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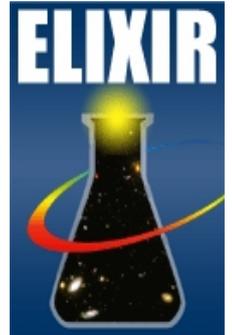
Kinometry of local (Ultra)luminous Infrared Galaxies

The kinematics of a sample of 42 (Ultra)Luminous Infrared Galaxies [(U)LIRGs] at low redshift ($\langle z \rangle = 0.022$) will be analysed thanks to Integral Field Spectroscopy (IFS) carried out with the VIMOS instrument on the VLT. Studying the characteristics of (U)LIRGs at low redshift allow us a better understanding the interrelated physical processes involved, and the implications for high- z since these galaxy populations more numerous at cosmological distances than locally. As preliminary steps, the data reduction and post-reduction have been performed using the EsoRex pipeline (by ESO) and IDL and IRAF scripts (creating the final data cube). Then, the line profiles of these spectra (e.g., H $_{\alpha}$) will be studied in order to extract the relevant emission line information (central wavelength, FWHM and flux intensity). We are going to apply the kinematic criteria used by Shapiro et al. (2008) to the whole sample in order to distinguish galaxies dominated by ordered rotational motions (i.e., disk) and those involved in major merger events (i.e., merger) considering the asymmetries in both the velocity field and velocity dispersion maps of the warm gas (as traced by H $_{\alpha}$). To this aim the "kinometry" method, developed by Krajnovi \acute{c} et al. (2006), will be considered. Here, the results of a sub-sample will be discussed.

"Kinematic study of local (U)LIRGs with VLT-VIMOS integral-field spectroscopy"



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-- Main goals:

Study the (ionized gas) kinematics of local (U)LIRGs and trying to answer basic questions:

- 1- Are the *kinematic properties* of these galaxies different from other local samples ?(e.g Characteristics of velocity fields, velocity dispersion maps, presence of outflows, etc)
- 2- Is the *dynamical status* (inferred from morphology) is "clearly" correlated with kinematics ?
- 3- Are *dynamical masses* inferred from kinematics consistent with stellar (and gas) masses ?
- 4- Are the kinematic properties of this local population similar to those of populations at *high -z* ?

The sample

❖ 38 local ($\langle z \rangle \sim 0.022$) (U)LIRGs observed with **VIMOS @ VLT**
(from **RBGS**, Sanders et al. 2003)

Our observing mode characterized by

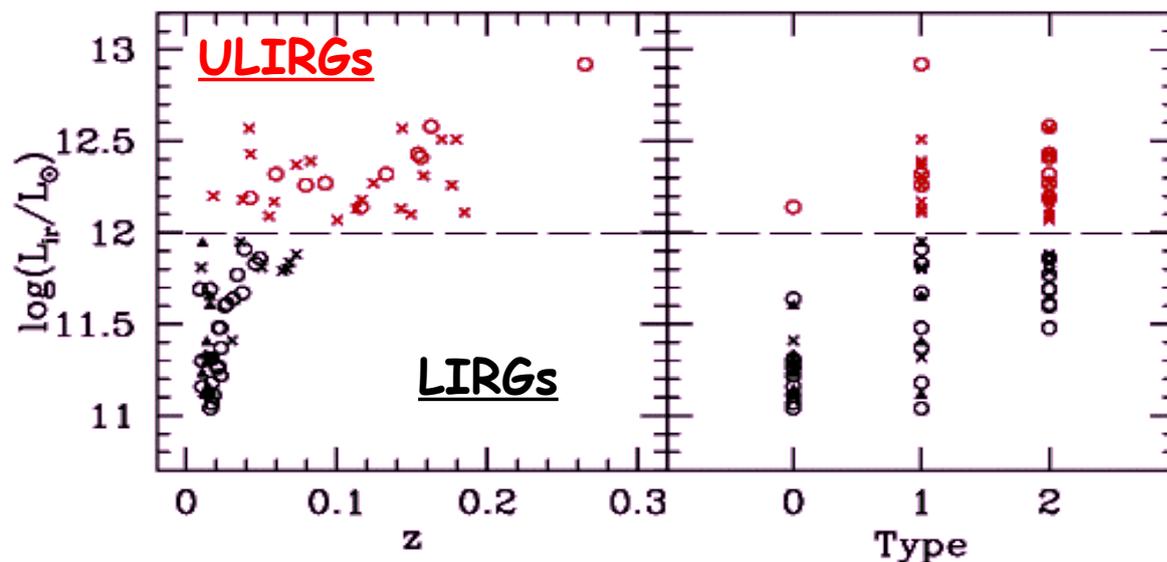
- ✓ FOV = 27x27 arcsec² (@ 0.67"/fiber)
- ✓ Wavelength range: 5250÷7400 Å
- ✓ 1936 spectra/object
- ✓ High resolution: R ~ 2650

