

“Kinematical characterization of a local sample of (U)LIRGs observed with VLT-VIMOS IFS”



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Main goals:

- ✧ 2-D kinematic characterization of local (U)LIRGs sample; look for correlations wrt fundamental properties like Dynamical Status, L_{ir} , Ionization type, etc.; comparison with local and high-z samples
(Bellocchi et al. in prep.)
- ✧ Find out kinematic criteria able to distinguish between “disk” or “merger” systems (e.g., Shapiro et al. 2008). This is relevant to constrain different galaxy evolutionary scenarios. (Bellocchi et al. 2012)

Outline of this talk:

Part 1: The sample, Data analysis (Line fitting & Creating maps)

Part 2: PAPER I (**Bellocchi et al. 2012**; sub-sample **4 objects**):

Define kinematic criteria to distinguish “disk/merger” (e.g., Shapiro+08)

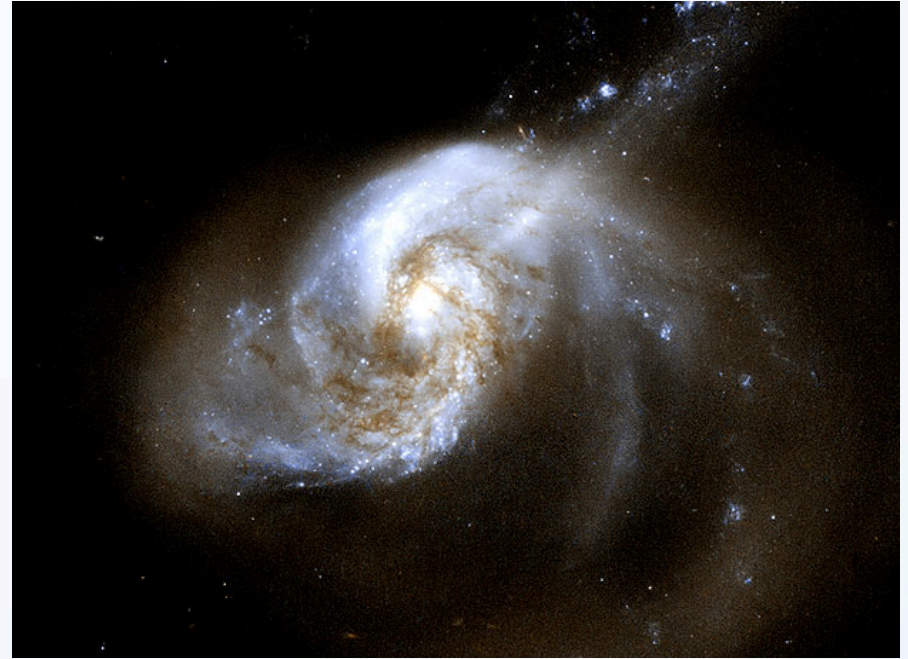
locally & at high-z (simulations using NIRSPEC resolution) & Results

Part 3: PAPER II: (**Bellocchi et al. in prep.**; the **whole sample**)

- Kinematical characterization of the whole sample (i.e., narrow + broad comps): v , s , v/s ratio, M_{dyn} (M^*)
- Comparison with local and high-z works & Results

Part 1: The sample → (Ultra) Luminous InfraRed Galaxies

- Important population to study galaxy evolution → they are systems of intense star formation (SF)
- Local ULIRGs have SFRs as high as those @ high-z: rare locally and more numerous at high z (contribute significantly to the past star formation $z > 1$)
- High SF generates high IR Luminosity:
→ $L_{\text{IR}} (\text{LIRG}) = 10^{11} - 10^{12} L_{\odot}$; $L_{\text{IR}} (\text{ULIRG}) > 10^{12} L_{\odot}$



- The high L_{IR} is produced by UV photons coming from young massive stars and/or active galactic nucleus (AGN), absorbed by the dust and re-emitted at longer wavelength (i.e., IR)
- Analogy local - high-z (U)LIRGs under discussion. So far, comparison through the study of their **SEDs**... → kinematical properties not studied in detail so far...
- Thanks to IFS, **we can kinematically characterize our sample and compare it with local and high-z populations**

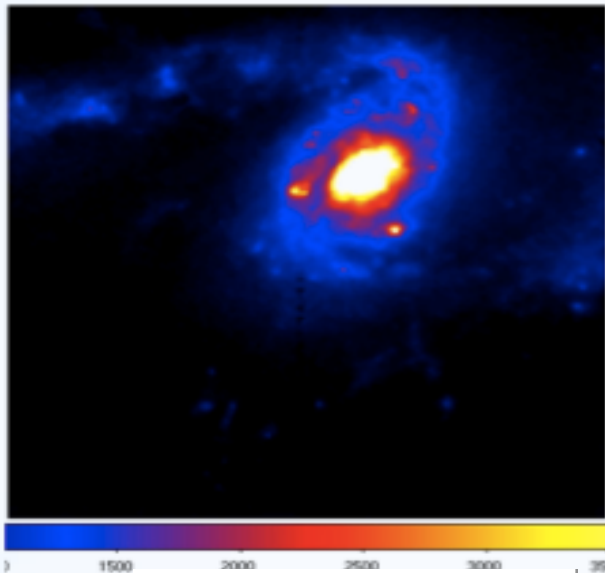
Part 1: The sample & VLT/VIMOS IFU observations (contd)

- ❖ From **RBGS** (Sanders +03): **38 (Ultra) Luminous InfraRed Galaxies** systems (i.e., **51 galaxies**, **7 ULIRGs**) observed with VIMOS @ VLT
- ❖ $\langle z \rangle \sim 0.022$
- ❖ $\text{Log } L_{\text{IR}}/L_{\odot} = 11-12.4$
- ❖ Different morphological types (& different ionization types: LINERs, Seyfert, HII...)

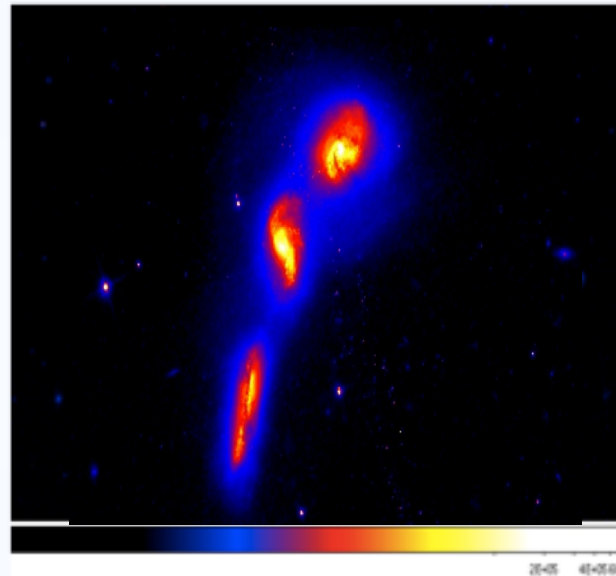


Our observing mode:

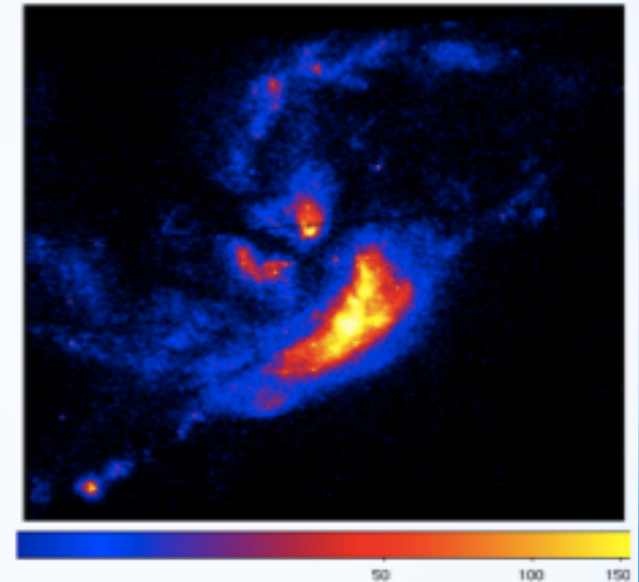
- ✓ FOV = **27x27** arcsec² (@ **0.67''**/fiber)
- ✓ Wavelength range: **5250÷7400 Å**
- ✓ **1936** spectra/object
- ✓ High resolution: **R ~ 3470**



Isolated disk (0)



Interacting (1)



Merger (2)

ii. Data analysis:

