

Ionized and hot molecular outflows in the inner 500 pc of NGC 1275

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ABSTRACT

The role of feedback from active galactic nuclei (AGNs) in the evolution of galaxies is still not fully understood, mostly due to the lack of observational constraints in the multiphase gas kinematics on the 10–100 pc scales. We have used the Gemini Near-Infrared Integral Field Spectrograph (NIFS) to map the molecular and ionized gas kinematics in the inner 900×900 pc² of the Seyfert galaxy NGC 1275 at a spatial resolution of ~ 70 pc. From the fitting of the CO absorption bandheads in the *K* band, we derive a stellar velocity dispersion of 265 ± 26 km s⁻¹, which implies a black hole mass of $M_{\text{SMBH}} = 1.1^{+0.9}_{-0.5} \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$. We find hot ($T \gtrsim 1000$ K) molecular and ionized outflows with velocities of up to 2000 km s⁻¹ and mass outflow rates of 2.7×10^{-2} and $1.6 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, respectively, in each of these gas phases. The kinetic power of the ionized outflows corresponds to only 0.05 per cent of the luminosity of the AGN of NGC 1275, indicating that they are not powerful enough to provide significant AGN feedback, but may be effective in redistributing the gas in the central region of the galaxy. The AGN-driven outflows seem to be responsible for the shocks necessary to produce the observed H₂ and [Fe II] line emission.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Perseus is the X-ray brightest known galaxy cluster (Forman et al. 1972) and a cool core cluster prototype (Crawford et al. 1999). It shows a rich emission structure, presenting multiple X-ray cavities, ripples, shocks, and filaments (e.g. Fabian et al. 2000, 2003, 2006; Sanders et al. 2016). The brightest member of the cluster is the giant elliptical galaxy NGC 1275 (Perseus A, 3C 84; Sandage & Tammann 1981), located at its centre, at a distance of 62.5 Mpc (Tully et al. 2013). NGC 1275 hosts a Seyfert 1.5 nucleus (Véron-Cetty & Véron 2006) and has strong infrared (IR) emission with a luminosity of $\log(L_{\text{IR}}/L_{\odot}) = 11.20$, consistent with a luminous infra-red galaxy (Sanders et al. 2003). It presents collimated radio emission along the position angle (PA) = $160/340^{\circ}$ extending to up to 30 arcsec from its nucleus (Pedlar et al. 1990), a sub-pc scale intermittent radio jet (e.g. Nagai et al. 2010, Suzuki et al. 2012), and variable high-energy γ -ray emission (Abdo et al. 2009).

The most intriguing feature of NGC 1275 is the kpc scale filamentary structure seen in both molecular (Hatch et al. 2005; Salomé et al. 2006; Lim, Ao & Dinh-V-Trung 2008; Ho, Lim & Dinh-V-Trung 2009b) and ionized gases (Kent & Sargent 1979; Conselice, Gallagher & Wyse 2001; Fabian et al. 2008). Recently, Gendron-Marsolais et al. (2018) presented integral-field spectra obtained with the instrument SITELE at the Canada–France–Hawaii Telescope that provide a detailed mapping of the ionization and kinematics of the large-scale filamentary nebulae surrounding NGC 1275, covering

an area of 80×40 kpc² (3.8×2.6 arcmin²) with a spatial resolution of ~ 0.3 arcsec. These observations reveal that the kinematics of the filaments do not show any signature of ordered motions, interpreted by the authors as an evidence that the filaments are not consistent with uniform inflows or outflows. Their analysis excludes the inner 6 arcsec, where the line emission originates from the gas ionized by the central active galactic nucleus (AGN).

