

New morphologies of 6.7 GHz methanol masers

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Introduction:

Methanol maser emission at 6668.518 MHz:

- 1) traces the early stages of massive star formation,**
- 2) probes the environment at small scales (~ 5 AU)
very close to the protostar (~ 1000 AU),**
- 3) shows different morphologies.**

**Our aim: To image the homogeneous sample of
31 masers discovered in Torun blind survey and
positioned with MERLIN (Cm-Mk) and find out
where and when the emission arises
(increased sensitivity at EVN).**

Observations: phase-referenced, bandwidth 2MHz,
33 maser sites (+2 - Walsh et al. 1998, Beuther et al. 2002)

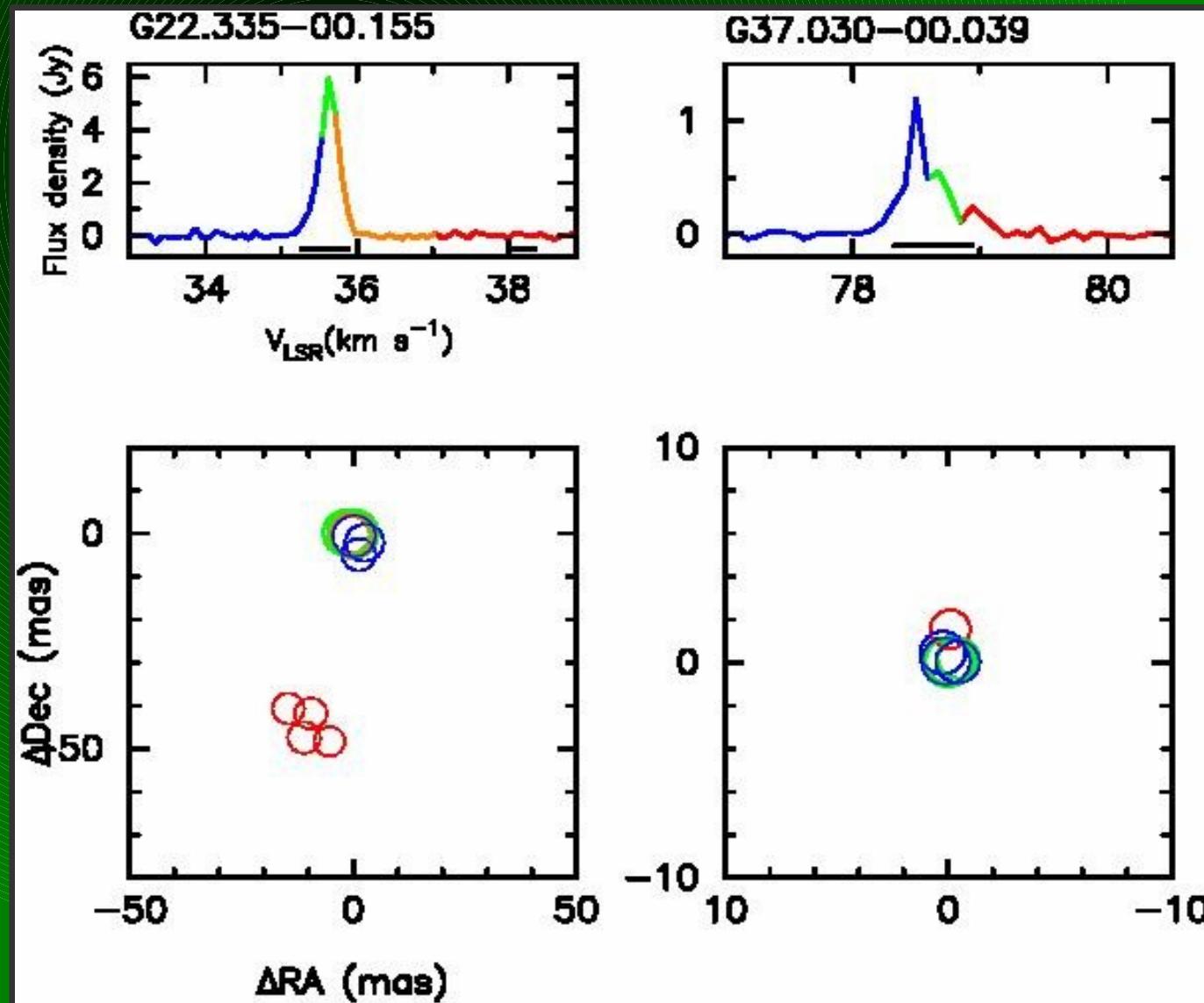
Run	Date	Durations	Telescopes
1	Jun 2003	12 hrs	4
2	Nov 2004	12	8
3a	Feb 2006	10	8
3b	Feb 2006	10	7
4a	Jun 2007	10	9
4b	Jun 2007	10	9
4c	Jun 2007	10	8