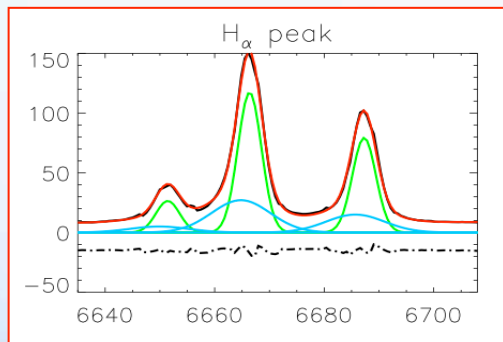
Line fitting (i.e., 1 or 2 comps) and relative maps:

Line profiles fitted with GAUSSIAN model obtaining

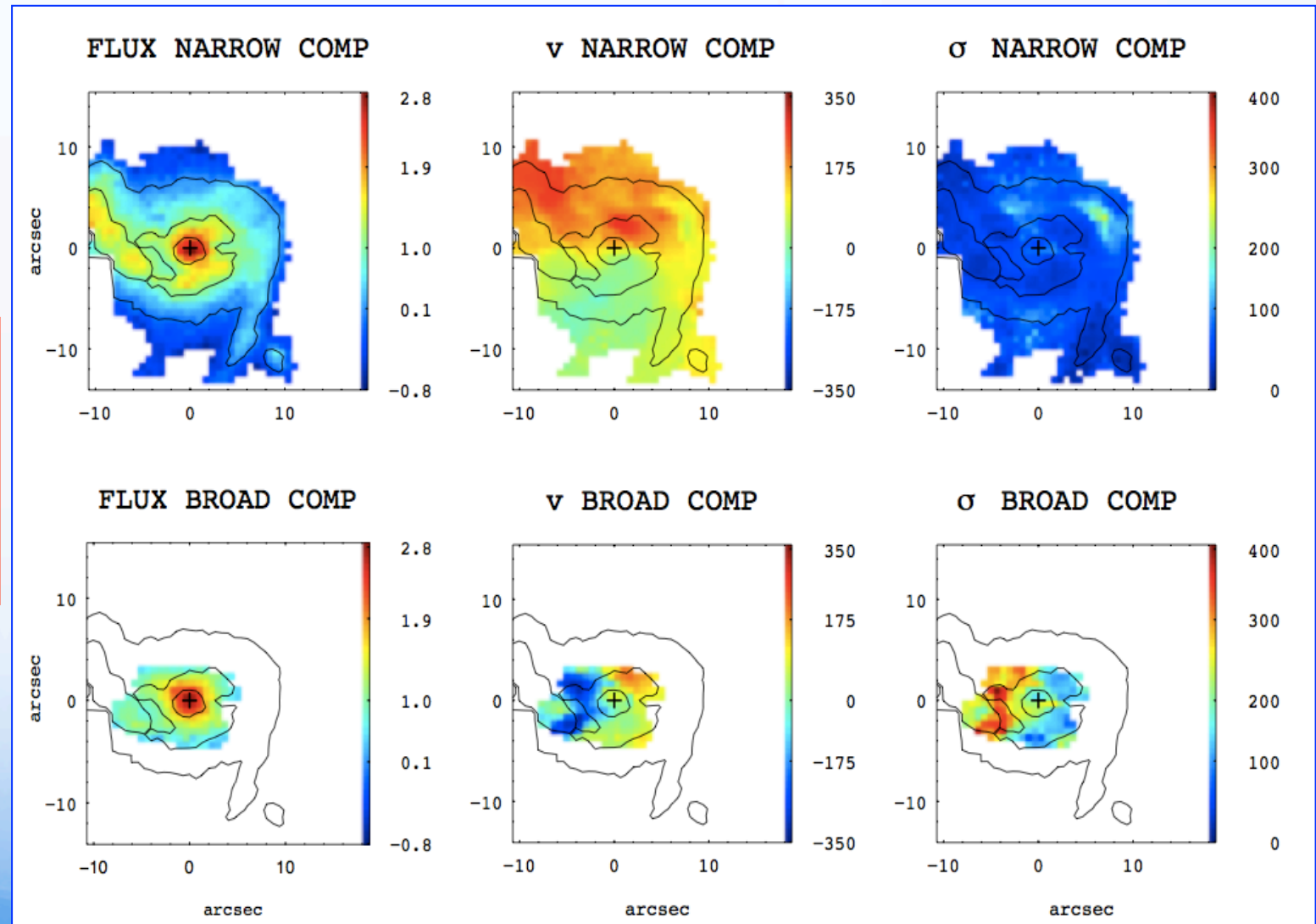
FLUX INTENSITY, FWHM (s) & CENTRAL WAVELENGTH (λ_c)

NGC 1614

1° NARROW component



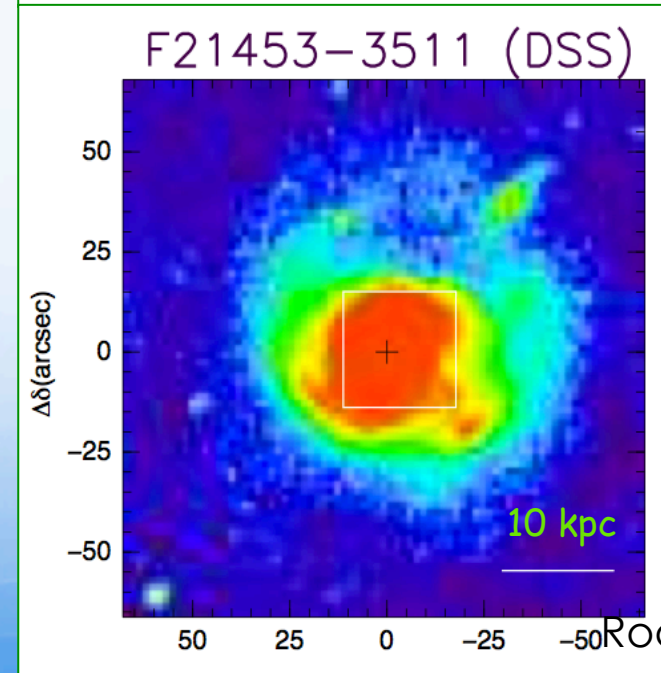
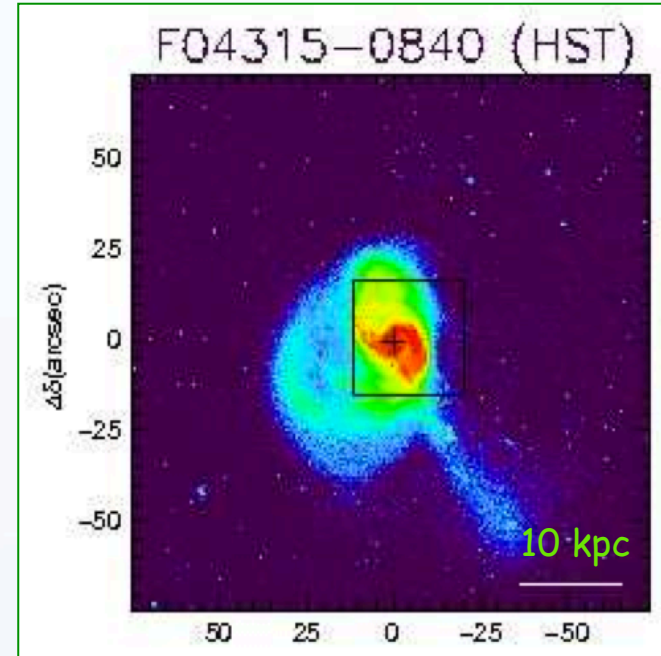
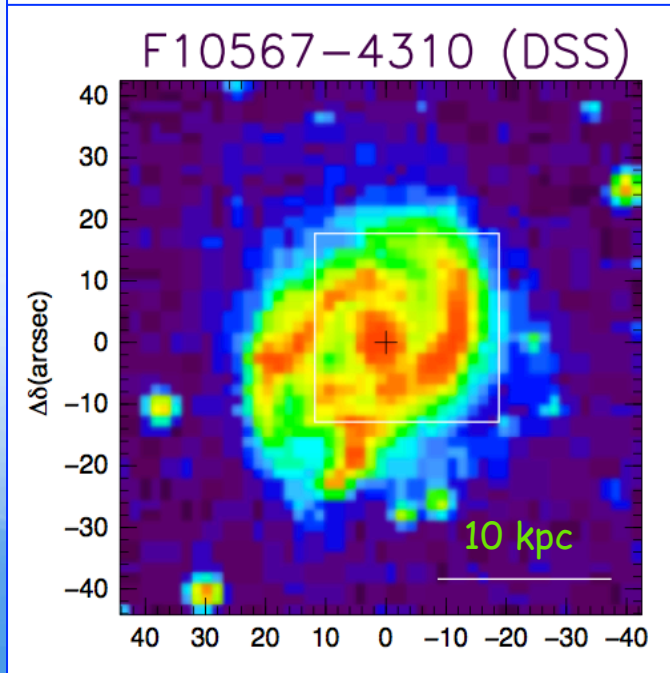
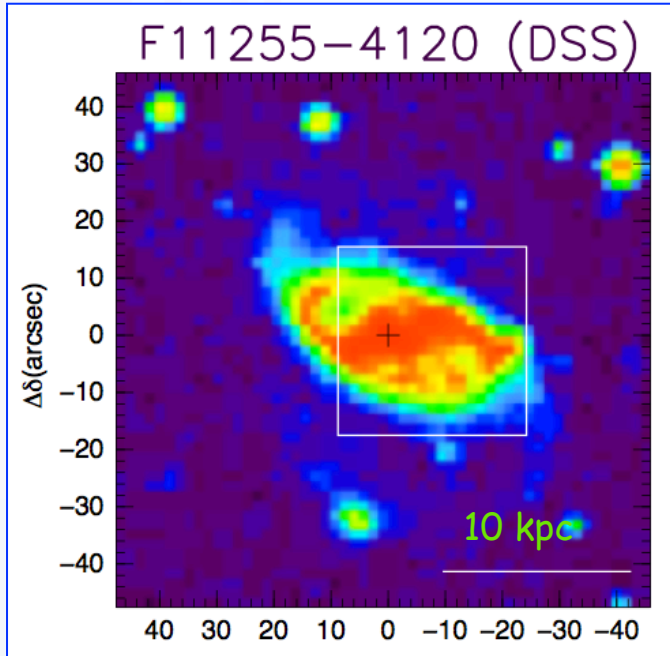
2° BROAD component