Besides strong optical emission lines from the ionized gas, the nucleus of NGC 1275 also presents strong molecular hydrogen emission, seen in the mid- (e.g. Armus et al. 2007; Lambrides et al. 2019) and near-IR (e.g. Krabbe et al. 2000; Wilman, Edge & Johnstone 2005; Riffel, Rodríguez-Ardila & Pastoriza 2006b) spectra. NGC 1275 presents H₂ emission excess in the mid-IR in comparison with other nearby galaxies, with $\log[\text{H}_2 \text{ S}(3\lambda)9.665 \mu\text{m}/\text{PAH}\lambda 11.3 \mu\text{m}] \approx -0.18$ (Lambrides et al. 2019) and high [O I] $\lambda 6300$ Å velocity dispersion (~ 360 km s⁻¹) and [O I] $\lambda 6300$ Å/H α (~ 1.75) (Gavazzi et al. 2013). The simultaneous enhancement in H₂ emission and in [O I] velocity dispersion makes this object a likely host of molecular outflows (Riffel, Zakamska & Riffel 2020) and therefore a unique nearby laboratory to probe AGN feedback. The near-IR spectral region is less affected by dust extinction than the optical bands and presents emission lines from distinct gas phases, allowing the mapping of the multiphase gas kinematics and distribution. Here, we present new Gemini Near-Infrared Integral Field Spectrograph (NIFS) *J*- and *K*-band data used to unravel the gas kinematics of the central 900×900 pc² of NGC 1275.

Gemini NIFS observations in the *H* and *K* bands have already been used to study the gas excitation and kinematics of central

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region of NGC 1275 (Scharwächter et al. 2013). These data reveal a circumnuclear disc in the inner 100 pc of the galaxy oriented along the position angle (PA) = 68° , which is modelled by a Keplerian rotation around a central mass of $8_{-2}^{+7} \times 10^8 M_\odot$, taken as the mass of the supermassive black hole. Recent Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA) CO(2–10) observations show the cold counterpart of the disc, as well as fast outflows ($300\text{--}600 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) detected as absorption features in the HCN(3–2) and HCO⁺(3–2) spectra (Nagai et al. 2019). Based on single Gaussian fit of the H₂ and [Fe II] emission-line profiles, Scharwächter et al. (2013) find a redshifted H₂ structure to the south-west of the nucleus, possibly falling into the centre. Another redshifted blob is seen in both H₂ and [Fe II] at 1.2 arcsec north-west of the nucleus, coincident with the orientation of the radio jet and tentatively interpreted as evidence of jet–cloud interaction. Based on line ratios obtained from integrated spectra, Scharwächter et al. (2013) also conclude that most likely the H₂ emission in the inner region of NGC 1275 is produced by shocks and the [Fe II] emission is consistent with being originated by X-ray heating, but they could not rule out a possible contribution by shocks.

As noticed by Scharwächter et al. (2013), the near-IR emission-line profiles of the central region are complex. In this work, we analyse the gas kinematics and distribution based on non-parametric measurements and multi-Gaussian components fits, which allows us to better disentangle the distinct kinematic components. In addition, the *J*-band spectra allow us to better map the AGN ionization structure than the previous available data, fundamental to understand the origin of the gas emission and the role of the AGN.

This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents a description of the data, its reduction, and analysis procedures. In Section 3, we present two-dimensional maps of emission-line fluxes, line ratio, and kinematics, which are discussed in Section 4. Finally, Section 5 presents our conclusions.

2 OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

The Gemini NIFS (McGregor et al. 2003) is an integral-field spectrograph optimized to operate with the ALTAIR conjugate Adaptive optics for the InfraRed (ALTAIR). It has a square field of view of $\approx 3.0 \times 3.0 \text{ arcsec}^2$, divided into 29 slices with an angular sampling of $0.103 \times 0.042 \text{ arcsec}^2$. The observations of NGC 1275 were done in 2019 October 22, in the queue mode under the project GN-2019A-Q-106. For the *J* band, we use the J_G5603 grating and the ZJ_G0601 filter with a resolving power of $R \approx 6040$, while for the *K* band we use the K_G5605 grating, and HK_G0603 filter, resulting in $R \approx 5290$.

The observations followed the standard object–sky–object dither sequence, with off-source sky positions at 1 arcmin from the galaxy, and individual exposure times of 470 s. The *J*-band spectra are centred at $1.25 \mu\text{m}$, covering the spectral range from 1.14 to $1.36 \mu\text{m}$. The *K*-band data are centred at $2.20 \mu\text{m}$ and cover the 2.00– $2.40 \mu\text{m}$ spectral region. The total exposure time at each band was 47 min.

