

VERA astrometry of the S235AB and
IRAS20056+3350 star forming
regions

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Self-Introduction

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- Masters degree: Disk Galaxies (Bar vs spiral) in IR using Herschel – Cardiff University, UK
- PhD: Year 1 – Massive star formation and Galactic structure and dynamics.

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Name	S235AB	IRAS 20056+3350
Target type	High Mass SFR	Tangent Point source
# Maser features	~25	~2
<u>QSO</u> Flux(K-band)	<u>J0533+34</u> >30mJy	<u>J2010+33</u> ~240mJy
Reduction method	Inverse phase referencing	Normal phase referencing
Epochs observed Epochs reduced	6 3	7 6

$l = 71.3, b = +0.8$

$D = 1.86 \pm 0.23 \text{ kpc}$

$V_{\text{LSR}} \approx +9 \text{ km/s}$

IRAS 20056



Sun
Orion Spur



S235AB

$l = 174, b = +2.7$

$D \approx 1.8 \text{ kpc}$

$V_{\text{LSR}} \approx -16 \text{ km/s}$

120°

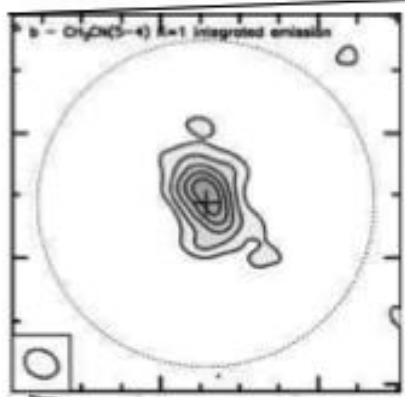
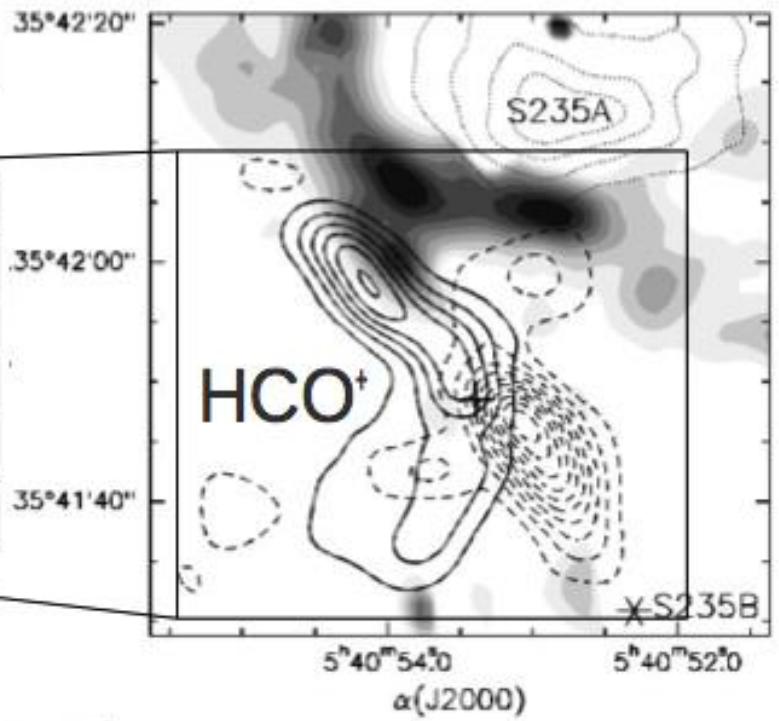
240°

Masers:
Water
Methanol
SiO

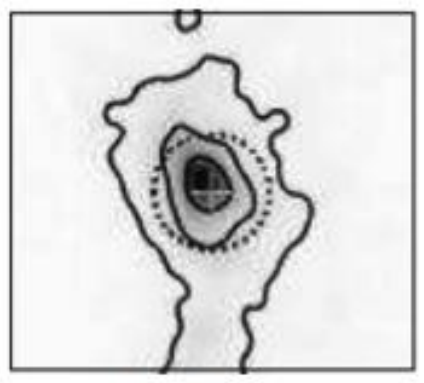
S235AB

Archive maps

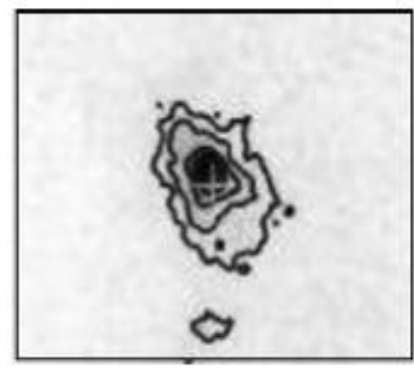
- 2 x Bipolar Outflows
- Dusty core
- Cold mm core
- Disk?