Part 2: Find out kinematic criteria to distinguish between
“disks” or “mergers” → **Sub-sample 4 LIRGs @ 70 Mpc** (Bellocchi +12)

Morphological classification

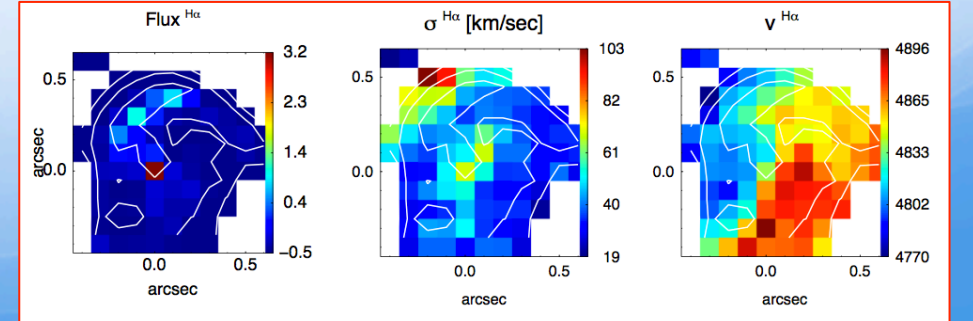
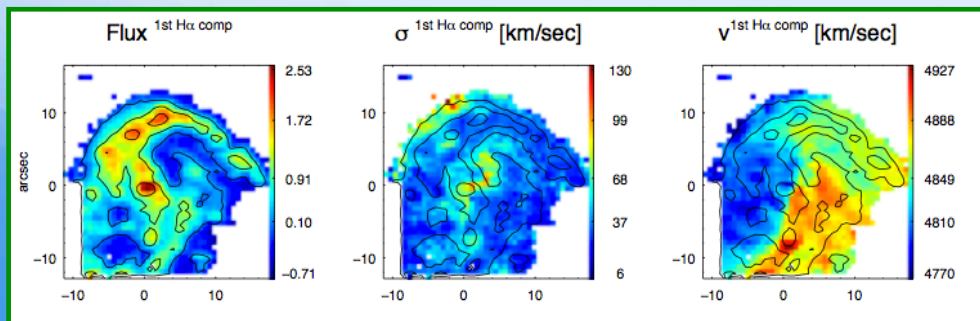
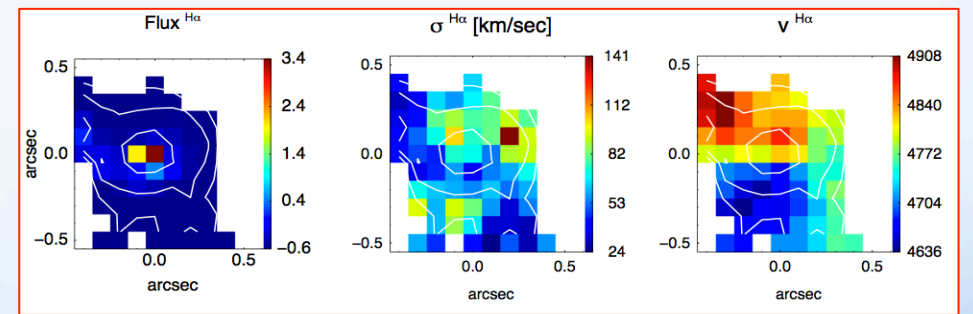
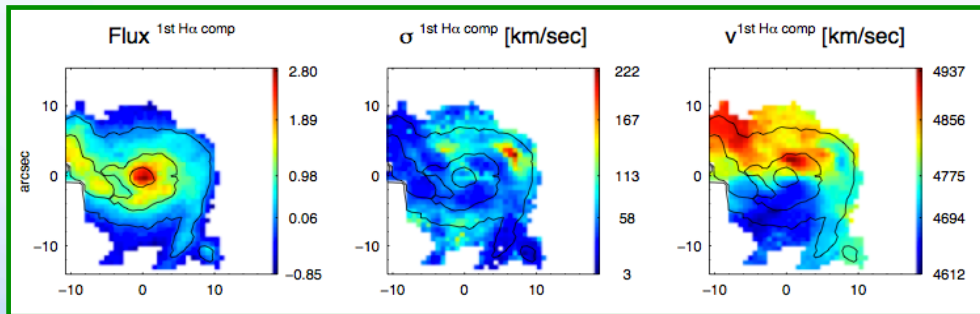
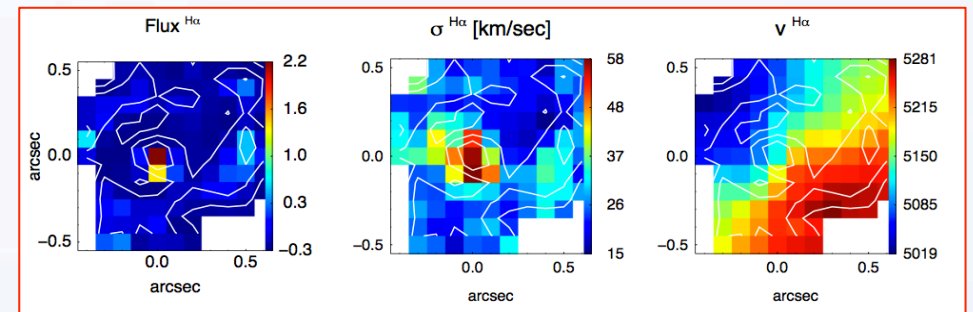
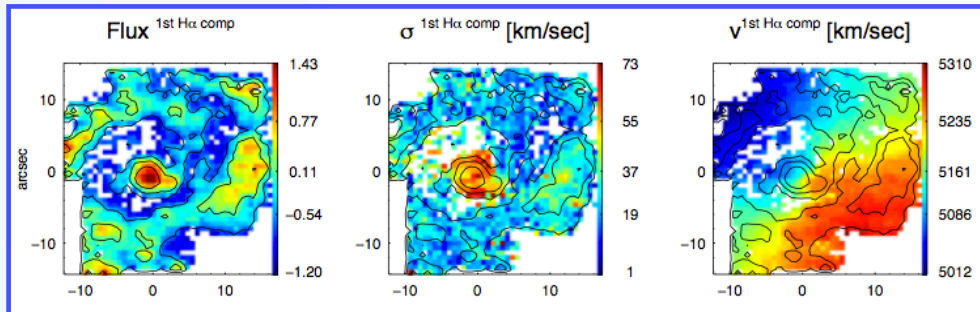
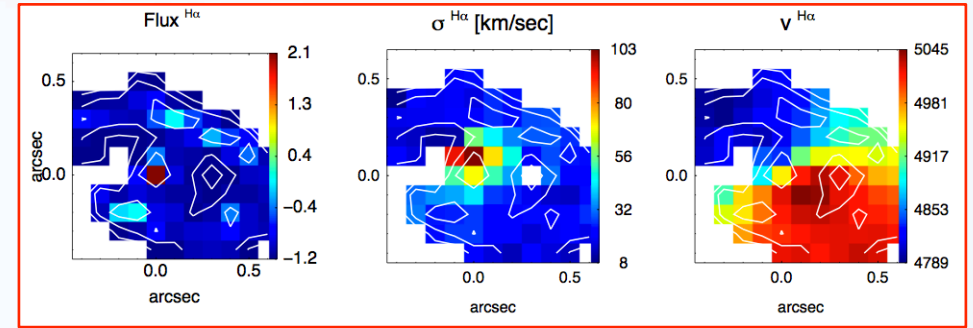
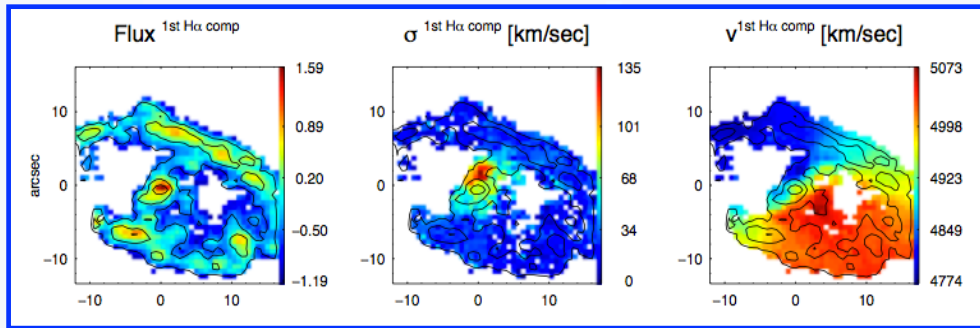
“Disks”