The data reduction was accomplished using tasks contained in the NIFS package, which is part of GEMINI IRAF package, as well as generic IRAF tasks. The data reduction followed the standard procedure, which includes the trimming of the images, flat-fielding, cosmic ray rejection, sky subtraction, wavelength, and s-distortion calibrations. In order to remove telluric absorptions from the galaxy spectra, we observed the telluric standard star HIP 15925 just after the *J*-band observations of the galaxy and HIP 10559 just before the *K*-band observations. The galaxy spectra were divided by the normalized spectrum of the telluric standard star using the NTELLURIC task of the NIFS.GEMINI.IRAF package. The galaxy

spectra were flux calibrated by interpolating a blackbody function to the spectrum of the telluric standard and the *J*- and *K*-band data cubes were constructed with an angular sampling of $0.05 \times 0.05 \text{ arcsec}$ for each individual exposure. The individual data cubes were combined using a sigma clipping algorithm in order to eliminate bad pixels and remaining cosmic rays by mosaicing the dithered spatial positions. Then, we apply the method described in Davies (2007) to remove residual OH airglow emission from near-infrared spectra; and finally, we use a Butterworth spatial bandpass filter to remove high-frequency noise, by adopting a cut-off frequency of 0.25 Ny.

The angular resolution of the *K*-band data cube is $0.22 \pm 0.03 \text{ arcsec}$ ($67 \pm 9 \text{ pc}$ at the galaxy), as measured from the full width at half-maximum (FWHM) of the flux distribution of the Br γ broad component emission. For the *J*-band emission, the final data cube has an angular resolution of $0.25 \pm 0.02 \text{ arcsec}$ ($76 \pm 6 \text{ pc}$ at the galaxy), estimated from the flux distribution of the broad component of Pa β . The resulting velocity resolution is $43 \pm 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ in the *J* band and $47 \pm 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ in the *K* band, measured from the FWHM of typical emission lines of the Ar and ArXe lamp spectra used to wavelength calibrate the *J*- and *K*-band spectra, respectively.

The top-left panel of Fig. 1 presents a large-scale *gyi* composed image of NGC 1275 obtained from the Pan-STARRS data archive (Chambers et al. 2016; Flewelling et al. 2016) and the *K*-band continuum image, obtained by computing the average flux of the NIFS data cube at each spaxel, is presented in the top-right panel. The bottom panels show the *J*- and *K*-band spectra integrated within an aperture of 1.0 arcsec radius centred at the location of the peak of the continuum emission. The main emission lines are identified: [P II] λ 1.1886 μm , [Fe II] λ 1.1886 μm 1.2570, Pa β λ 1.2822 μm , [Fe II] λ 1.2964 μm , H₂ λ 2.0338 μm , He I λ 2.0587 μm , H₂ λ 2.0735 μm , H₂ λ 2.1218 μm , H₂ λ 2.1542 μm , Br γ λ 2.16612 μm , H₂ λ 2.2233 μm , H₂ λ 2.2477 μm .

3 MEASUREMENTS

3.1 Non-parametric properties

We construct two-dimensional maps for the emission-line flux distributions, flux ratios, and for the width in velocity space which encompasses 80 per cent of the flux of the emission lines (W_{80}). For asymmetric, non-Gaussian emission-line profiles, the W_{80} is a better estimate of the width of the line profiles in galaxies than the FWHM and it is widely used to identify outflows in nearby and distant galaxies (Zakamska & Greene 2014; Wylezalek et al. 2017, 2020). We measure the emission-line fluxes and W_{80} using the *IFSCube* PYTHON package.¹ The Pa β profile clearly presents a very broad component ($\sigma \sim 2600 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, from the broad-line region – BLR) and thus, first we fit the line profile by two-Gaussian components and subtract the flux of the broad component. A weak emission from the BLR is also seen in Br γ and we follow the same procedure. The fluxes are integrated in the spectral window that encompasses 5σ to each side of the peak of the line, as measured from the narrow-line component.

3.2 Emission-line fitting

By fitting a single Gaussian to each emission-line profile, we recover the maps presented by Scharwächter et al. (2013) for the *K*-band emission lines and we find that the [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm shows similar