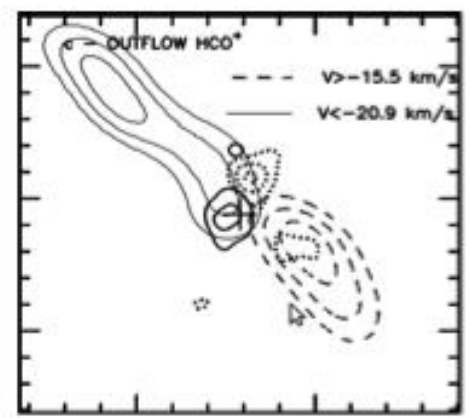
CH3CN(5-4)



850μ

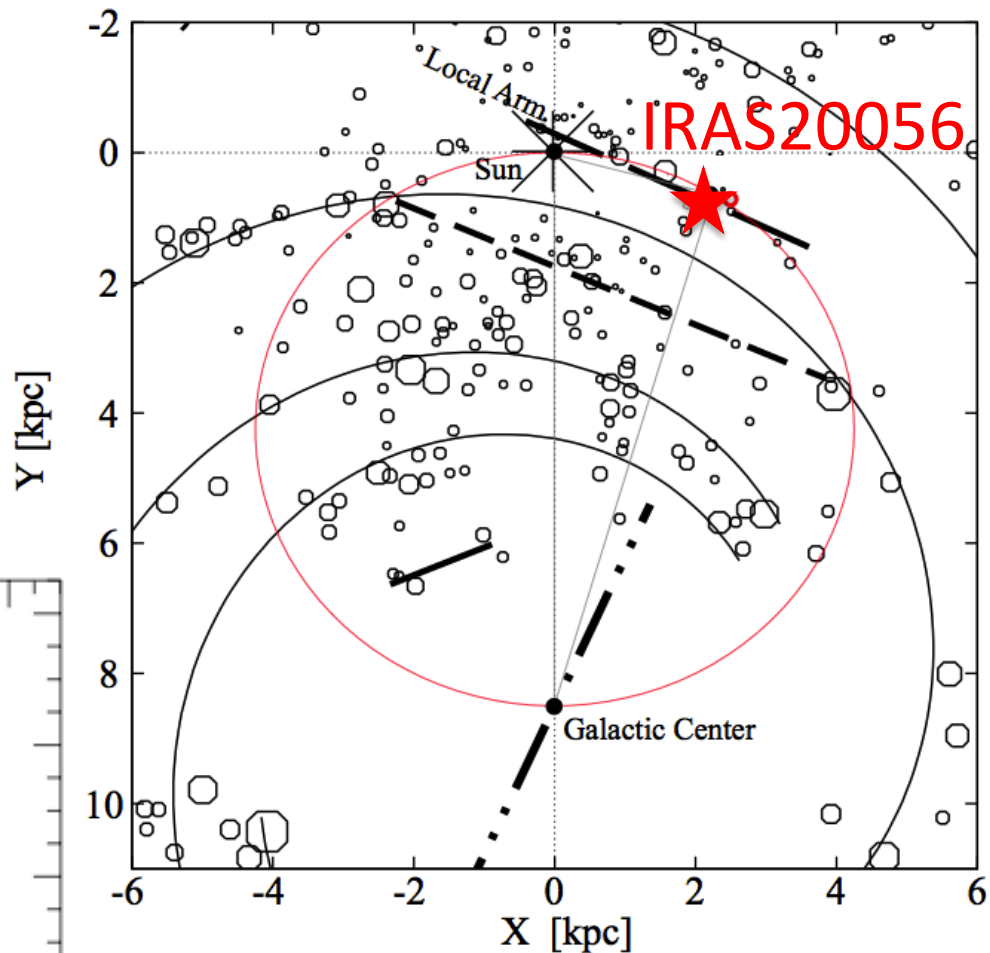
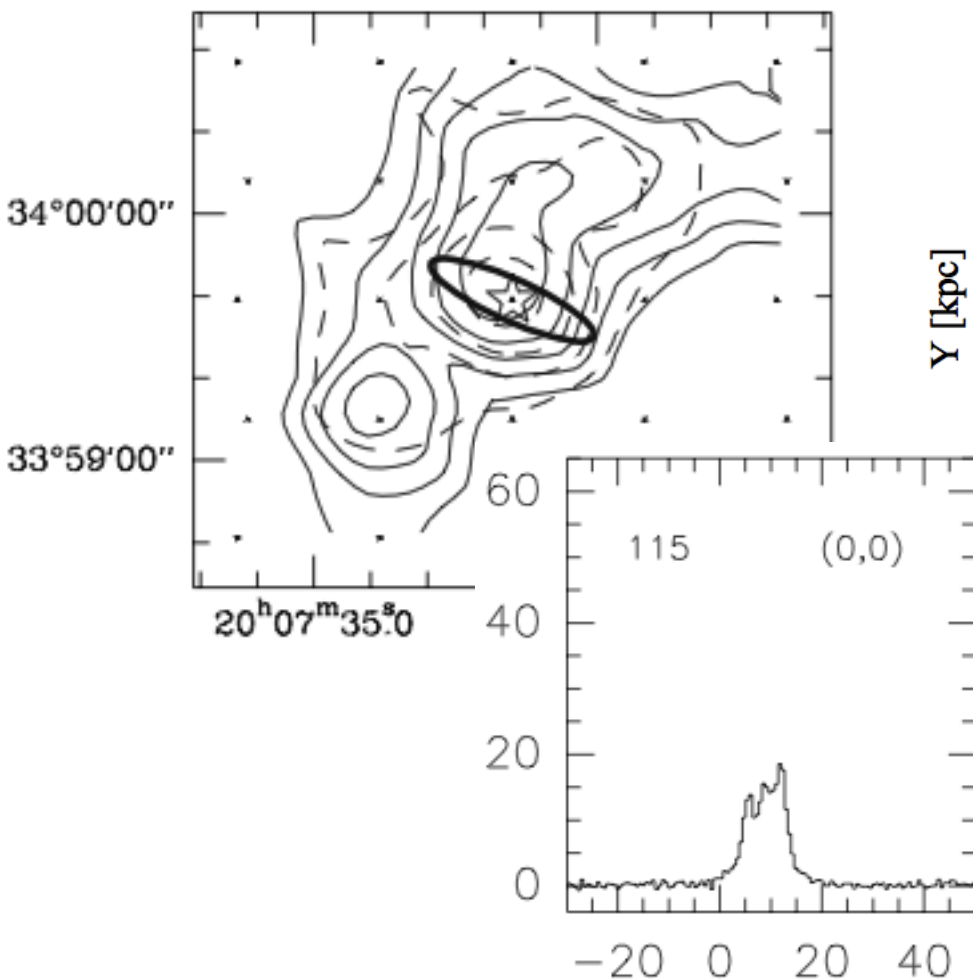


450μ



C³⁴S

IRAS 20056+3350



Tangent point source: Useful in deriving the Galactic constants R_0 , Θ_0 , Ω_0

Reduction method: Inverse phase referencing in AIPS

How is it different?

- Phase solutions are found (FRING) using the maser emission instead of the QSO.

Why is it useful?

