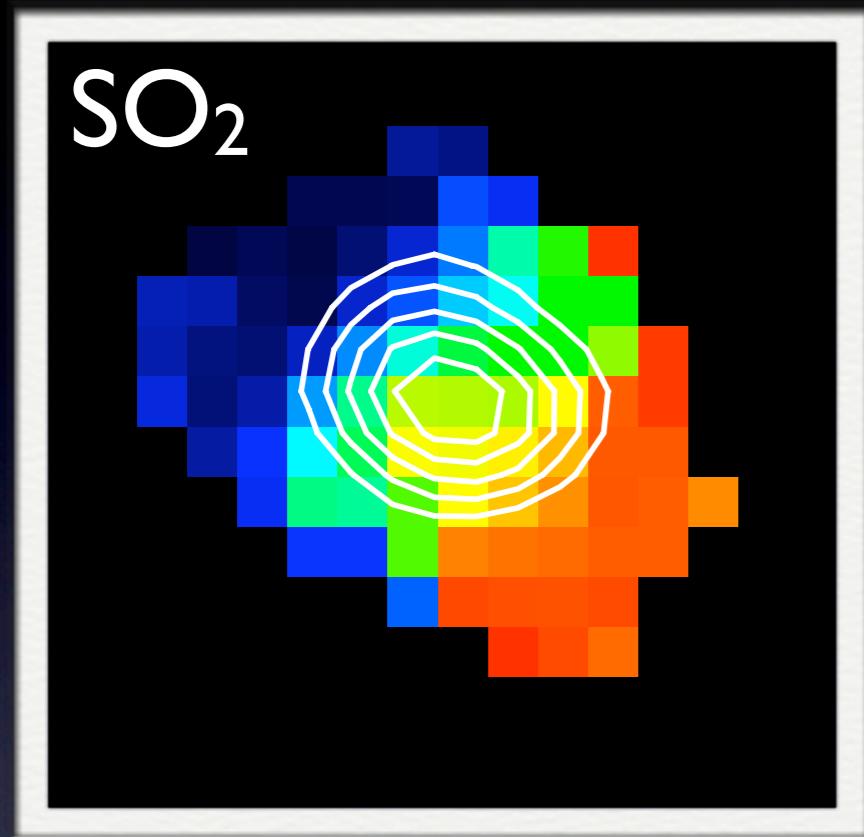


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