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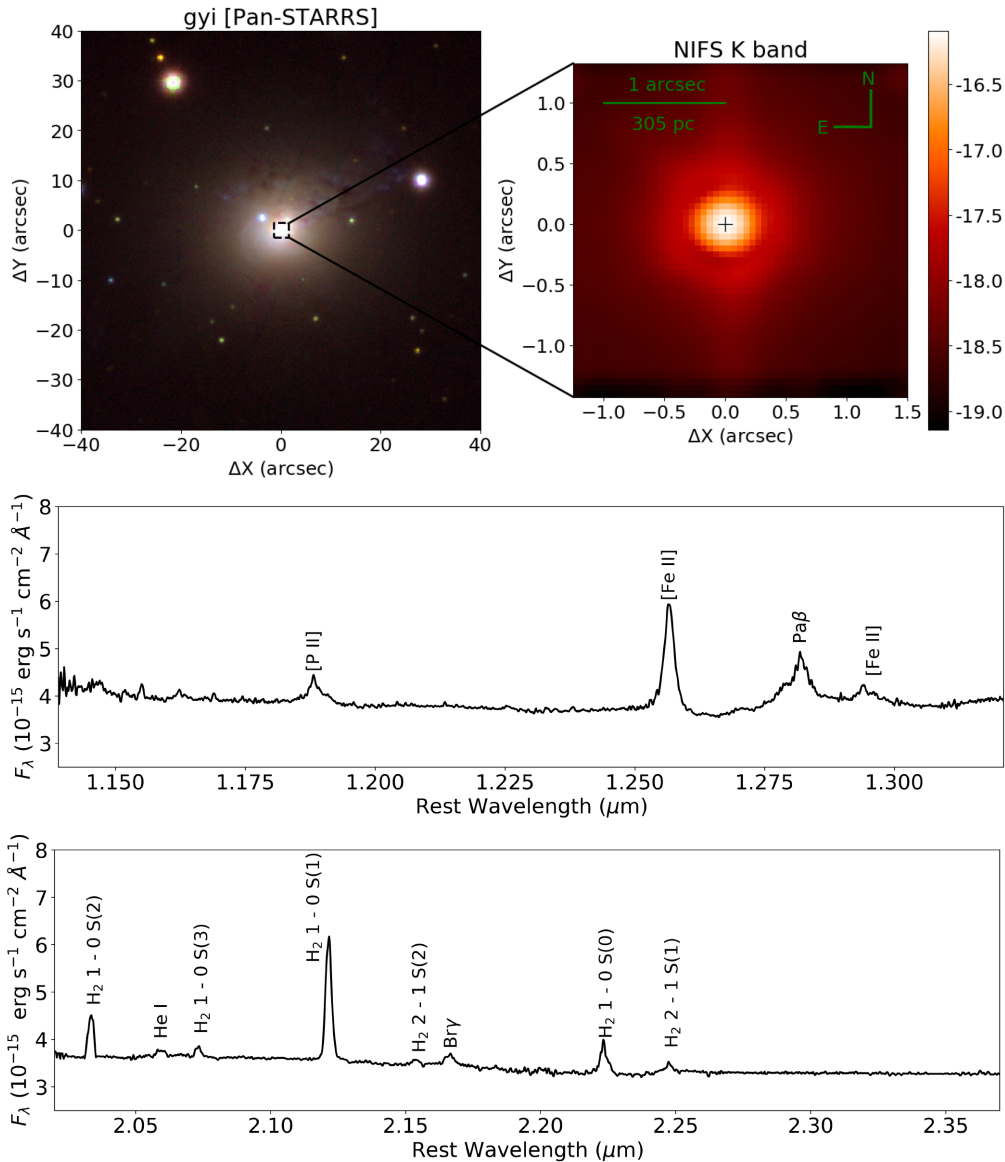


Figure 1. Top left: *gi* image of NGC 1275 from Pan-STARRS data archive (Chambers et al. 2016; Flewelling et al. 2016). Top right: NIFS *K*-band continuum. The colour bar shows the fluxes in logarithmic units of $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1} \text{\AA}^{-1} \text{spaxel}^{-1}$. The bottom panels show the *J*- and *K*-band spectra of NGC 1275 within an aperture of 1.0 arcsec radius, centred at the position of the peak of the continuum.

maps to those of the *H* band presented by these authors. We do not show maps based on single Gaussian fits, as they do not add to the discussion already presented in Scharwächter et al. (2013). However, the emission-line profiles in the inner $3 \text{ arcsec} \times 3 \text{ arcsec}$ ($900 \times 900 \text{ pc}^2$) of NGC 1275 are complex and in most locations they are not well modelled neither by a single Gaussian, nor by Gauss–Hermite series (van der Marel & Franx 1993; Riffel 2010). Thus, we fit the emission-line profiles by multiple-Gaussian components using the *IFSCube* PYTHON package.