“Mergers”

(Local) Observed data

$z = 3$ Simulated data @ NIRSPEc resolution



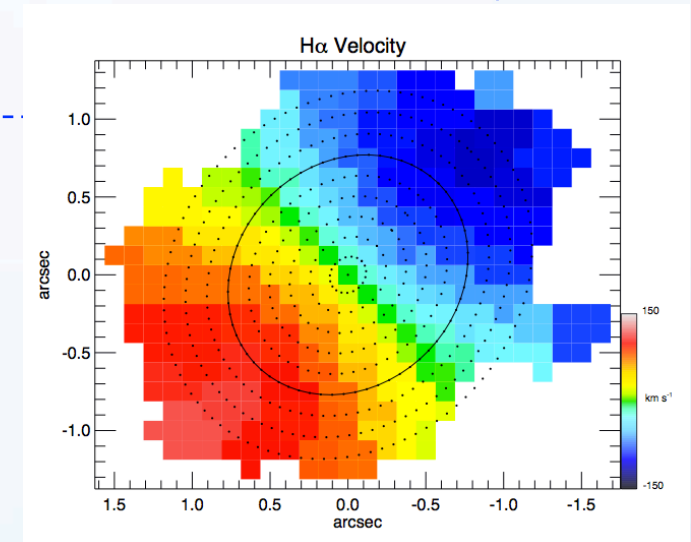
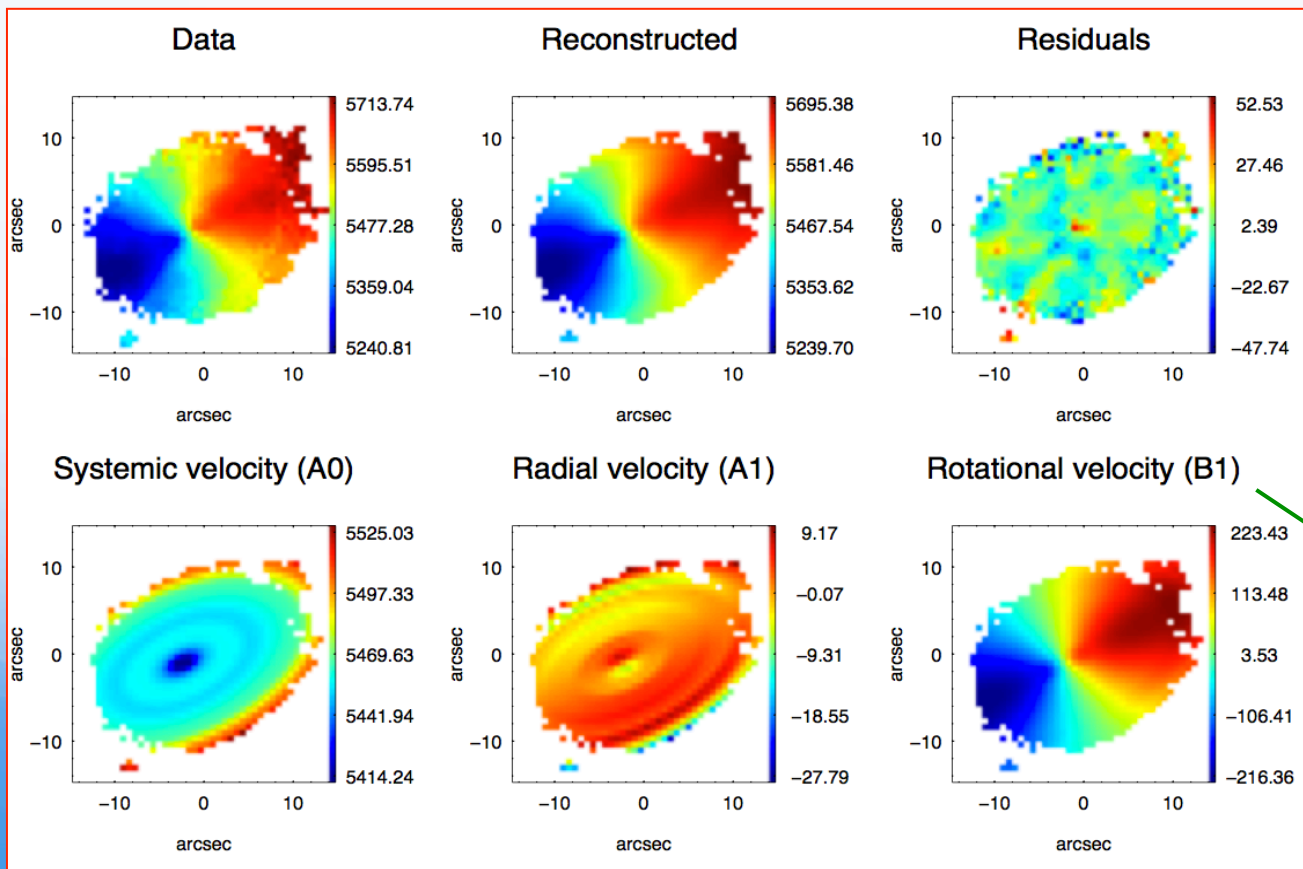
2) The method: "Kinemetry" (Krajinovic +06)

- 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 !



Rotational Curve !

3) Kinematic criteria

a) Shapiro et al. 2008

To quantify asymmetries of a system (e.g., v_{asym} , σ_{asym}) wrt an ideal rotating disk, to differentiate it between “disk” or “merger”

