

# SCORPIO at the 6-m telescope: current state and perspectives for spectroscopy of galactic and extragalactic objects

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# The 6m telescope BTA

Big Telescope Alt-azimuthal (BTA) is the principal instruments of the Special Astrophysical Observatory (SAO) Russian Academy of Sciences.

Main mirror diameter 6 m  
Focal ratio (F/4)  
First light 1976  
Location: Northern Caucasus  
Mean seeing: 1.5"



<http://www.sao.ru>



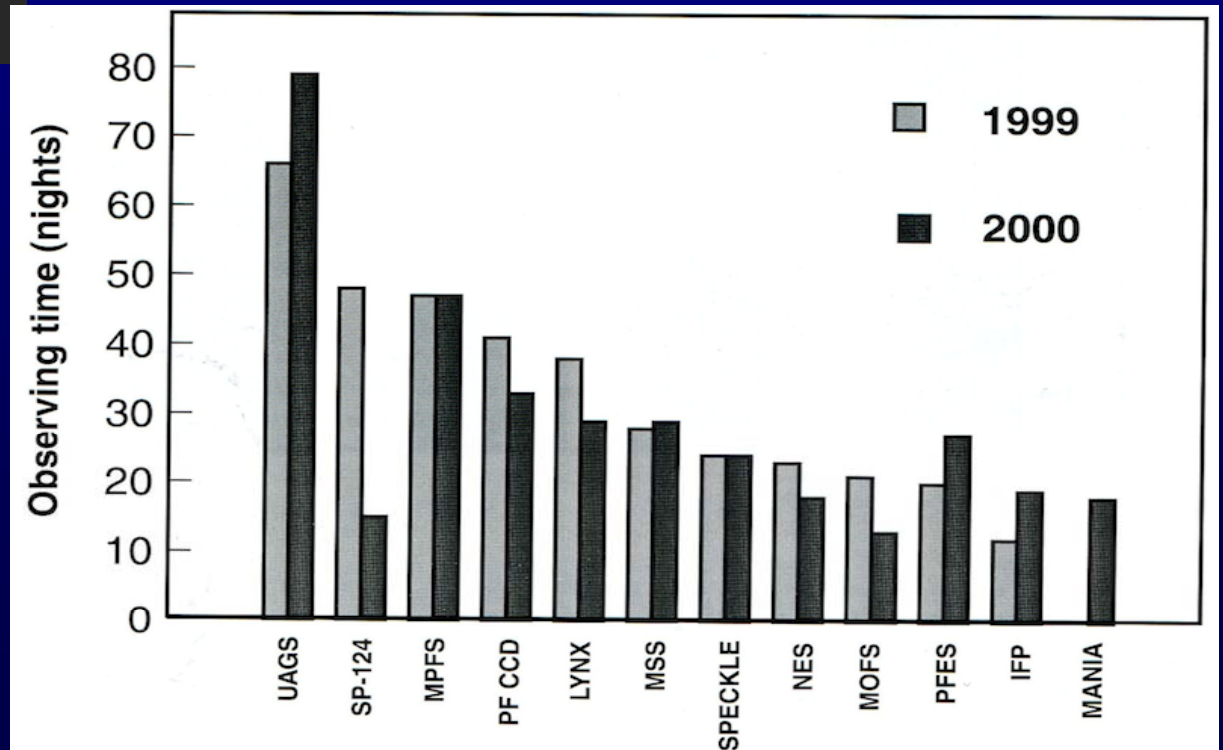


Typical distribution of the observing time:

SAO astronomers: ~40%  
Other Russian institutes: ~30%  
Former USSR countries: ~10%  
Other countries: ~20%

In 2000 we had 11 observational methods (8 in the prime focus).

**A multi-mode instrument is necessary!**



# The family of 'faint objects cameras'

The idea of a focal reducer for a large telescope - Courtes (1960)

**EFOCS/ESO 3.6 m** (Buzoni et al., 1984) = 8(!) observing modes

**ESO Faint Object Spectrograph and Camera,**

- direct imaging,
- long-slit,
- slitless,
- echelle,
- imaging polarimetry,
- spectropolarimetry,
- coronagraphy,
- Multiple Object Spectroscopy

The modern devices for 2-10 m telescopes:  
**AFOCS, DFOSC, FORS2, DOLLORES..**



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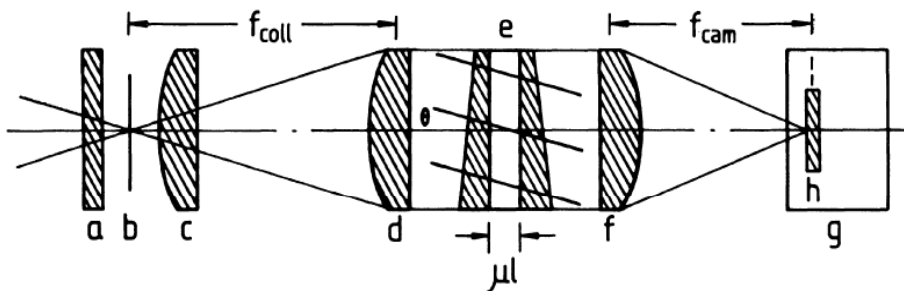


FIG. 1. Schematic drawing of an imaging Fabry-Perot interferometer comprising (a) interference filter, (b) focal plane, (c) field lens, (d) collimator lens, (e) Fabry-Perot etalon, (f) camera lens, (g) Dewar housing, (h) CCD.

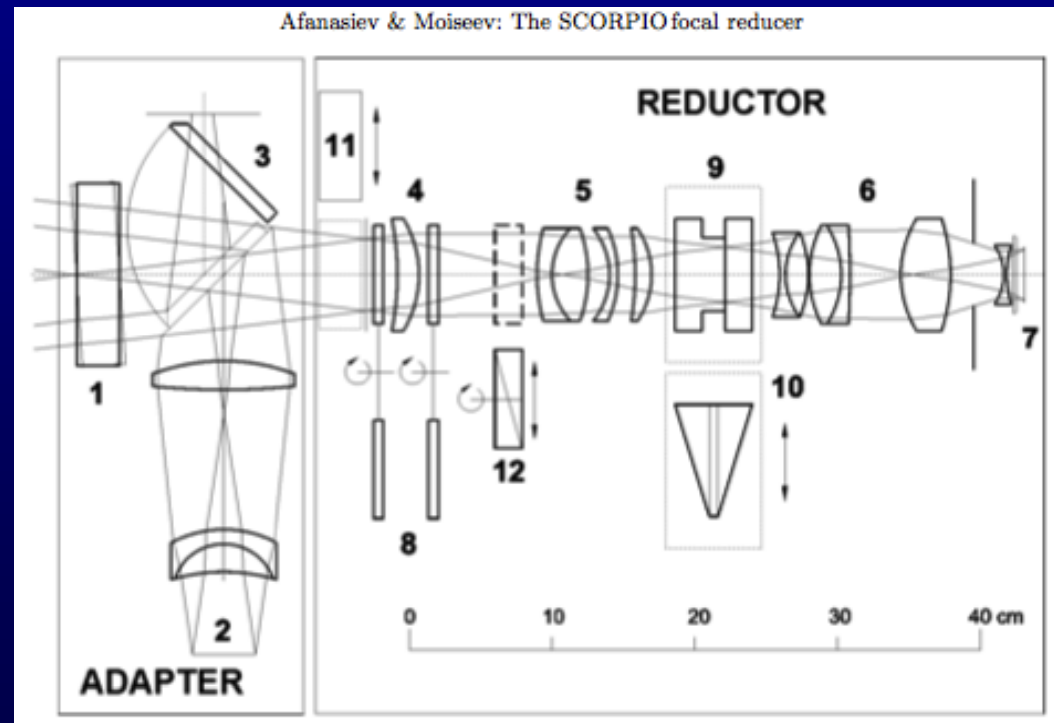


**FORS2 (VLT 8.2m)**

**AFOCS (Asiago 1.82m)**

# Spectral Camera with Optical Reducer for Photometric and Interferometric Observations

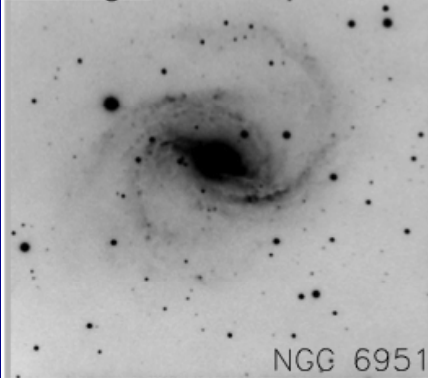
- Observing modes in 6x6 arcmin field-of-view:
1. Direct imaging (broad-band and narrow-band filters).
  2. Long-slit spectroscopy ( $\delta\lambda=2-8 \text{ \AA}$ )
  3. Slitless spectroscopy
  4. Multi-object spectroscopy (16 slits)
  5. 3D spectroscopy with Fabry-Perot interferometer.
  6. Spectropolarimetry.



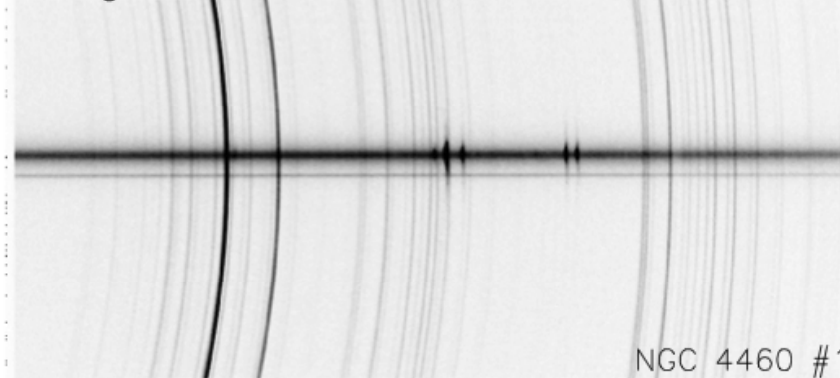
The first light: September, 2000

# SCORPIO observing modes

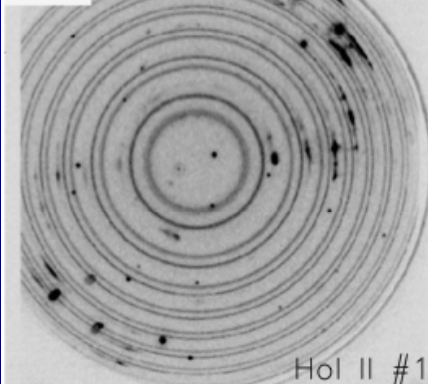
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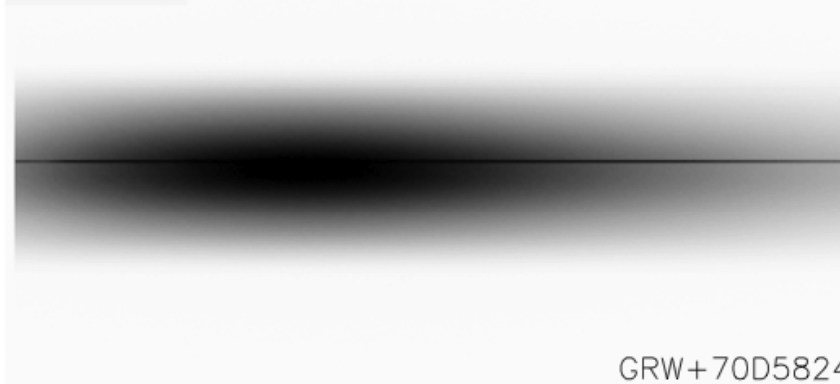
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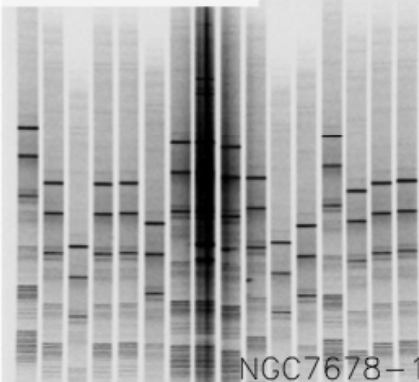
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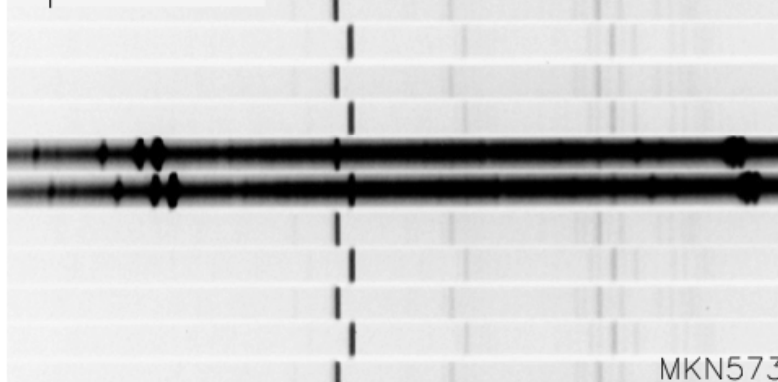
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Multislit



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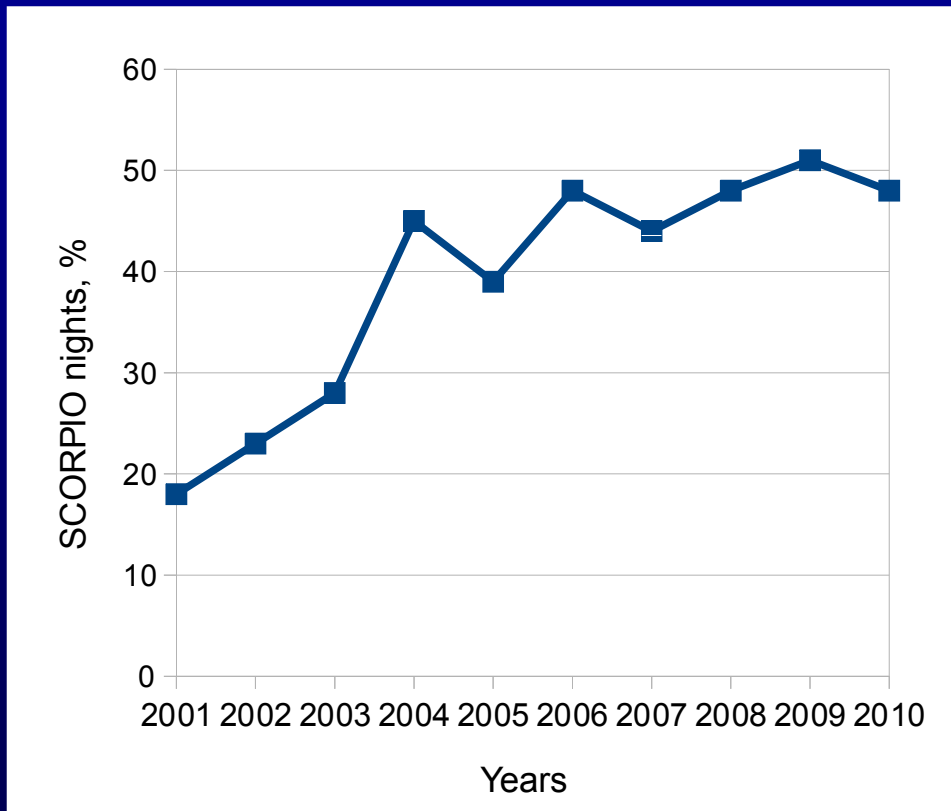
## 1. The main characteristics of SCORPIO

Total focal ration	$F/2.6$
Field of view:	
full	$6.1' \times 6.1'$
in mutlsilit mode	$2.9' \times 5.9'$
Image scale	$0.18''/\text{px}$
Spectral range	$3\,600 - 10\,000\text{\AA}$
Spectral resolution	
with gratings (for slit width $1''$ )	$1.5 - 20\text{\AA}$
with Fabry-Perot interferometers	$0.8 - 2.5\text{\AA}$
Maximal quantum efficiency (telescope+SCORPIO +CCD)	
Direct imaging	70%
Spectroscopy	40%
Observations with FPI	20%