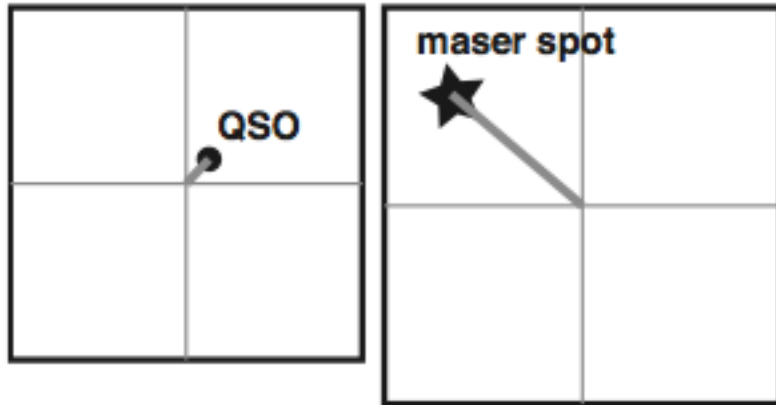
- Capable of finding solutions in the case when the reference quasar is weak ($>20\text{mJy}$)

What are the downsides?

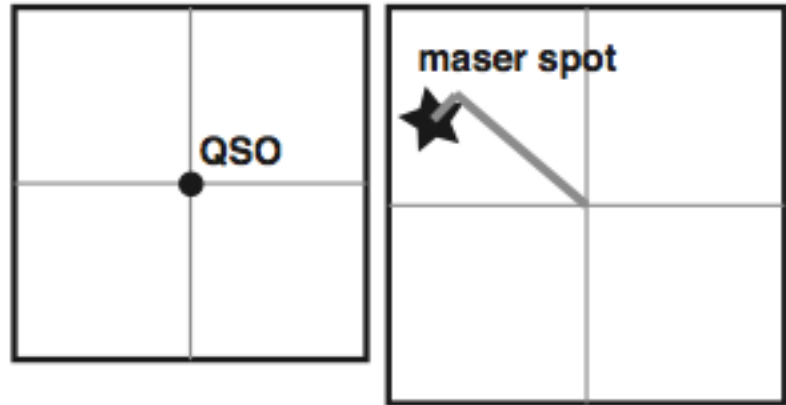
- (My case) Flux loss in the QSO - due to imperfect reduction technique.

Method

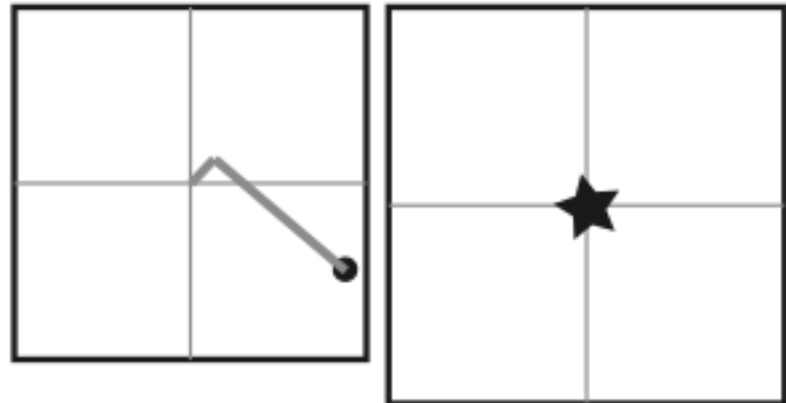
(a) True sky



(b) Coodinate shift (normal phase-referencing)