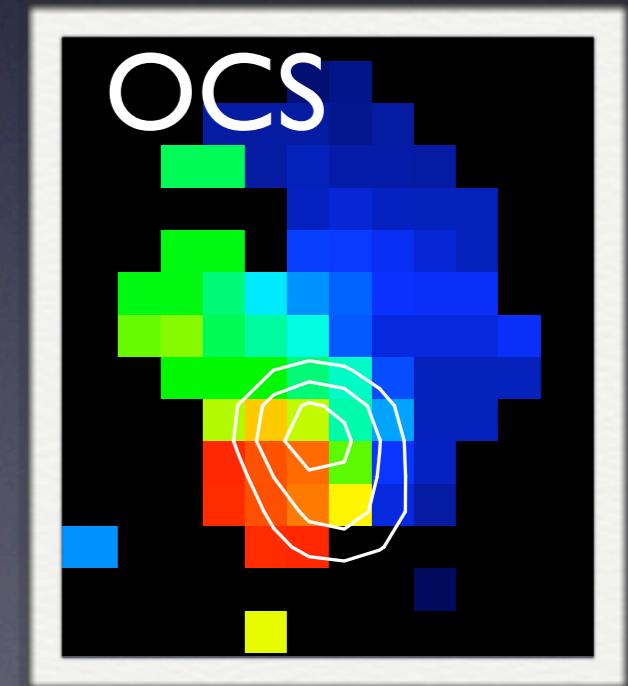
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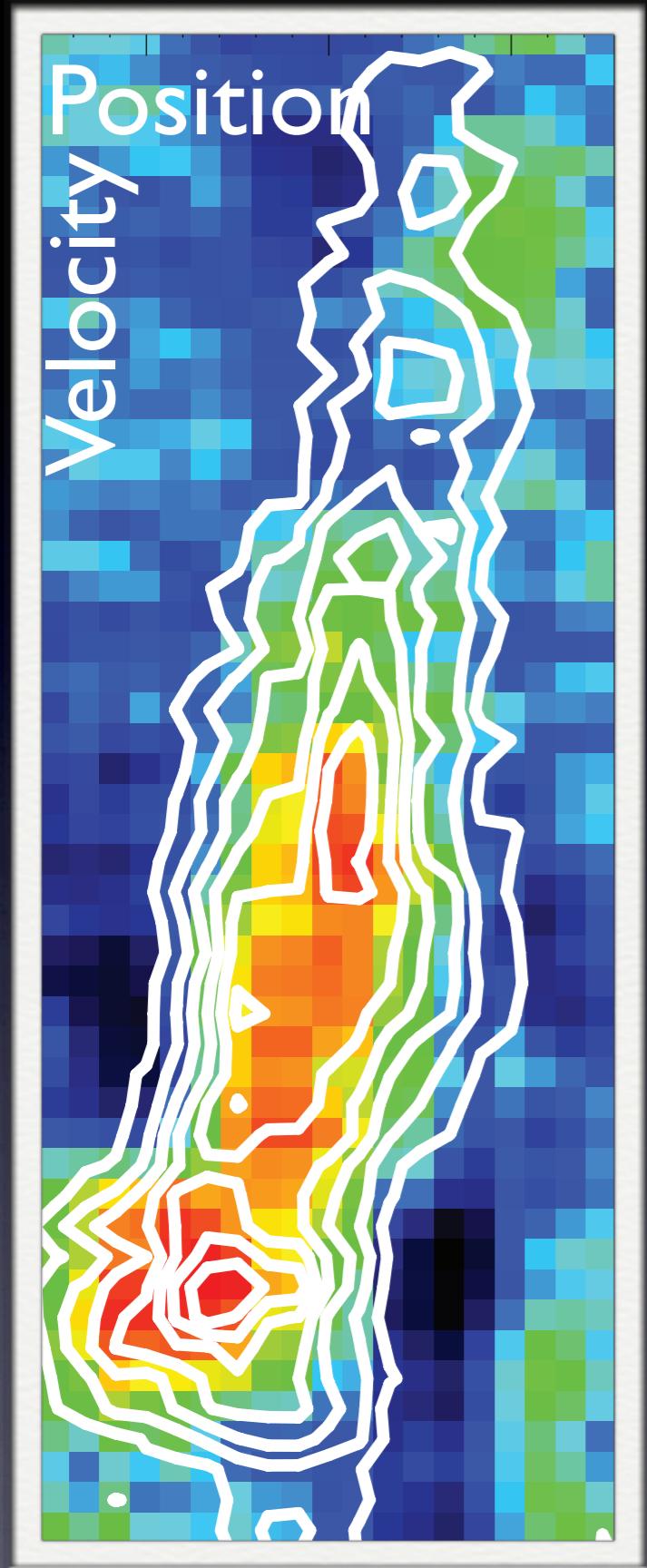


