

# An Movie of Accretion/Ejection of Material in a High-Mass Young Stellar Object in Orion BN/KL at Radii Comparable to the Solar System

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# High-Mass Star Formation: An Unsolved Problem

Addressing open questions: How do stars of  $\sim 10 M_{\odot}$  form?

- Mass Accretion Process (Disk-mediated or competitive accr.? Coalescence?)
- Acceleration and Collimation of (proto-)Stellar Outflows?
- Sizes/Structures of Disks? Role of Magnetic Fields?
- Physical Properties of the Disk/Outflow interface?
- Multiplicity and distribution of massive YSOs within protoclusters

Why is high-mass star formation poorly understood?

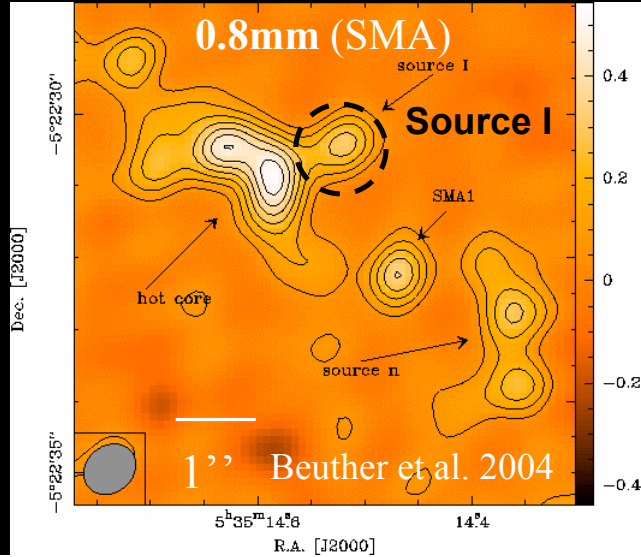
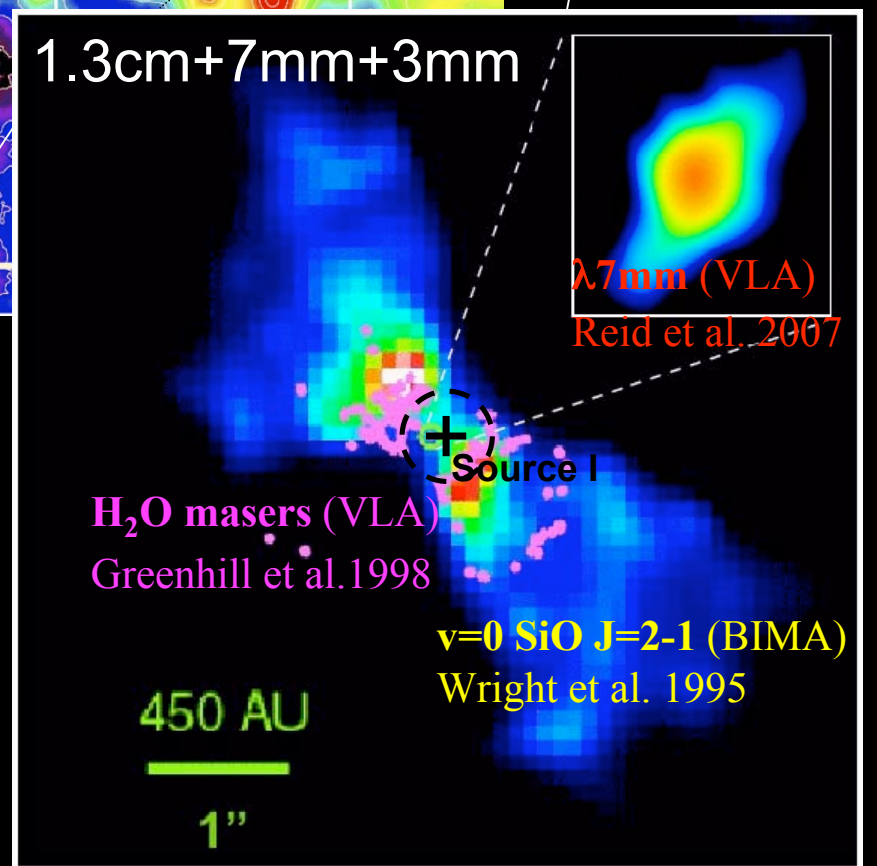
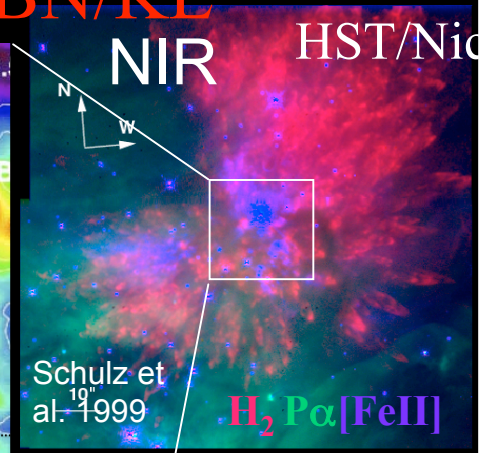
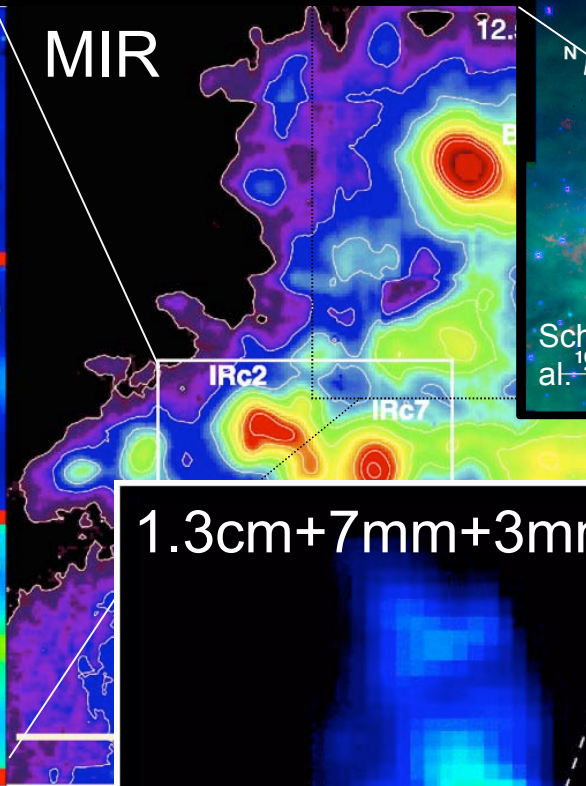
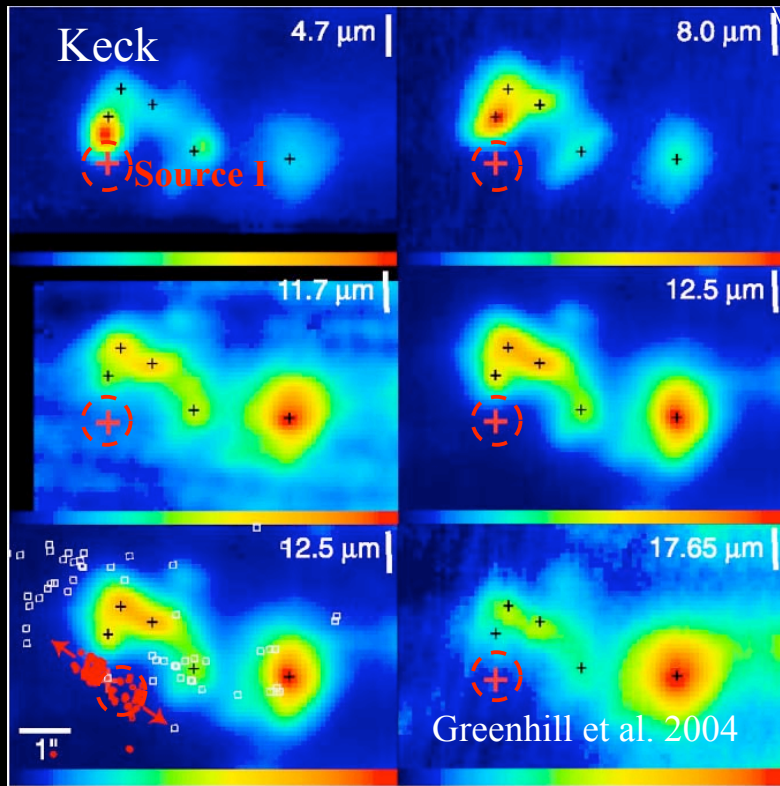
*Good examples of accreting massive YSOs are rare.*