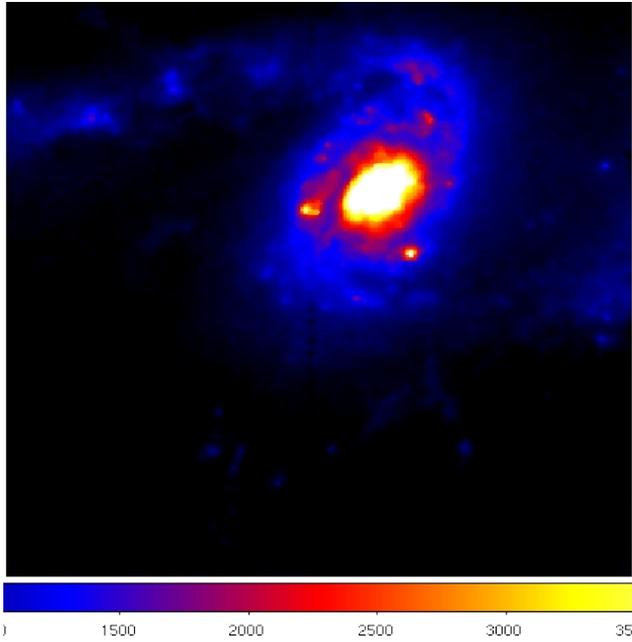
❖ Different ionization types: LINERs, Seyfert, HII...

❖ $L_{\text{IR}} = L_{[8-1000 \mu\text{m}]} = 10^{11}-10^{12.6} L_{\odot}$

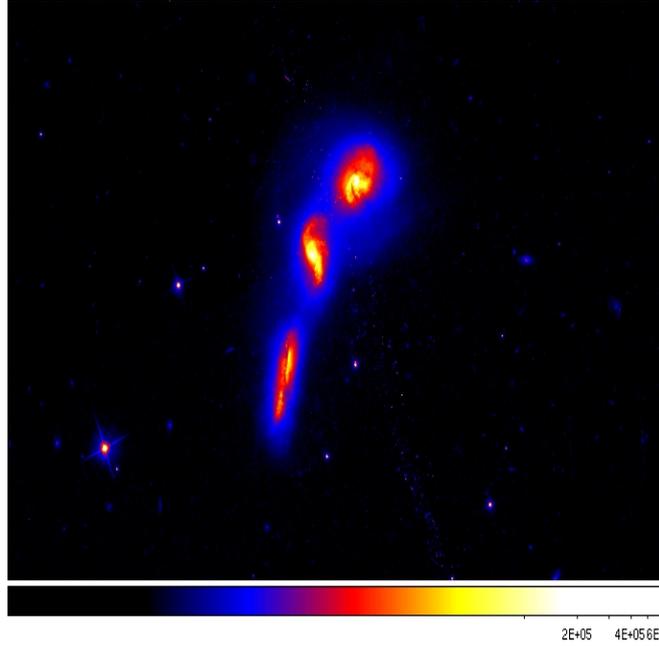
❖ Different dynamical phases (morphological types)