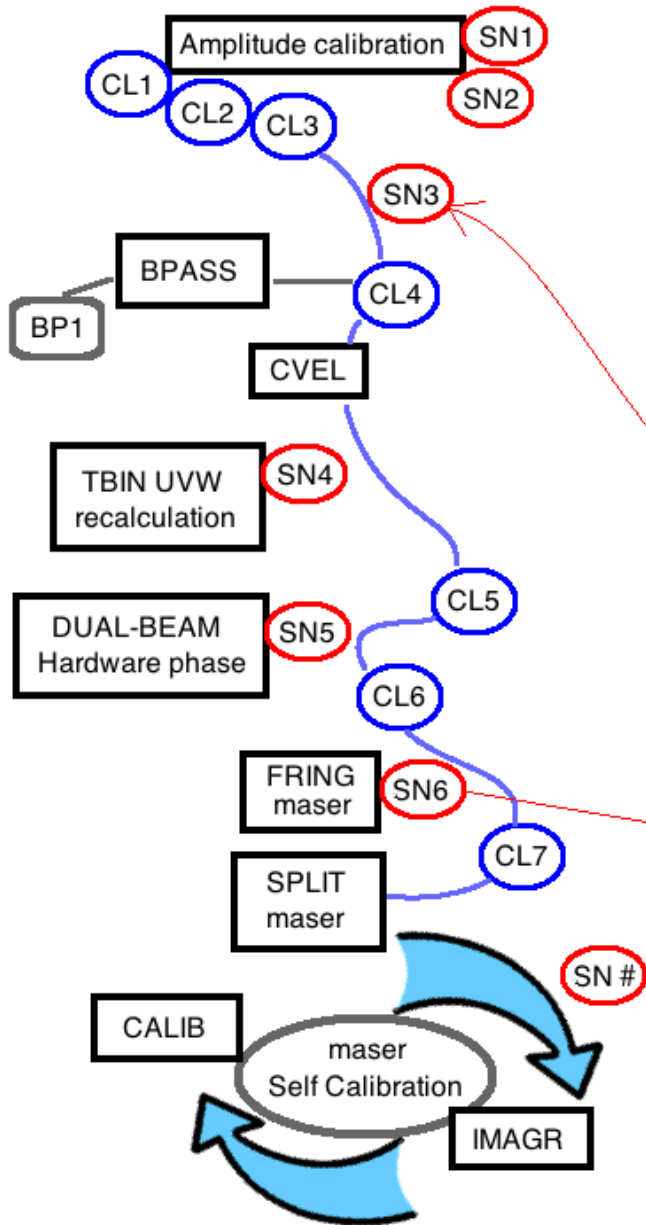
(c) Coodinate shift (inverse phase-referencing)



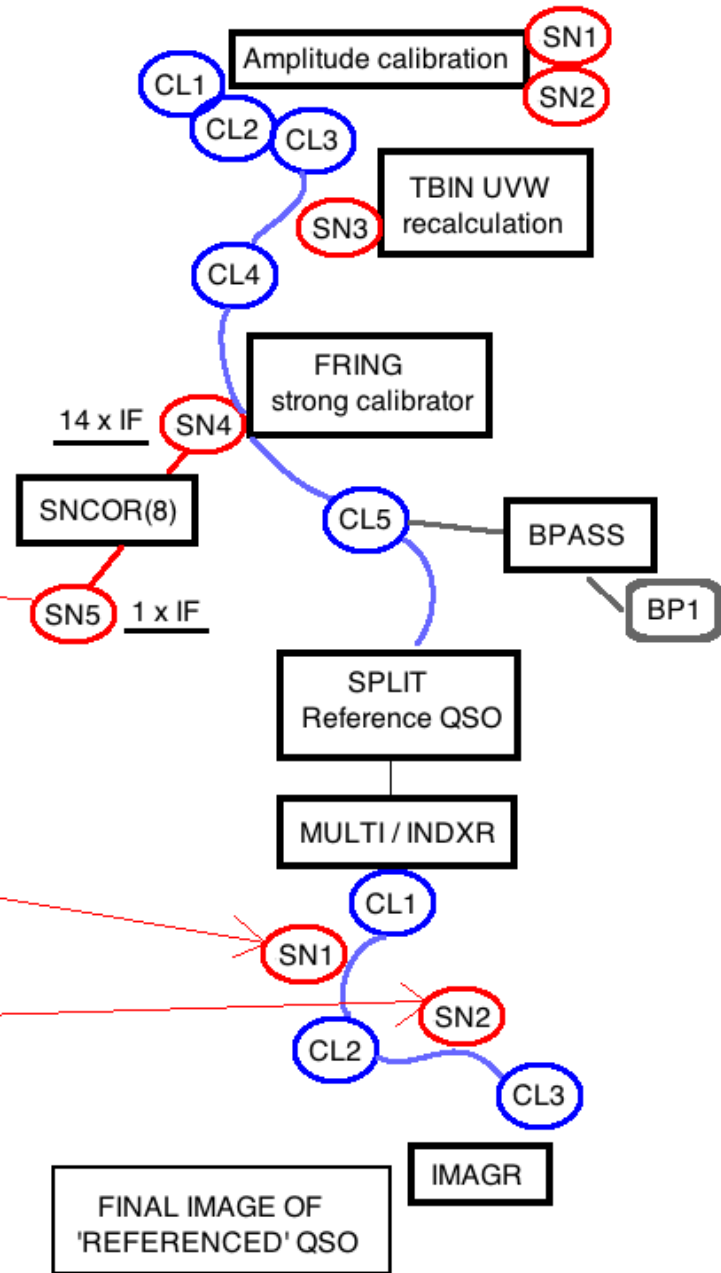
Source: "Special issues in AIPS analysis of JVN/VERA data"- Imai Hiroshi