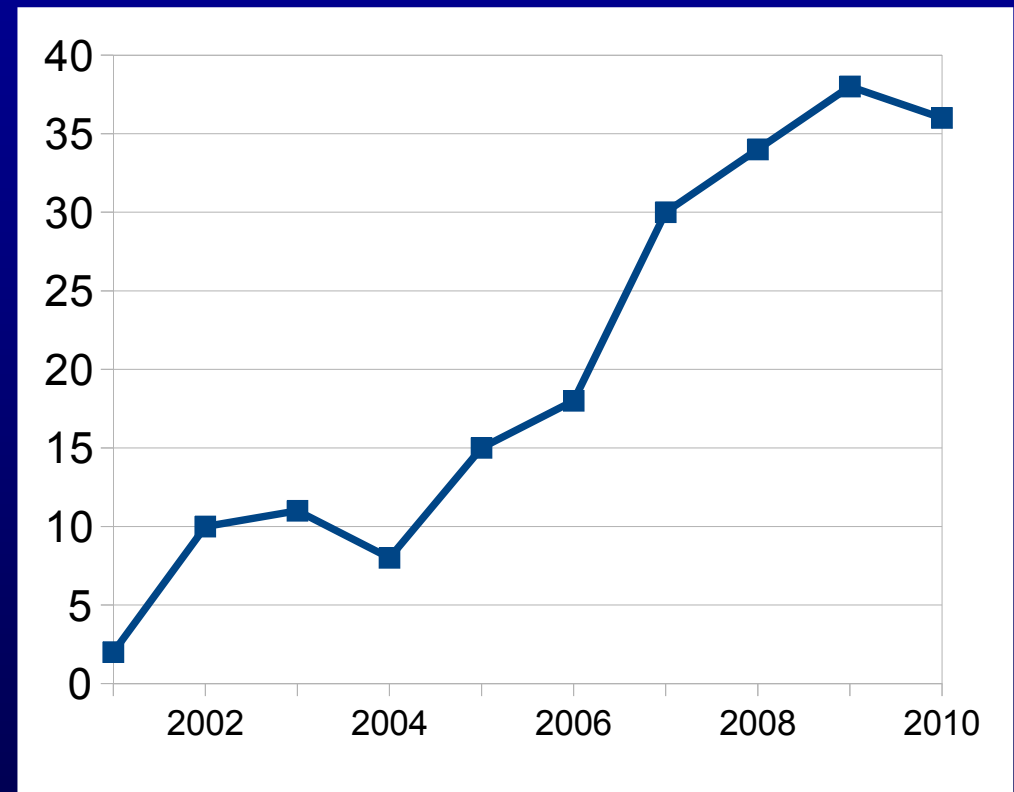
Afanasiev & Moiseev (2005)

# The SCORPIO impact

The calendar time distributed for SCORPIO observations



The number of publications

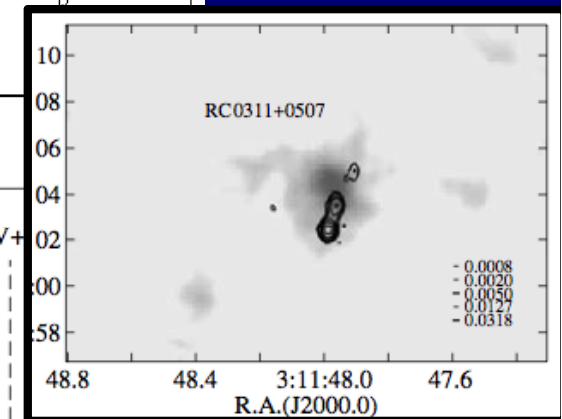
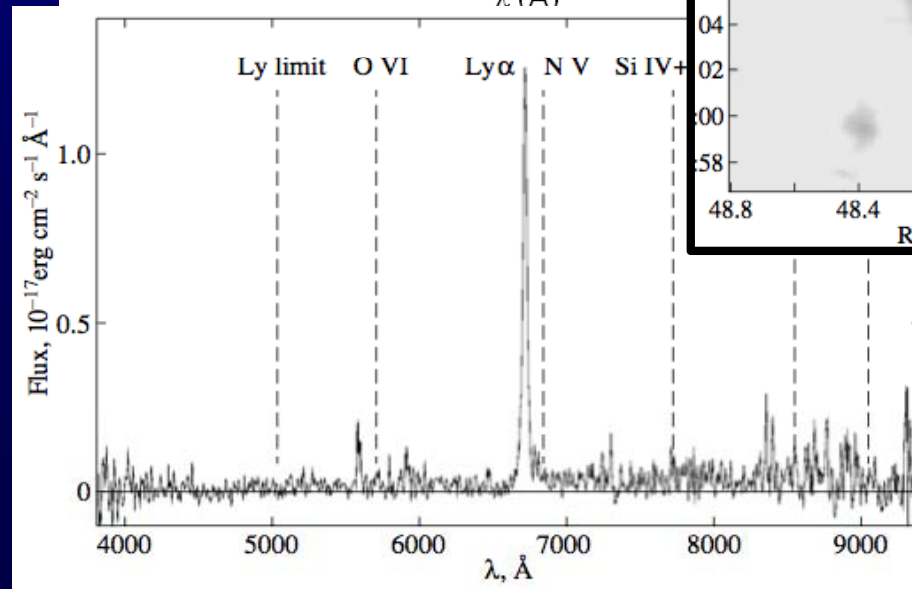
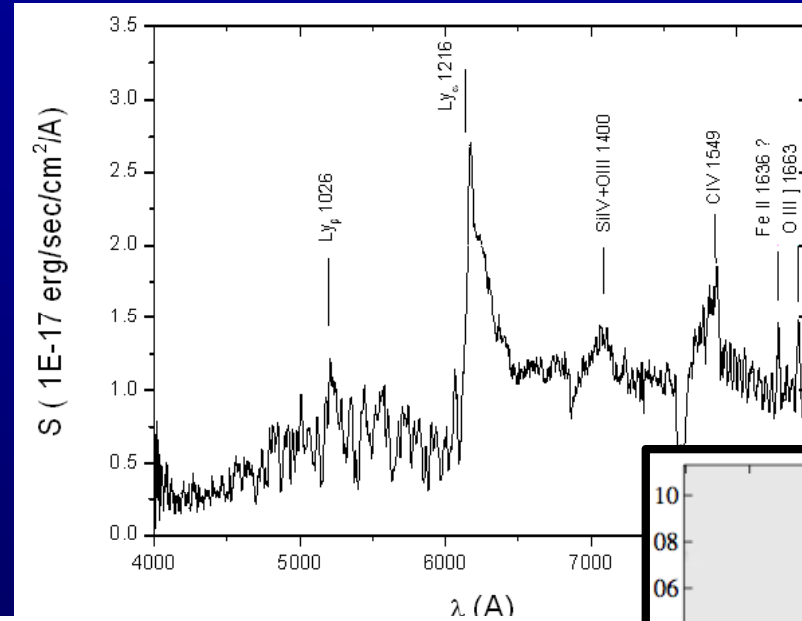
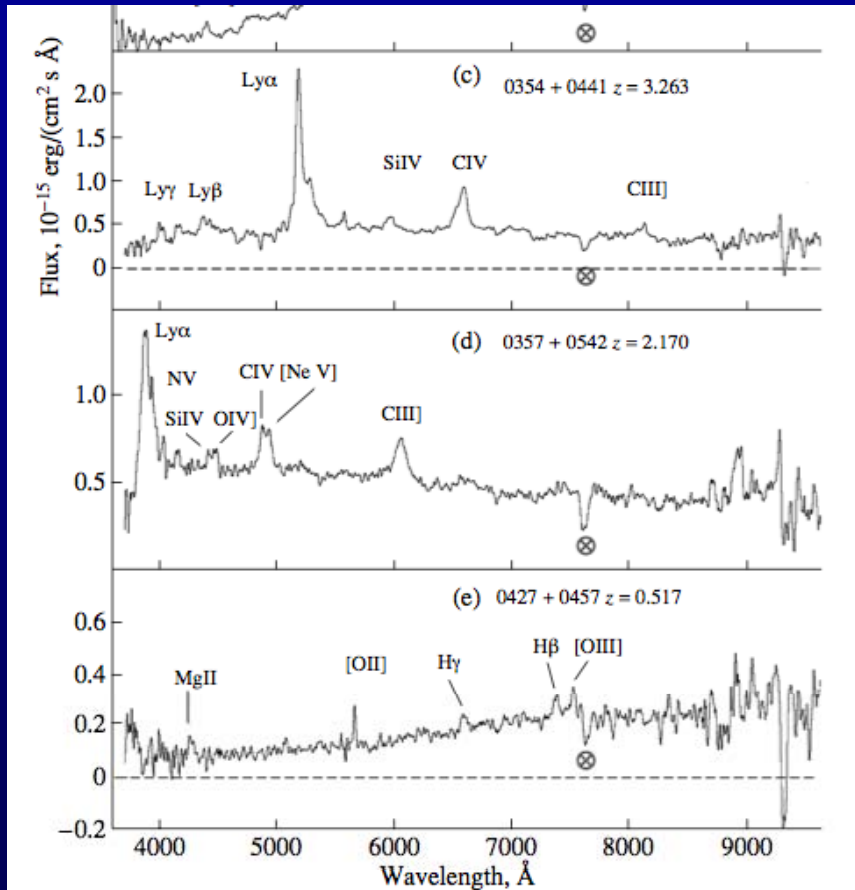


2001-2011: SCORPIO data were used in ~215 publications

# Spectral identification of radiosources

*Spectroscopy of ~18-20<sup>m</sup>  
in 'any' atmospheric  
conditions*

*Very radio-loud galaxies/QSO  
at  $z=4-4.5$   
Need a SMBH with  $M > 10^9 M_{\odot}$*

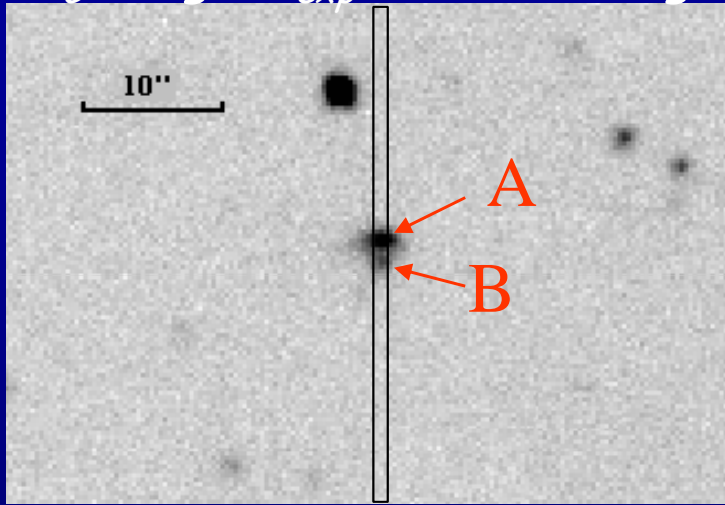


*Afanasev et al (2003-2008)  
Amirkhanian, Mikhailov (2006)  
Kopylov et al (2006)  
Parijskij et al (2010)*



# Faint objects spectroscopy (23-24 mag)

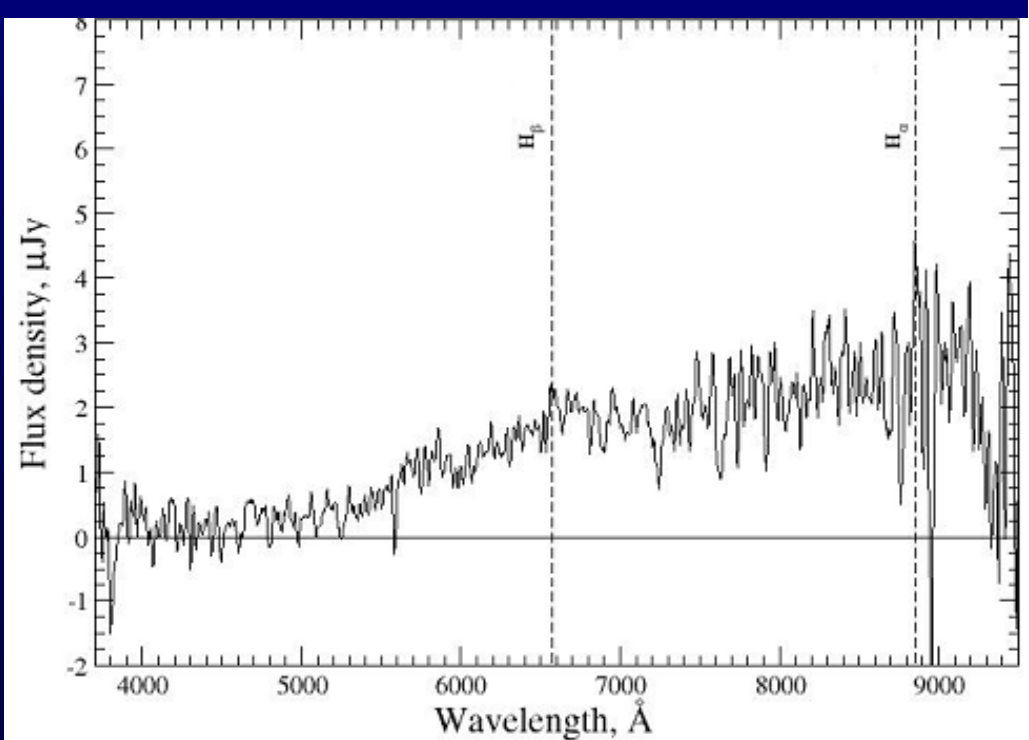
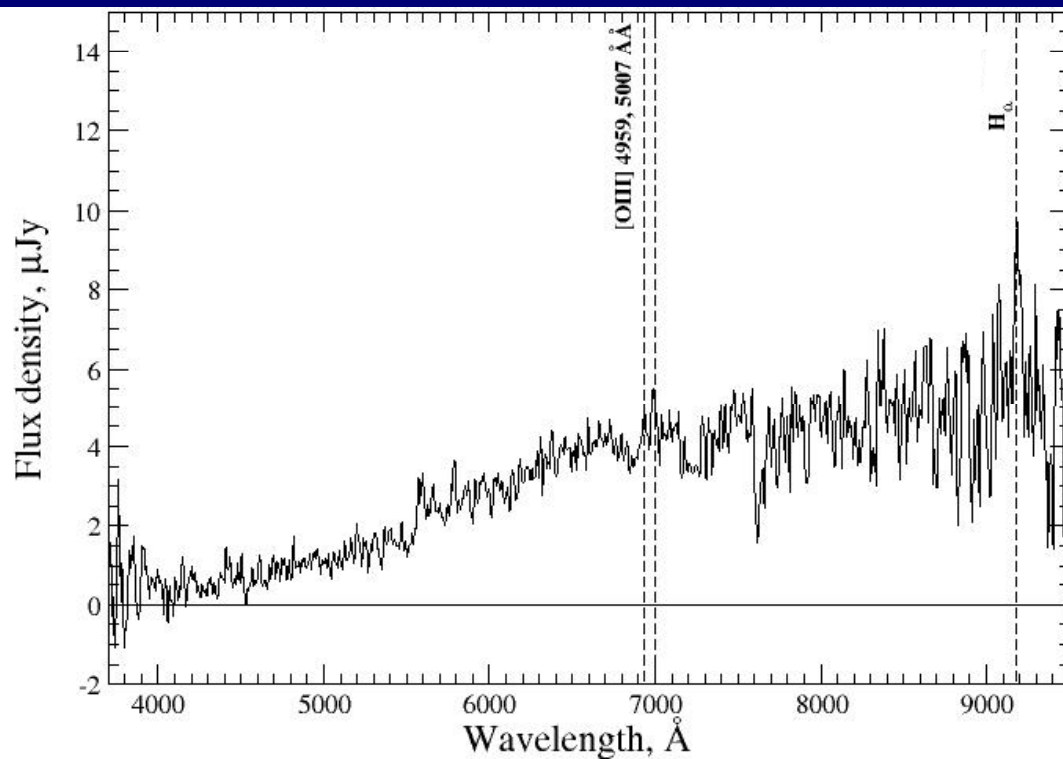
$R_C$  image  $T_{exp}=180$  s, seeing=1.3''



Host galaxy of the 'dark' gamma-ray burst  
GRB001109:  $T_{exp}=7200$  s  
(Fatkhullin, 2003)