(Arribas et al. 2008)

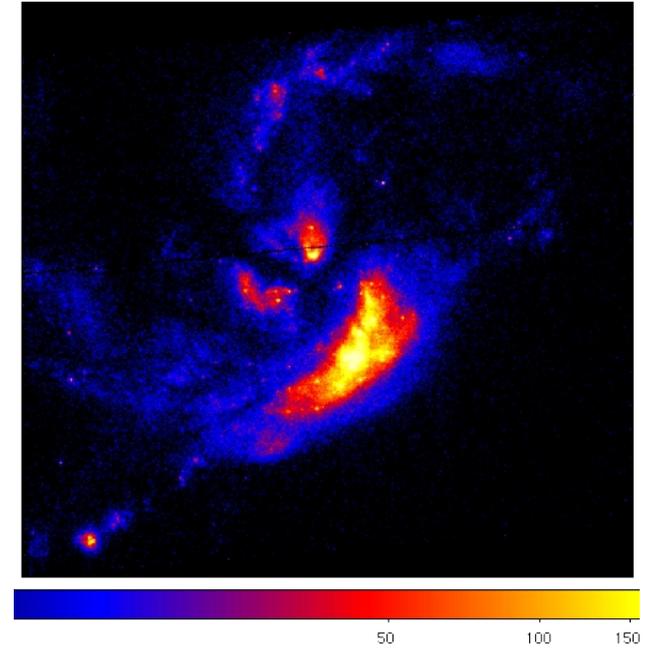




Isolated (0)



Interacting (1)