Results: rms=3-12 mJy/beam, beam ~5mas x16mas

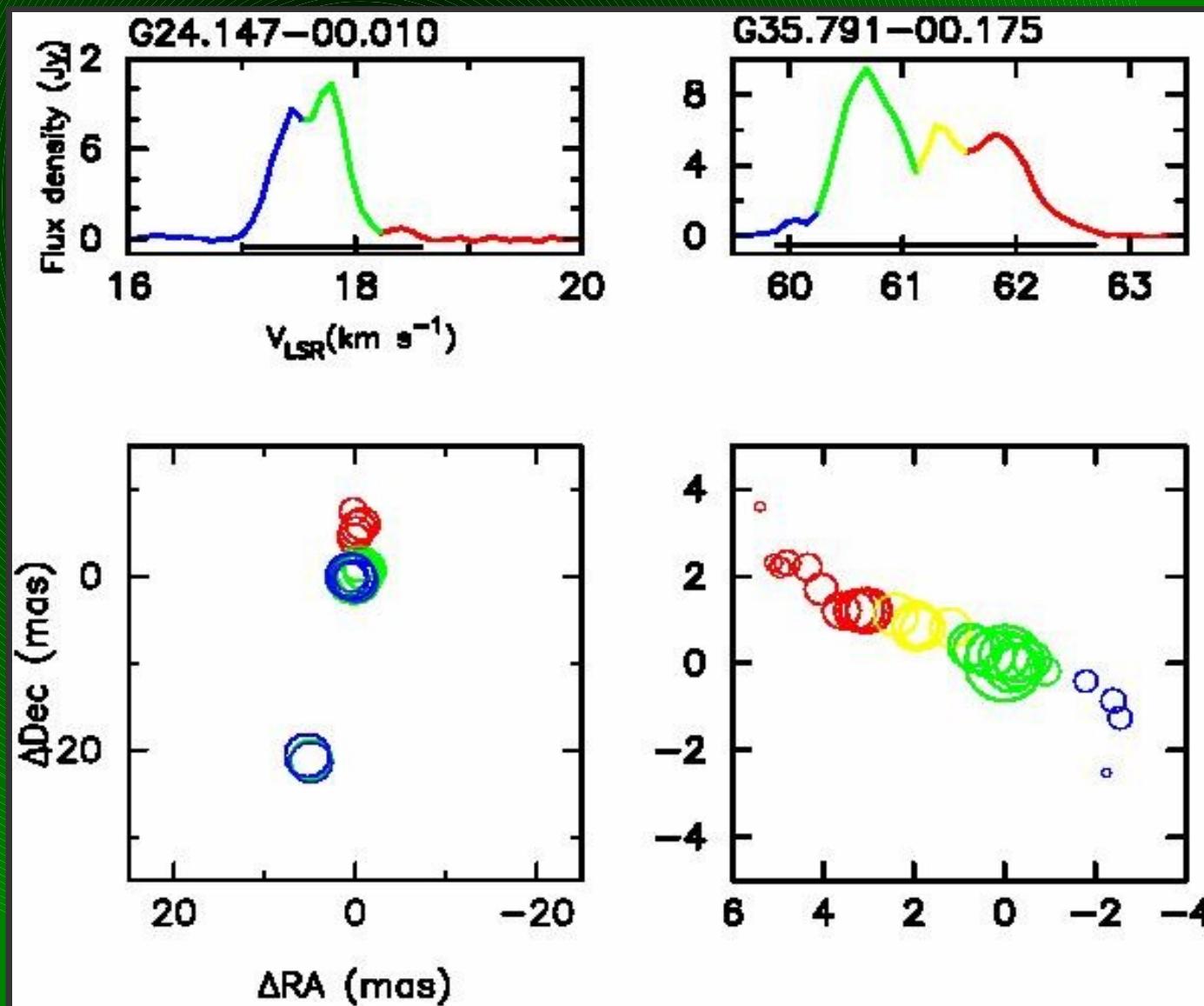
- 1) imaged 31 out of 33 masers,
- 2) known absolute positions towards 29 sources,
- 3) 1936 maser spots registered,
- 4) 318 maser clusters: 265 (83%) with Gaussian profile: mean FWHM=0.41 (+/-0.01) km/s.