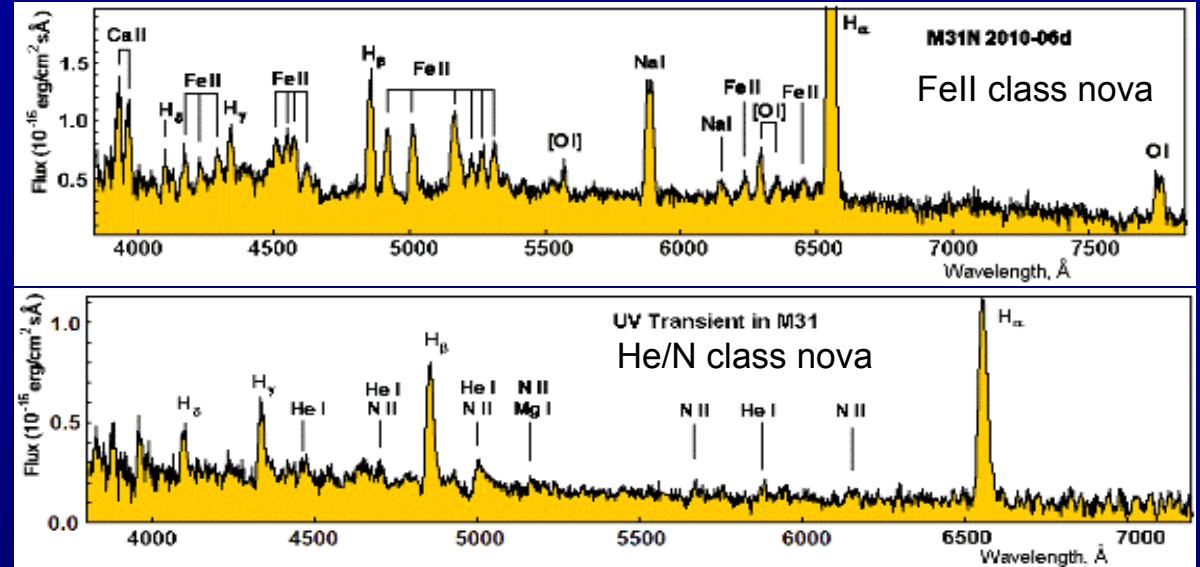
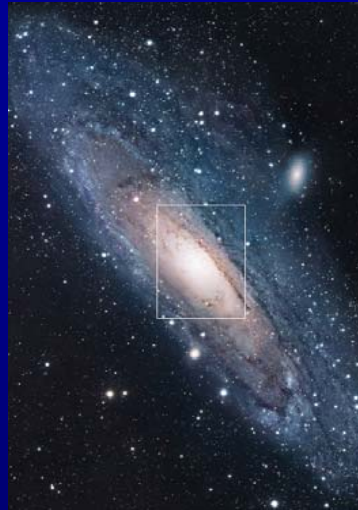
Object A:  $R_C=22.5^m$ ,  $z=0.40$

Object B:  $R_C=23.4^m$ ,  $z=0.34$

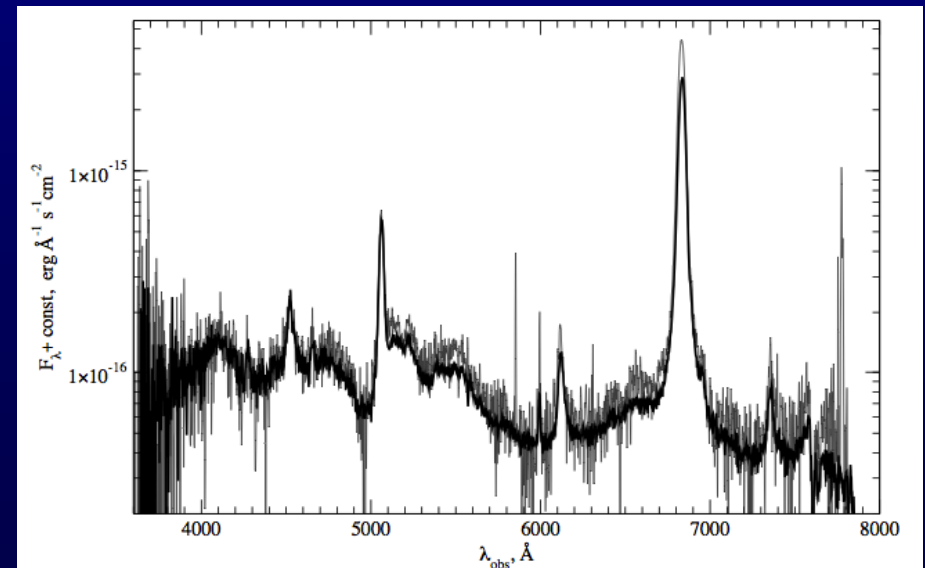


# Transient objects

*Novae in M31 (Pietsch et al. 2007-2011)*



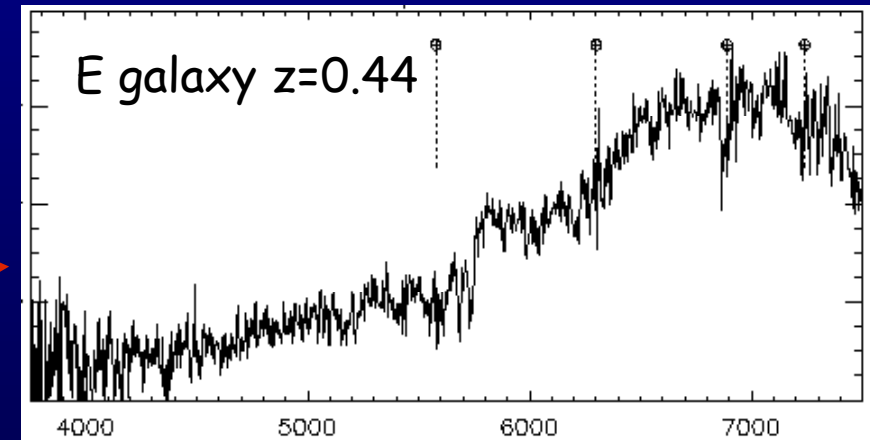
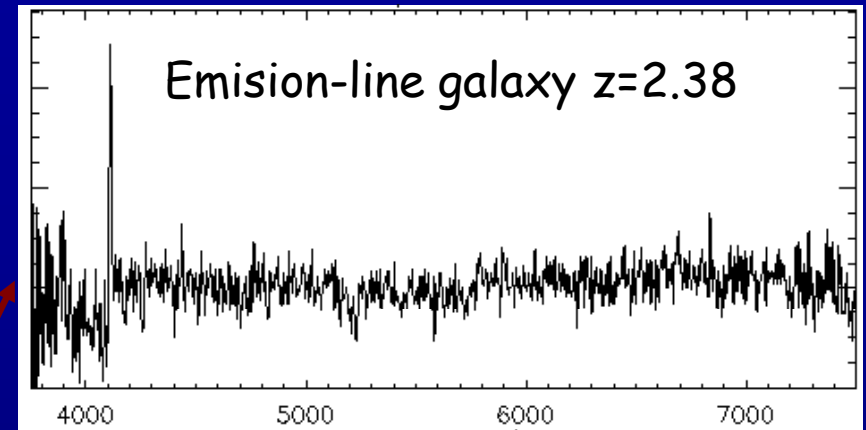
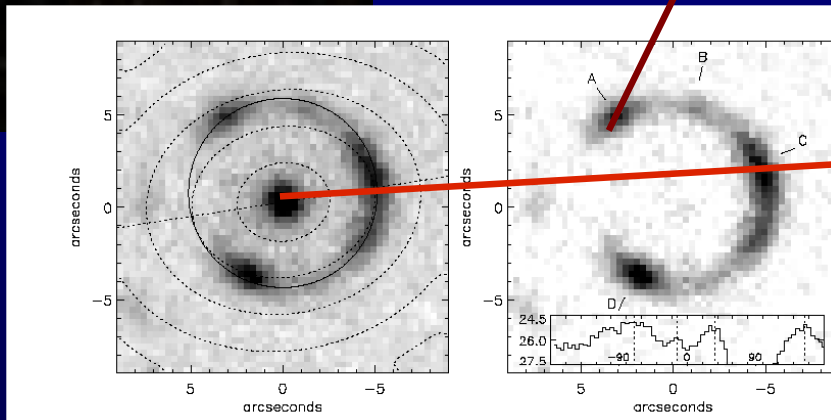
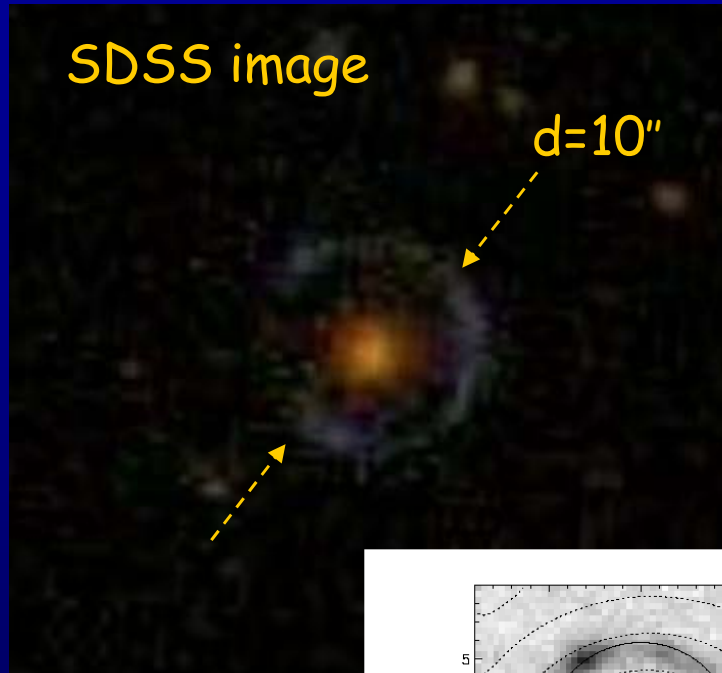
*Distant supernovae probably associated with gamma-ray bursts,  
GRB host galaxies:  
Moskvitin et al. (2010)  
Roy et al. (2011, MNRAS)  
Castro-Terado (2008, Nature)*



**Figure 9.** The spectra of SN 2008iy, obtained with the BTA+Scorpio on April 23 (the black line) and September 25 (the grey line), 2009. The object's redshift, measured from the BTA spectra  $z = 0.041$  is

# Cambridge Sloan Survey Of Wide ARcs in the sky

## The Cosmic Horseshoe (CASSOWARY #1)



- Diameter of the Einstein ring: 10 arcsec
- Magnification factor: 25-35

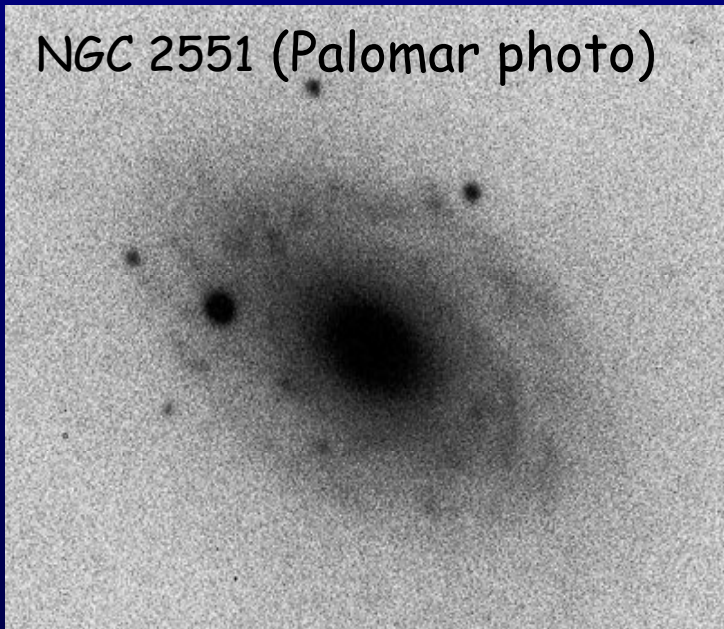
Belokurov et al (2007, ApJL)  
More objects — Belokurov et al (2009)

# Kinematics of stars and gas in S0 galaxies

NGC 5631 (SDSS)

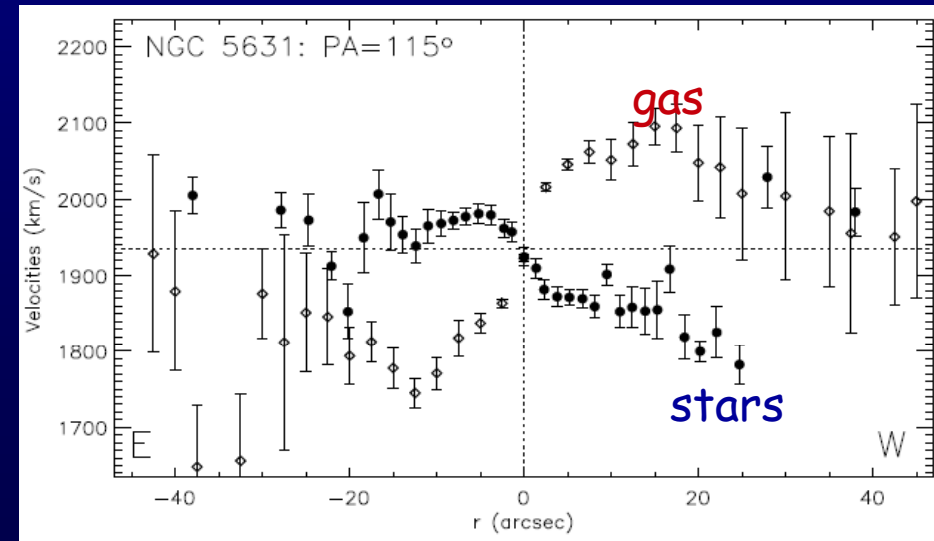
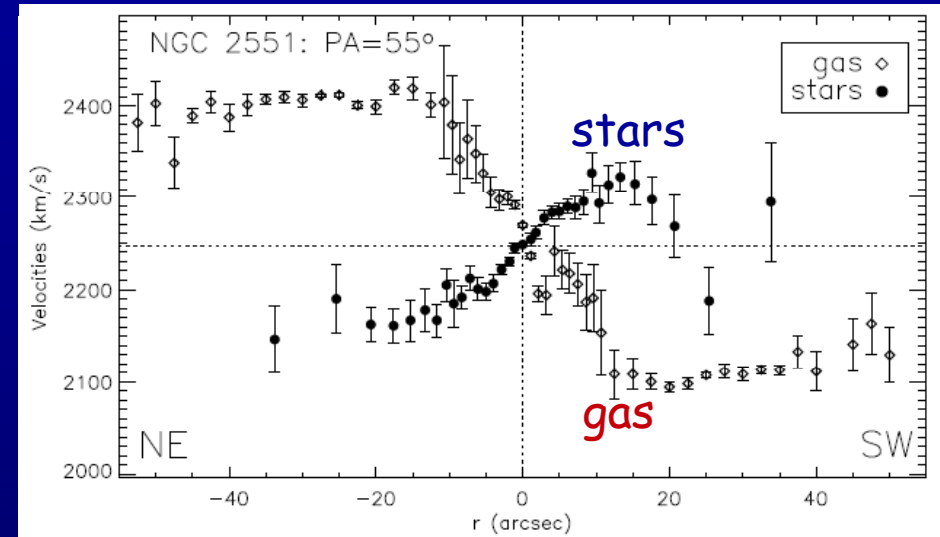


NGC 2551 (Palomar photo)

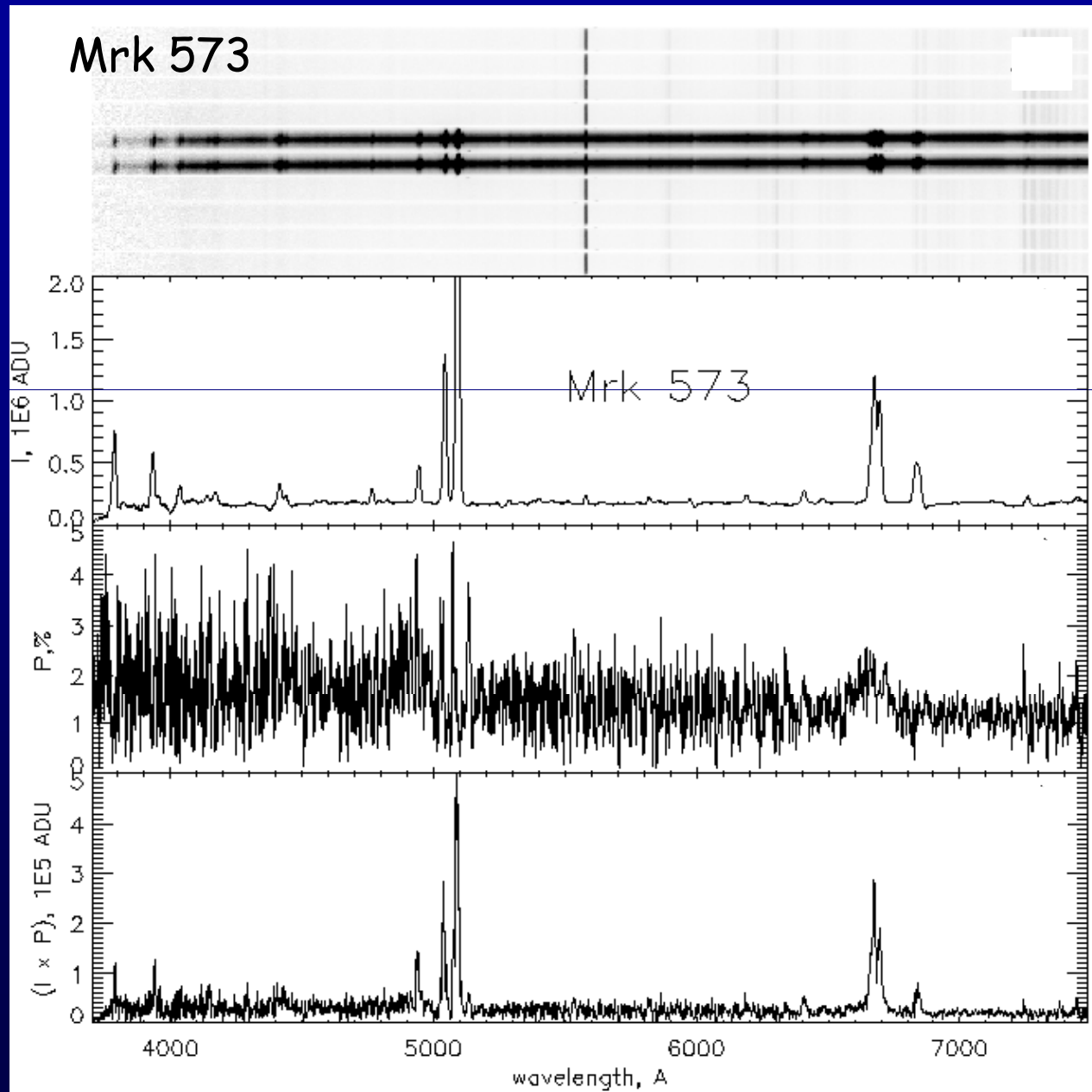


Large-scale (up to  $0.8R_{25}$ )  
 $>5-7$  kpc)  
counter-rotating ionized gas discs