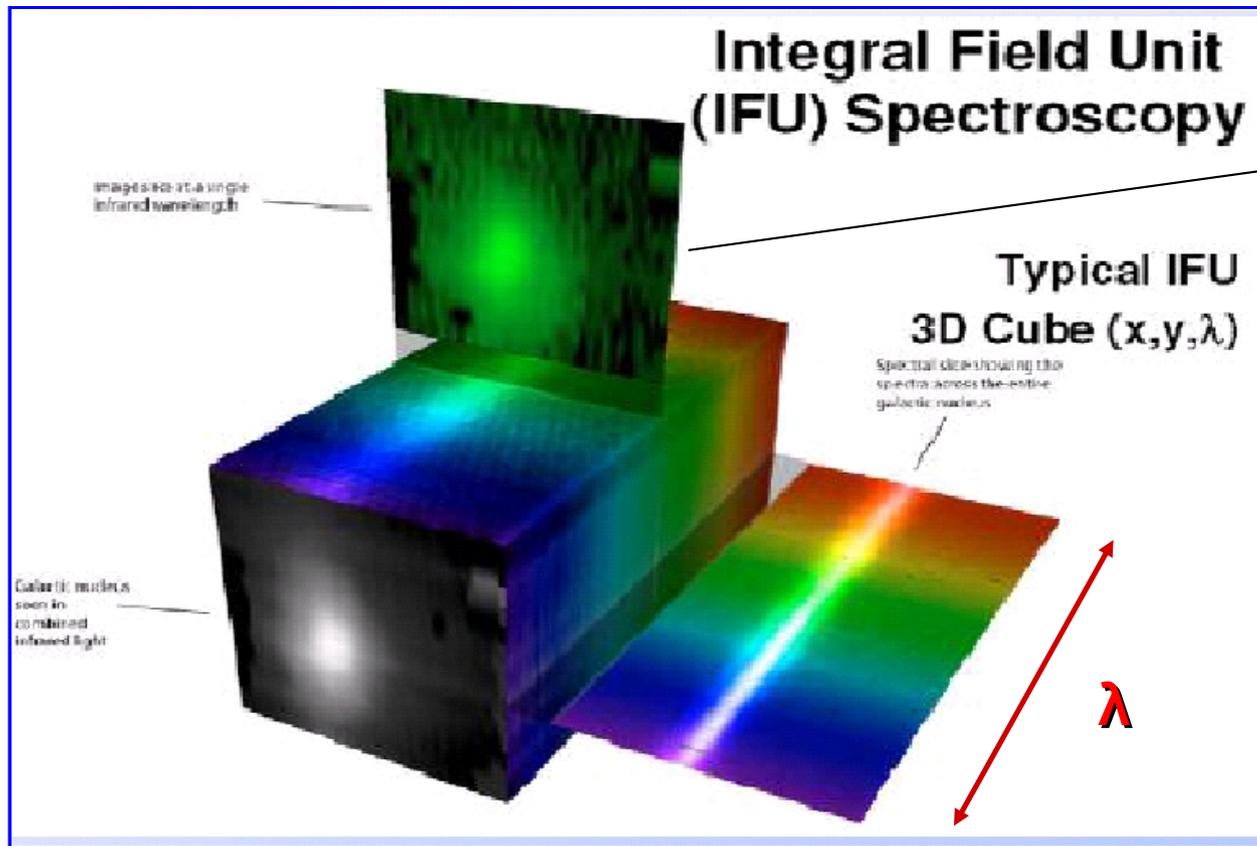


Merger (2)

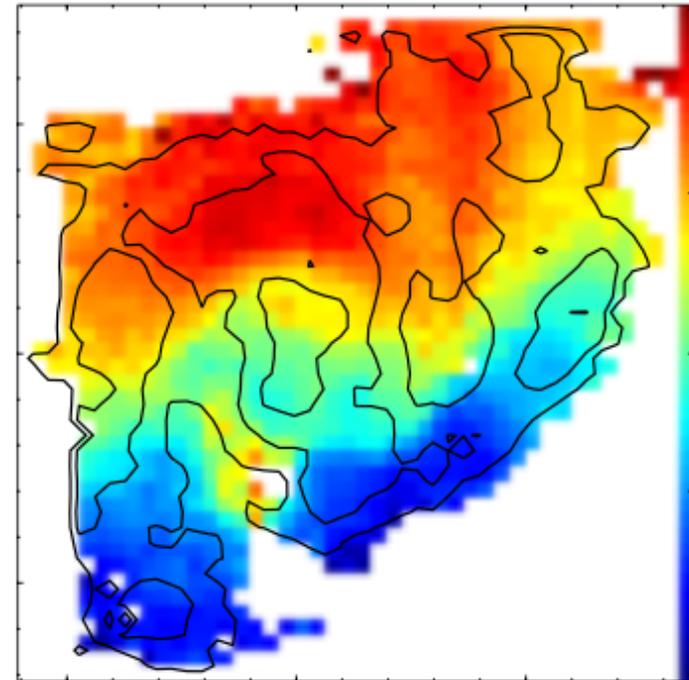
-- First steps:

- i. Data reduction *
- ii. Data analysis:
 - 1) Line fitting & Creating maps
 - 2) Kinometry method (Krajnović et al. 2006)

i. Data reduction:



H α wavelength



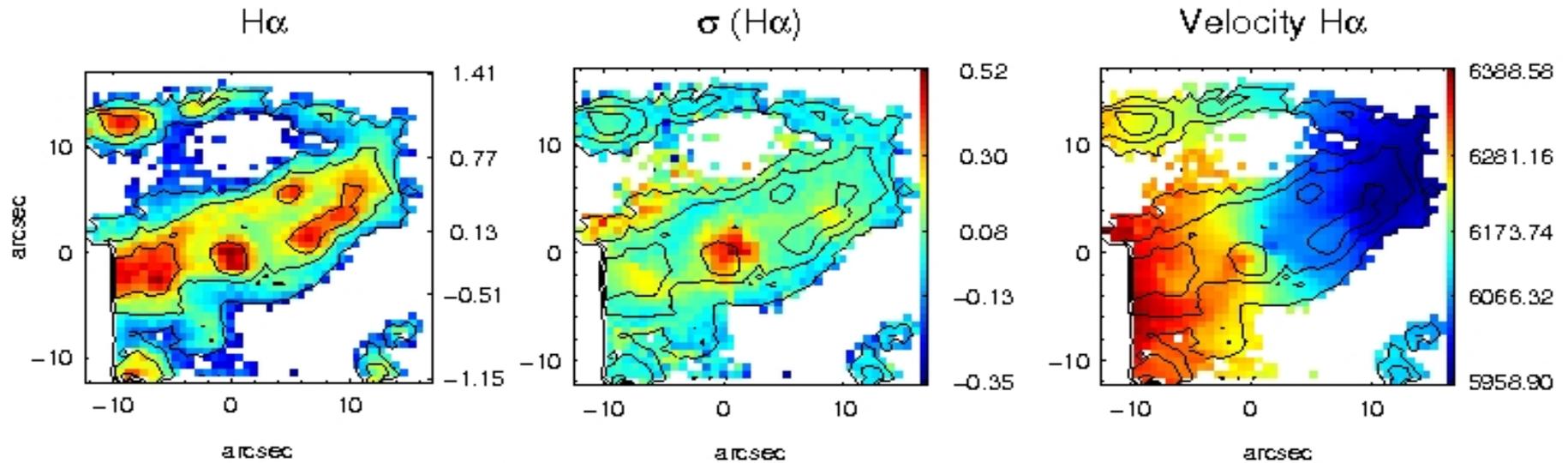
Finally a 3D cube containing
SPATIAL (x, y) & **SPECTRAL**
information is produced!

ii. Data analysis

1) Line fitting and relative maps

Line profiles fitted with GAUSSIAN model obtaining

FLUX INTENSITY, FWHM & CENTRAL WAVELENGTH (λ_c)



2) "Kinometry" analysis ...

2) Kinometry (I): quantifying the kinematic maps

- Harmonic expansion of 2D maps of observed moment along the best fitting ellipses: along each ellipse the moment as a function of angle is extracted and decomposed into the Fourier series

$$K(\psi, r) = A_0(r) + \sum A_i(r) \sin(i \cdot \psi) + B_i(r) \cos(i \cdot \psi)$$

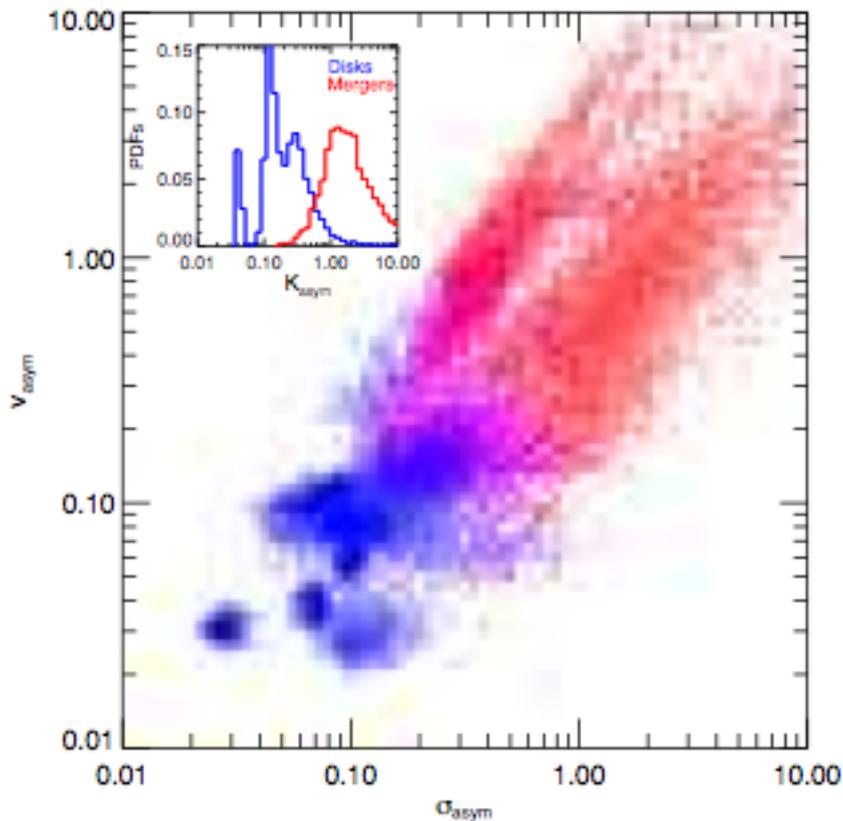
where ψ is the azimuthal angle in the plane of the galaxy