Morphology ->

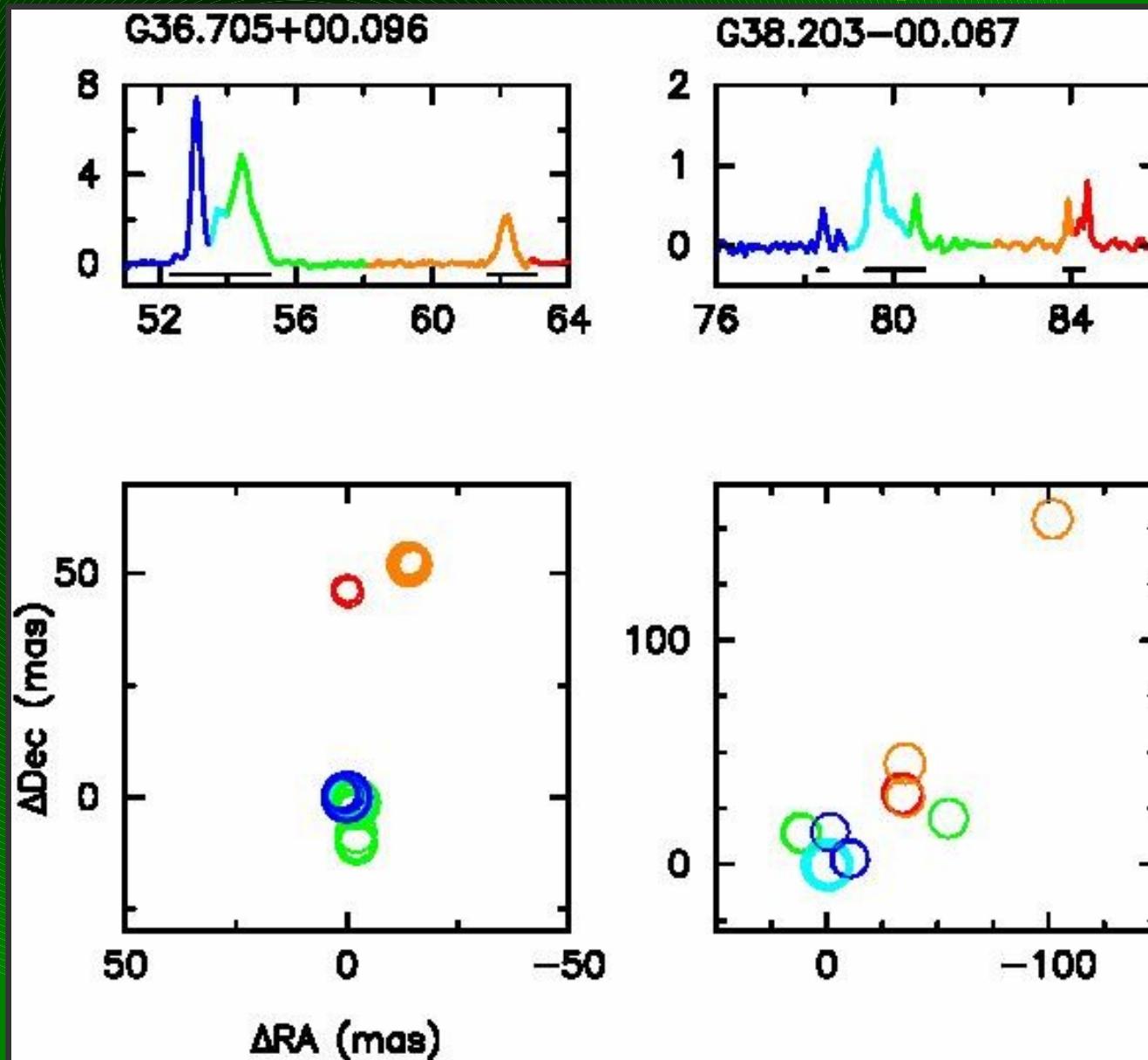
3 (9.5%) masers: *simple*



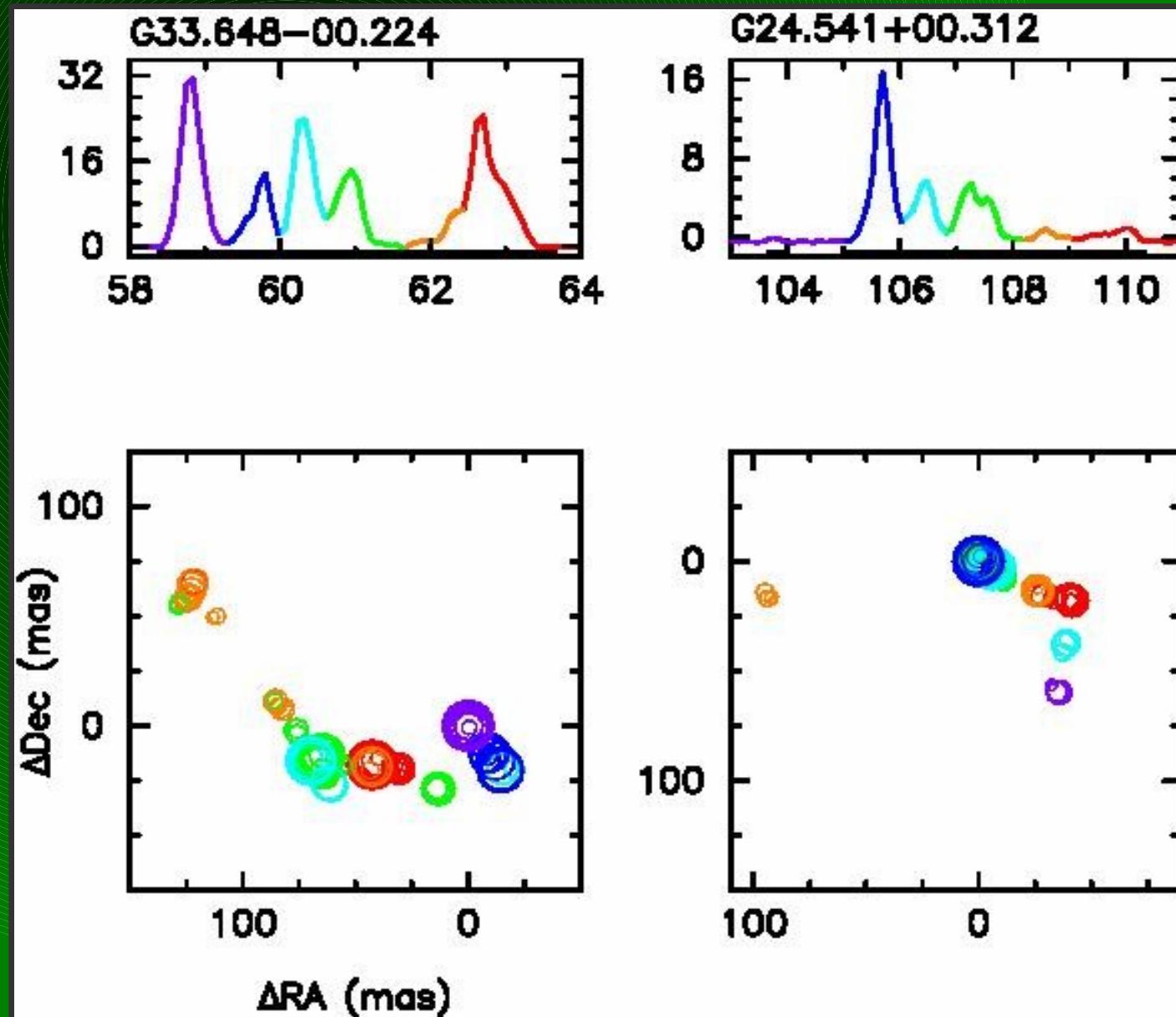
3 (9.5%) masers: *linear*