W51 e2 & e8



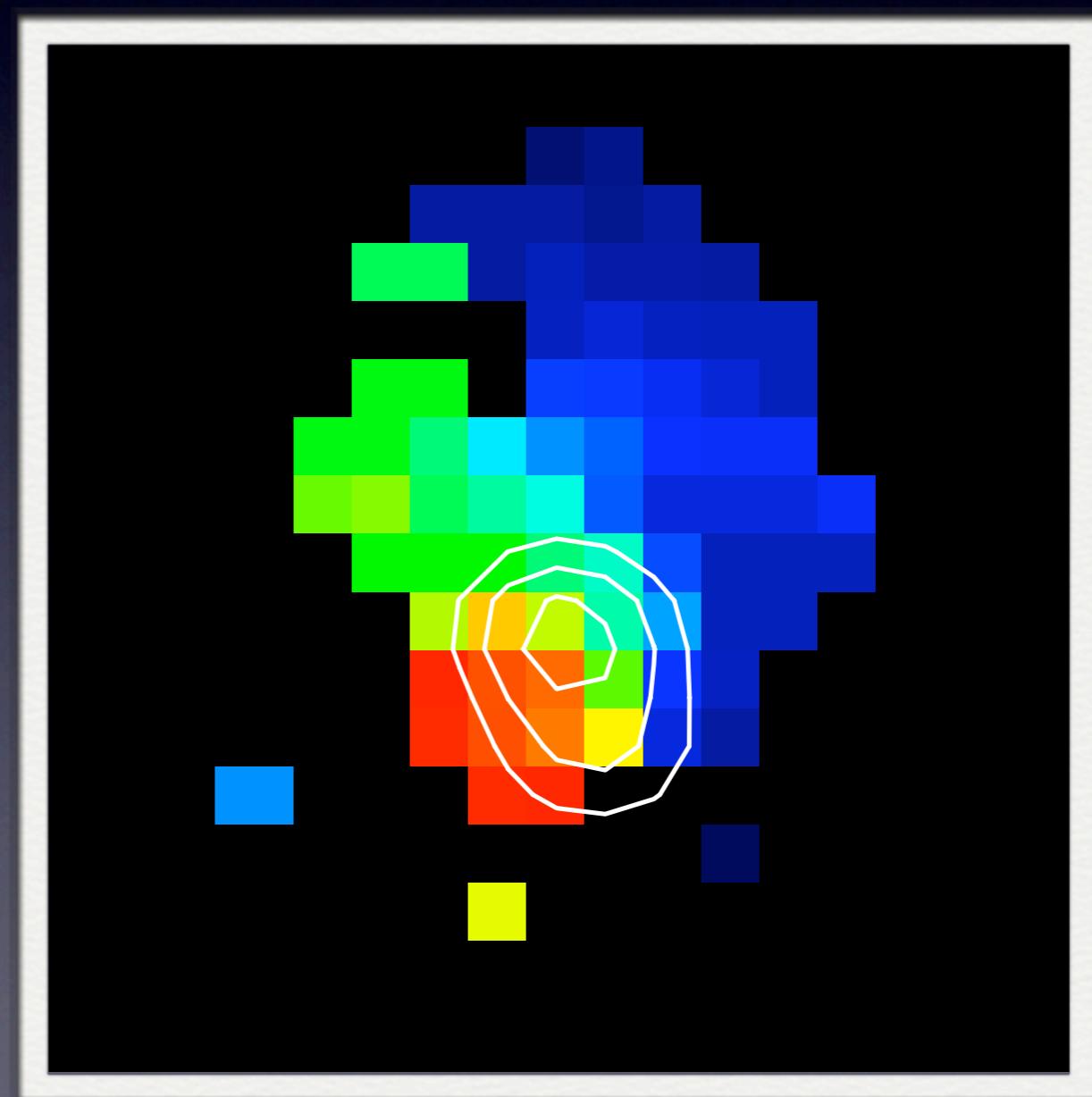
Rotation in the
molecular (and ionized)
gas in massive star
forming regions