$$\sigma_{asym} = \left\langle \frac{k_{avg,\sigma}}{B_{1,v}} \right\rangle_r$$

$$v_{asym} = \left\langle \frac{k_{avg,v}}{B_{1,v}} \right\rangle_r$$

$$K_{asym} = \sqrt{v_{asym}^2 + \sigma_{asym}^2} = 0.5$$

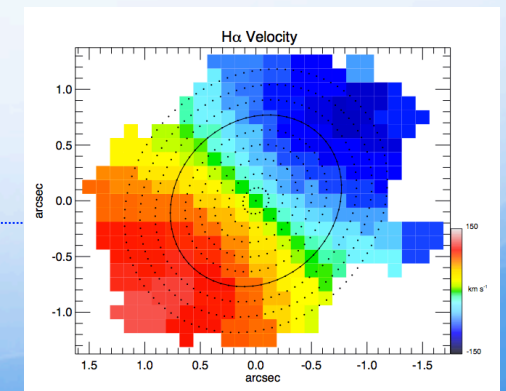
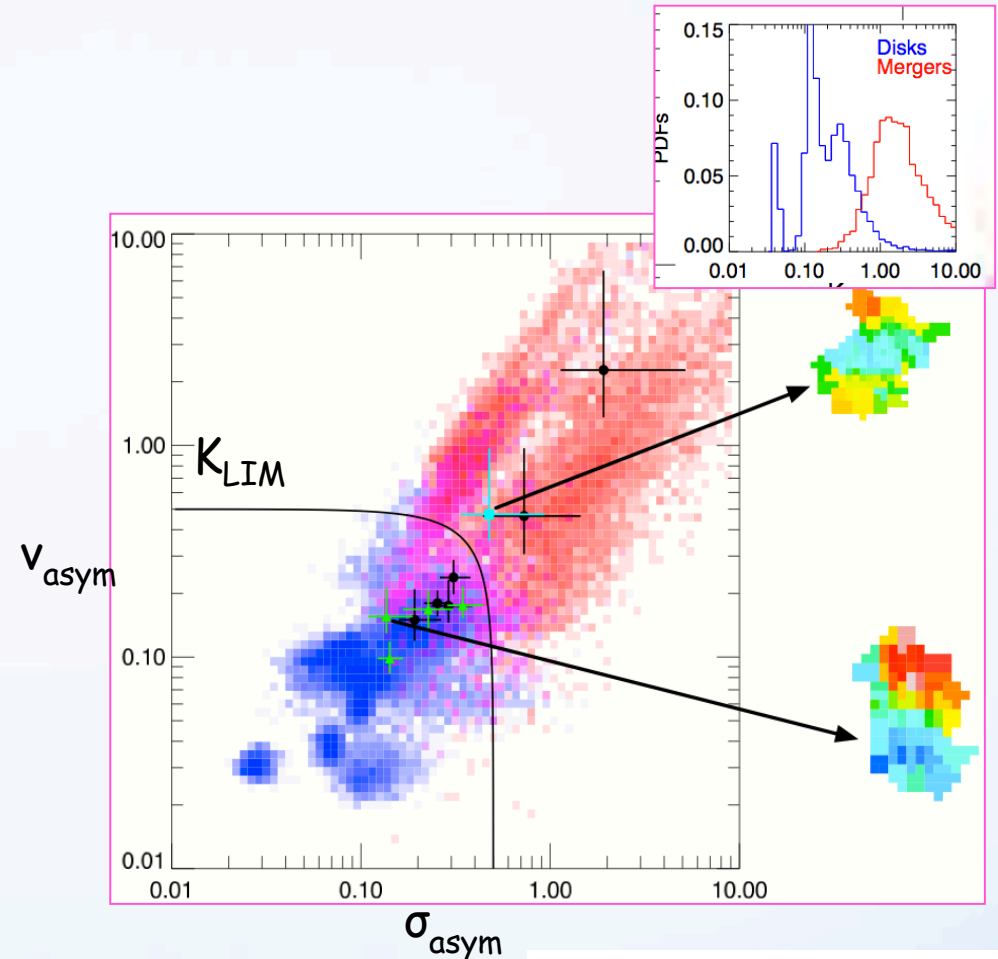
→ k_{avg} = high-order deviations (i.e., A_i , B_i)

→ $B_{1,v}$ = Rotational Curve

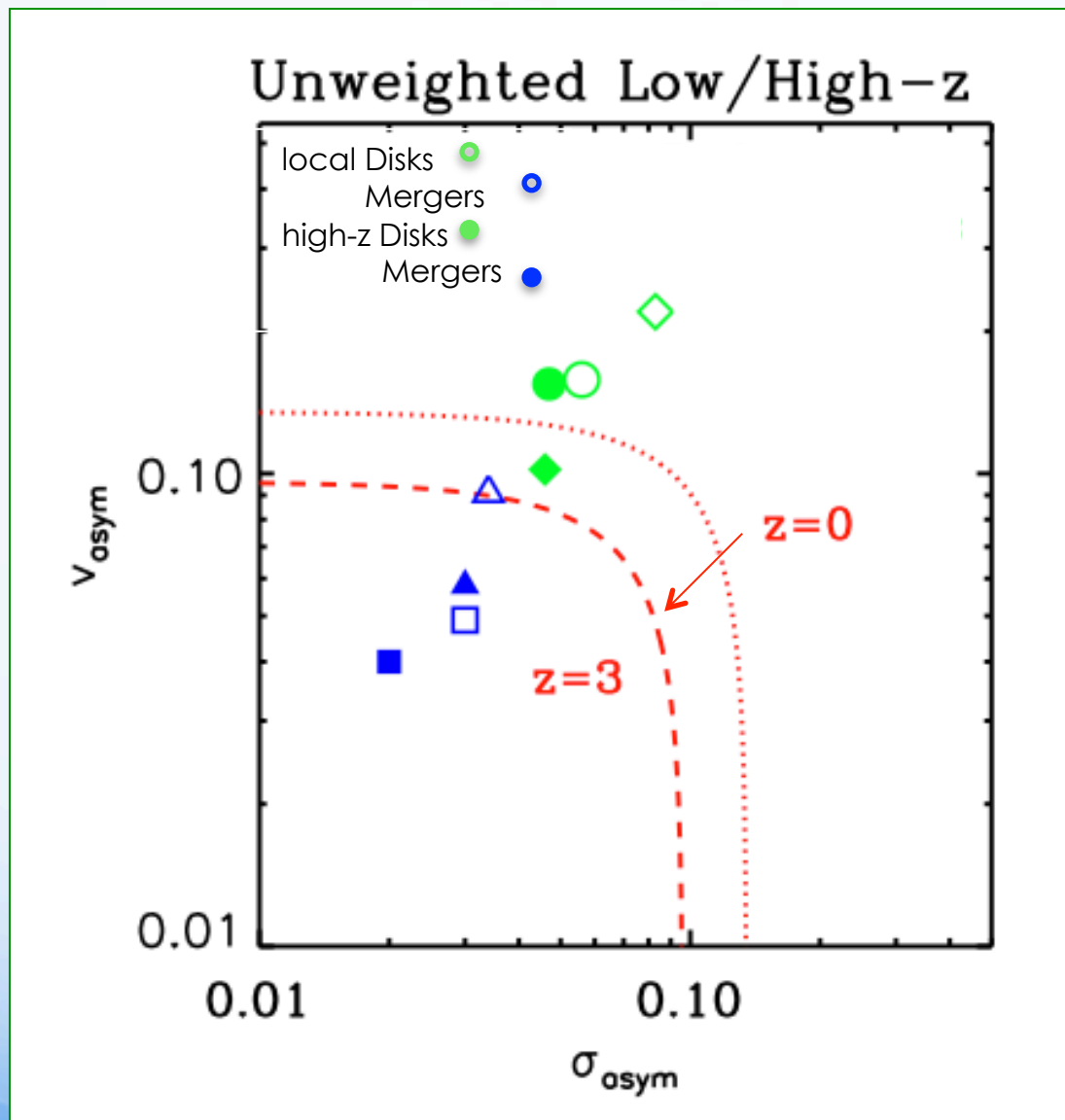
- “Disks” → low values of v_{asym} & σ_{asym}

(i.e., centrally peaked σ & “spider diagram” structure for v.f.)

- “Mergers” → high values of v_{asym} & σ_{asym} (complex and irregular v.f. & σ)



Our results (S08 method) @ low and high-z



@low-z:

Consistency between morphology & kinematics (higher deviations for mergers) $\langle K_{\text{LIM}} \rangle = 0.135$

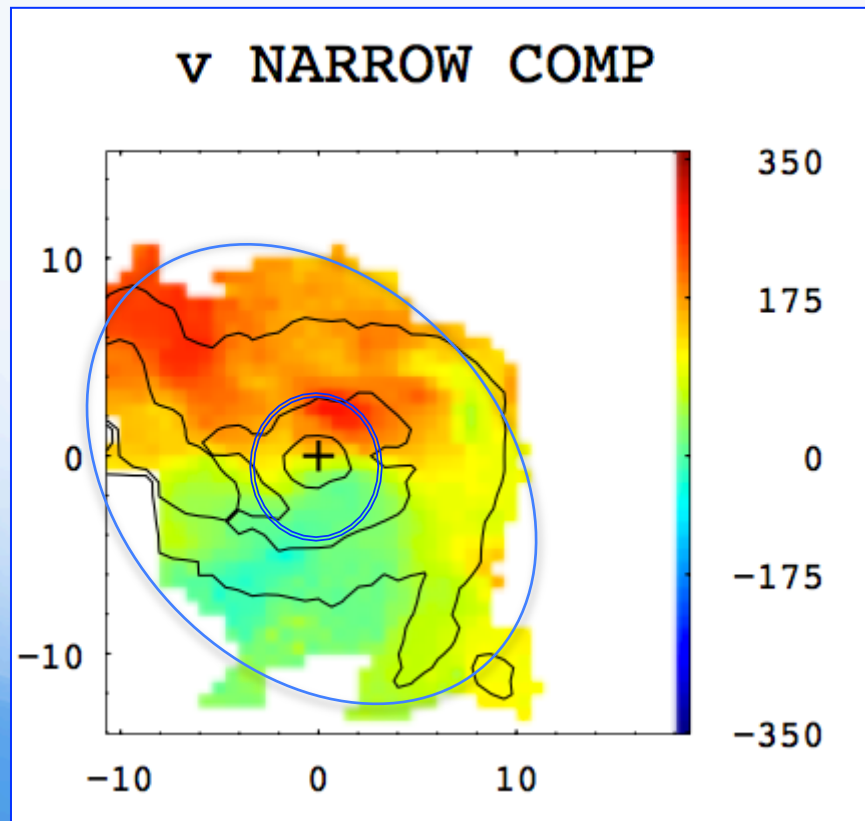
@ high-z:

Distorsions are smeared out \rightarrow objects appear more symmetric than they are! $\langle K_{\text{LIM}} \rangle = 0.096$
(\rightarrow 30 % lower than locally)

NEW CRITERIA: “Weighted-plane” (Bellocchi et al. 2012)

In Post-coalescence systems, the inner regions rapidly relax into a rotating disk, while the outer parts remain out of equilibrium
→ large kinematic asymmetries in the outer parts.