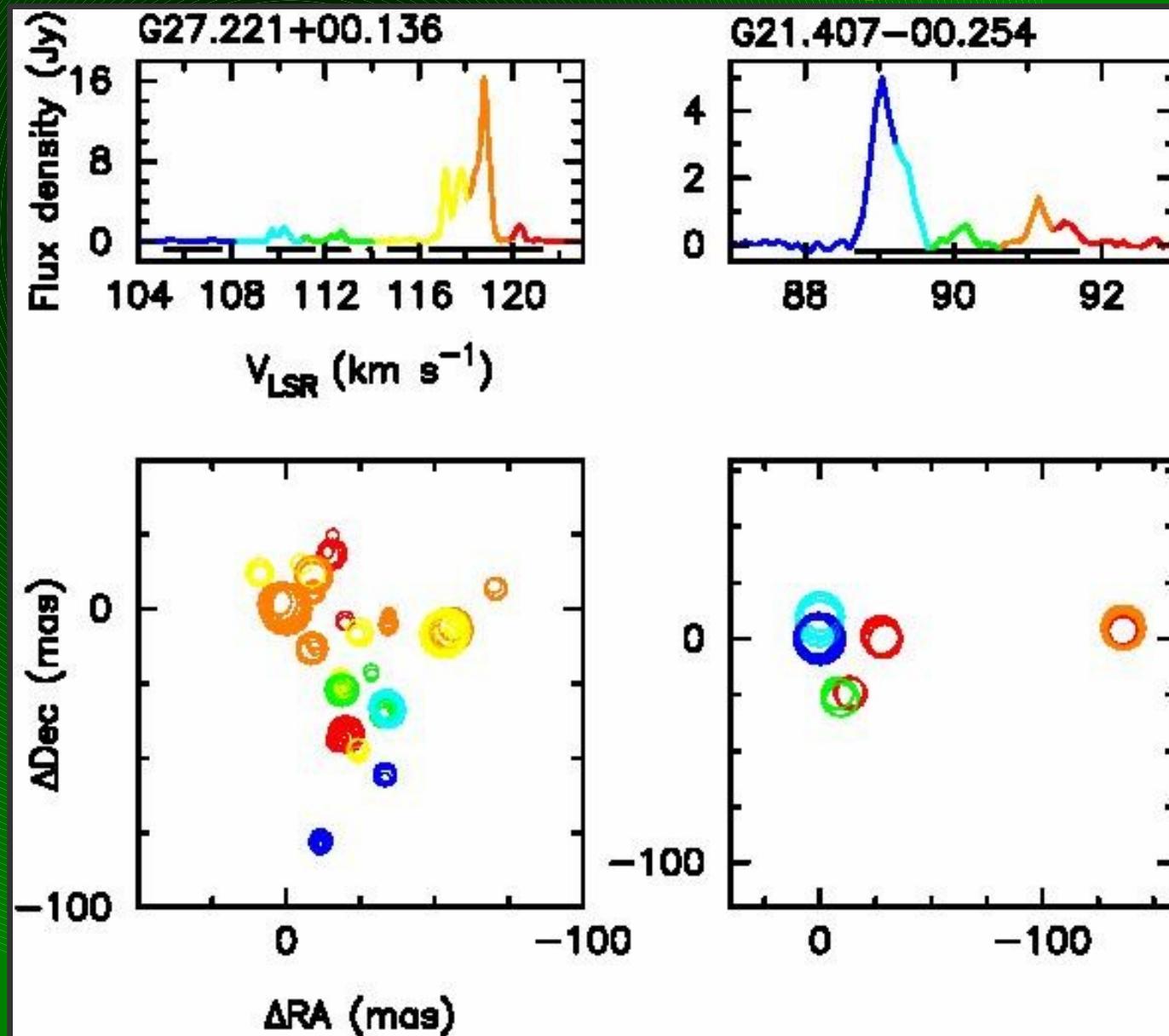
2 (6.5%) masers: *triple*



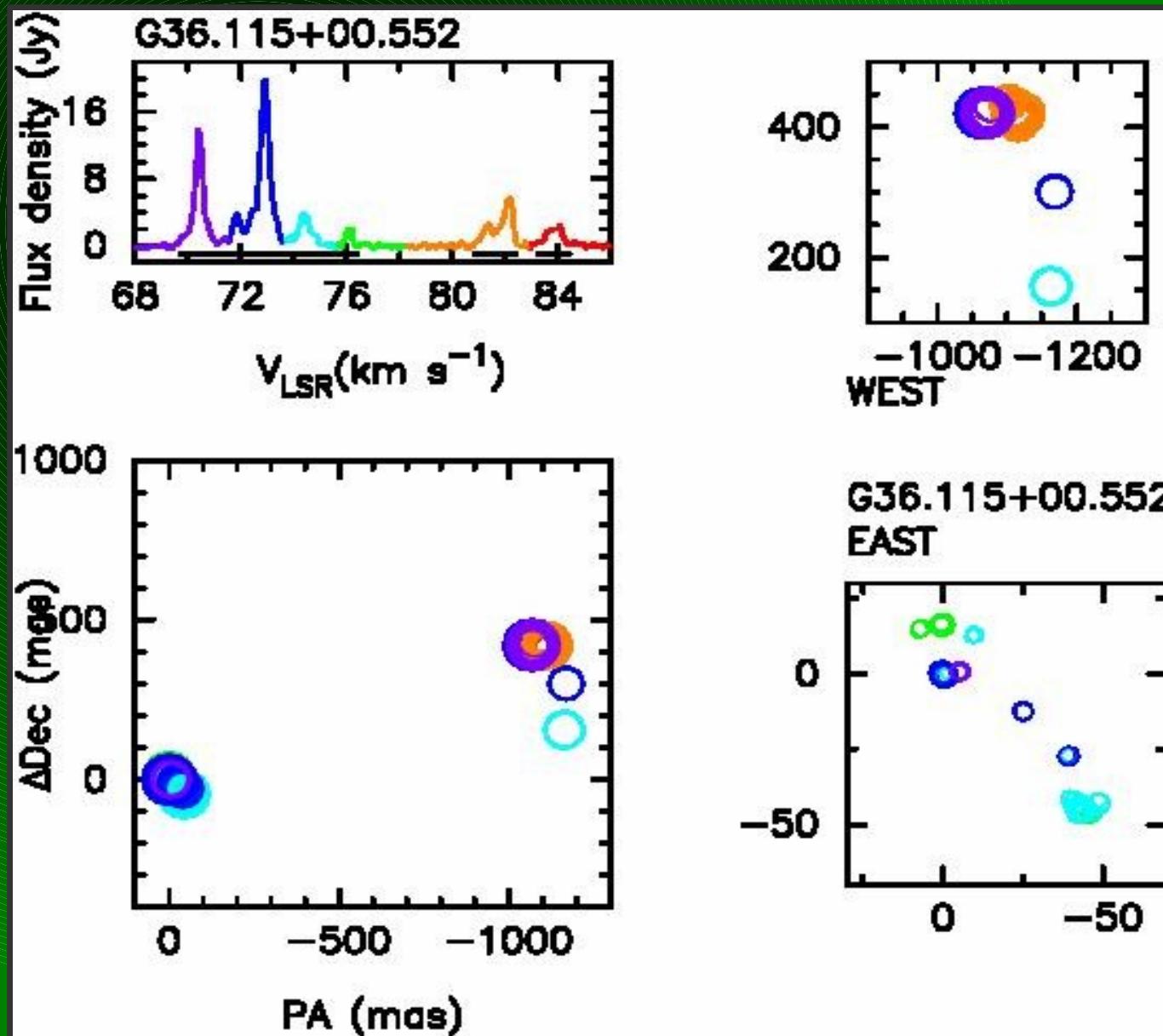
3 (9.5%) masers: *arc-like*