The line-of-sight velocities (SCORPIO)



# Spectropolarimetric observations



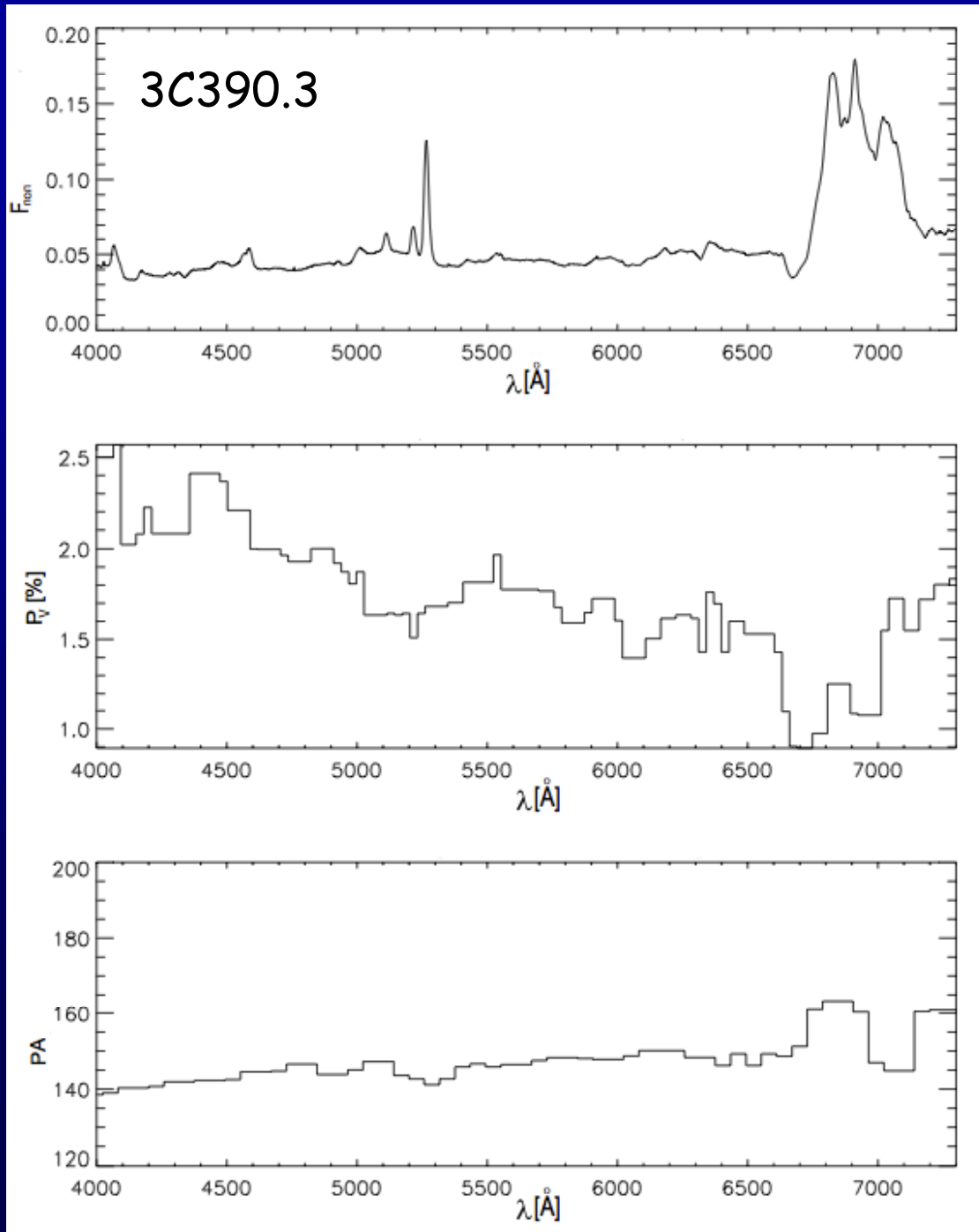
The original spectrum  
( $T_{\text{exp}}=2 \text{ h}$ )

the integrated spectrum of the  
nucleus minus the spectrum of the  
surrounding galaxy

the degree of polarization

the spectrum of polarized emission

Afanasiev & Moiseev (2005)

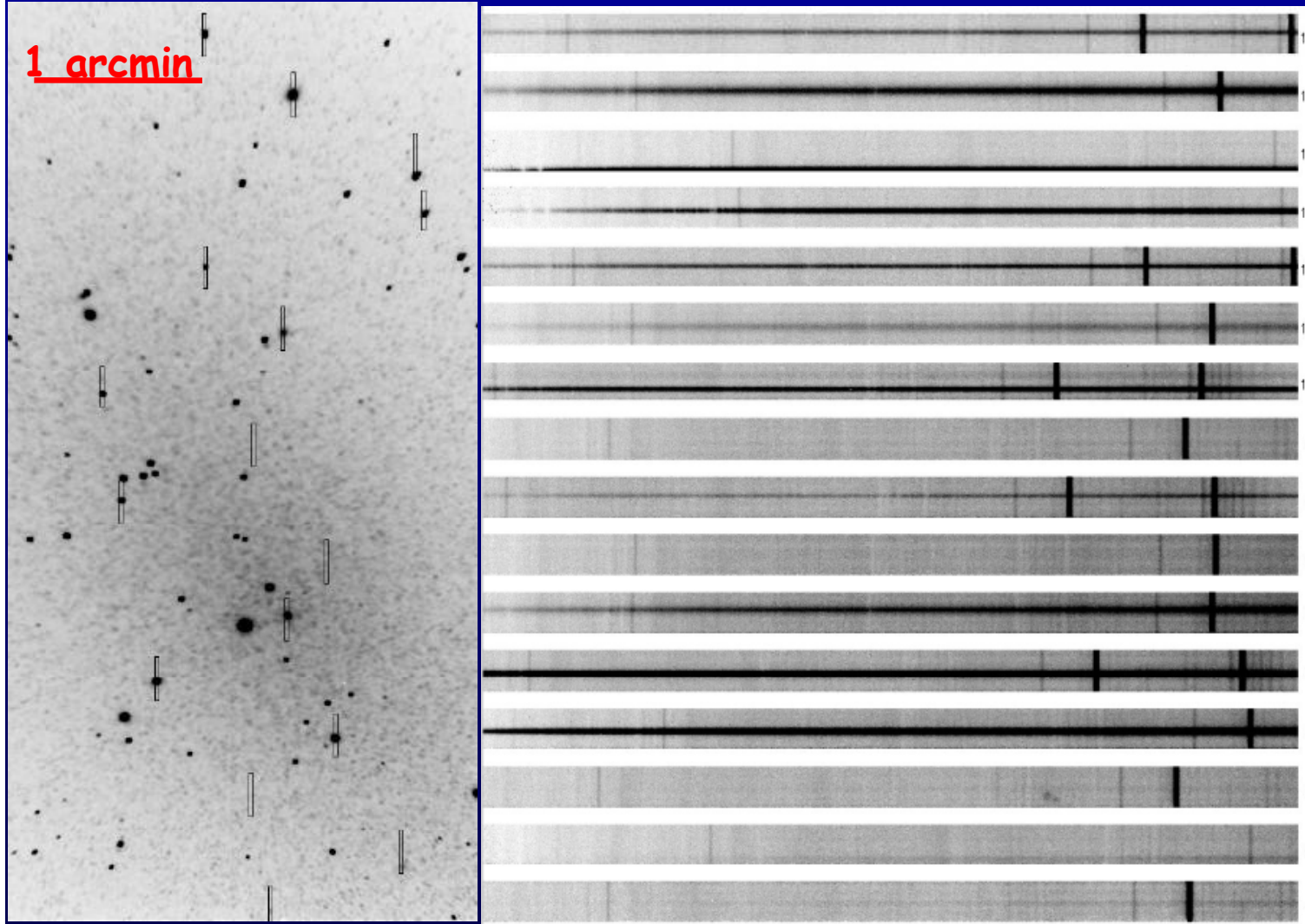


Object	$p$	$s$	$B(R_{\lambda})$ [G]
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PG 0026+129	3/4	5/4	1
PG 0049+171	3/4	5/4	13
PG 0157+001	3/4	5/4	98
PG 0804+761	3/4	3/2	3.4
PG 0844+349	3/4	1	37
PG 0953+414	3/4	1	300
PG 1116+215	3/4	3/4	100
PG 2112+059	3/4	2	14.4
PG 2130+099	1/2	1	27
PG 2209+184	1/2	3/4	16
PG 2214+139	1/2	5/4	2.8
PG 2233+134	3/4	3/2	0.37
3C 390.3	3/4	1	6.4

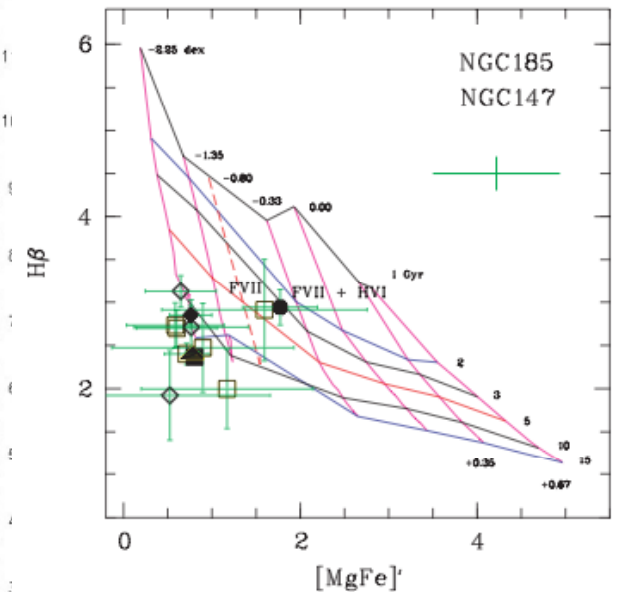
The magnetic field strengths and radial distributions in an accretion disc around a supermassive black hole were evaluated within the framework of traditional accretion disc models

# Multi-slit data: globular clusters in dwarf galaxies

1 arcmin



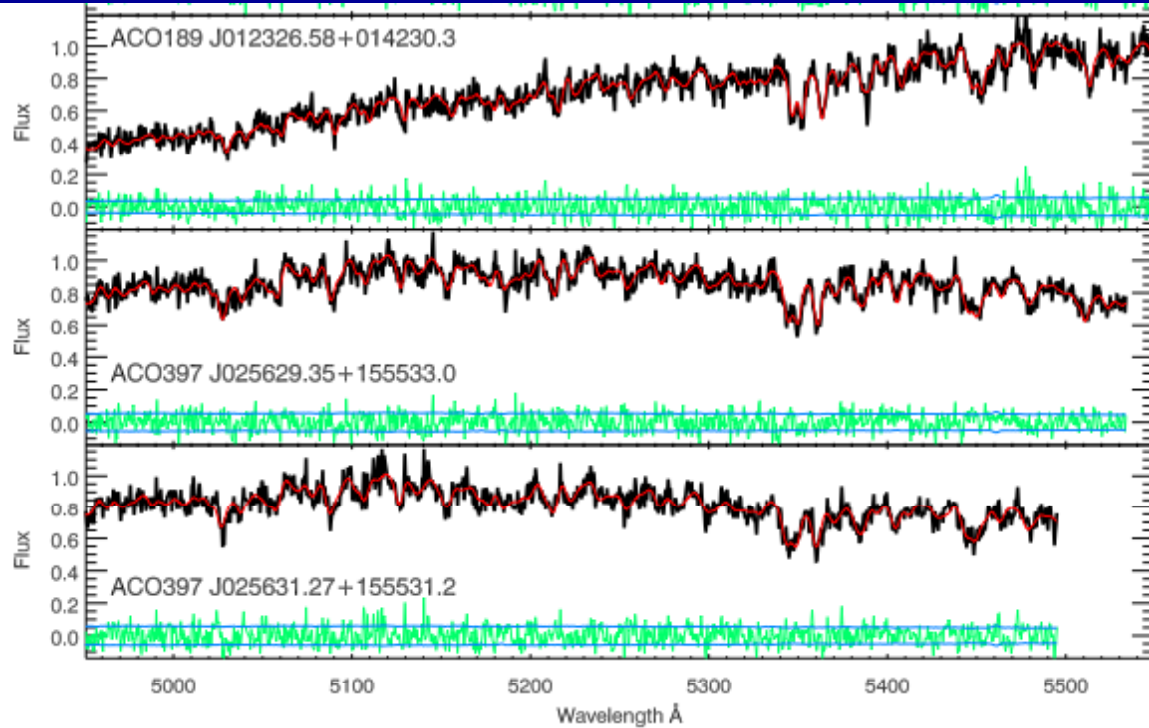
*Spectra of objects  
V= 18-21<sup>m</sup>*



Sharina, Afanasiev & Puzia (2006, MNRAS)

"Ages, metallicities and [alpha/Fe] ratios of globular clusters in NGC 147, 185 and 205"

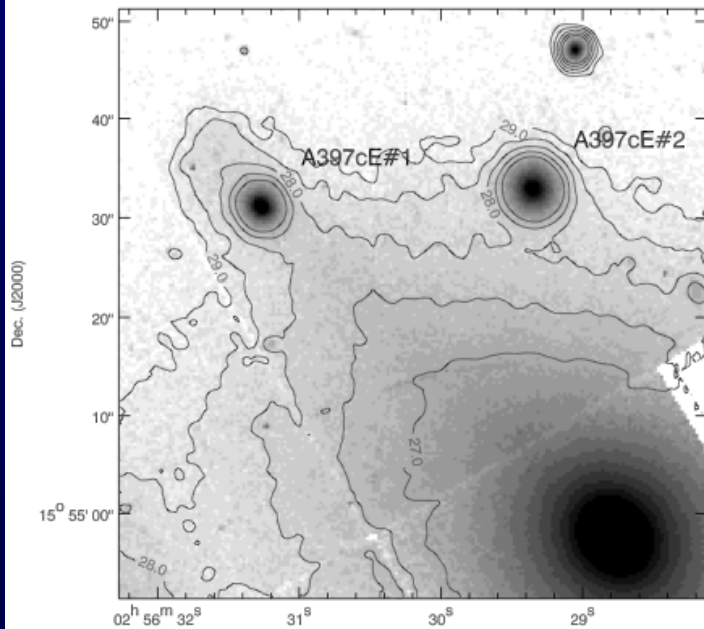
# New compact elliptical galaxies



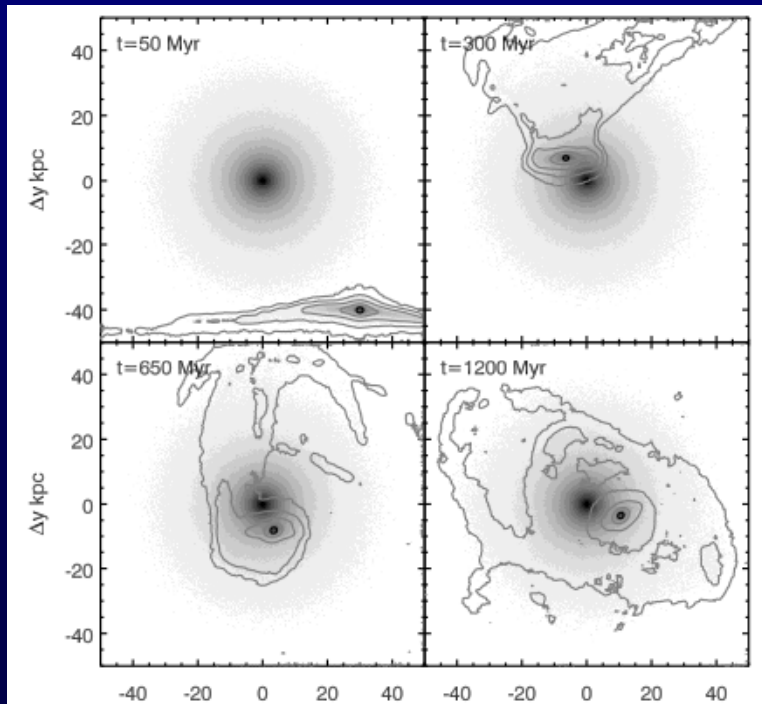
cE or 'M32-like galaxies:'

Chilingarian et al (2009, Science):  
21 new cE galaxies were found.