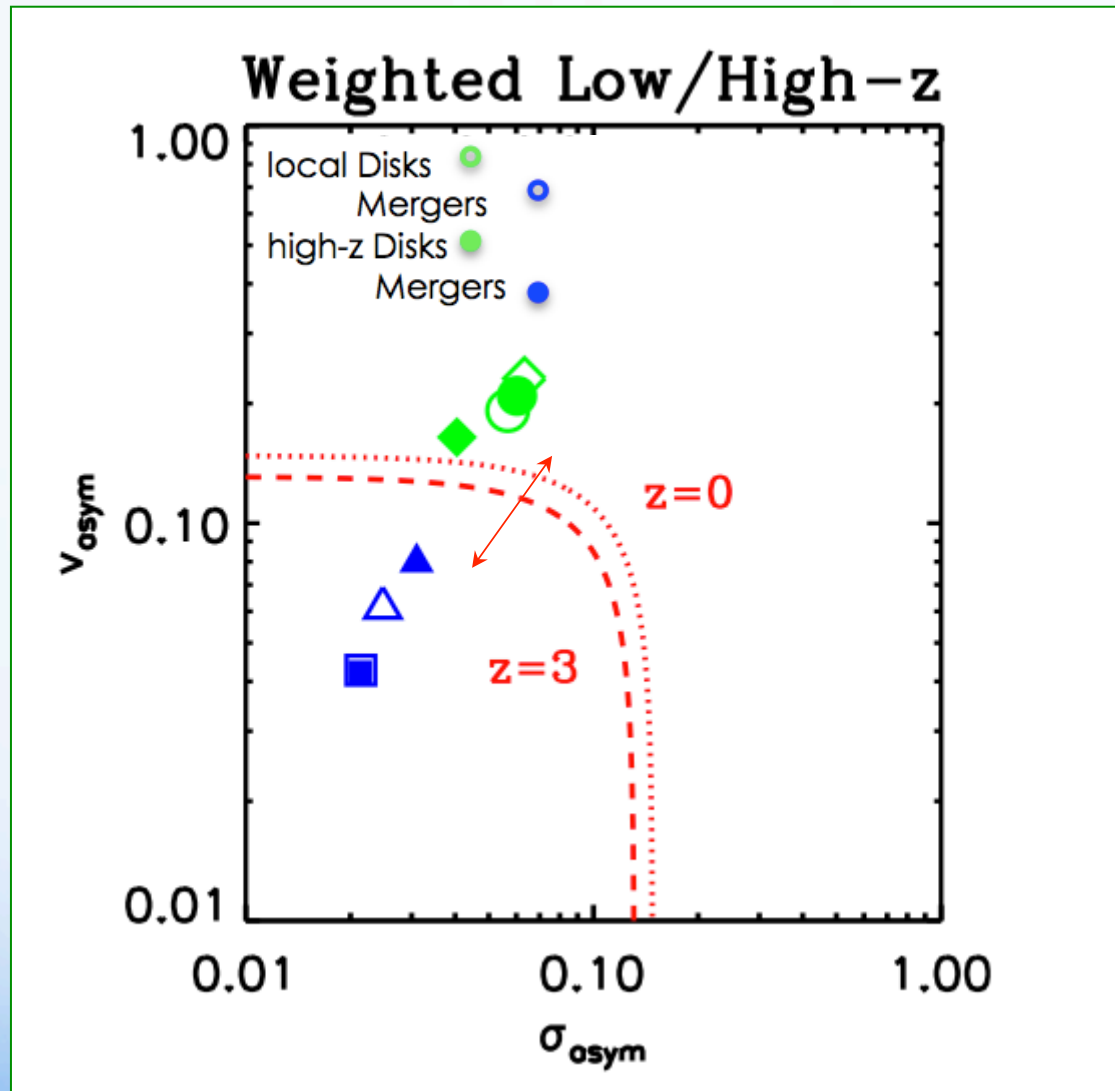
Instead of simply averaging the asymmetries over all radii (as in S08), we then weight these according to the galactocentric distance



$$v_{asym} = \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{k_{avg,n}^v}{B_{1,n}^v} \cdot P_n \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sum_{n=1}^N P_n}$$

$$\sigma_{asym} = \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{k_{avg,n}^\sigma}{B_{1,n}^v} \cdot P_n \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sum_{n=1}^N P_n}$$

Results (Bellocchi +12)



WEIGHTED plane:

→ differentiates **better than S08** between DISKS and MERGERS (separation 3 times larger)

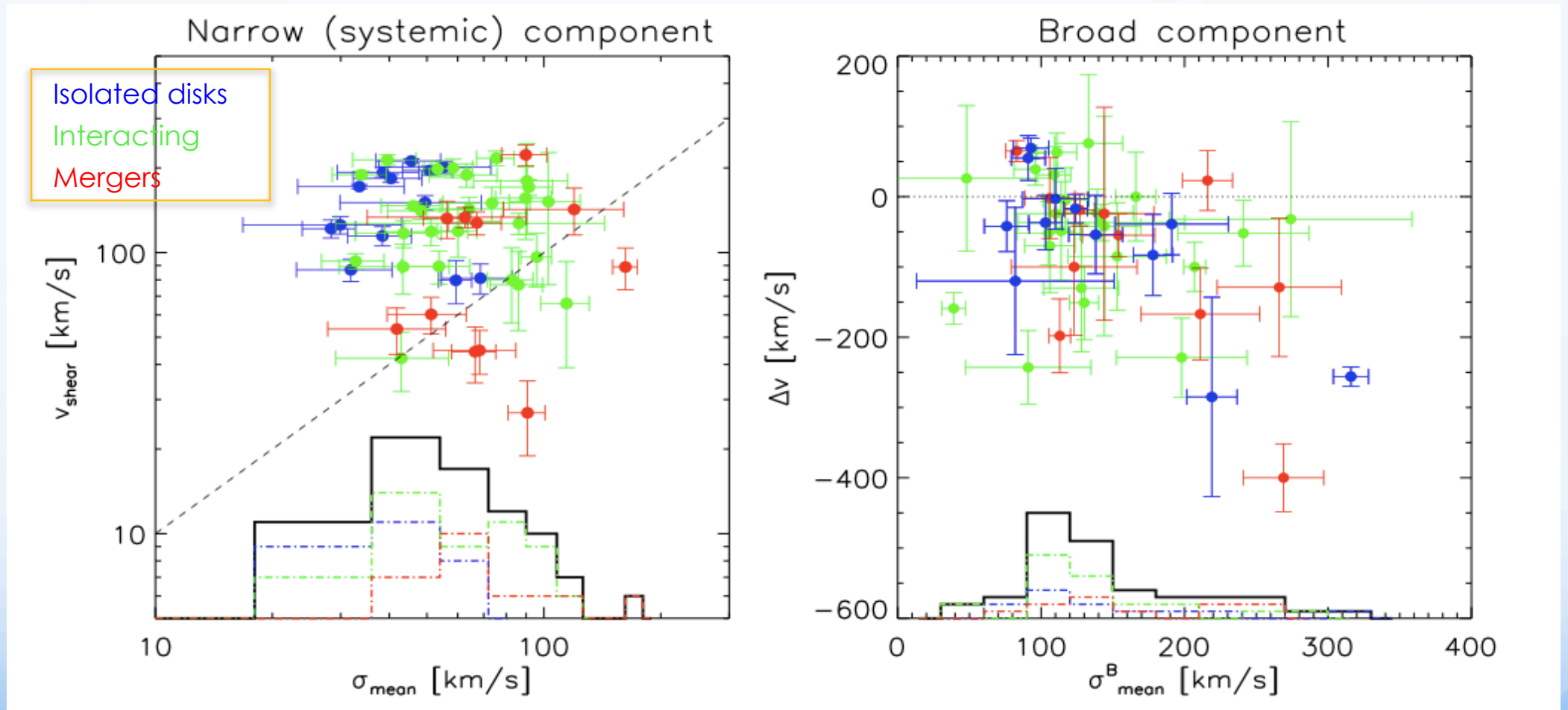
→ @high-z: **LESS** dependent than S08 from **RESOLUTION** effects (11%)

→ different frontier wrt S08: maybe depending on the kind of systems considered

→ this would imply a **different fraction disks/mergers** (larger and more complete sample to confirm this)

Part 3: Kinematical characterization of the whole sample (work in progress)

- Kinematical characterization of the NARROW and BROAD comps (wrt morph. class.)