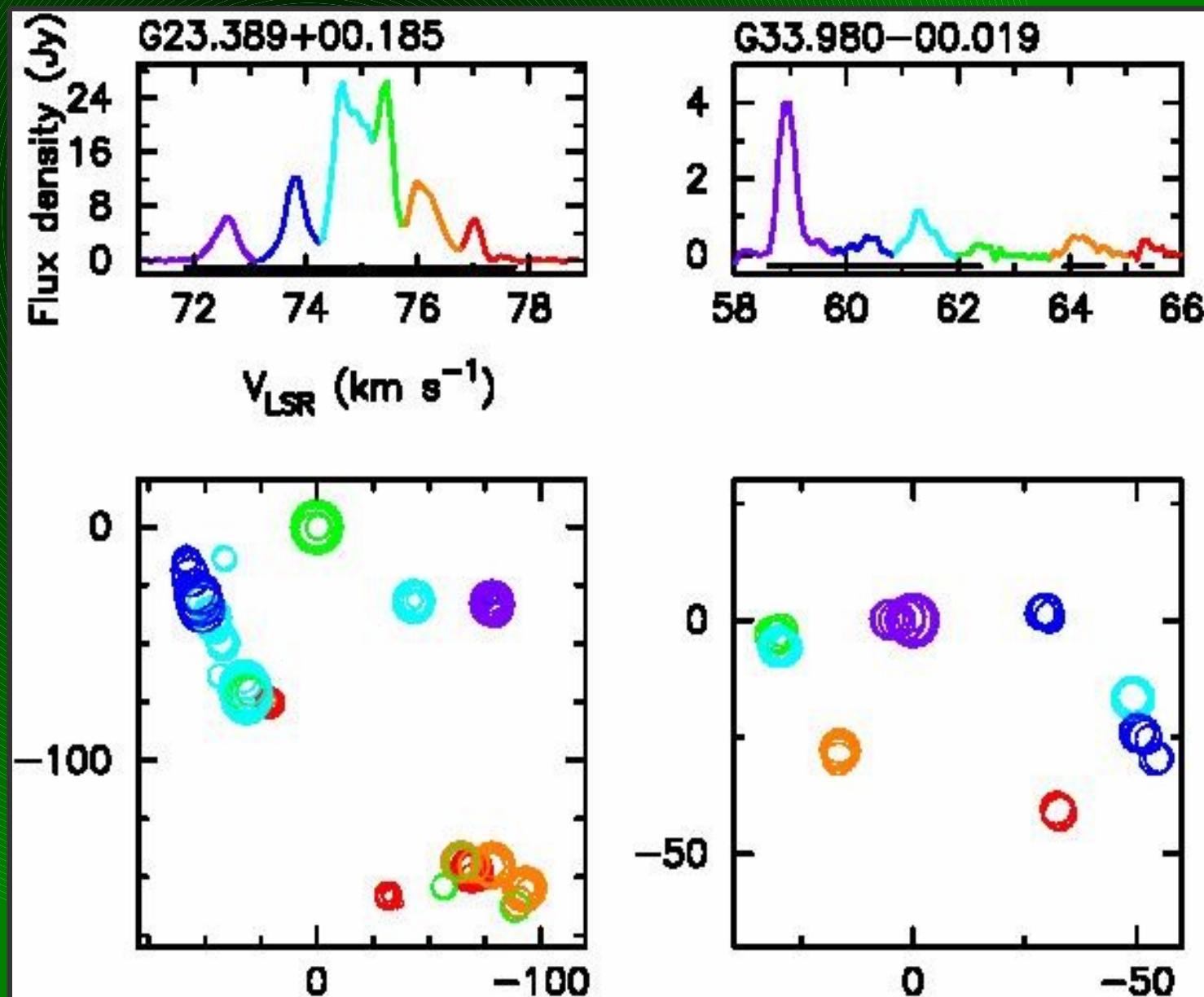
7 (23%) masers: *complex*



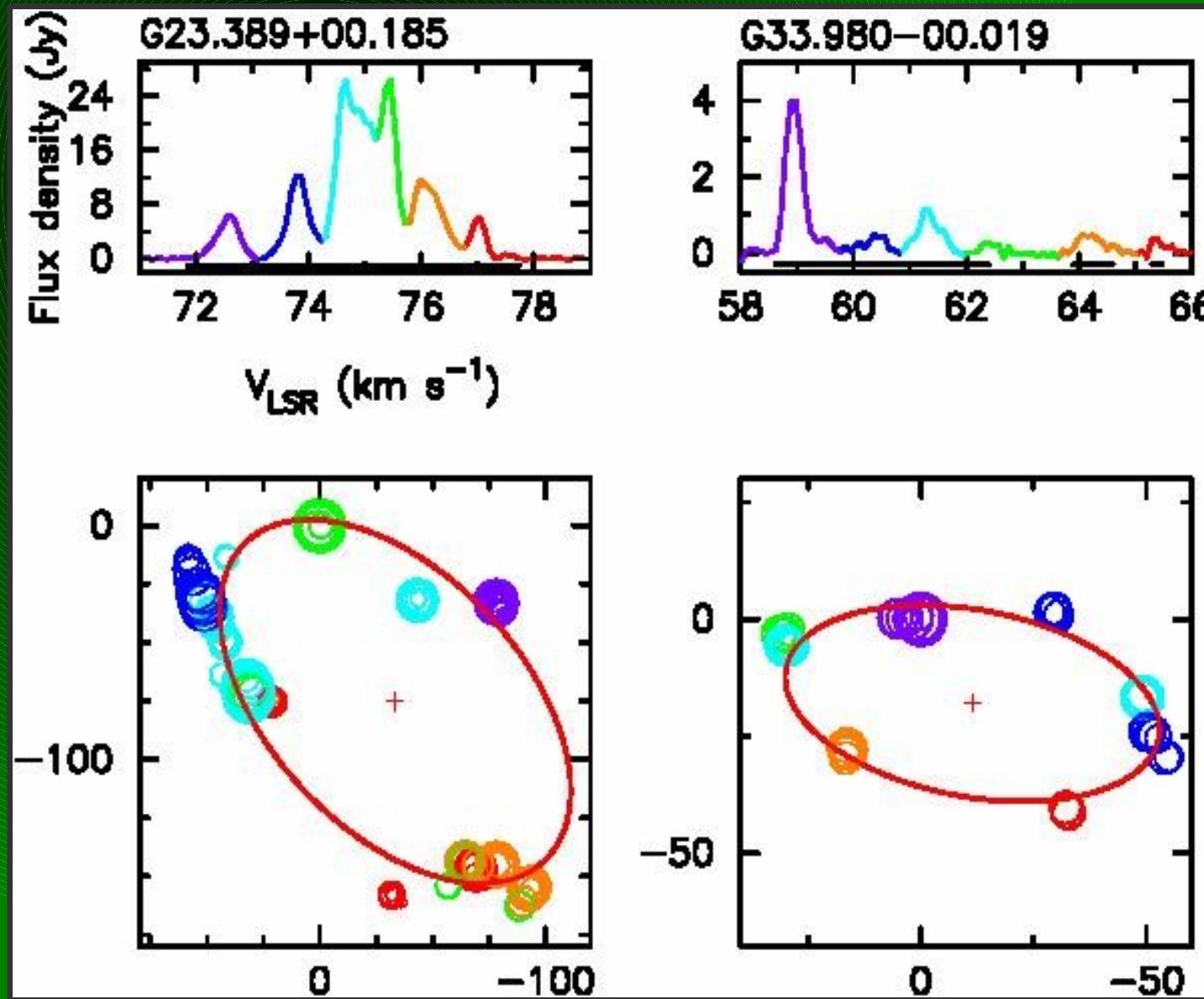
1 (3%) maser: *pair*