W51e8

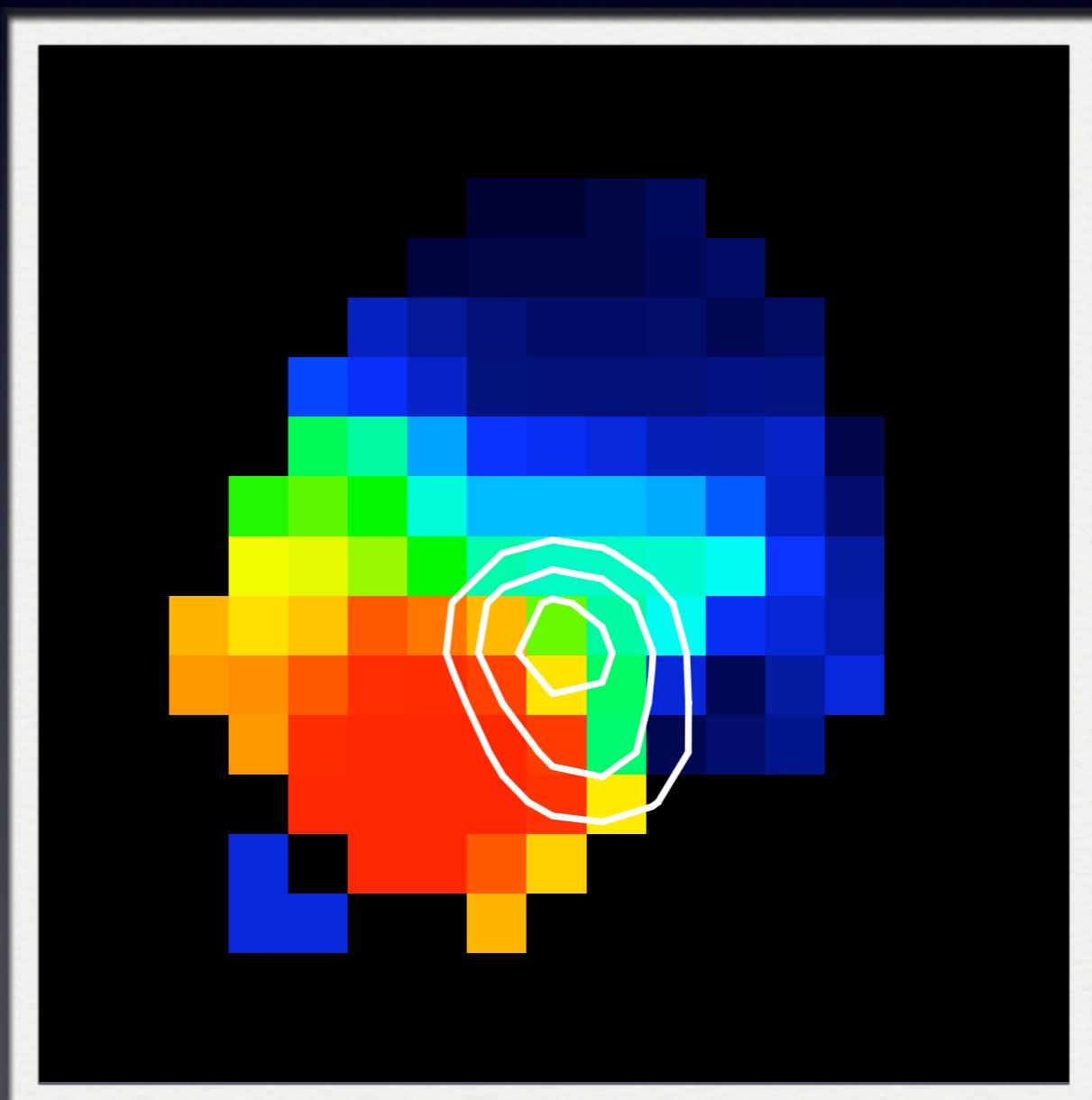
A **very** young HII region





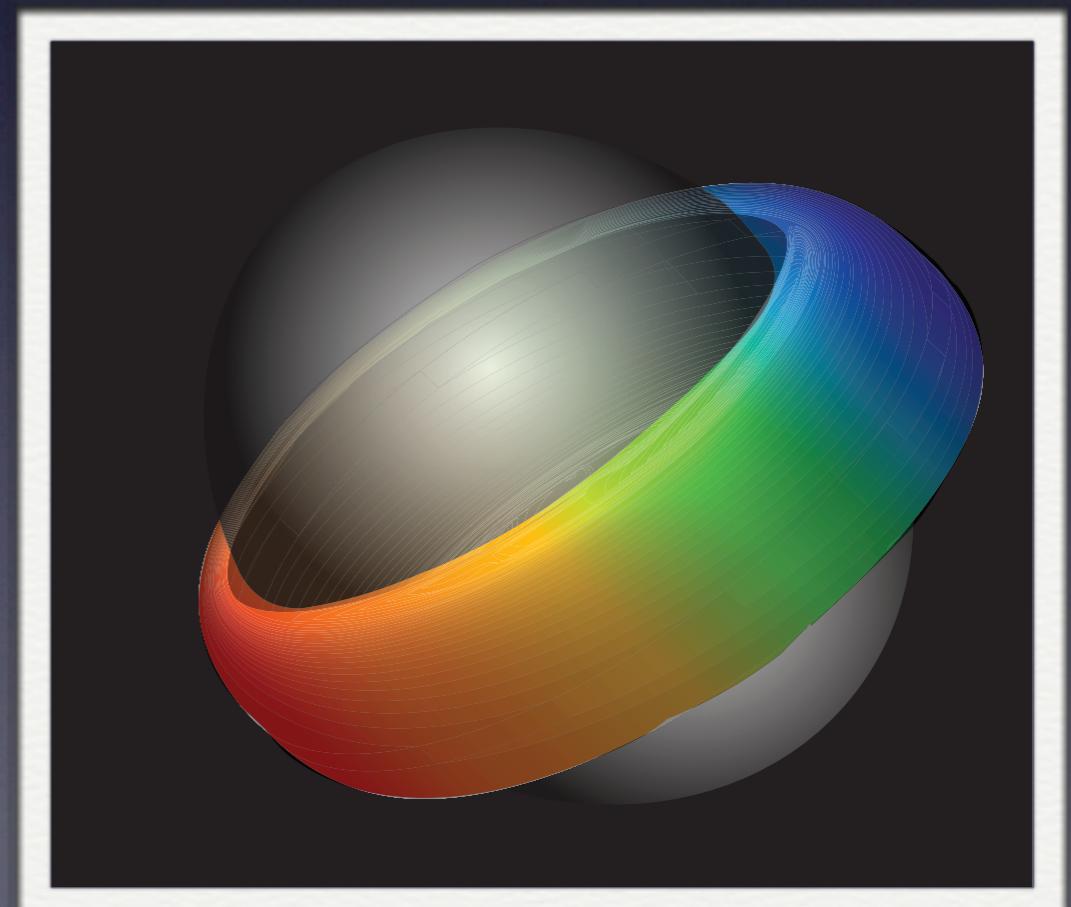
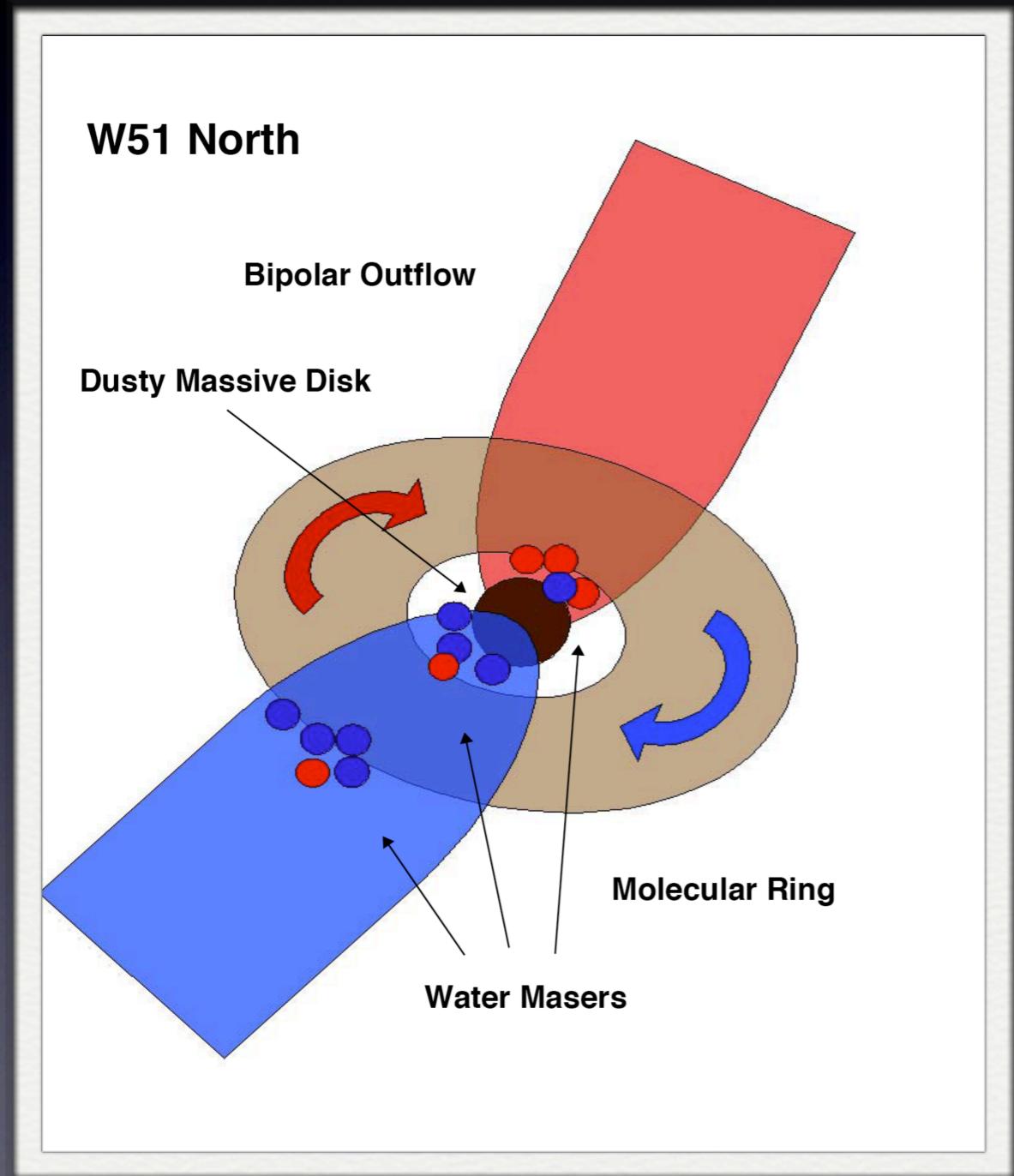