<http://milkyway.sci.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/~imai/VERA-AIPS-analysis.pdf> .

A-Beam



B-Beam



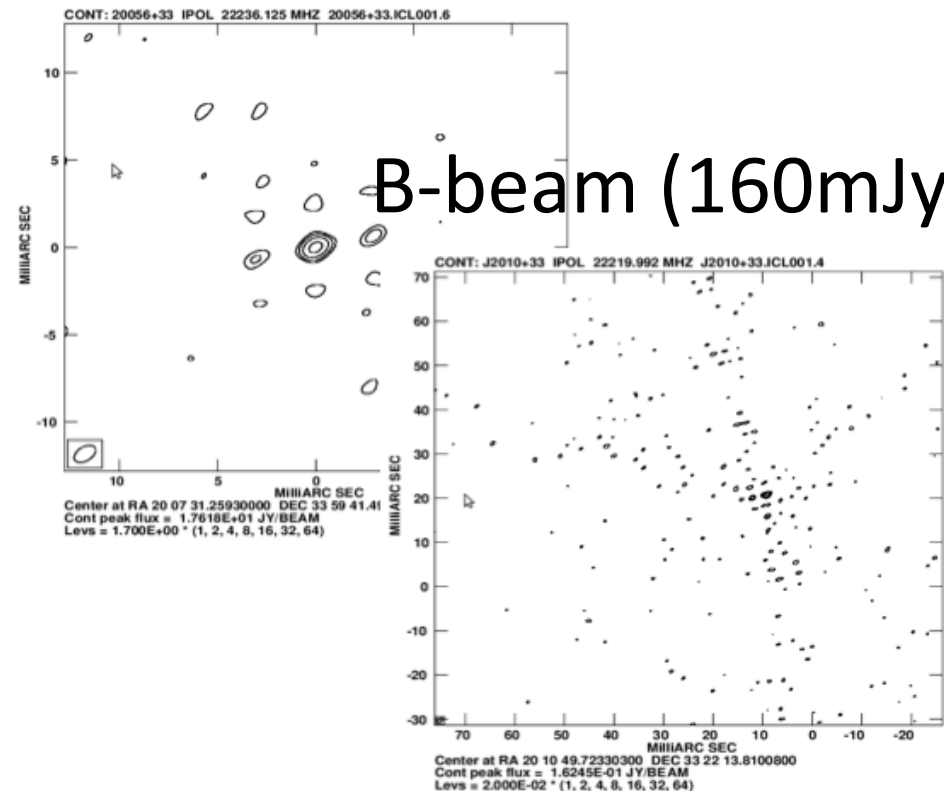
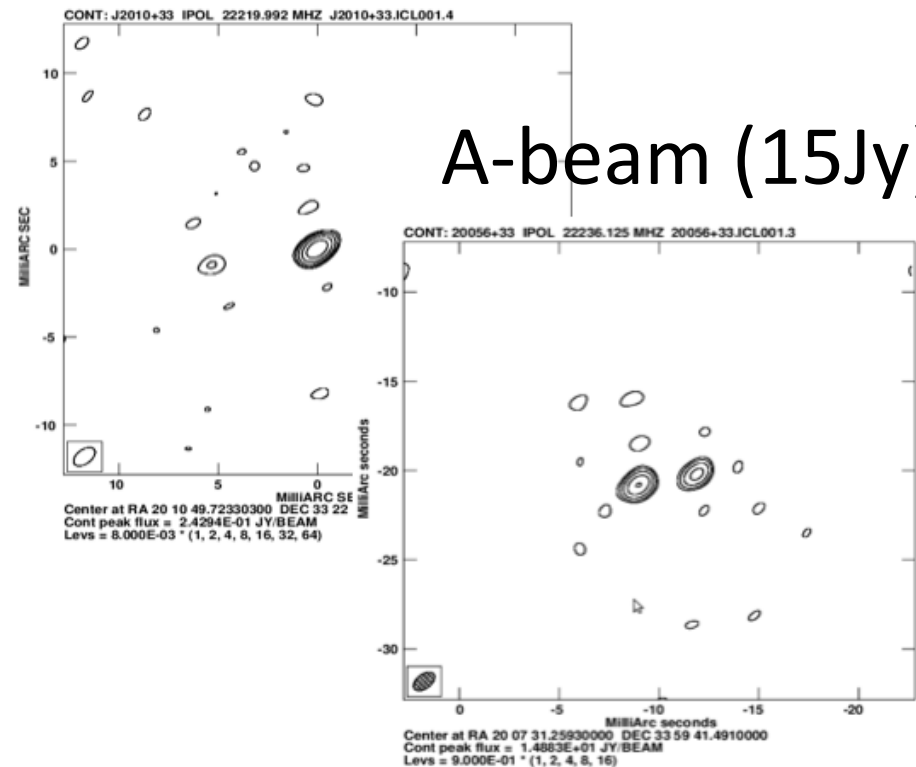
Demonstration / Test IRAS 20056+3350