→ The results are the **Fourier coefficients** (A_i, B_i)
and **reconstructed kinematic moment maps** !

Kinematics (II):

Starting applying kinematics to the whole sample (isolated, interacting, merger) to quantify asymmetries (e.g., v_{asym} , σ_{asym}) of a system and to differentiate it between "disk" or "merger" (Shapiro et al. 2008)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_{\text{asym}} = \langle k_{\text{avg},v} / B_{1,v} \rangle_R \\ \sigma_{\text{asym}} = \langle k_{\text{avg},\sigma} / B_{1,v} \rangle_R \end{array} \right.$$



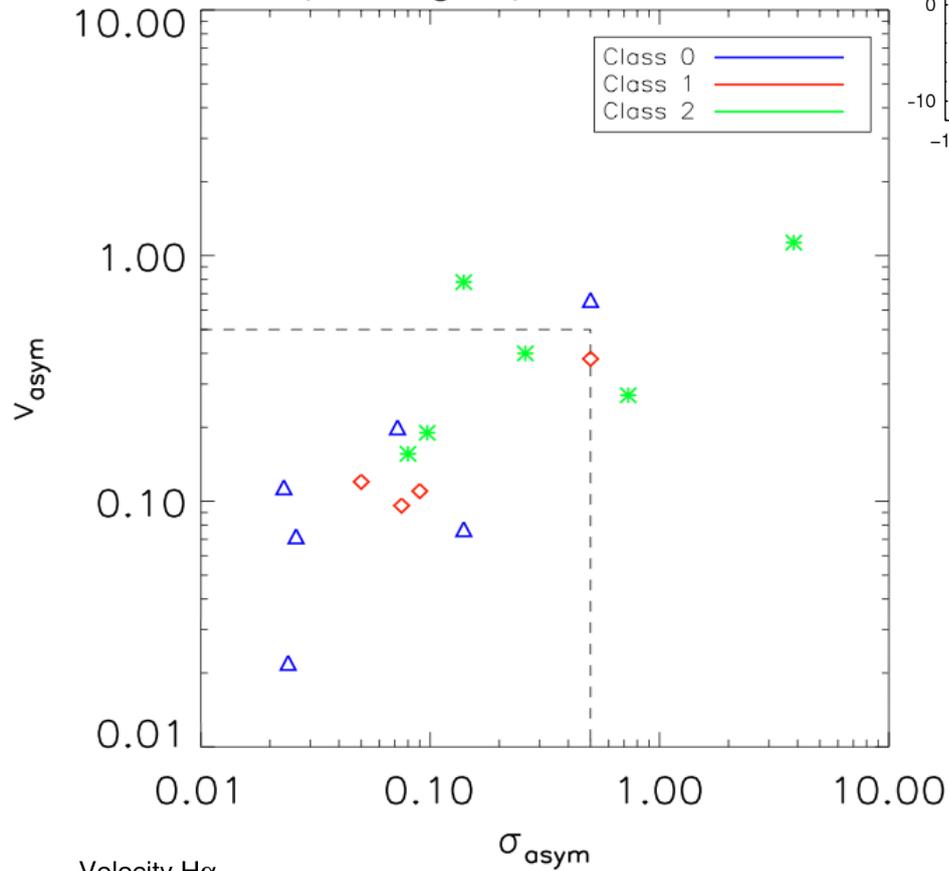
- $B_{1,v}$ is the *rotational curve*!
(The only term for an ideal rotating disk...)