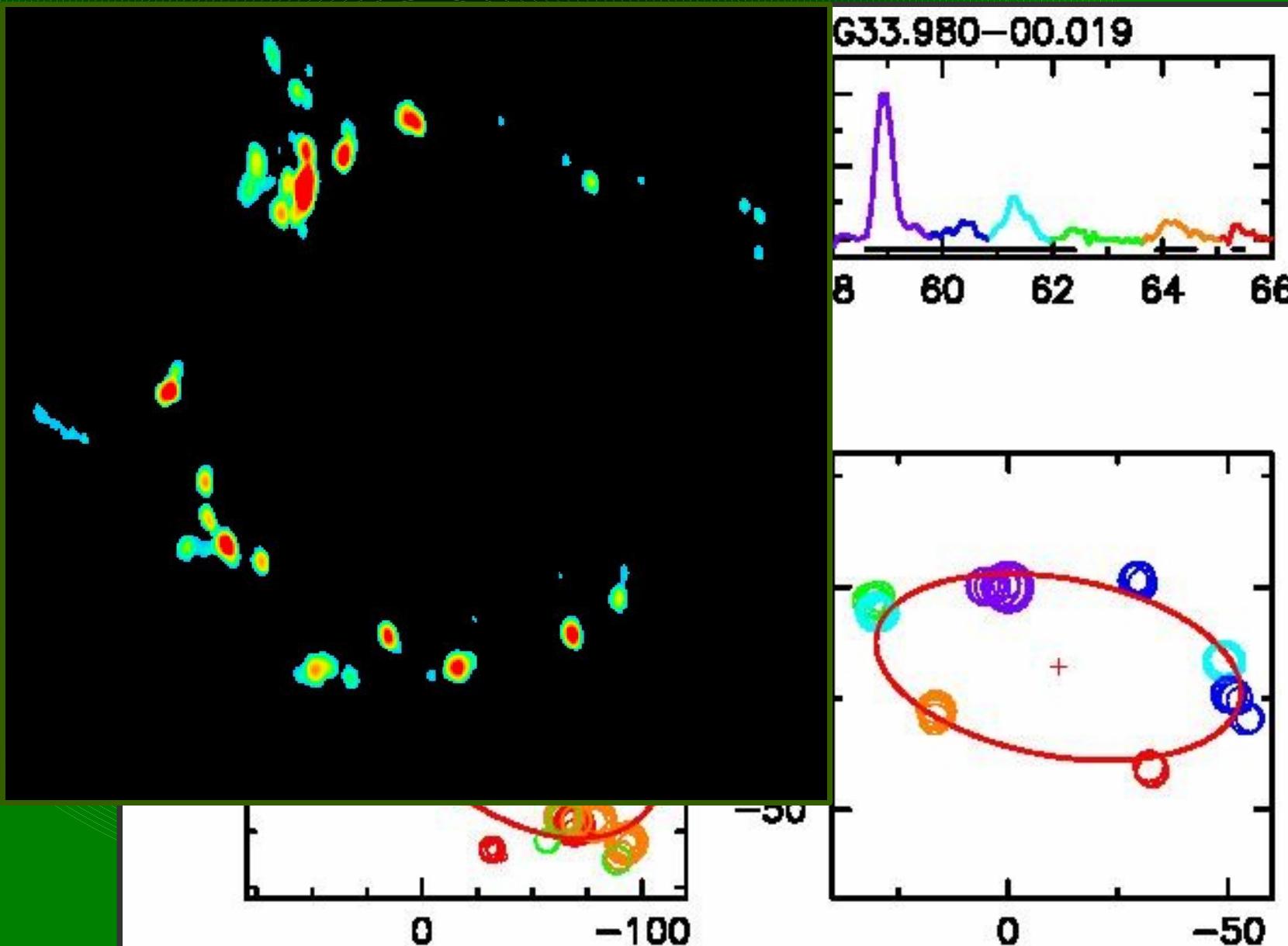
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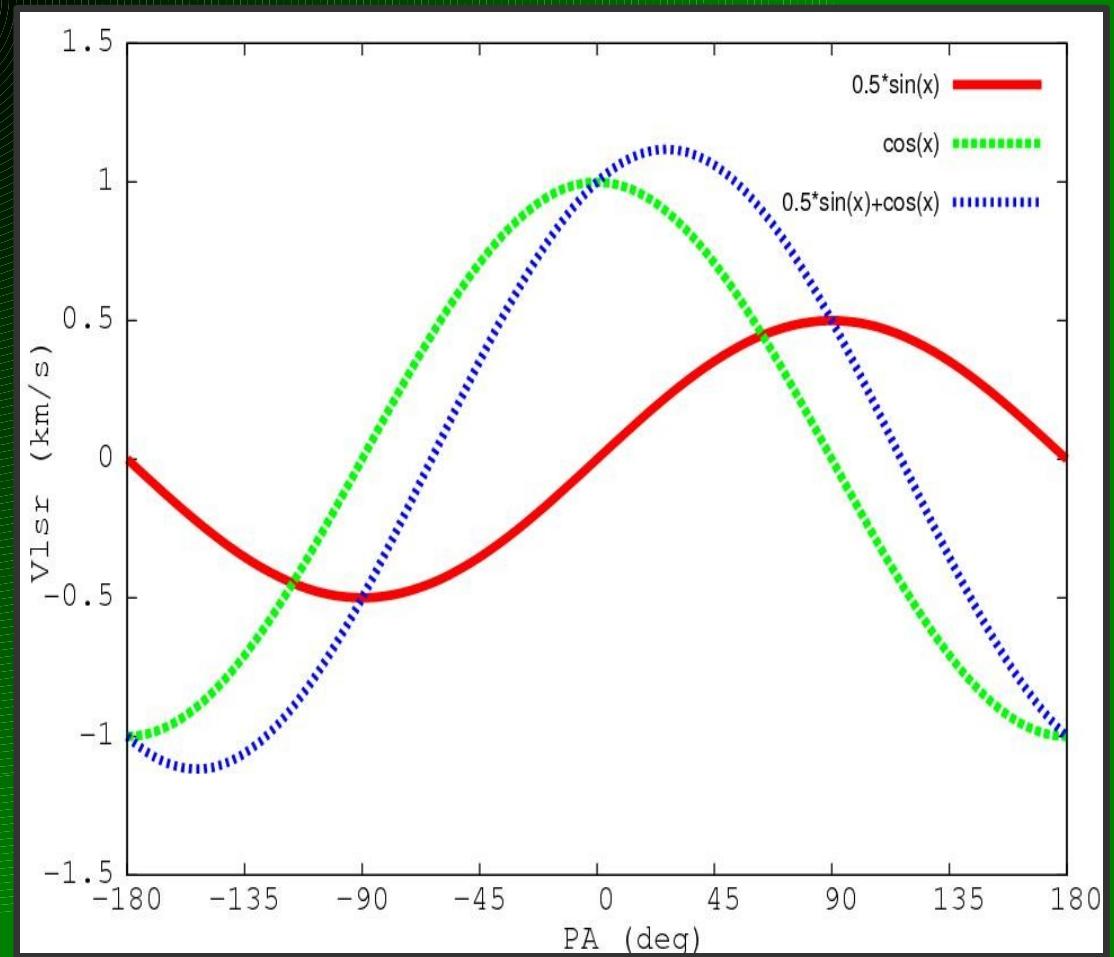