B-beam (240mJy)

A-beam (17Jy)

A-beam (15Jy)

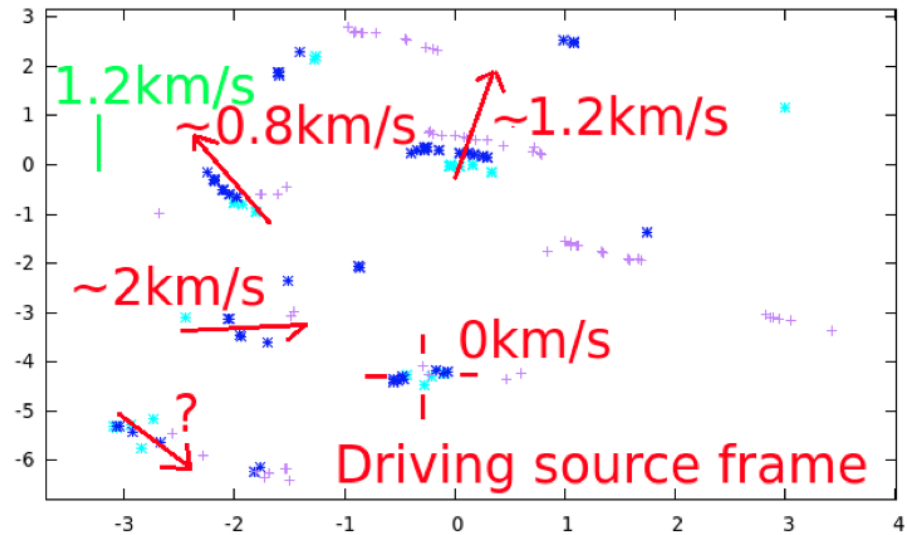
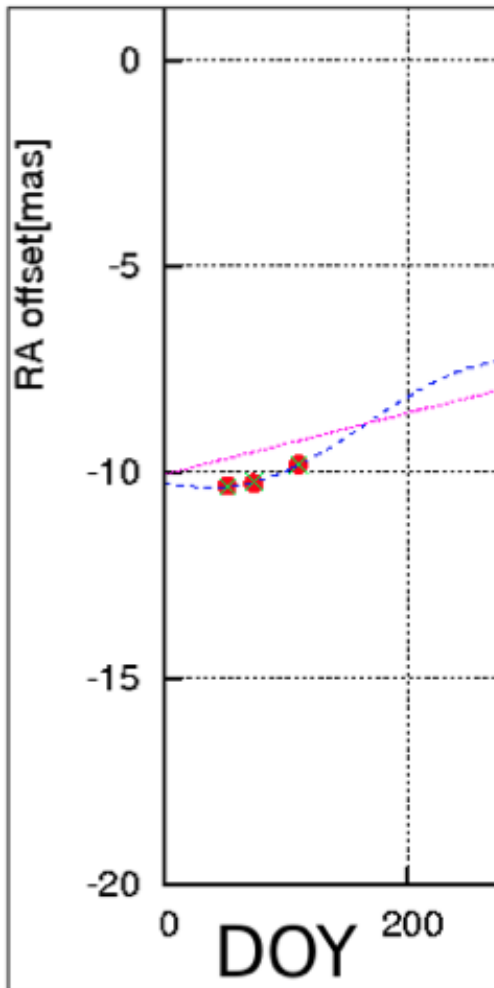
B-beam (160mJy)