We allow the fit of up to three Gaussian components to each emission-line profile at all positions. The *J*- and *K*-band spectra are fitted separately and all parameters are kept free, as the line profiles of distinct species clearly show distinct kinematic components (Fig. 2). We set the *refit* parameter of the *IFSCUBE* code to use the best-fitting parameters from spaxels located at distances smaller than $0''.15$ as the initial guess for the next fit. Thus, the fitting routine automatically chooses the best number of components and the initial

guesses for the fit of a determined line profile at a specific spaxel. For example, if the amplitude of one of the Gaussians is zero in the neighbouring spaxels, the code will return the parameters of the two remaining Gaussian curves and so on. As initial guesses for the first fit of each emission line we use the parameters of a three Gaussian fit for the nuclear spaxel using the IRAF *SPLIT* task. For *Pa* β and *Br* γ , we include an additional very broad component ($\sigma \sim 1000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) to take into account the emission from the BLR.

In Fig. 2, we show examples of the fits of the $[\text{Fe II}]\lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}$ (top row), *Pa* β (middle row), and $\text{H}_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}$ (bottom row) for four different positions. As can be seen, usually the line profiles are well reproduced by the adopted model. The panels show the fit of the line profiles at the same locations, except for the bottom right panels which are from distinct positions for each line, selected to represent regions where the line profiles are narrow.

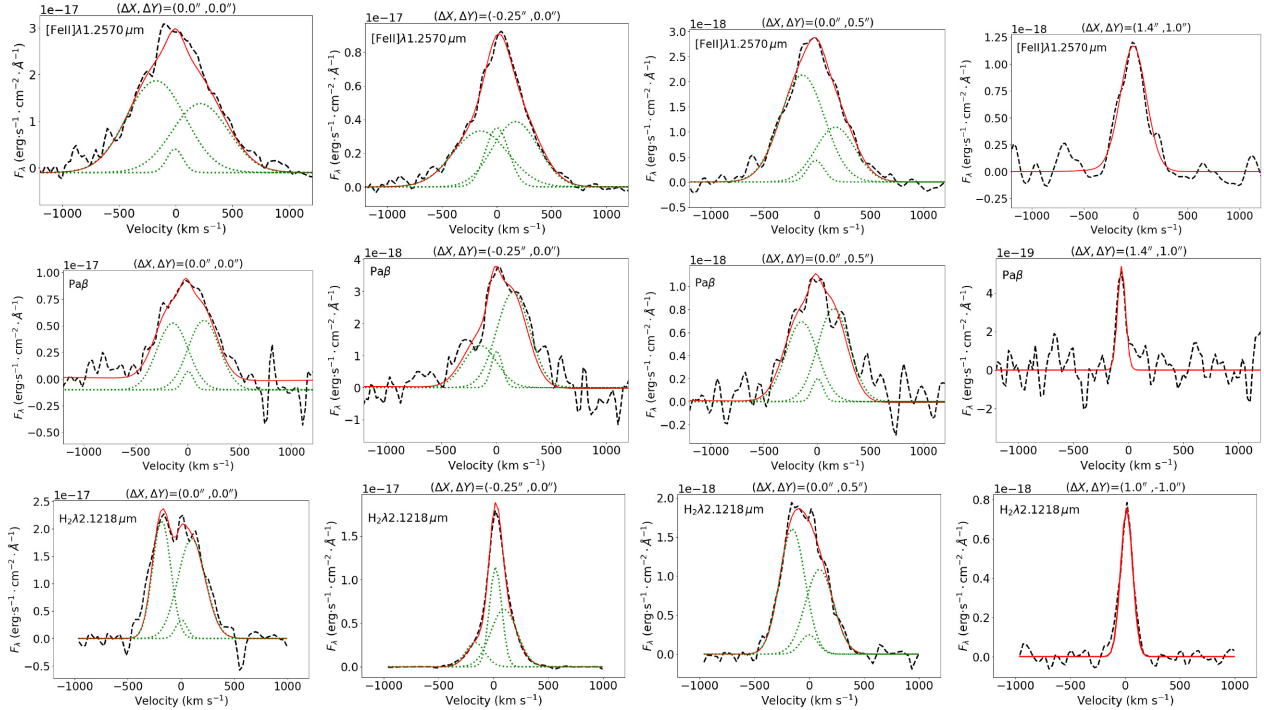


Figure 2. Examples of fitting of the [FeII] λ 1.2570 μ m (first row), Pa β (second row), and H $_2$ λ 2.1218 μ m (third row) emission line profiles at the position $(\Delta X, \Delta Y)$ relative to the nucleus identified in the top of each panel. The continuum-subtracted observed profiles are shown as dashed black lines, the fits are in red, and the individual Gaussian components are shown as green dotted lines. For the Pa β , besides the continuum emission, the broad component (from the broad line region) has also been subtracted in the two left-most plots.