- Declining IMF and Rapid evolution => Distance ( $> 500$  pc)
- Formation in clusters => Confusion/crowding
- High extinction => radio and mm-wavelengths
- Thermal tracers generally unable to probe inside 10-1000 AU from a massive YSO

## Talk Objective

Dynamics and physical conditions of circumstellar gas at radii 20-1000 AU from the high mass YSO Radio “Source I” in Orion BN/KL

# The case of Radio "Source I" in Orion BN/KL



# The KaLYPSO Project

A documentary of massive star formation: Probing the dynamical evolution of Orion Source I on 10-1000 AU scales using interferometric observations of molecular masers

## Observational Dataset

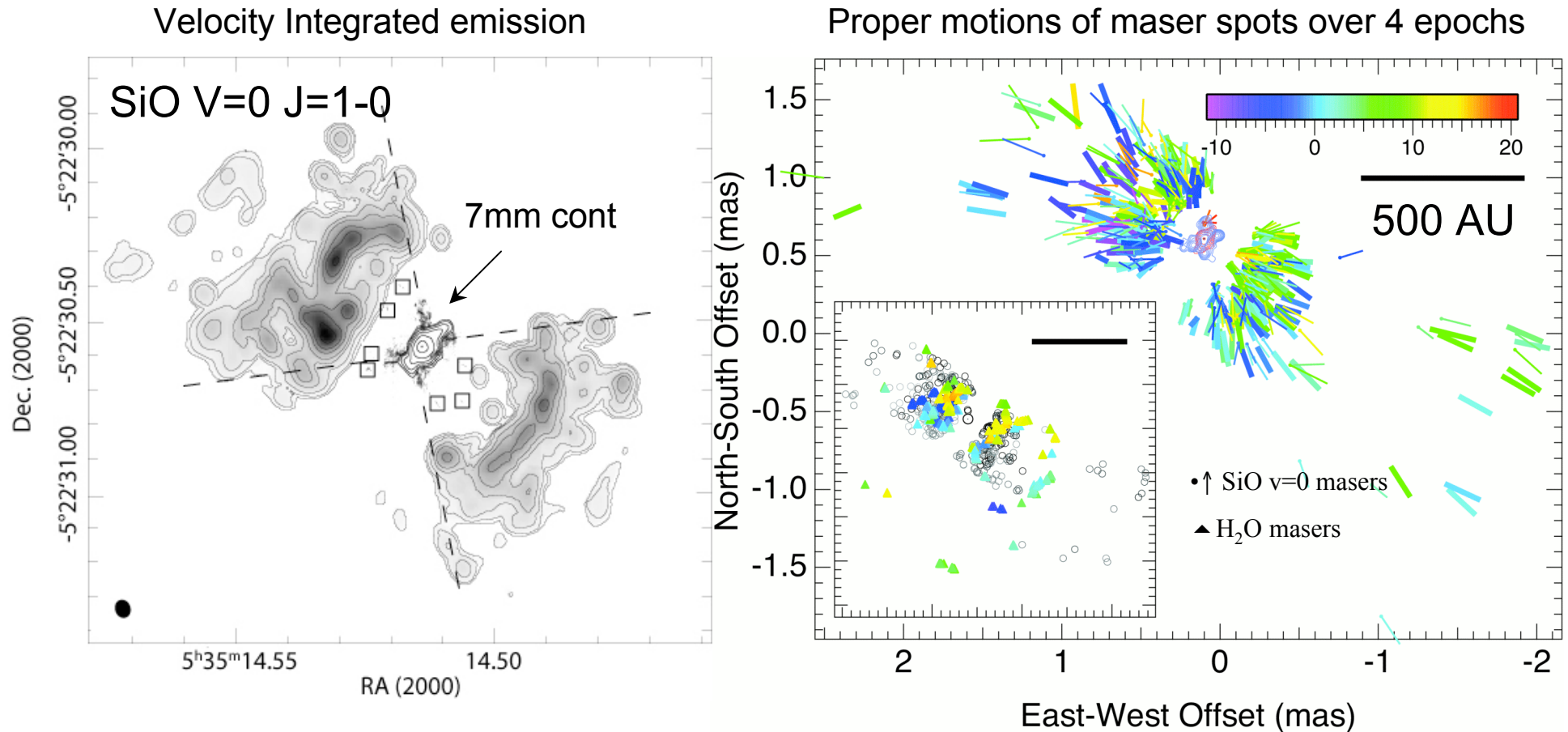
Transition	Instrument	Observations	Resolution
$^{28}\text{SiO}$ ( $\nu=1,2$ $J=1-0$ )	VLBA	40 epochs over 2001-03	0.1 AU
$^{28}\text{SiO}$ ( $\nu=0$ $J=1-0$ )	VLA	5 epochs in 10 yrs	25-100 AU
$^{29/30}\text{SiO}$ ( $\nu=0$ $J=1-0$ )	VLA	2 epochs sep. by 9 yrs	100 AU
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( $6_{16}-5_{23}$ )	VLA	3 epochs in 25 yrs	25 AU
7 mm continuum	VLA	3 epochs in 8 yrs	25 AU