Ranges of values: N: $30 < v_{\text{shear}} < 220$ km/s and $30 < \sigma < 160$ km/s $\rightarrow v_{\text{shear}} > \sigma$

B: Δv up to -400 km/s; $90 < \sigma < 150$ km/s \rightarrow # 37/46 BLUE-shifted

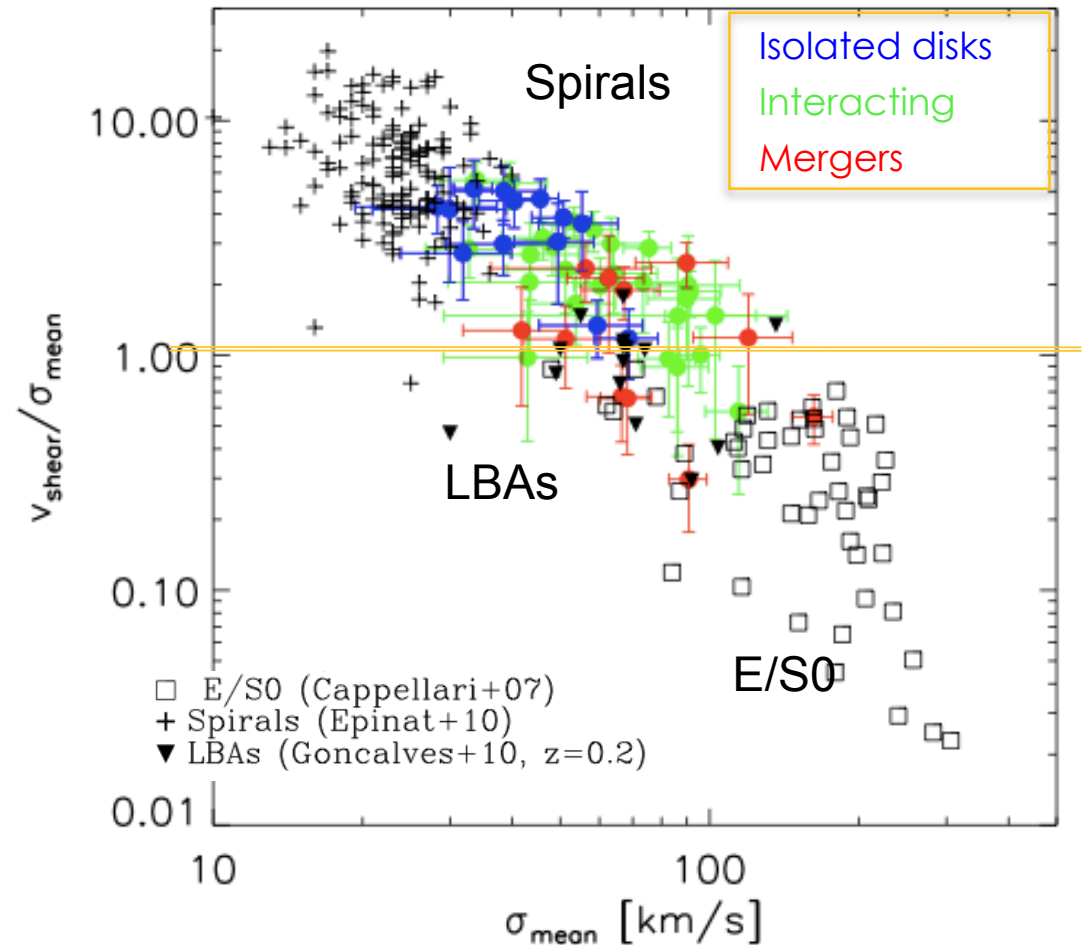
Comparison with other local samples

→ Dynamical ratio v/σ :

Useful to distinguish between Rotation dominated (i.e., >1) and Dispersion dominated (i.e., <1) systems

... it has to be used with caution since a high v_{shear} can be generated not only by rotational motions (e.g., merger events)

→ Consistent with the scenario where the merging of 2 SPIRALS can generate an ELLIPTICAL



Type of systems	v_{shear} (km s^{-1})	v_{shear}^* (km s^{-1})	σ_{mean} (km s^{-1})	$v_{\text{shear}}^*/\sigma_{\text{mean}}$
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
ALL	131 ± 8 (132)	169 ± 9 (170)	63 ± 4 (58)	3.1 ± 0.3 (2.9)
LIRGs	132 ± 8 (128)	169 ± 10 (168)	57 ± 3 (51)	3.3 ± 0.3 (3.0)
ULIRGs	130 ± 26 (150)	172 ± 30 (192)	95 ± 12 (90)	2.0 ± 0.4 (1.9)
(U)LIRGs class 0	↑ 148 ± 13 (150)	↑ 198 ± 19 (180)	↓ 44 ± 3 (40)	↑ 4.8 ± 0.5 (4.9)
(U)LIRGs class 1	↑ 137 ± 10 (143)	↑ 178 ± 17 (170)	↓ 66 ± 5 (63)	↑ 2.8 ± 0.3 (2.9)
(U)LIRGs class 2	↑ 98 ± 18 (89)	↑ 128 ± 23 (152)	↓ 80 ± 11 (67)	↑ 1.7 ± 0.3 (1.5)

KINEMATICAL classification

(based on the morphology of their kinematic maps, e.g., Flores+06):

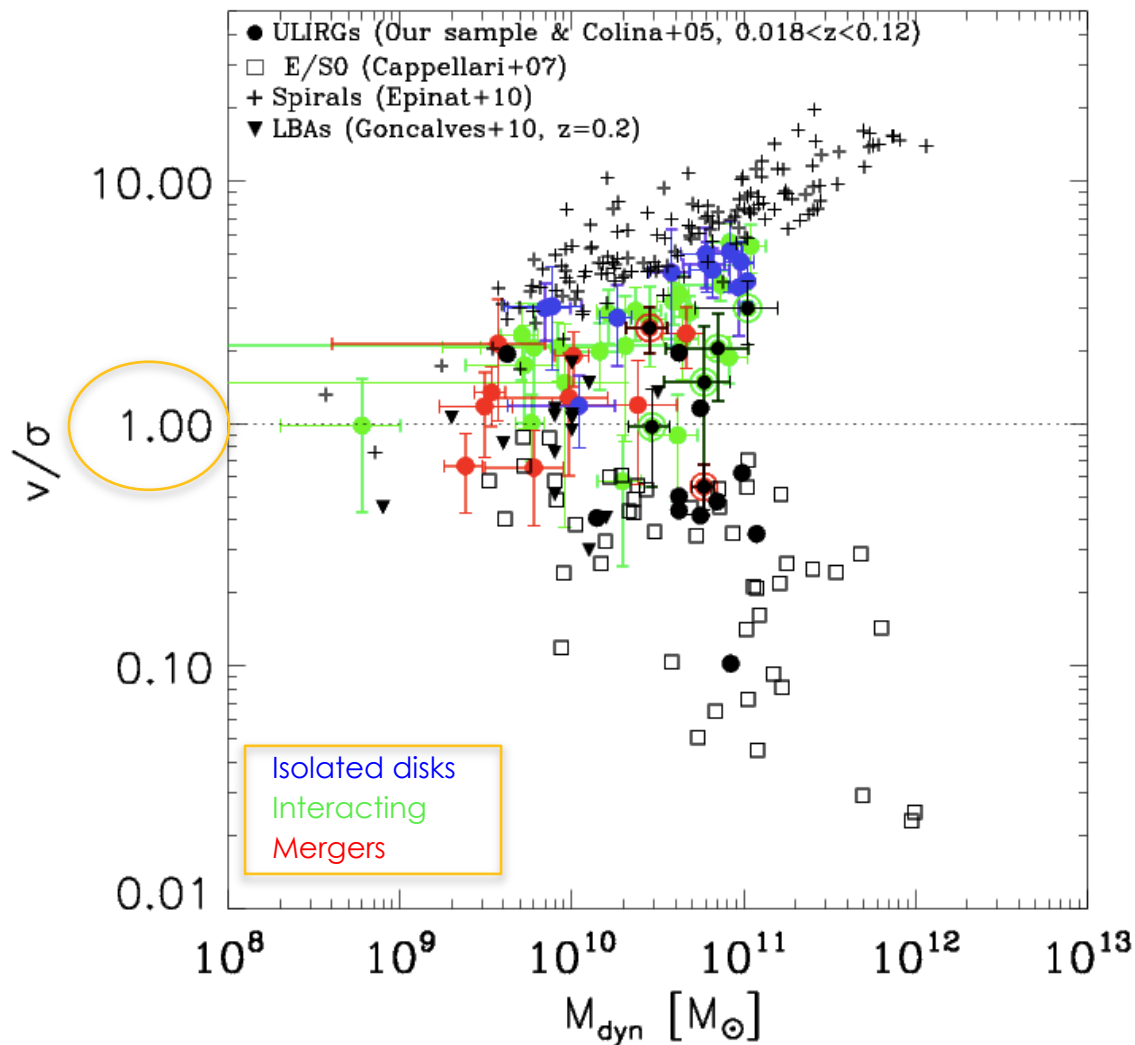
- Rotation Dominated (RD)
- Perturbed Disk (PD)
- Complex Kinematics (CK)