- "disks" → low values of v_{asym} & σ_{asym}
- "mergers" → high values of v_{asym} & σ_{asym}

Kinematics (II, cont): first results

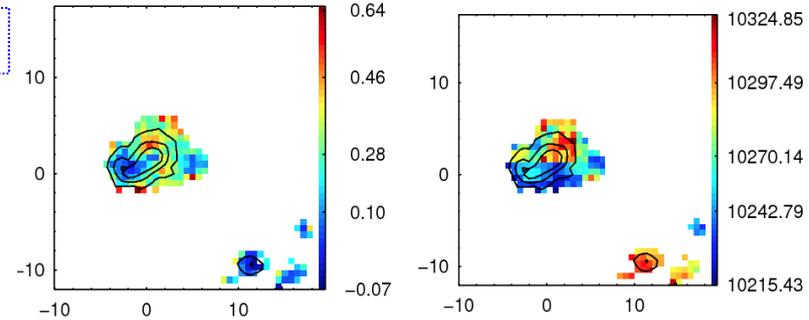
- IRASF10038-3338

Shapiro graphic 10 terms

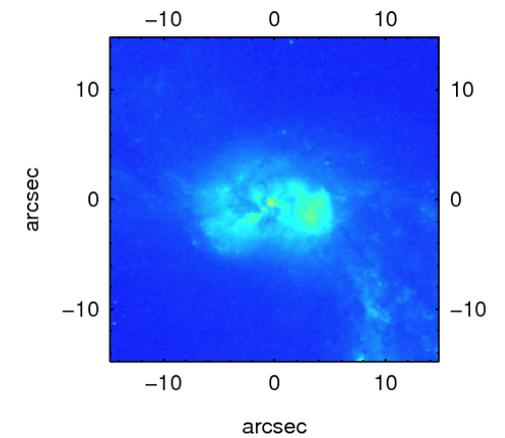


σ (H α)

Velocity H α



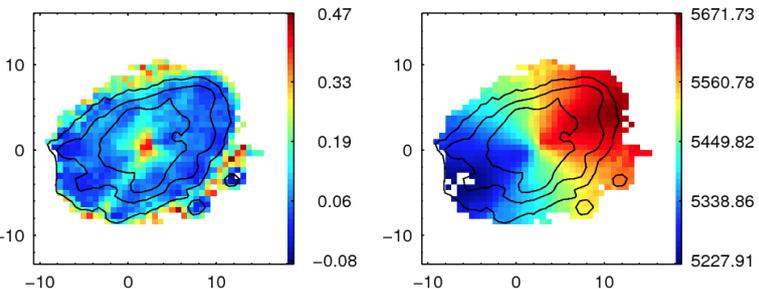
Continuum ACS



σ (H α)

Velocity H α

σ_{asym}



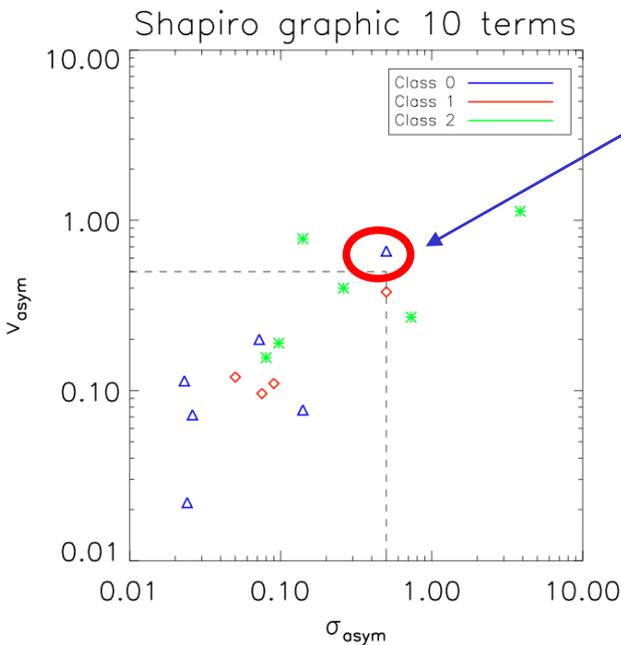
- IRASF12115-4656: almost "ideal" rotating disk