## A multithreaded observational and modelling study of radio Source I:

- I. Mapping of the time-varying distribution of  $\sim 1000$  SiO maser spots at radii 10-100 AU ( $\nu=1,2$ ) and 100-1000 AU ( $\nu=0$ ) from source I
- II. A movie documenting the 3-D evolution of a disk/outflow “connection” within 100 AU from a massive protostar over 30% of the outflow crossing time
- III. 3-D dynamics of the circumstellar gas via measurements of proper motions of individual SiO  $\nu=0,1,2$  maser spots
- IV. Geometric, dynamical, and radiative transfer models of the molecular masing gas
- V. Dynamical Scenarios for BN/KL: proper motions of the radio continuum sources

# Radio “Source I” drives a “Low-Velocity” NE-SW outflow

## VLA maps of SiO V=0 J=1-0

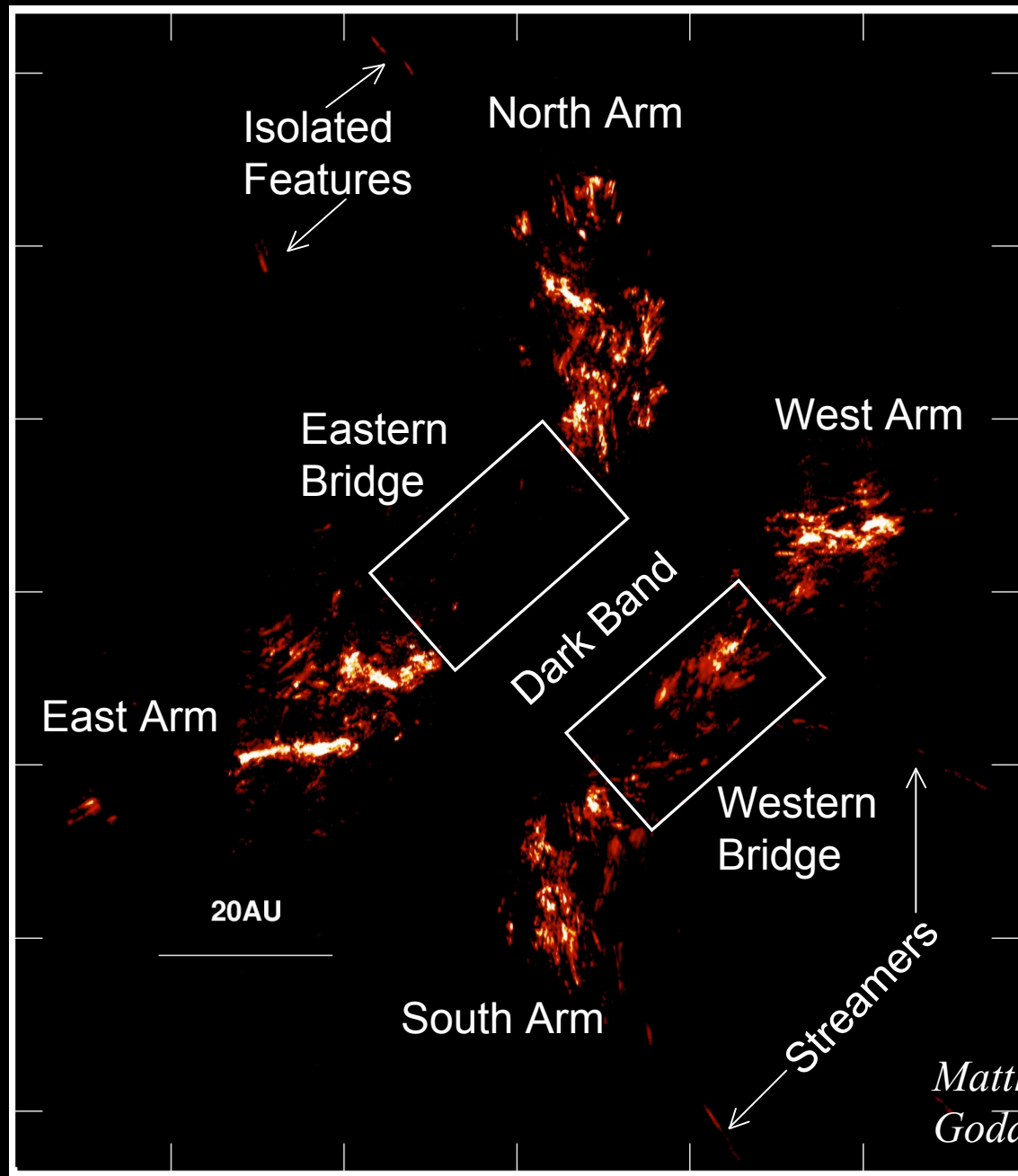


Outflow properties inferred from maser proper motions:

- Characteristic speed  $\sim 20$  km/s
- Size  $< 2000$  AU
- Dynamical crossing time  $< 500$  years
- Mass-loss rate  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$

Greenhill, Goddi, et al., in prep.