*'..tidal stripping of the stellar component plays an important role in the morphological transformation of galaxies in dense environments..'*

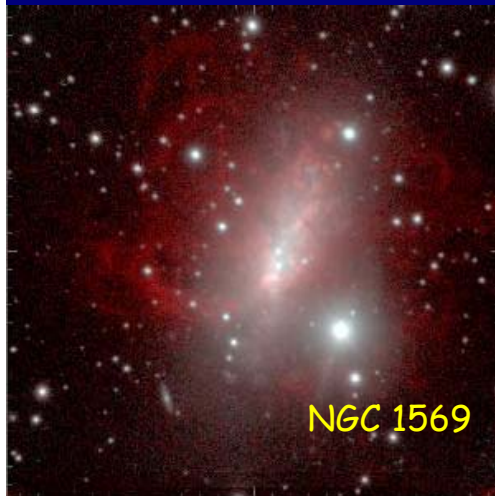
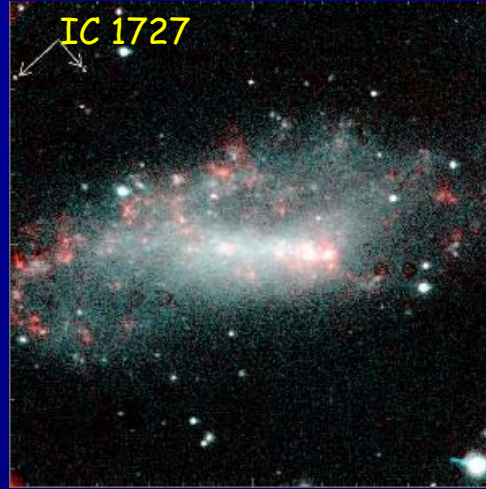
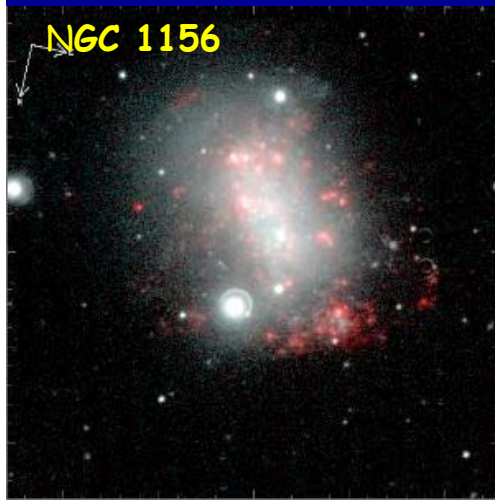


Abell 189, and Abell 397. The best-fit green solid lines respectively. Flux





# Star formation in the Local Volume ( $d < 10$ Mpc)



Ha images of 161 Galaxies (37% of all data for LV):

- Star formation rate
- Gas consumption time

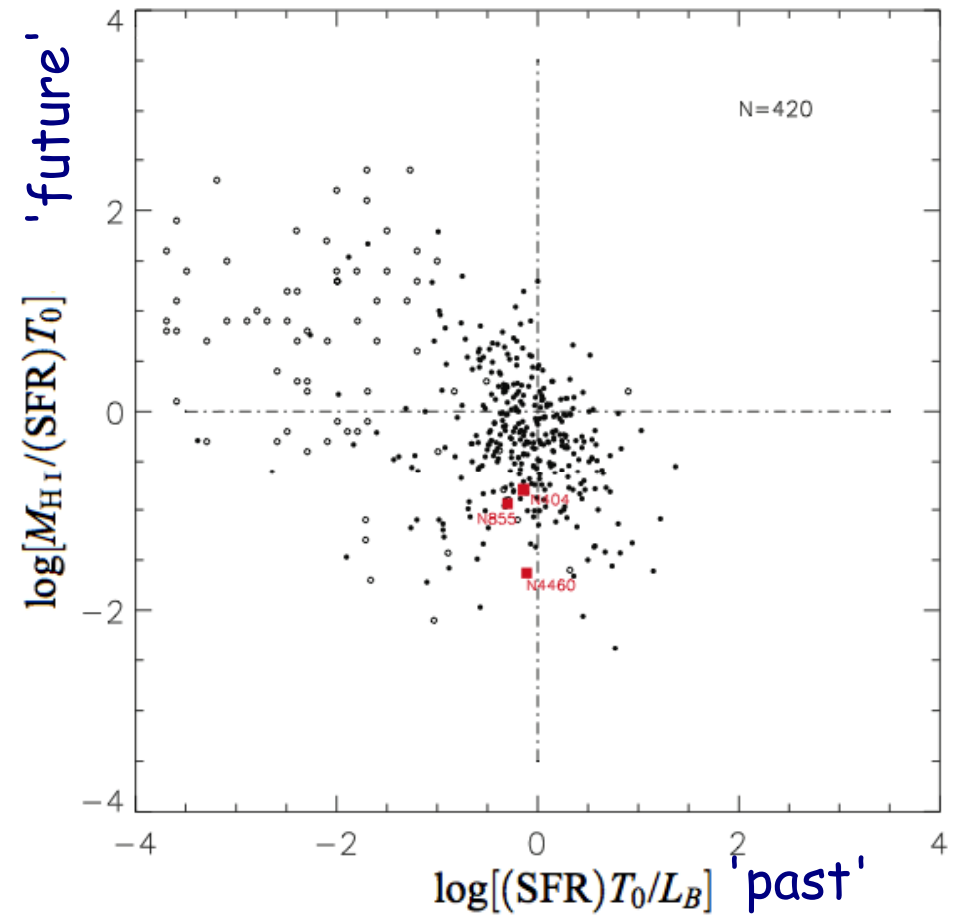
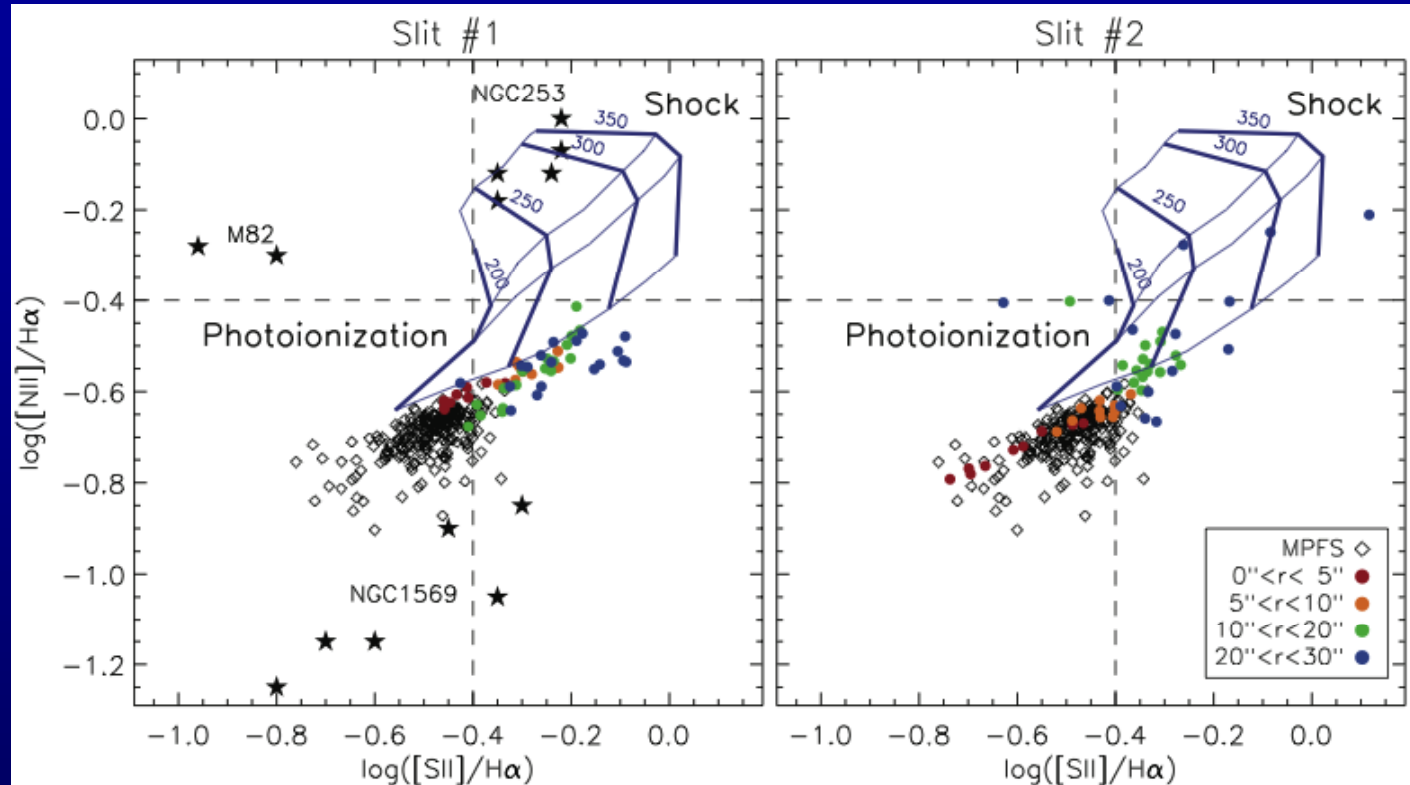


Figure 7. Evolutionary plane 'past-future' for 420 LV galaxies (Karachentsev & Kaisin 2010). The galaxies observed and detected in H $\alpha$

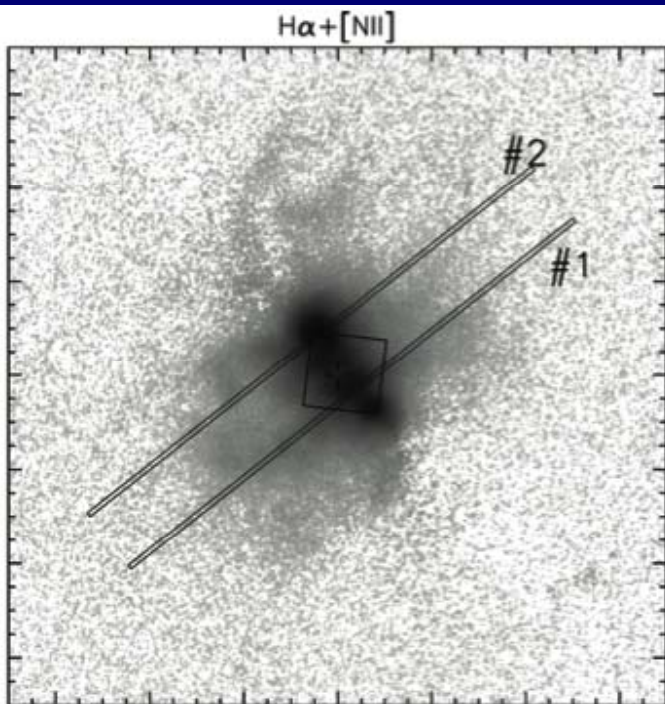
The total SFR density in the local ( $z=0$ ) universe:  
 $(0.019 \pm 0.003) \text{ Mo/yr/Mpc}^3$   
 (Karachentsev & Kaisin, 2010, AJ)

Karachentsev & Kaisin (2010, 2007)  
 Kaisin & Karachentsev (2008)  
 Karachentsev et al (2005)

# Ionized gas outflow (superwind) in NGC 4460



**Figure 5.** Diagram of the  $[N II]/H\alpha$  versus  $[S II]/H\alpha$  flux ratios. The dashed line separates domains with different ionization mechanisms. The blue lines show the grid of shock + precursor ionization models according to Allen et al. (2008) for  $n = 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and solar elemental abundances. The thin and bold blue lines mark the contours of the constant magnetic parameter 0.001, 0.5, 1 and  $5 \mu\text{G cm}^{2/3}$  (from bottom to top) and the contours of constant shock velocity (labelled

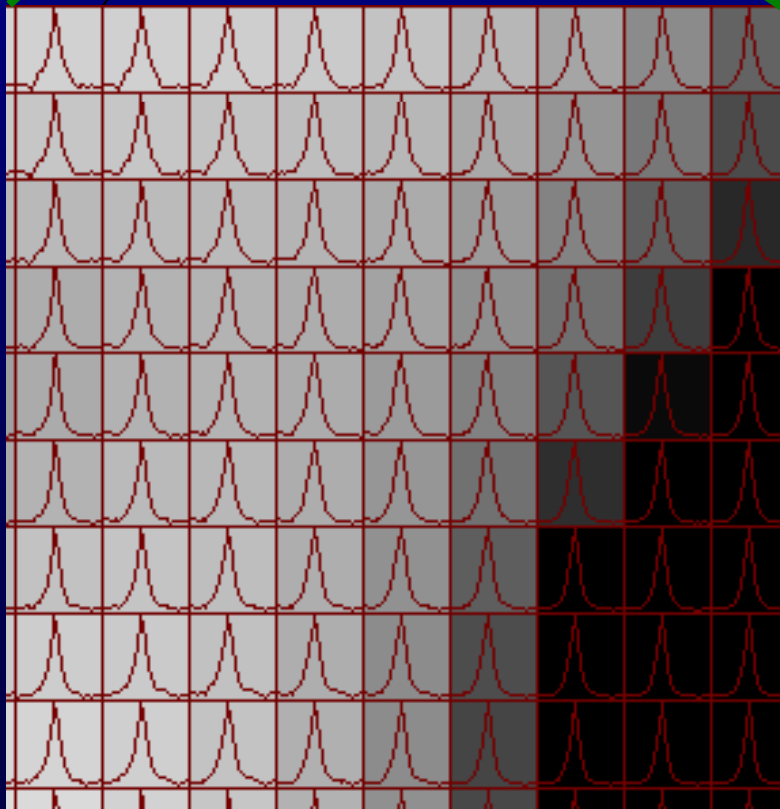
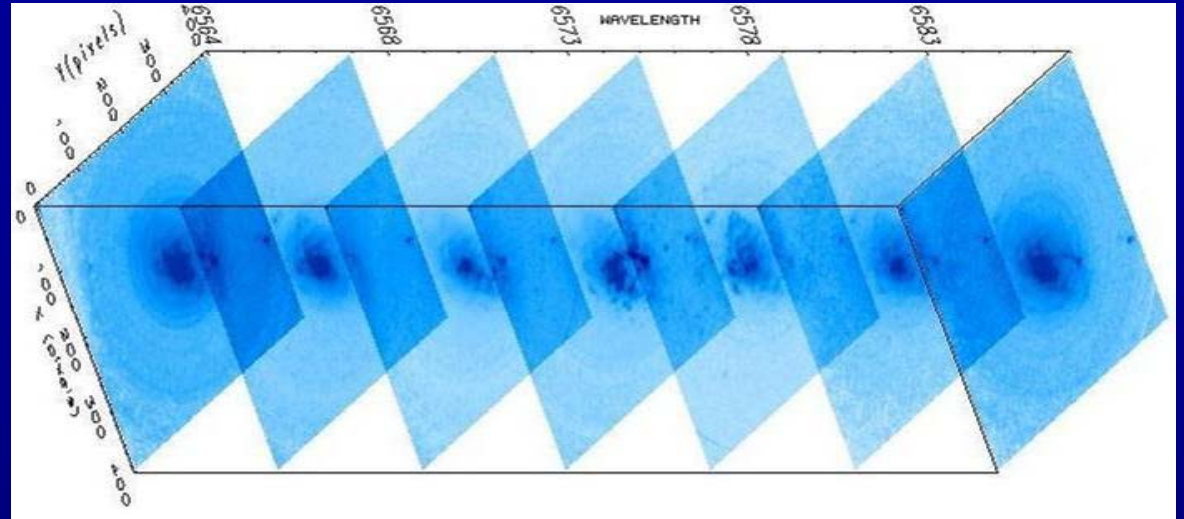
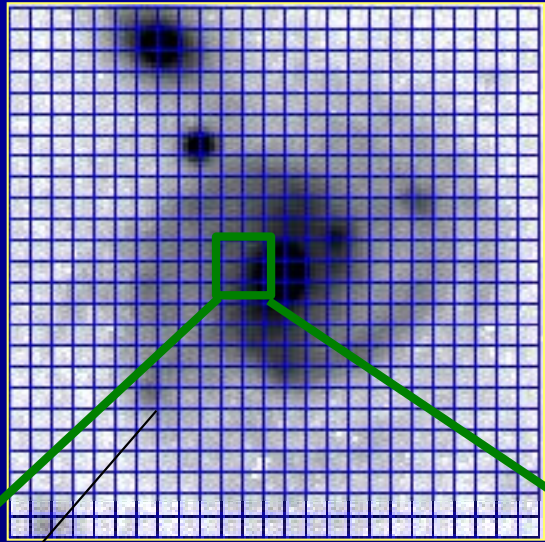


Whereas gas in the circumnuclear disc is photoionized by radiation of young stars, the external regions of the H $\alpha$  nebulosity are ionized by shocks.