Normal reduction technique

Inverse phase referencing

VERA Results - S235AB



Proper motion of masers:

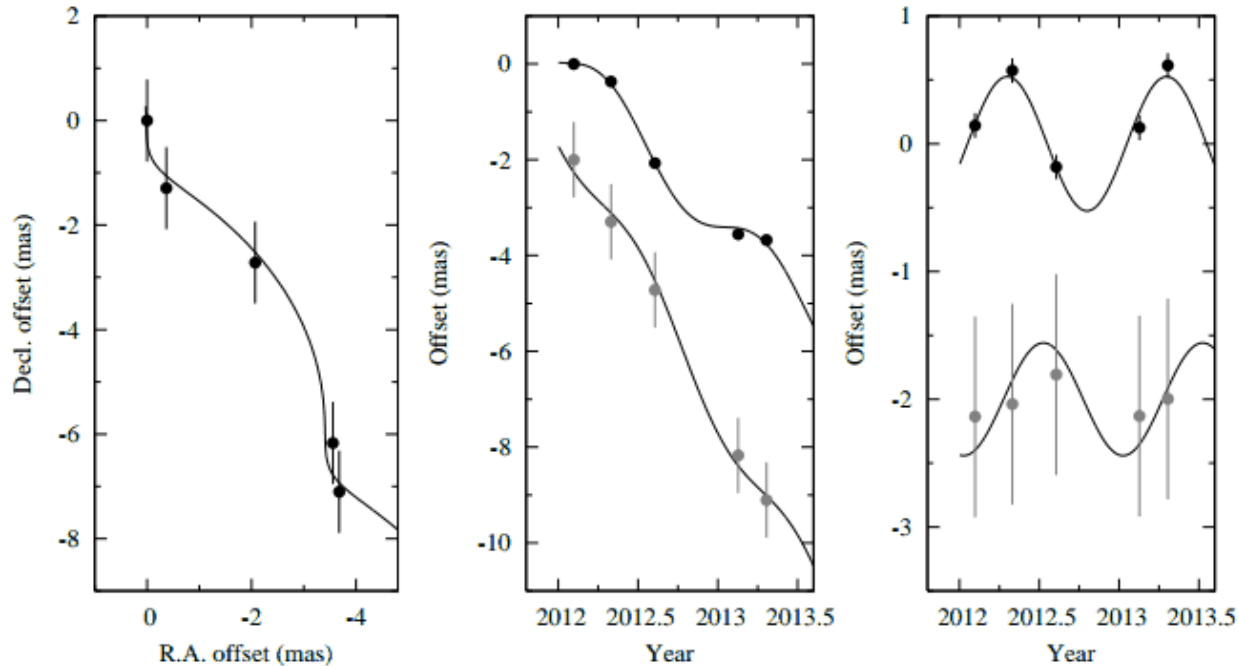
First VLBI images.

Internal motions seem random and small.

Distance (3 x epoch):

$D = 1.4 \pm 0.9 \text{ kpc}$ (current error is 67%)

VERA Results – IRAS20056



Current distance estimate $D = 1.86 \pm 0.23$ kpc

Project P.I. – Nagayama Takumi

What next?

Case: S235AB

- Continue with VERA observations
- Try to improve reduction technique -> reduce more epochs
- Try to calculate target distance -> study HMSF
- Plateau de Bure proposal

Case: IRAS 20056+3350

- Complete final observations to improve distance estimate
- Begin analysis and calculation of Galactic constants
- Combine results with those of IRAS20126+4104 (Nagayama)

Thank you

Any questions?