# Cumulative VLBA Moment 0 images of SiO ( $\nu=1,2$ ) masers over 2 years



R<100 AU

*Matthews, Greenhill,  
Goddi, et al. submitted*

Time-series of VLBA moment 0 images of SiO  $v=1,2$  masers over 2 years

Integrated  
Intensity

2001.21



$R < 100$  AU

20 AU

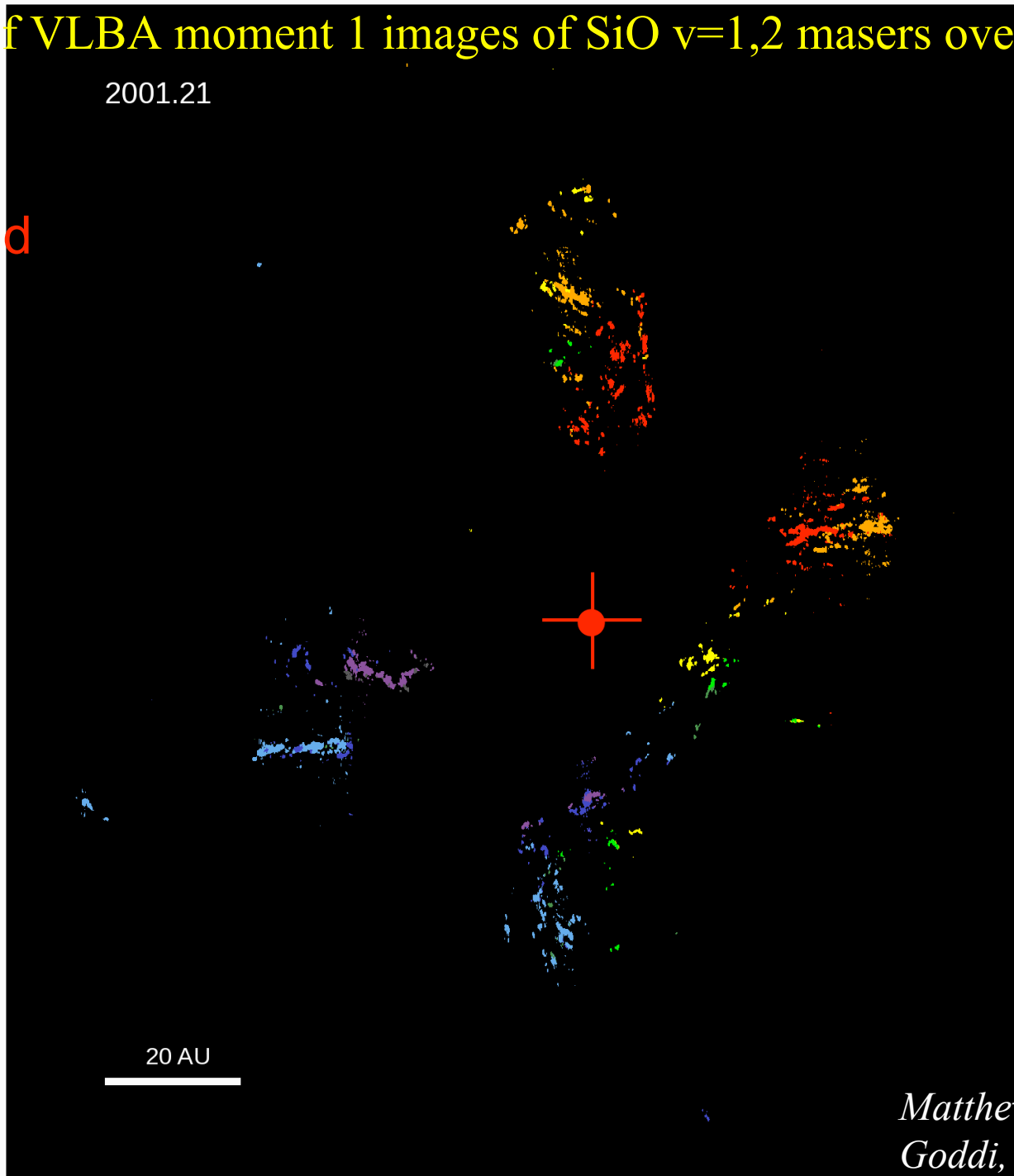
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Time-series of VLBA moment 1 images of SiO  $v=1,2$  masers over 2 years

LOS  
Velocity field

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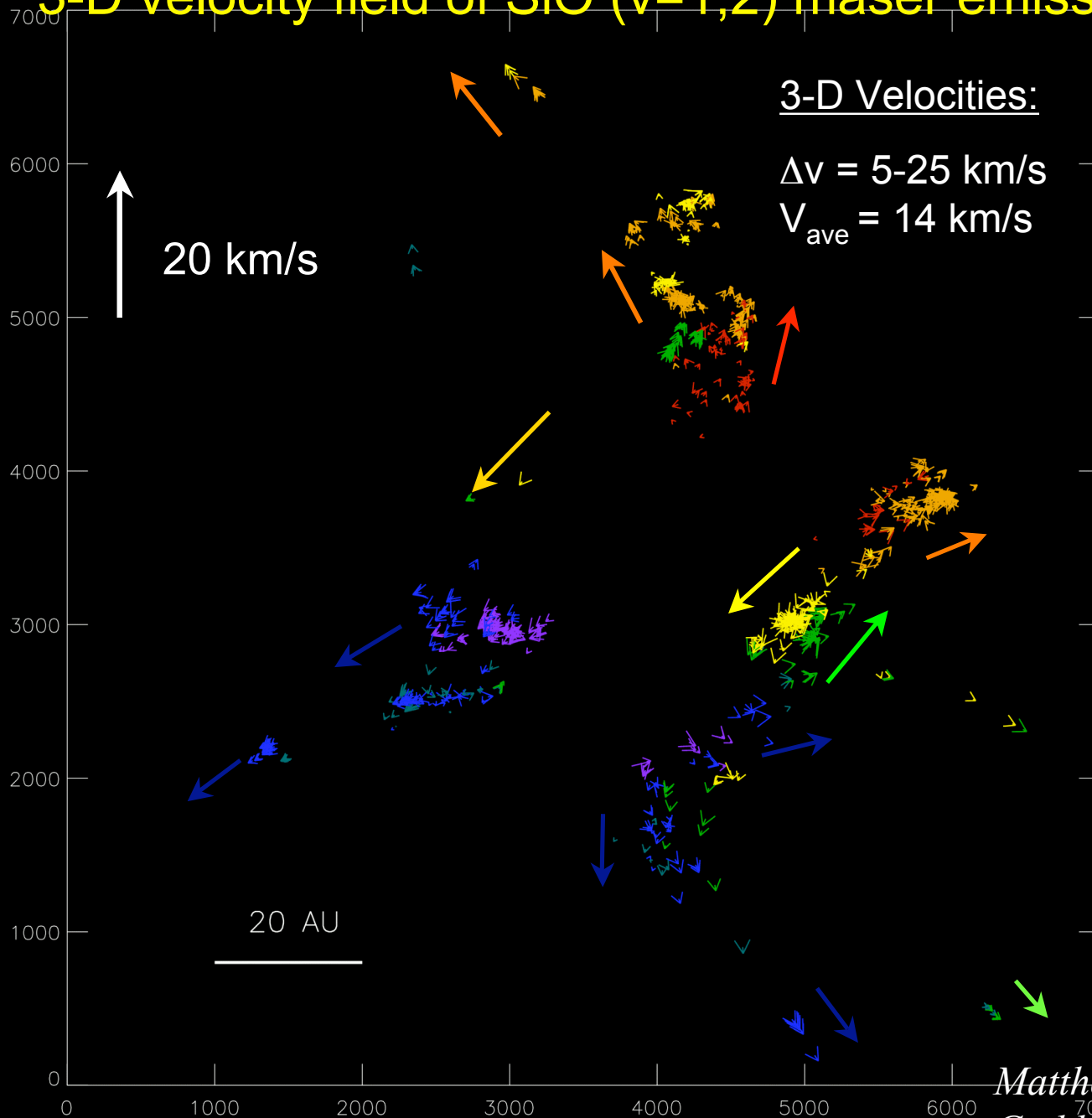
20 AU