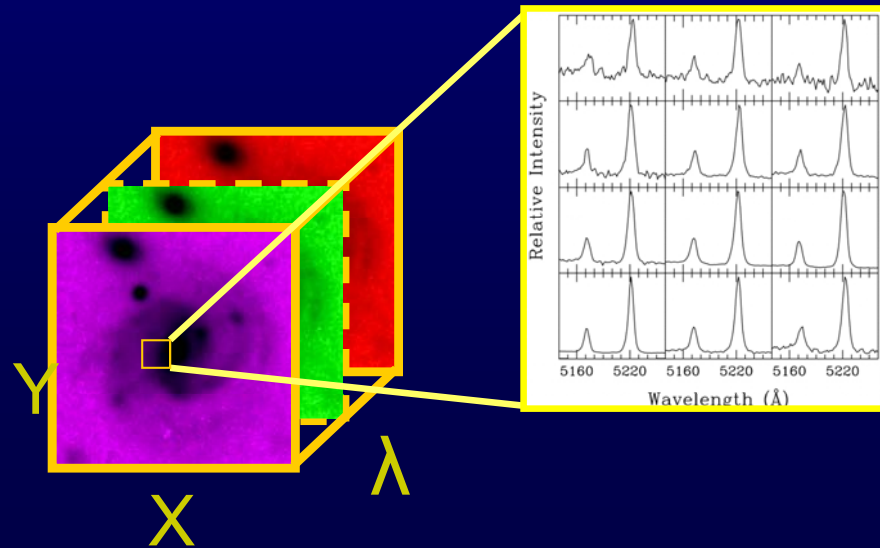
The outflow velocity is  $V \geq 130 \text{ km/s}$ ,  $\text{SFR} \sim 0.3 \text{ Mo/yr}$

(Moiseev, Karachentsev & Kaisin, 2010, MNRAS)

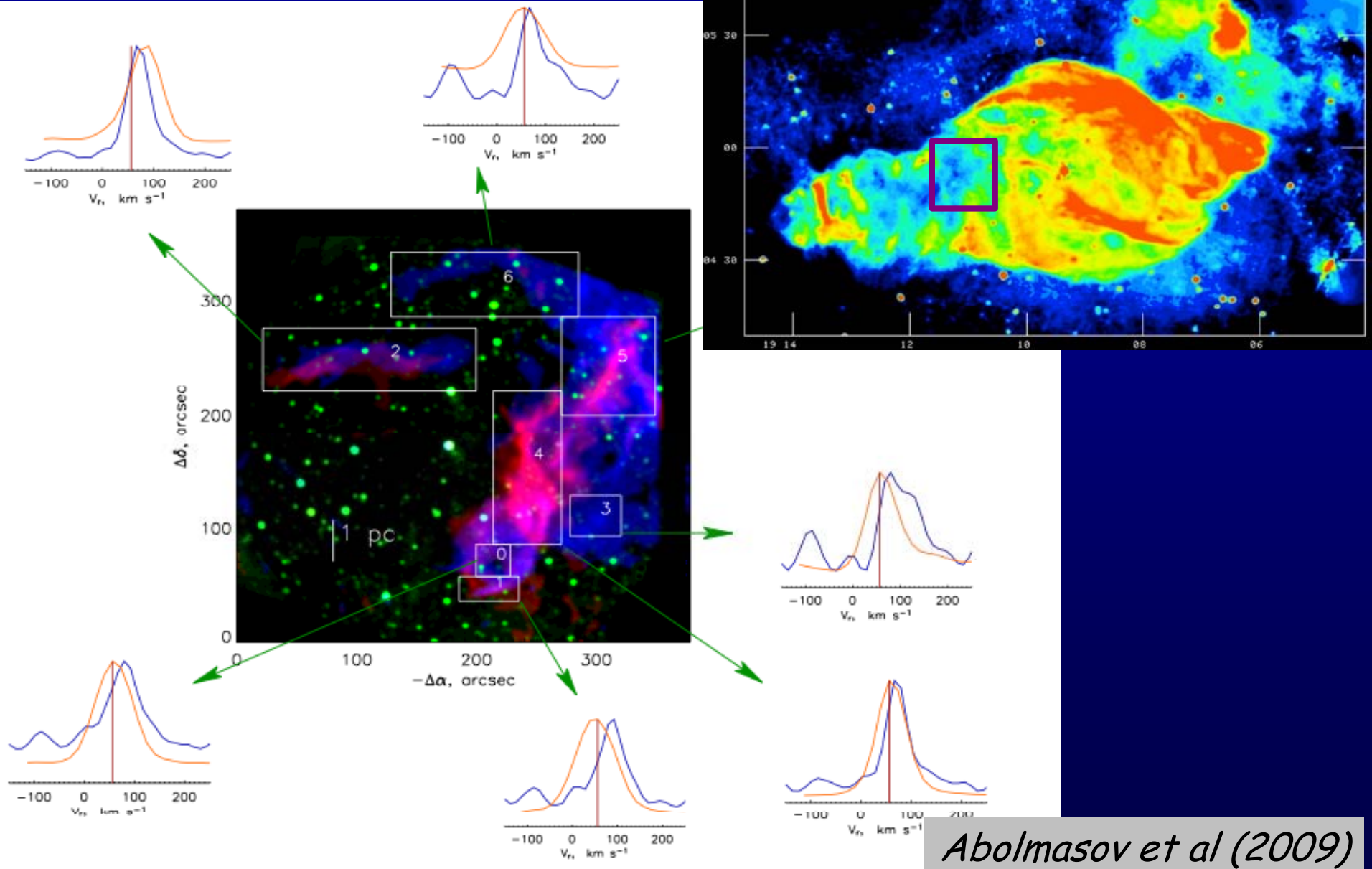
# SCORPIO with a scanning Fabry-Perot interferometer



3D data cubes

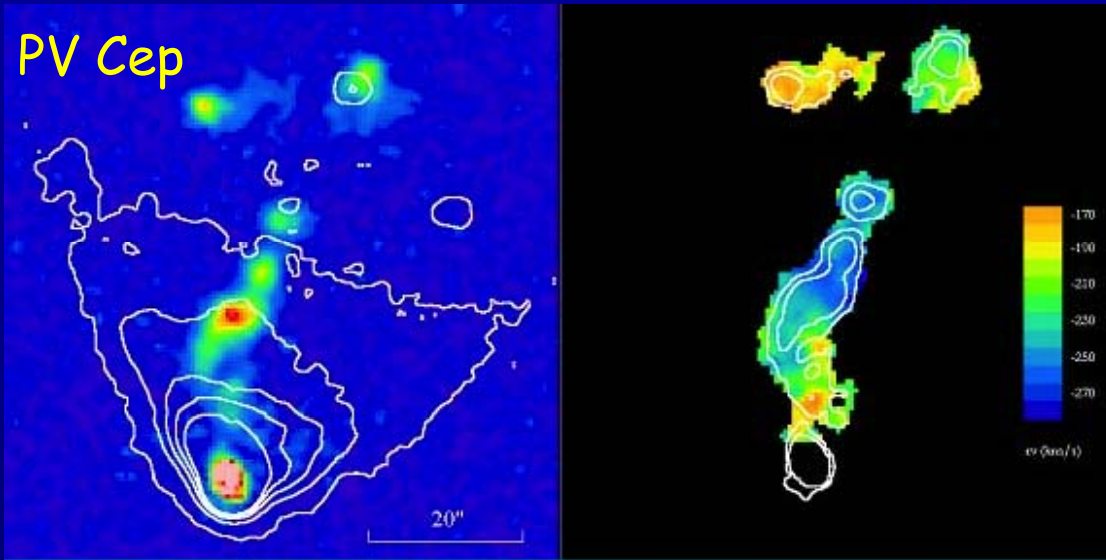


# Western filament of nebula W50 related with SS433

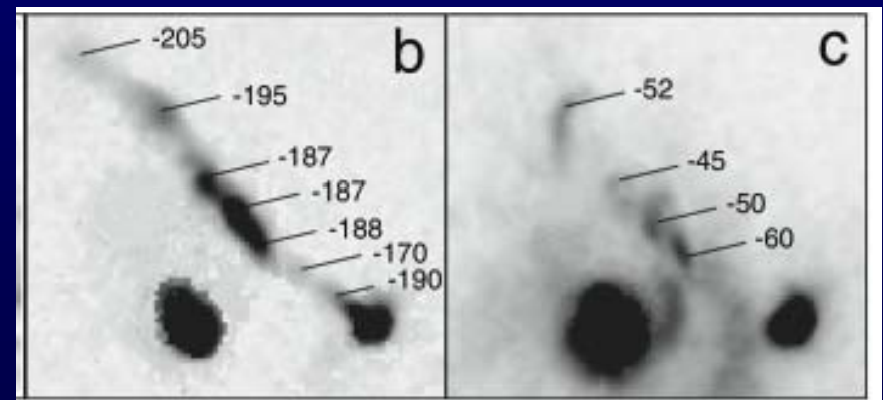
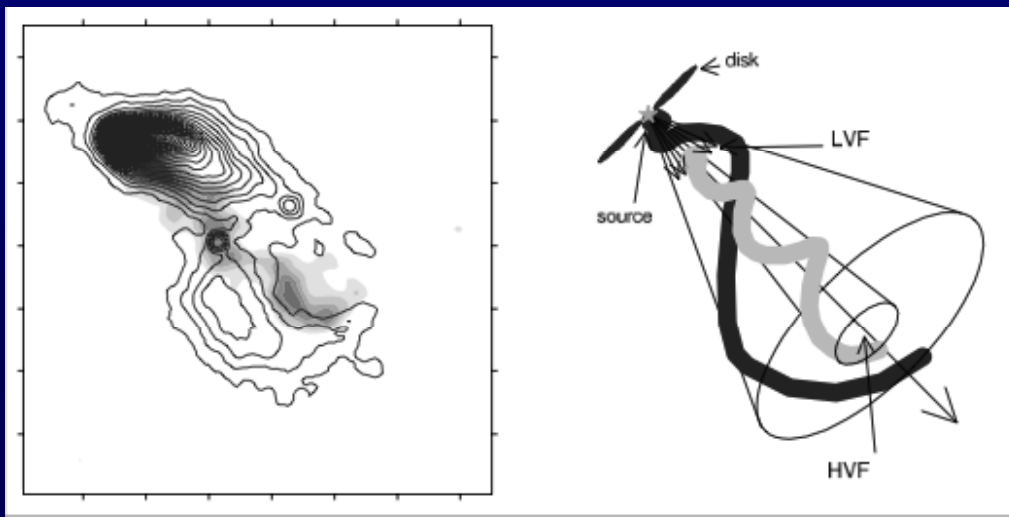
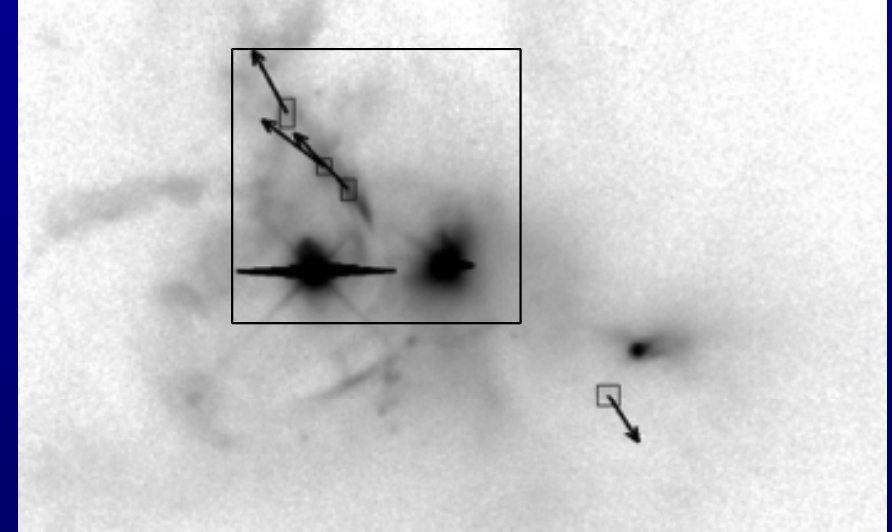


**Fig. 3** The two intensity maps overlapped. [S II]λ6717 intensity is shown by red, [O III]λ5007 by blue (grayscale and

# Jets and outflows from young stellar objects



Herbig-Haro jets in 3D: the HL/XZ Tauri region

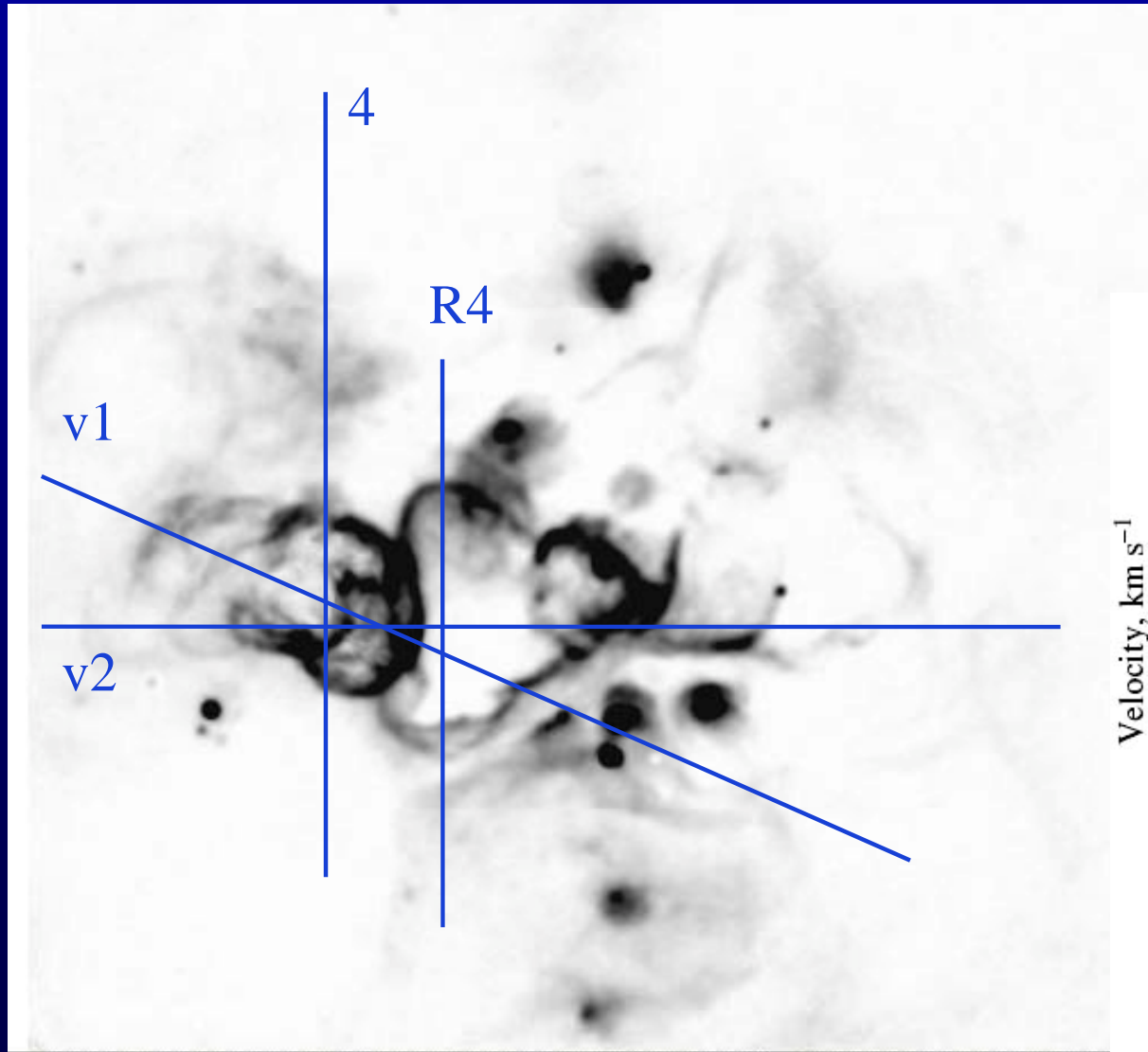
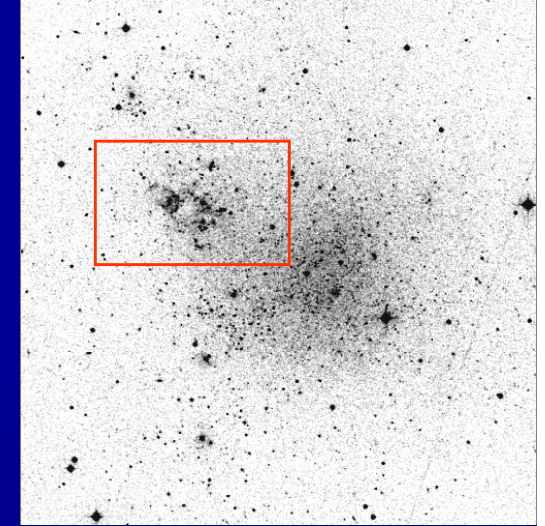