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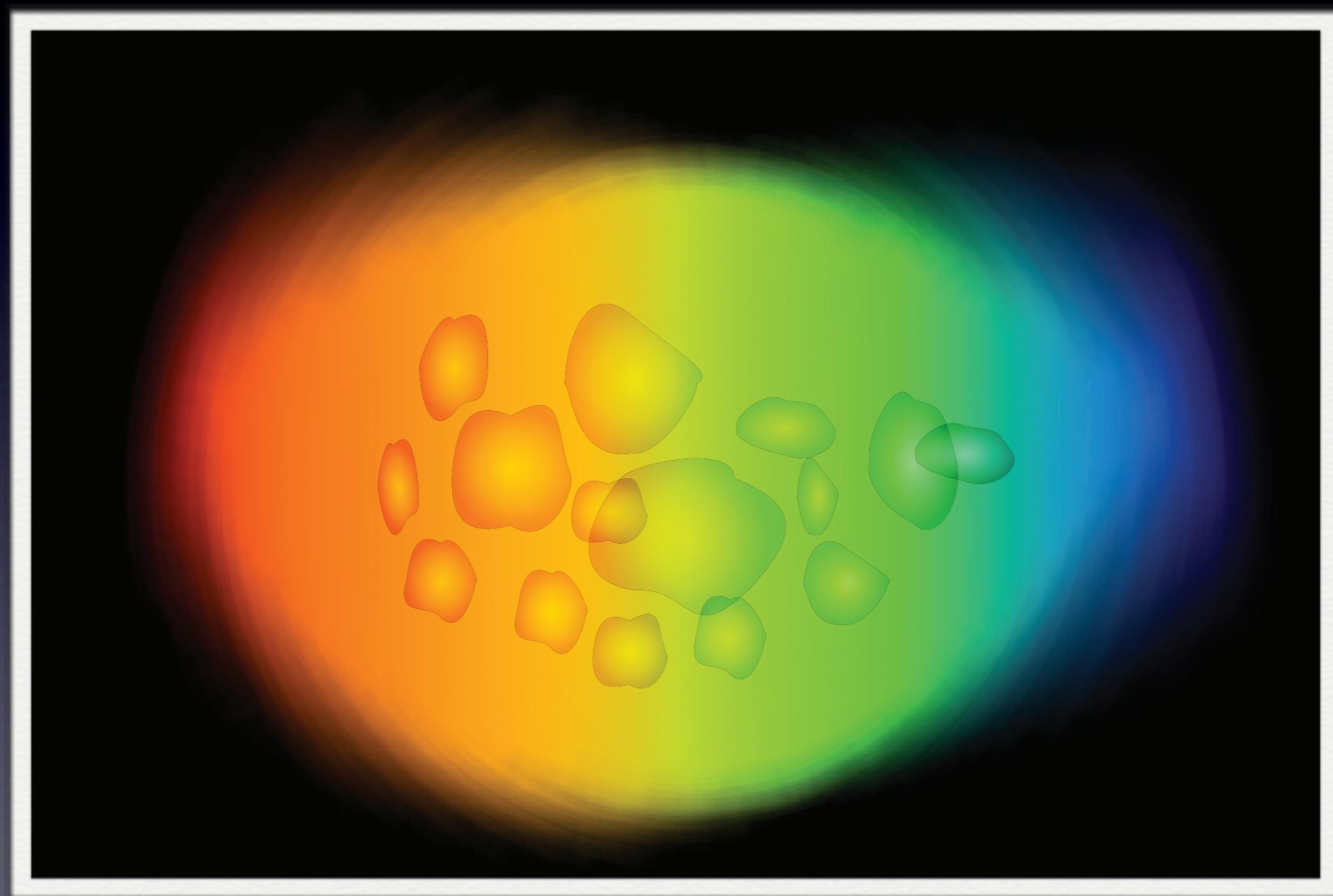


Molecular Rings

- What are they?
- Do they exist for the whole protostellar lifetime?
- Why can we only see one side in each molecule?



Predictions for ALMA



Dale, Glover, Clark, Klessen & Klaassen, in prep

Very Young HII Region