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# 3-D velocity field of SiO ( $v=1,2$ ) maser emission



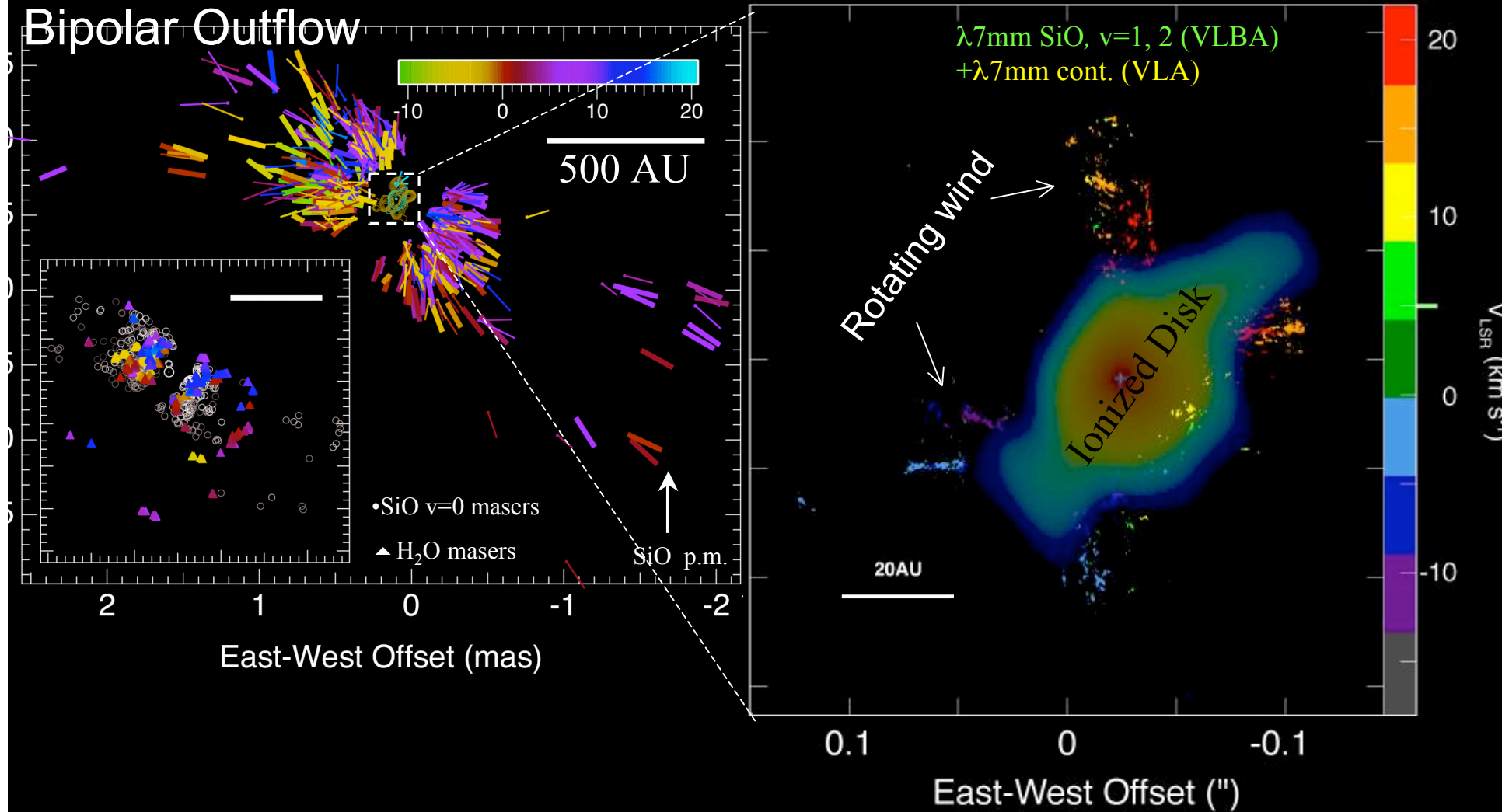
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# Distribution of molecular masers in Orion Source I

$R=100-1000 \text{ AU}$

$R=10-100 \text{ AU}$

Bipolar Outflow



Resolving an outflow launch/collimation region from a compact disk in a high-mass YSO => evidence of disk-mediated accretion

# Cartoon Model of the Source I disk/outflow

## The "boiling" disk in Source I

Region B: SiO  $v=0$

$T \sim 1000\text{K}$ ,  $n_{\text{H}_2} \sim 10^7\text{cm}^{-3}$

Region A: SiO  $v=1,2$   
 $T \sim 1500\text{K}$ ,  $n_{\text{H}_2} \sim 10^{10}\text{cm}^{-3}$

### ➤ Region A: $R < 100$ AU

Material is driven into a bipolar rotating funnel-like outflow from an edge-on disk