high (b) and low (c) velocity components

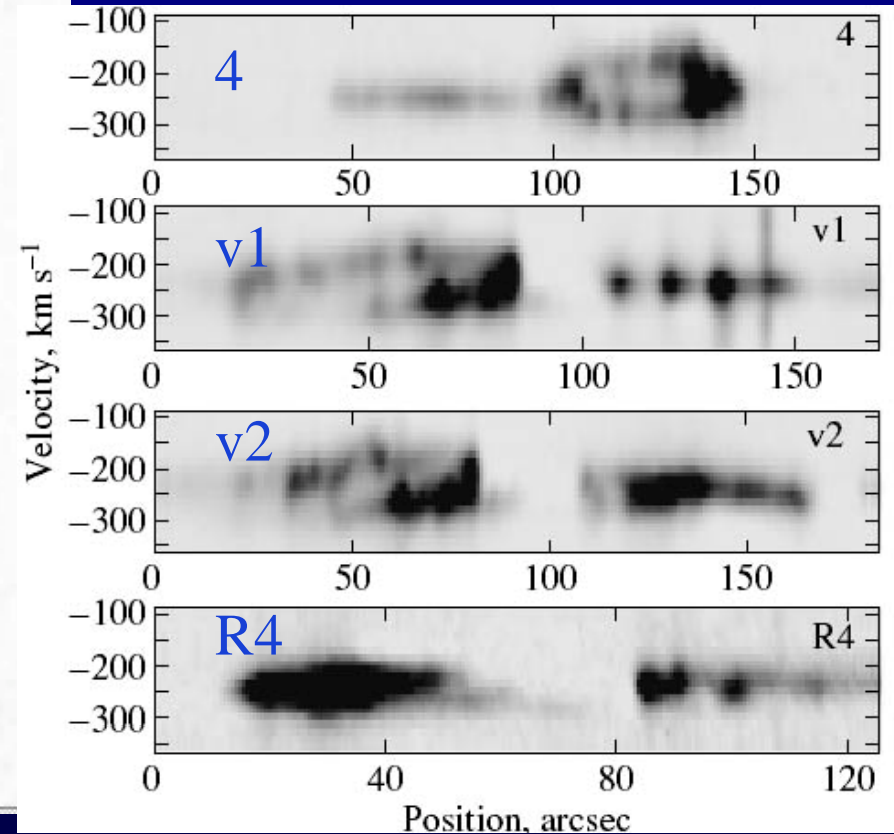
*Movsessain et al (2006-2009)*

H II kinematics in the region of ongoing starformation in the dwarf irregular galaxy IC 1613: a complex of expanding shells:

- re-estimation ages of the bubbles
- comparison with SF models



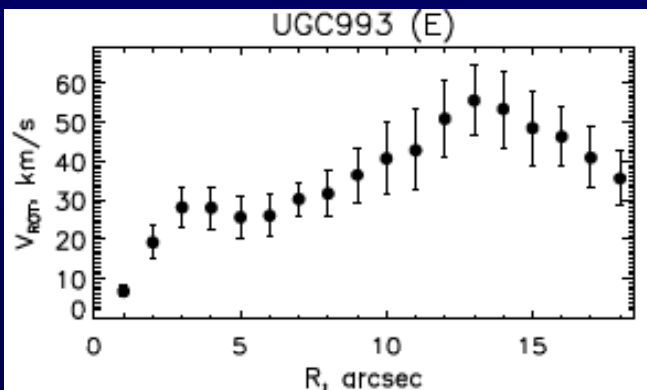
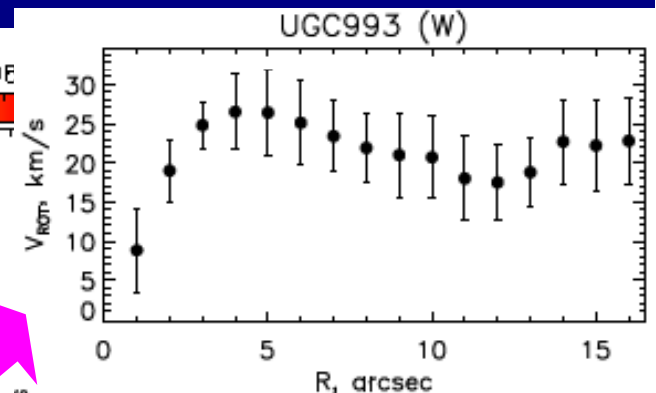
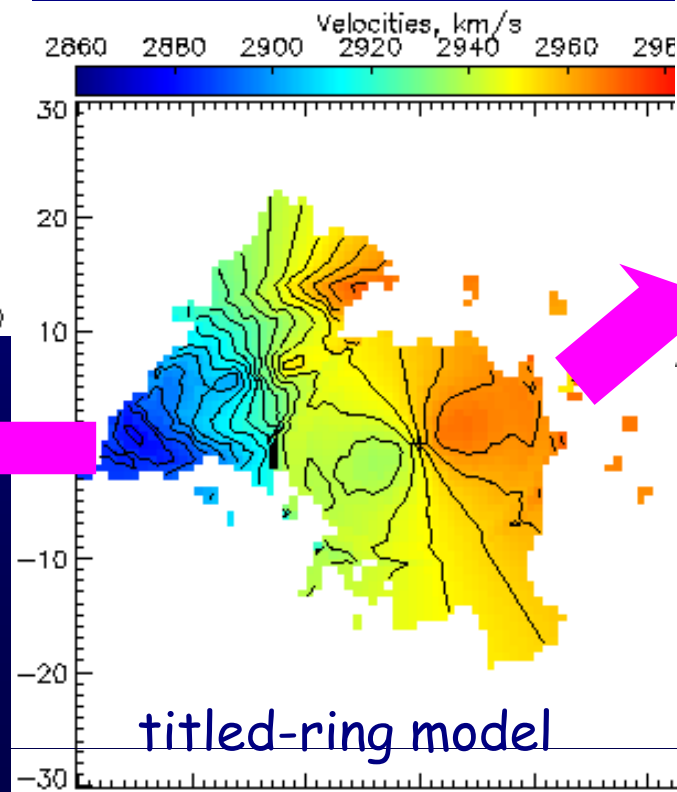
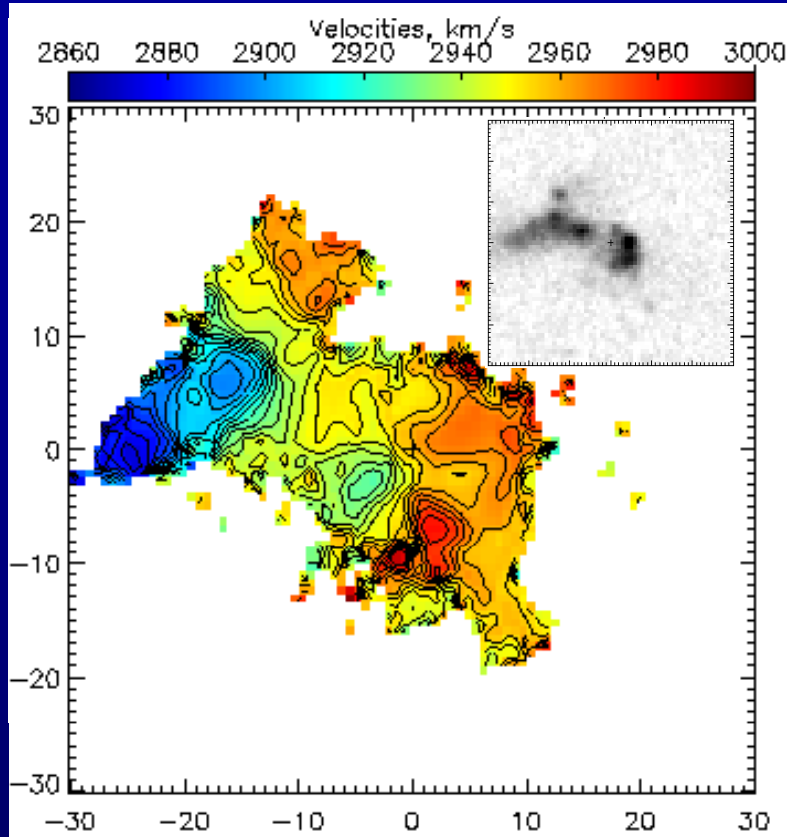
PV diagrams for ionized shells :



( *Lozinskaya et al, 2003* )

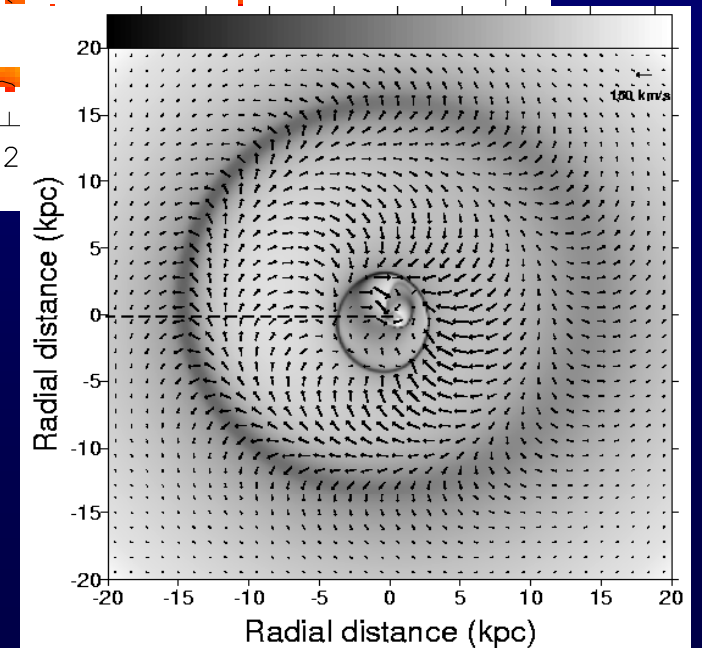
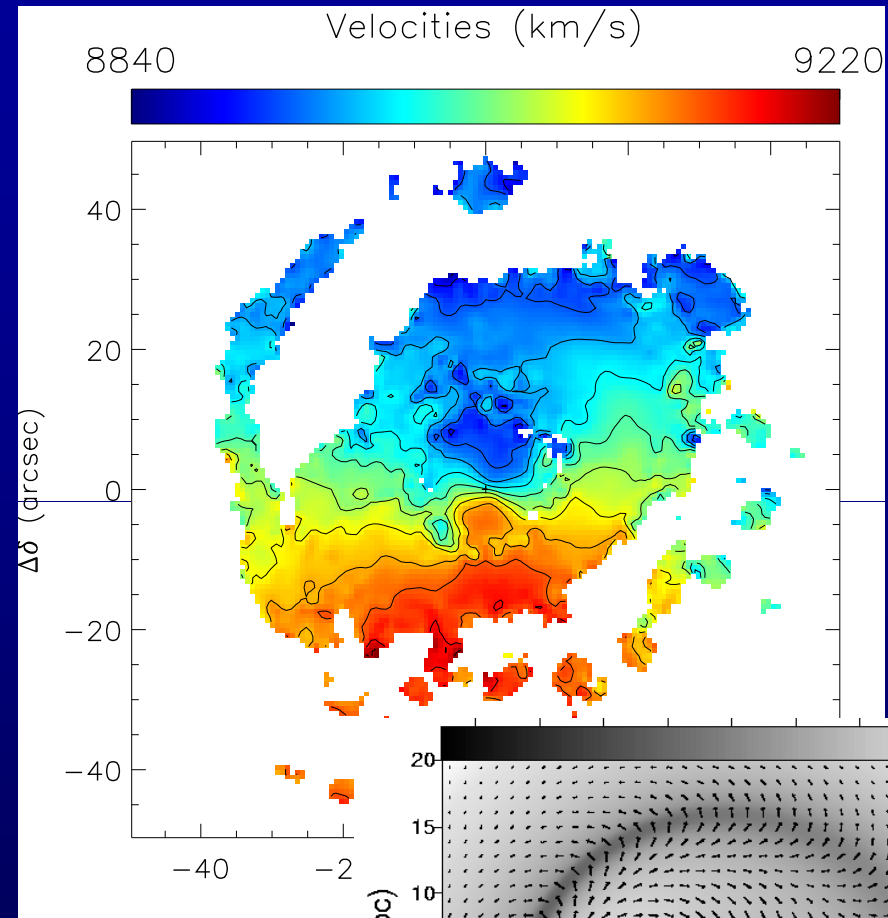
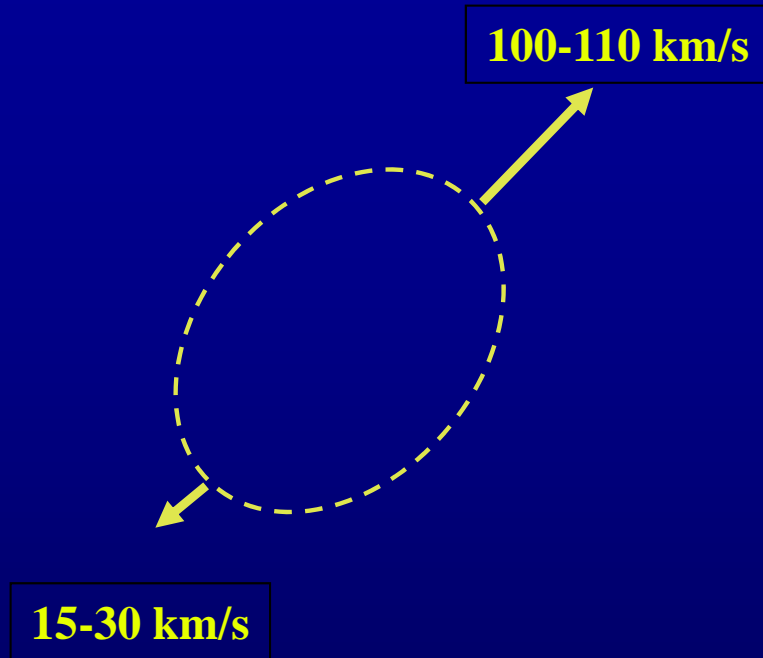
# UGC 993: Merging of two dwarf discs

A detailed analysis of ionized gas morphology and kinematics in nine such galaxies shows the important role of recent interactions and mergers in the triggering of their star formation



# Arp 10: colliding rings in a spiral galaxy

SCORPIO: B+H $\alpha$



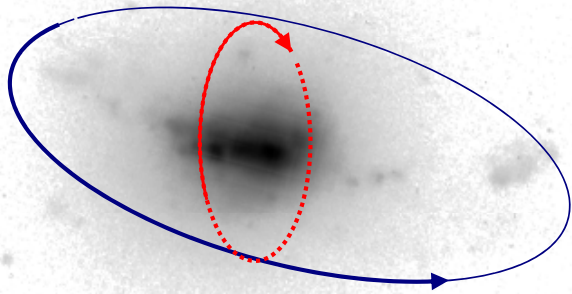
Dynamical age of the external ring: **0.15-0.20 Gyr**

*Numerical simulations of the circular density waves in Arp10  
(Bizyaev, Moiseev & Vorobyov 2007)*