Our results support a correlation between the kinematic and morphological classifications: objects morphologically classified as isolated "disk" galaxies trend to have **low** kinematic asymmetries while objects morphologically classified as "mergers" have relatively **high** asymmetry in the kinematics.

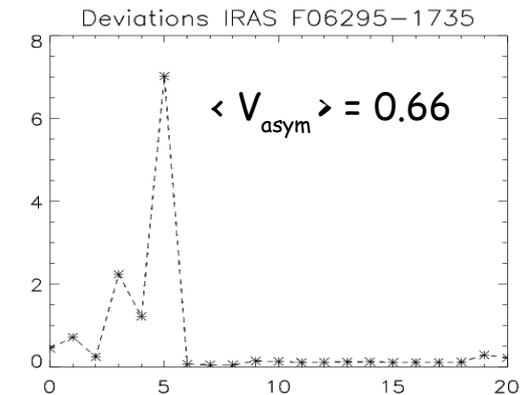
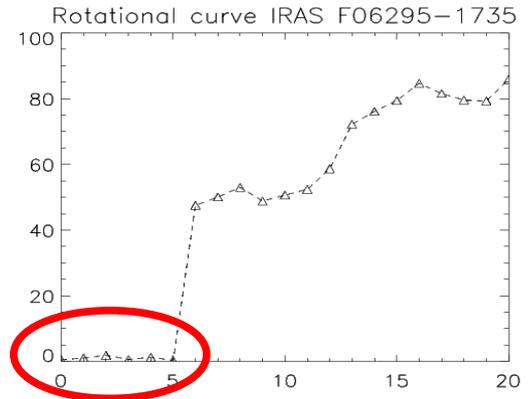
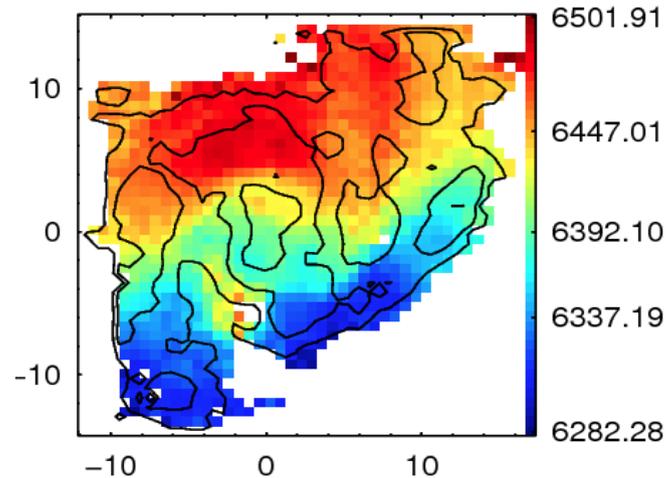
However

- 1) there are some exception (IRASF06295-1735)
- 2) the limit distinguishing between disks and mergers may need revision...

- IRAS F06295-1735



Velocity H α



-- Future work

- ✓ Infer kinematic properties for the sample
- ✓ Extend kinemetry to the whole sample
- ✓ Explore *alternative methods* to separate kinematically disks and mergers
- ✓ Derive dynamical (and stellar) masses and discuss its consistency
- ✓ Implications @ high redshifts (simulated observations)