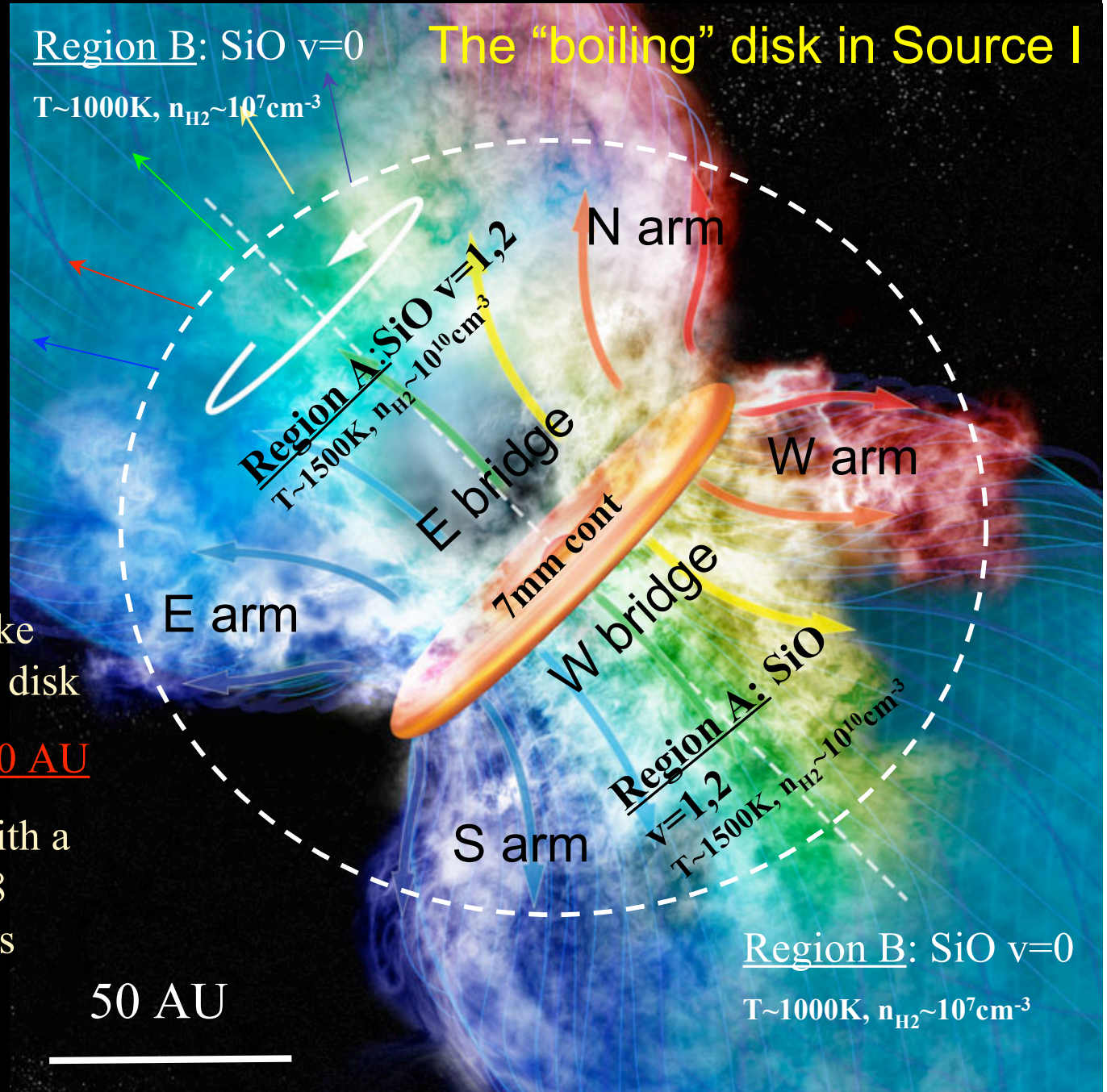
### ➤ Region B: $100 < R < 1000$ AU

Material is outflowing with a characteristic speed of 18 km/s along a NE-SW axis

50 AU

Region B: SiO  $v=0$

$T \sim 1000\text{K}$ ,  $n_{\text{H}_2} \sim 10^7\text{cm}^{-3}$



# Summary

- Bipolar, wide-angle outflow along a NE-SW axis at radii 100-1000 AU
  - $T_{\text{dyn}} \sim 300 \text{ yr}$  for  $R = 1000 \text{ AU}$ ;  $dM_{\text{out}}/dt \sim 5 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$
- Organized accretion/outflow structure inside  $\sim 100 \text{ AU}$ 
  - Bipolar, funnel-like wind in rotation ( $T_{\text{dyn}} \sim 20 \text{ yr}$  for  $R = 0-70 \text{ AU}$ )
  - Rotating and expanding disk ( $T_{\text{rot}} \sim 30 \text{ yr}$  for  $R \sim 40 \text{ AU}$ )

⇒ Good example of disk-mediated accretion in massive YSOs
- Source I is the best massive YSO known for testing how inflowing material is collimated to form an outflow
  - Photoionized wind? (e.g., Hollenbach et al. 1995)
  - Equatorial line-driven wind? (e.g., Drew et al. 1998)
  - Equatorial wind driven by dust-mediated radiation pressure? (Elitzur 1982)
  - MHD disk wind? (e.g., Pudritz et al. 2007)

# The Mass of Source I

The masing gas is not in purely Keplerian rotation, e.g. radiative and/or magnetic forces act against gravity (outward motions)

*=> Only a lower limit to the mass can be estimated :*

1. Keplerian rotation (bridge):  $R=35 \text{ AU}, V_{3D}=14 \text{ km/s}$   
 $|V_{\text{bridge}}|^2 \sim 2GM_*/R \Rightarrow M_* > 7 M_{\odot}$
2. Wind at the escape velocity (arms):  $R=25 \text{ AU}, V_{3D}=16 \text{ km/s}$   
 $|V_{\text{arm}}|^2 \sim 2GM_*/R \Rightarrow M_* > 7 M_{\odot}$
3. 7mm continuum luminosity (HII region):  $L_* \sim 10^4 L_{\odot}$   
 $\Rightarrow M_* \sim 10 M_{\odot}$

Most probably Source I has a mass in the range **7-10  $M_{\odot}$**

# Candidate physical mechanisms driving the disk-wind

- **Disk Photoionization** (Hollenbach et al. 1994)

For  $M_* \sim 8 M_\odot$ , an *ionized* wind is set *beyond* the radius of the masers

- **Line-Driven winds** (Drew et al. 1998):

$v_w \geq 400$  km/s,  $\rho_w \ll 10^{-14}$  g cm $^{-3}$  inconsistent with  $v_{\text{mas}} < 30$  km/s,  $\rho_{\text{mas}} > 10^{-14}$  g cm $^{-3}$