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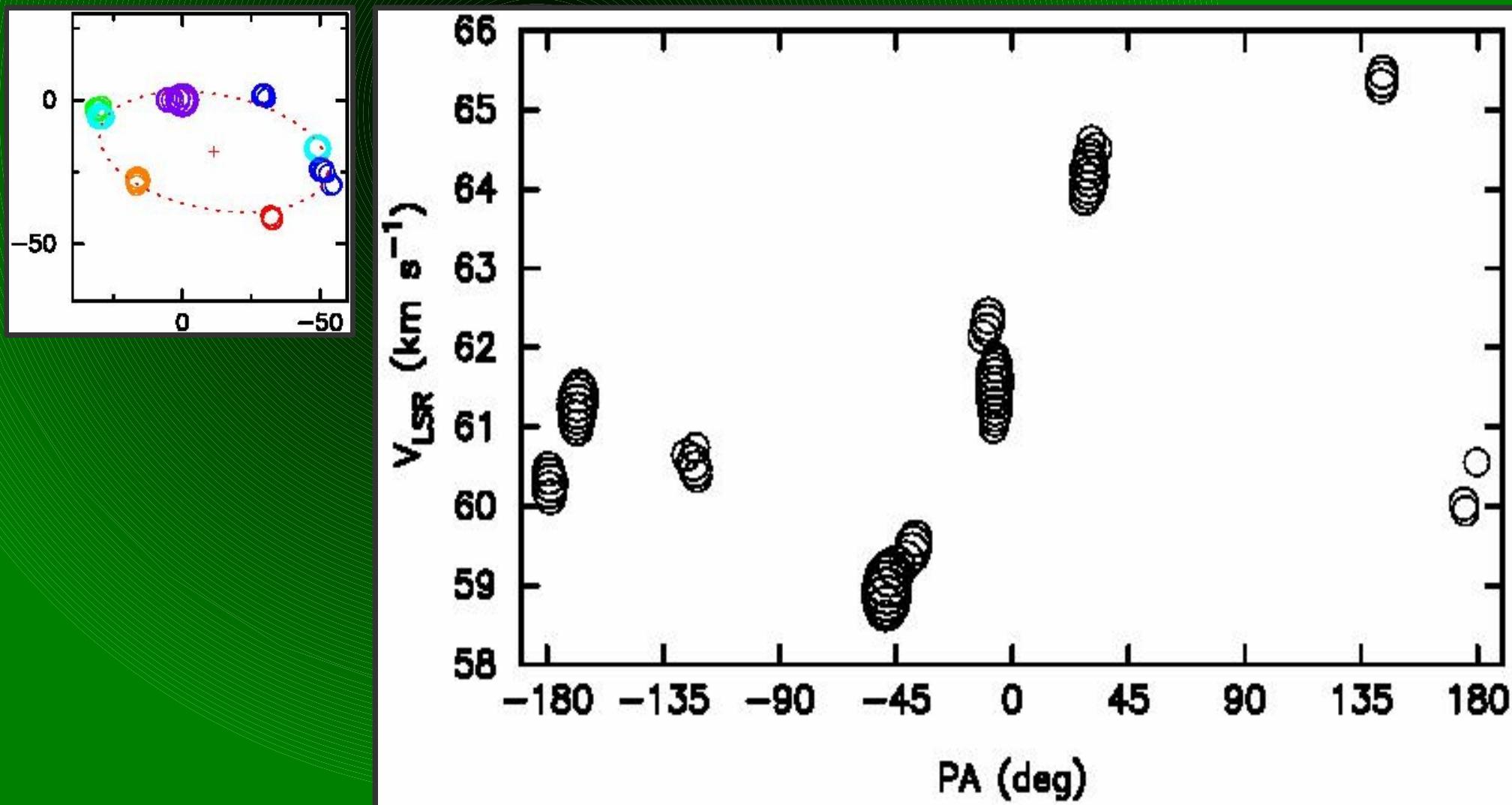


Model: rotating & expanding ring

(Uscanga et al. 2008, Torstensson *soon*)