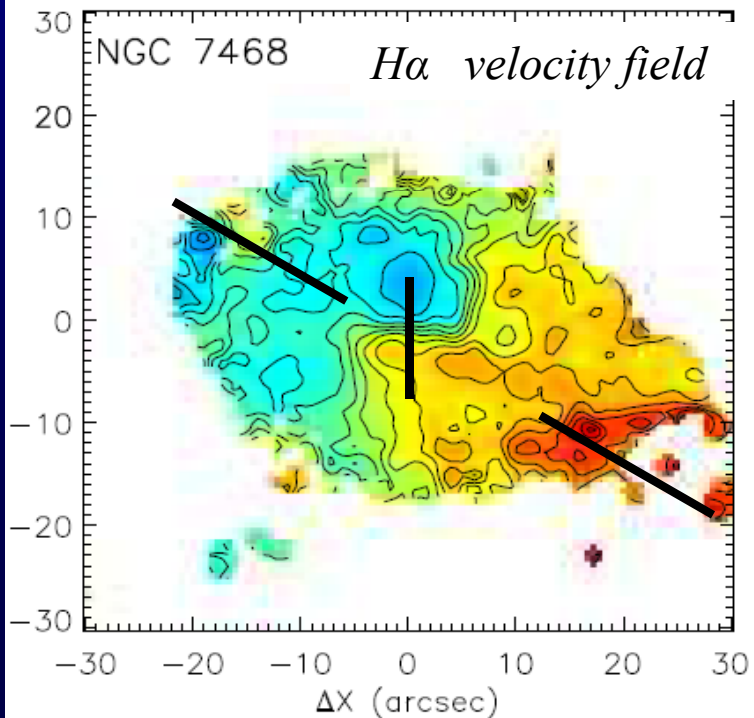
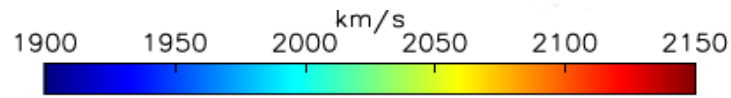


# Polar ring galaxies

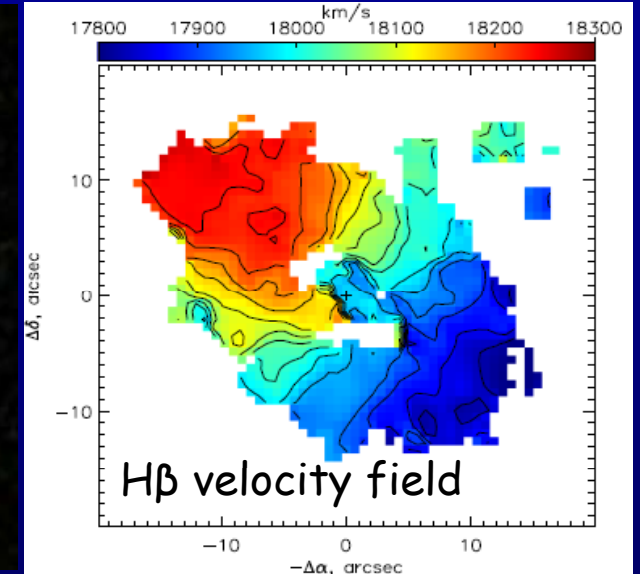
*H $\alpha$*  image



Shalyapina et al (2004)

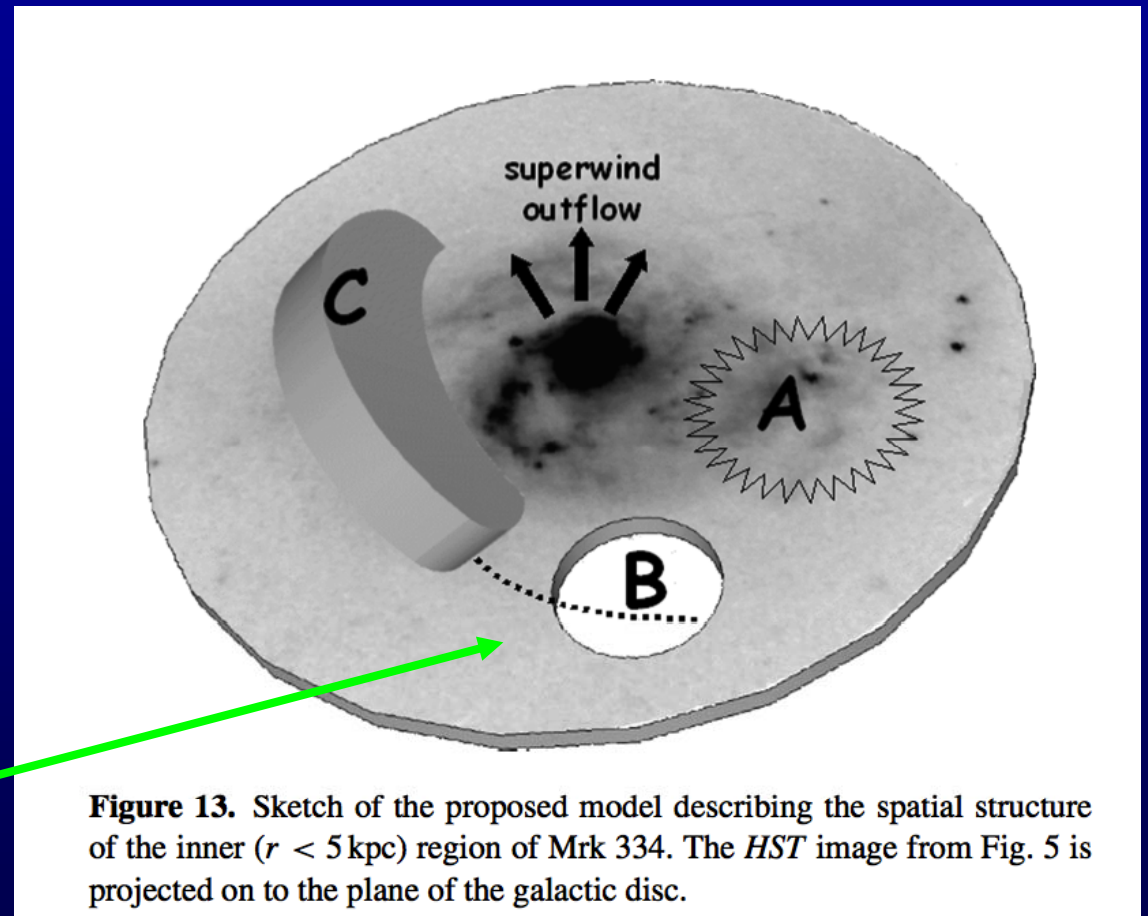
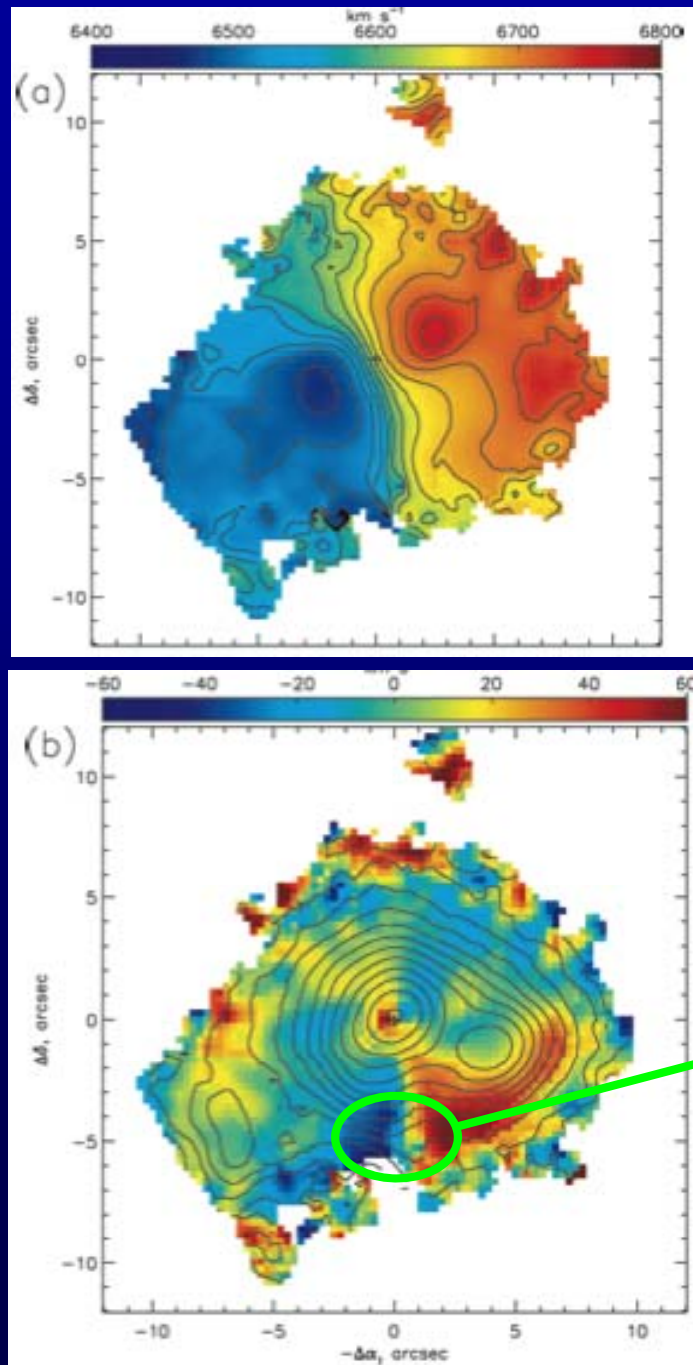


SDSS J075234.33+292049.8  
the distant PRC  $z=0.06$  (Brosh et al 2010)



A giant ( $D=48$  kpc) stellar-gaseous disk inclined at  $\Delta i = 73 \pm 12^\circ$  to the central S0-galaxy  
A significant amount of a dark matter:  $M/L=20$

# 3D spectroscopy of merger Seyfert galaxy Mrk 334: nuclear starburst, superwind and the circumnuclear cavern



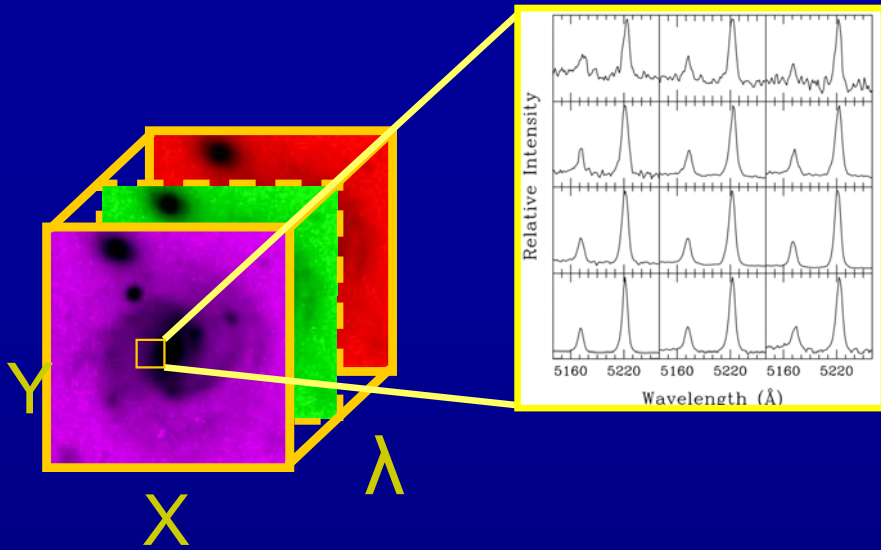
**Figure 13.** Sketch of the proposed model describing the spatial structure of the inner ( $r < 5$  kpc) region of Mrk 334. The *HST* image from Fig. 5 is projected on to the plane of the galactic disc.

## SCORPIO-2: what is new?

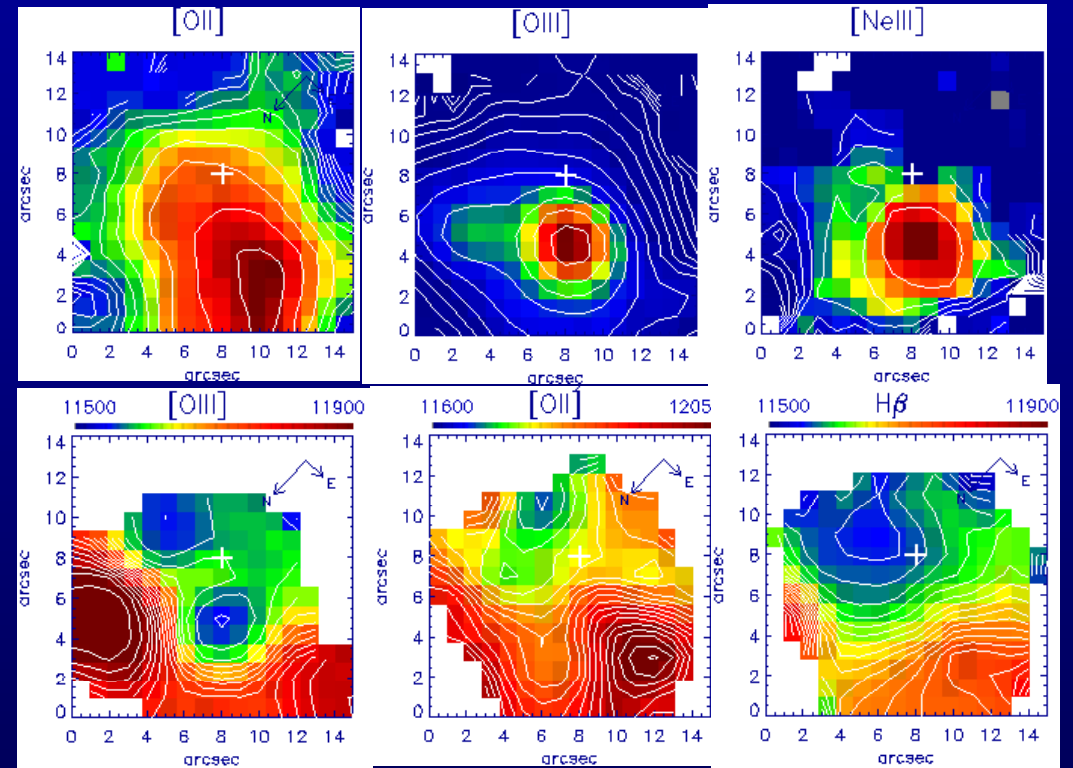
1. The device is specially designed to work under remote control from the Institute building (under the mountain where the telescope is sited): 27 filters, 9 VPH gratings
2. The opportunities for polarimetry (spectra and images) are greatly expanded.
3. New optics for large-format (CCD 2Kx 4.6K), the value of off-axis optical aberration are significantly decreased.
4. 3D integral-field unit: 24x24 lens array + fibers



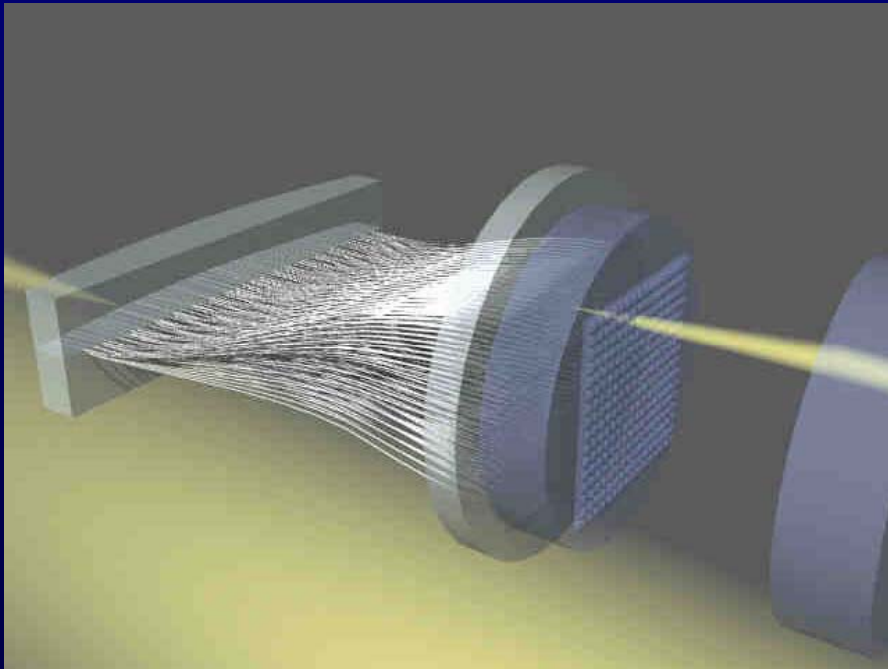
# SCORPIO-2/integral-field unit



The idea - Georg Courtes (1982)  
The first realization:  
MPFS at the 6-m telescope  
(Afanasiev et al., 1990, 2001).



Mrk 315 (Ciroi et al., 2005, MNRAS)



# The first light (spectra/images/FPI): June, 2010



2011 - test observations, software, integral-field and multislit units  
2012 - regular observations at the telescope



Thank you for attention!

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