3.3 Stellar kinematics

The CO absorption bandheads in the spectral range $\sim 2.29\text{--}2.40$ μ m are usually prominent features in the spectra of nearby galaxies (e.g. Riffel et al. 2006b; Mason et al. 2015; Riffel et al. 2019) and have been extensively used to measure the stellar kinematics (e.g. Riffel et al. 2015a, 2017). However, in strong AGNs the CO features can be diluted by the AGN continuum (Riffel et al. 2009; Burtcher et al. 2015; Müller-Sánchez et al. 2018). This seems to be the case of NGC 1275, where integrated spectra of the inner $r \leq 150$ pc do not show the CO features (Riffel et al. 2006b; Scharwächter et al. 2013). From our NIFS data, we are able to detect the CO absorption features in extranuclear regions, where we can therefore measure the stellar velocity and velocity dispersion. The signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) in the CO bands is not high enough to obtain reliable measurements spaxel by spaxel and thus, we use an integrated spectrum within a ring with inner radius of 0.75 arcsec and outer radius of 1.25 arcsec. For distances smaller than 0.75 arcsec, the CO absorptions are strongly diluted by the AGN continuum.

We measure the stellar line-of-sight velocity distribution by fitting the integrated spectrum within the spectral range $\sim 2.28\text{--}2.37$ μ m (rest wavelengths). We use the penalized Pixel-Fitting (PPXF) method (Cappellari & Emsellem 2004; Cappellari 2017) that finds the best fit to a galaxy spectrum by convolving stellar spectra templates with a given velocity distribution, assumed to be Gaussian, as we fit only the two first moments. As spectral templates, we use the spectra of the Gemini library of late spectral type stars observed with the Gemini Near-Infrared Spectrograph (GNIRS) IFU and NIFS (Winge, Riffel & Storchi-Bergmann 2009), which includes stars with spectral types from F7 to M5.

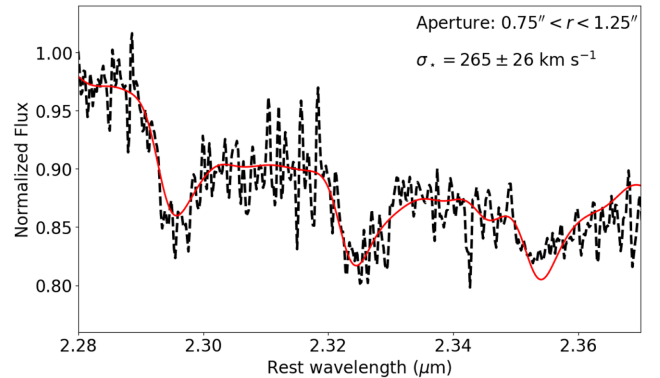


Figure 3. Observed (dashed black) and fitted (red) spectra in the CO absorption bands integrated within a circular ring with inner radius of 0.75 arcsec and outer radius of 1.25 arcsec.

Fig. 3 shows the integrated spectrum as a black dashed line and the model as a continuous red line. The CO bandheads are clearly detected and the model reproduces well the observed spectrum. The best fit corresponds to a velocity of $V_s = 5284 \pm 21$ km s^{-1} , corrected to the heliocentric frame, and a velocity dispersion of $\sigma_* = 265 \pm 26$ km s^{-1} . The derived velocity is in agreement with measurements using optical emission lines (5264 ± 11 km s^{-1} ; Strauss et al. 1992). The value of σ_* derived here represents the first measurement based on the fitting of the CO bandheads. It is in agreement with those derived from Mg b lines at 5174 \AA (246 ± 18 km s^{-1} ; Smith, Heckman & Illingworth 1990), Ca II $\lambda\lambda$ 8498, 8542, 8662 (272 ± 61 km s^{-1} ; Nelson & Whittle 1995) and

using scaling relations between the stellar and gas velocity dispersion ($258.9 \pm 13.4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$; Ho et al. 2009a).