K class	v_{shear} (km s^{-1})	v_{shear}^* (km s^{-1})	σ_{mean} (km s^{-1})	$v_{shear}^*/\sigma_{mean}$
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
RD	↑ 163 ± 44 (180)	213 ± 56 (207)	48 ± 17 (46)	↑ 5.0 ± 1.8 (5.4)
PD	↑ 126 ± 52 (125)	159 ± 62 (151)	↓ 56 ± 17 (56)	↑ 3.0 ± 1.2 (3.1)
CK	112 ± 53 (127)	149 ± 67 (169)	↓ 91 ± 28 (90)	1.7 ± 0.8 (1.7)

→ Consistency with morphological classification i.e., RD have higher v_{shear} and lower σ_{mean} , while CK have the opposite trend)

→ but not in ALL cases....

Comparison with other local samples (work in progress...)



M_{dyn} estimation:

- 1) Using the virial theorem (Cappellari+12, Taylor+10):

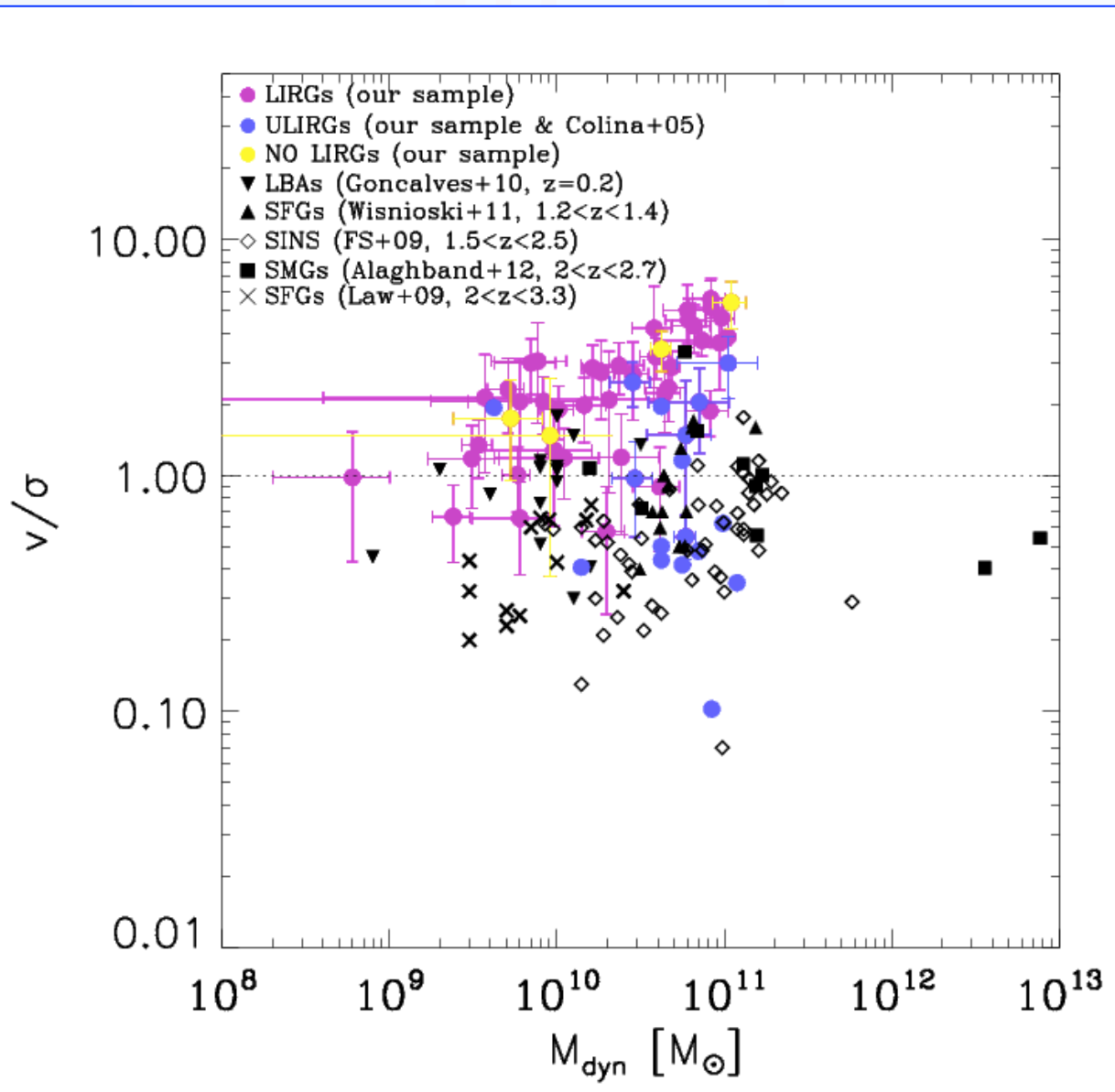
$$M_{\text{dyn}} = \frac{K}{G} R_{\text{eff}} \sigma^2$$

- 2) Rotation + Dispersion motions (Epinat+09, Williams +10):

$$M_{\text{dyn}} \approx \frac{2 * R_{\text{eff}}}{G} * (v_{\text{shear}}^{*2} + 1.35 \sigma^2)$$

- Intermediate mass 10^9 - $10^{11} M_{\odot} \rightarrow (3.7 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$
- Less massive than Spirals $\rightarrow (11.5 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$
- most of ULIRGs closed to dispersion-dominated populations (\approx E)

Comparison with other high-z samples (work in progress...)



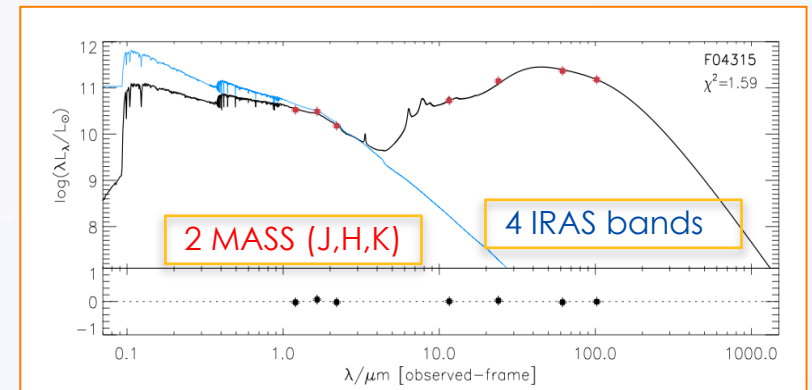
- v/σ ratio \rightarrow
local (U)LIRG systems are
more RD than **high-z** sources
(as expected)

- local ULIRGs overlap area
covered by high-z galaxies
($v/\sigma < 1$; e.g., FS09 (9.0 ± 1.3)
 $\times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$)

Kinematics powerful tool in order to:

1. Define new kinematical criteria (Bellocchi et al. 2012)
2. Kinematically characterize the whole sample (local (U)LIRGs) & compare it with other high-z galaxies & derive the dynamical masses M_{dyn} of the whole sample

Next Future...



3. Complete II paper & Write my thesis (beginning of 2013?)
4. (beyond my thesis...) Check the consistency between our M_{dyn} and the stellar masses M^* derived in collaboration with S. Charlot and C. Pacifici
5. (beyond my thesis...) Apply the “kinemetry” method to the whole sample



Kinematic outputs (I)