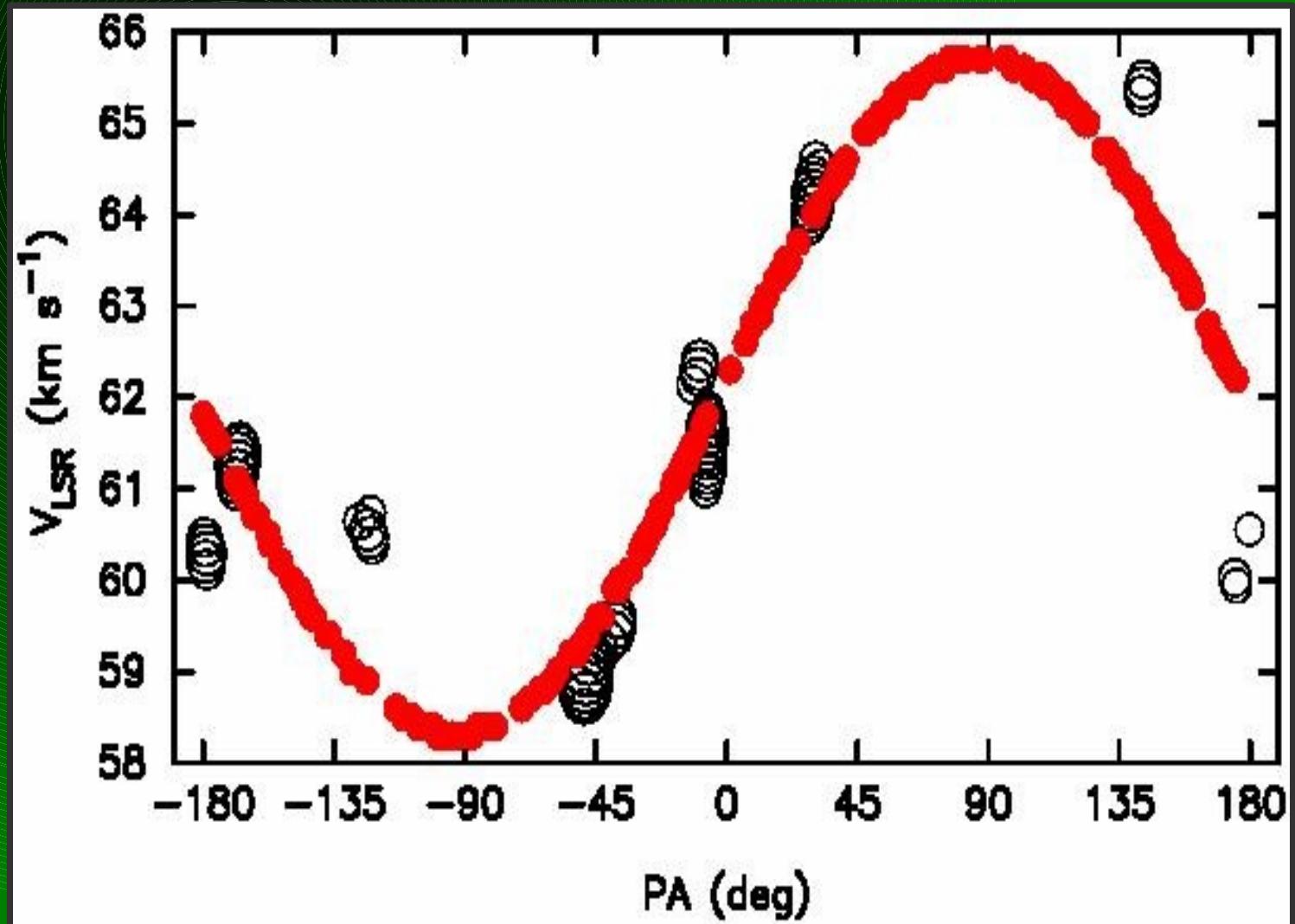


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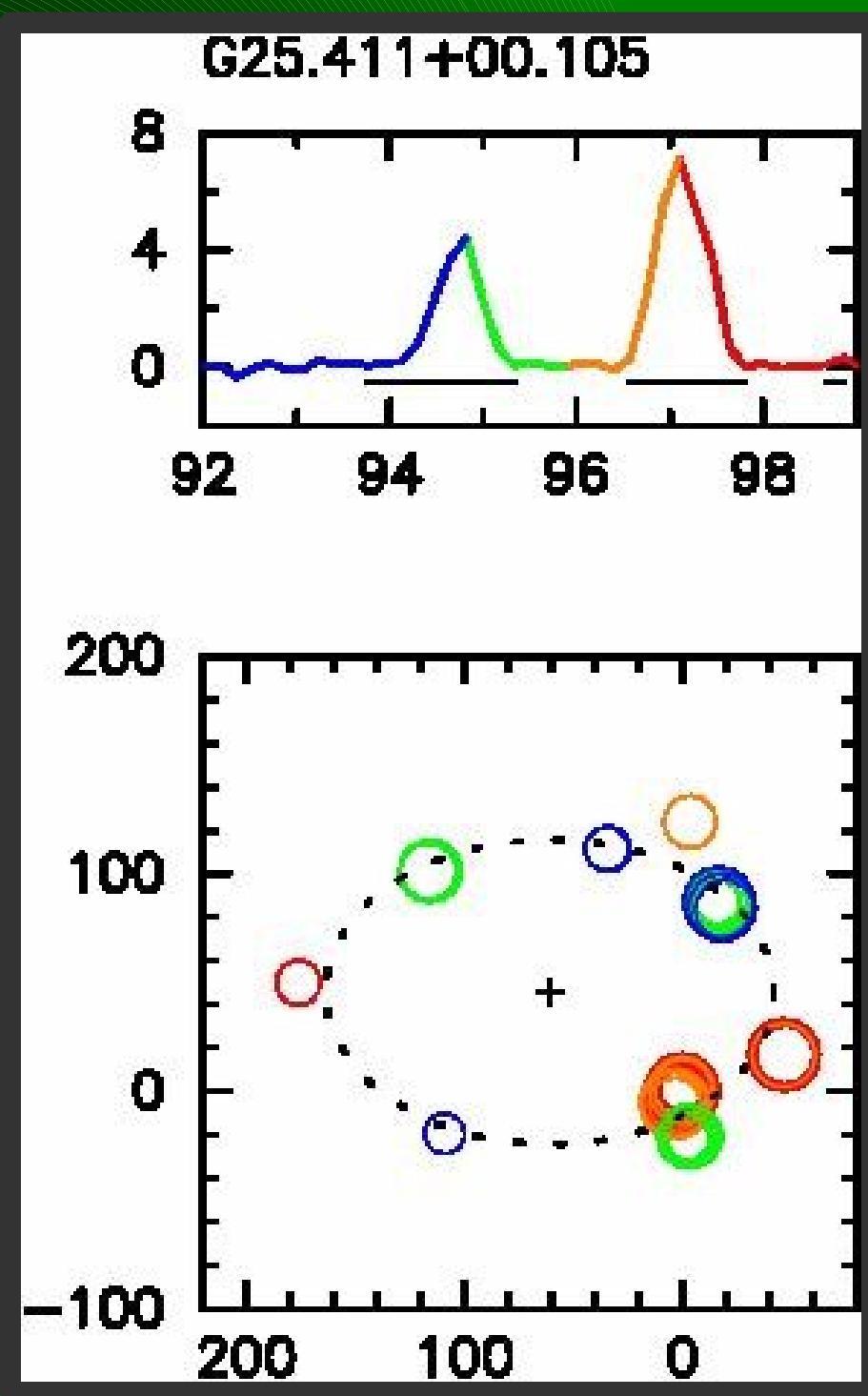
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$V_{\text{rot}}=0.2$
 $V_{\text{exp}}=4.2$
km/s



NAME	Vrot	Vexp	Vsys	i(deg)
G23.207-00.377	1.4	5.8	79.5	-69.1
G23.389+00.185	-1.0	2.0	75.1	54.3
G23.657+00.127	7.4	4.2	81.6	-15.8
G24.634-00.324	6.2	1.0	39.5	-70.5
G25.411+00.105	0.0	1.6	95.8	47.2
G26.598-00.024	0.8	1.2	24.6	54.6
G28.817+00.365	-2.6	4.2	89.8	-70.0
G30.400-00.296	-2.8	0.6	101.3	-69.6
G31.047+00.356	-0.4	3.8	80.3	-60.5
G31.581+00.077	-1.0	1.6	98.5	-44.7
G33.980-00.019	0.2	4.2	62.0	61.6
G34.751-00.093	-0.4	2.8	51.3	-52.9

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Conclusions:

- 1) better sensitivity → new morphologies,
- 2) elliptical morphology - common,
- 3) ring (disc/torus) with rotation and outflow.