- **Dust-mediated radiation pressure** (Elitzur 1982):

Dust and gas are mixed at  $R < 100$  AU:  $L_{\text{mod}} = 10^5 L_\odot$ ,  $\dot{M}_{\text{mod}} = 10^{-3} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$

Inconsistent with:  $L_{\text{obs}} \leq 10^4 L_\odot$ ,  $\dot{M}_{\text{obs}} = 10^{-5} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ,  $T_{\text{gas}} \sim 2000$  K

- **MHD disk-winds** (Konigl & Pudritz 2000):

Maser features are detected along curved and helical filaments

=> Magnetic fields may play a role in launching and shaping the wind

## Radiative transfer analysis of SiO maser emission

From a (constrained) LVG model with both radiative and collisional pumping

Species	$n_{\text{H}_2}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )	T (K)	R (AU)
$^{28}\text{SiO } v=0$	$< 10^7$	$< 1200$	$> 100$
$^{28}\text{SiO } v=1$	$10^8 - 10^{10}$	$> 1500$	$< 100$
$^{28}\text{SiO } v=2$	$10^9 - 10^{11}$	$> 2000$	$< 100$
$^{29}\text{SiO}/^{30}\text{SiO } v=0$	$10^8 - 10^{11}$	$> 1500$	$< 100$

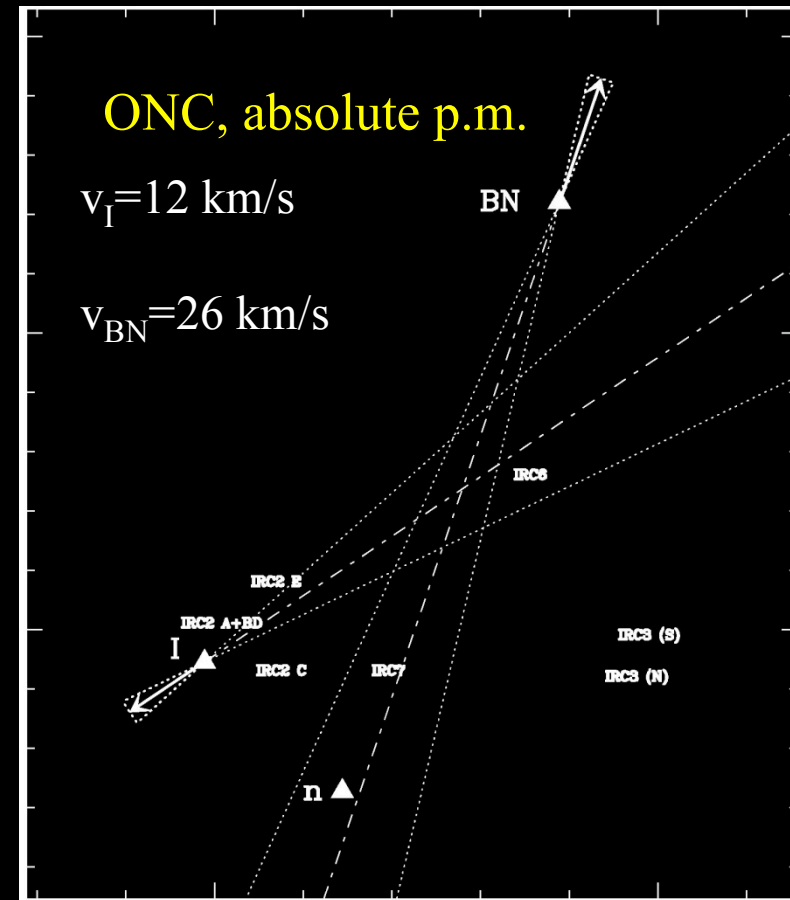
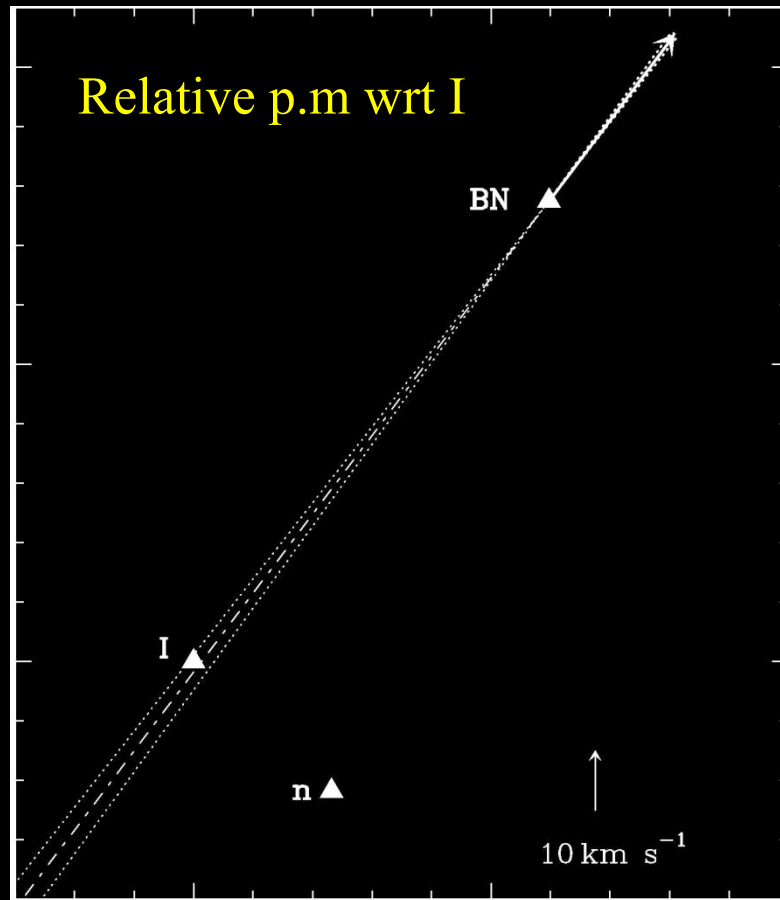
*Doel et al. 1995*

*Goddi et al. 2009*

Different maser species/transitions trace different portions of the molecular gas around Source I

Effects of maser saturation and line overlap will be included in a future paper (Humphreys et al. In prep.)

## Dynamical interaction in BN/KL: Proper Motions of Source I and BN ( $\lambda 7\text{mm}$ cont. VLA)



**500 years ago BN and I might have been as close as 50-100 AU**

I. The large motions of BN and I are the results of a triple-system decay 500 yrs ago

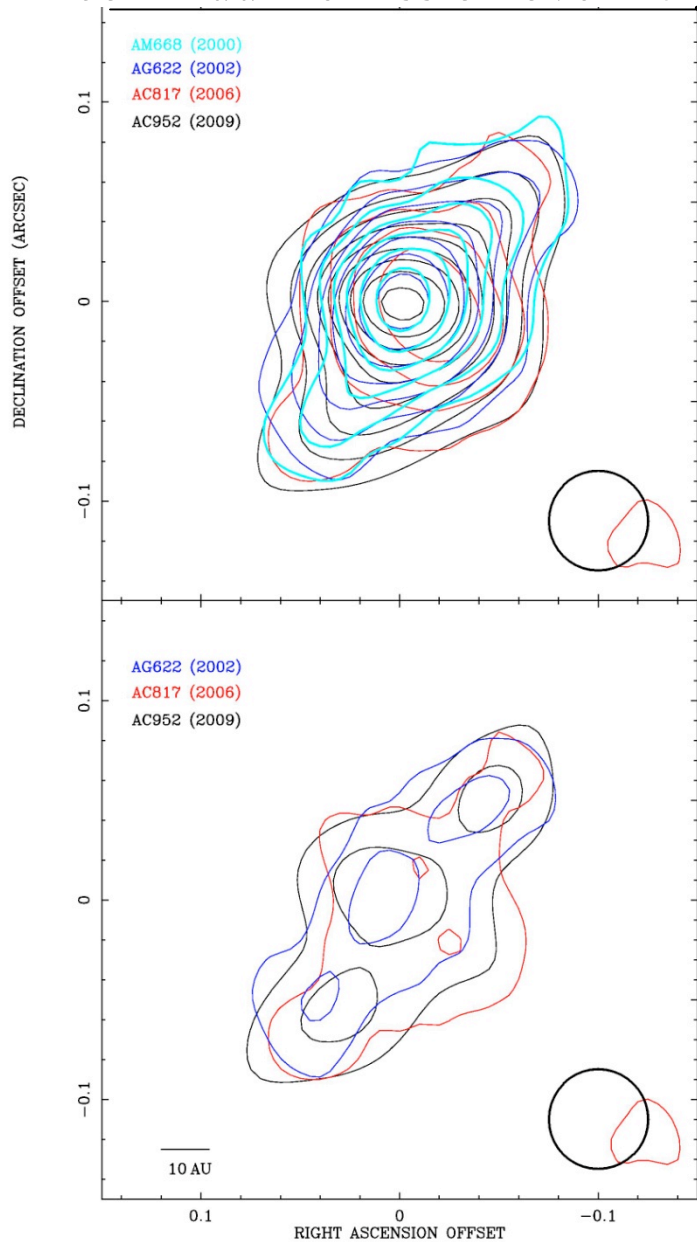
II. An entire protocluster decayed ejecting the radio and IR sources in BN/KL

*Goddi et al. in prep.; see also Rodriguez et al. 2005 and Gomez et al. 2008*

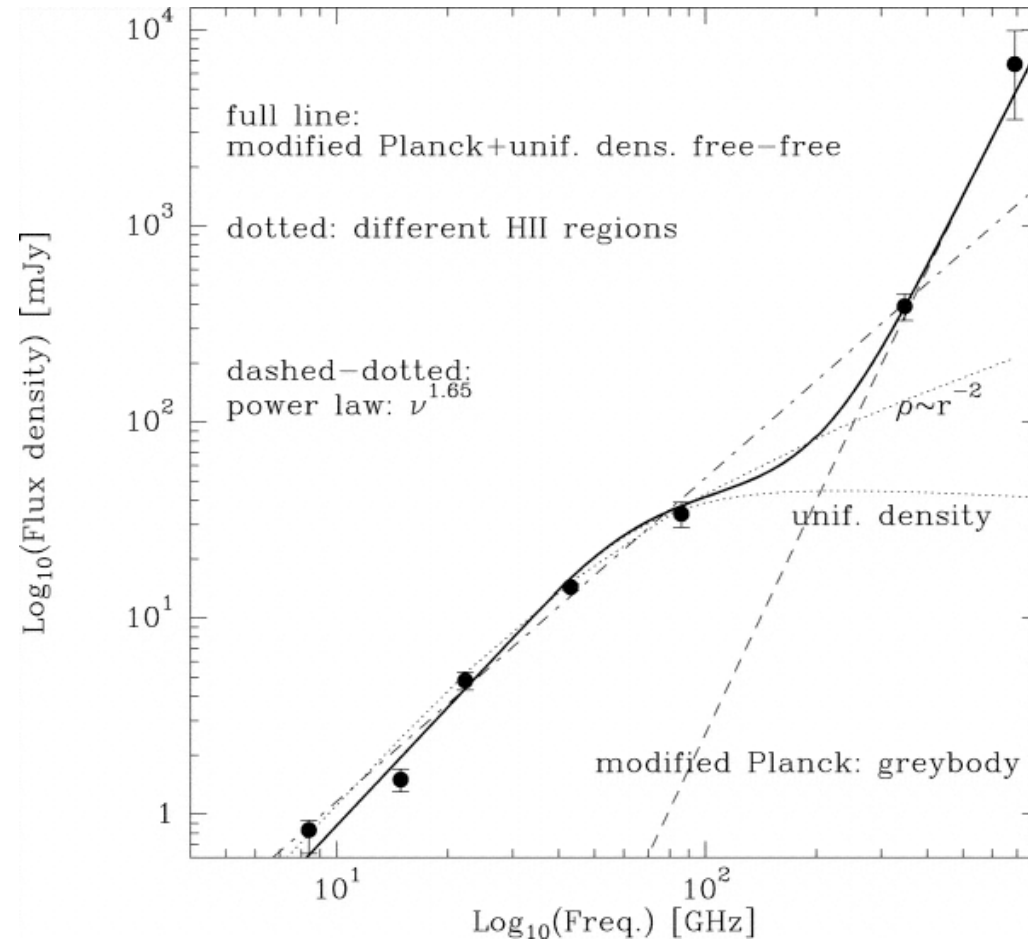


# Morphological evolution of the 7mm

continuum emission over 10 years



SED from 8.4 to 690 GHz



# Morphological evolution of individual maser features over 2 yrs