4 RESULTS

In this section, we present the two-dimensional maps produced by the methodology described in the previous section. In all maps, the grey regions correspond to masked locations where the amplitude of the corresponding emission line is smaller than 3 times the standard deviation of the continuum next to the line. The north is to the top and east is to the left in all maps. The systemic velocity of the galaxy is subtracted in all velocity maps, assumed to be the value derived from the fitting of the CO absorption bandheads.

4.1 Emission-line flux distributions and ratios

Fig. 4 shows the flux distributions of the [P II] λ 1.1886 μm , [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm , Pa β , He I λ 2.0587 μm , H₂ λ 2.1218 μm , and Br γ emission lines, as obtained by direct integration of the observed line profiles. All emission lines present the peak emission at the nucleus of the galaxy and show spatially resolved emission. The H₂ emission is the most extended, observed over the whole NIFS field of view, with the highest intensity levels slightly more elongated to the south-west of the nucleus, in good agreement with the maps shown by Scharwächter et al. (2013). The [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm emission shows a similar morphology as that of the [Fe II] λ 1.6440 μm presented by Scharwächter et al. (2013), showing the most extended features to up to 1.7 arcsec north-west of the nucleus. The [P II] emission is extended to up to 1 arcsec with a round morphology. The He I shows the most compact flux distribution, with emission seen mostly at distances smaller than 0.5 arcsec from the nucleus.

We detect extended emission in both H recombination lines, in contrast with the map presented by Scharwächter et al. (2013), where the Br γ emission is restricted to the inner 0.3 arcsec radius. Both Br γ and Pa β flux maps show a well-defined linear structure along PA = 140/320°. These lines are consistent with being photoionized by the central AGN. Therefore, in this object the photoionization cone and the jet are aligned within 20°. This is interesting because the jet and cone orientation are formed by processes on different scales (Bianchi, Maiolino & Risaliti 2012; Drouart et al. 2012; Marin & Antonucci 2016).

Fig. 5 presents the [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / Pa β , [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / [P II] λ 1.1886 μm , H₂ λ 2.1218 μm / Pa β line ratio and colour excess maps. We estimate the colour excess by

$$E(B - V) = 4.74 \log \left(\frac{5.88}{F_{\text{Pa}\beta} / F_{\text{Br}\gamma}} \right), \quad (1)$$

where $F_{\text{Pa}\beta}$ and $F_{\text{Br}\gamma}$ are the fluxes of Pa β and Br γ emission lines, respectively. We adopt the theoretical ratio between Pa β and Br γ of 5.88, corresponding to case B at the low-density limit (Osterbrock & Ferland 2006) for an electron temperature of $T_e = 10^4$ K and we use the reddening law of Cardelli, Clayton & Mathis (1989).

The [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / Pa β and H₂ λ 2.1218 μm / Pa β can be used to investigate the origin of the [Fe II] and H₂ emission. Starburst galaxies and H II regions present [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / Pa β < 0.6 and H₂ λ 2.1218 μm / Pa β < 0.07. For emission photoionized by an AGN typical values are: 0.6 < [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / Pa β < 2.00.07 < H₂ λ 2.1218 μm / Pa β < 1.0, while higher ratios may indicate the contribution by shocks to the H₂ and [Fe II] emission (Reunanen, Kotilainen & Prieto 2002; Rodríguez-Ardila et al. 2004; Rodríguez-Ardila, Riffel & Pastoriza 2005; Riffel, Storchi-Bergmann & Nagar 2010; Riffel et al. 2013a; Colina et al. 2015; Lam-

perti et al. 2017; Riffel 2020). As seen in Fig. 5, both line ratios show a wide range of values. The smallest values of [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / Pa β = 1–2 and H₂ λ 2.1218 μm / Pa β = 0.5–1.0 are seen only in two small regions (0.5 arcsec diameter each) along PA = 140/320° – at \sim 1.3 arcsec north-west and \sim 1.1 arcsec south-east of the nucleus, coincident with the orientation of the linear emission seen in Br γ and Pa β . This indicates that the AGN photoionization plays some role in observed line emission from these locations and that the linear structure seen in the H recombination lines is tracing the AGN ionization axis. However, in most locations both line ratios show values much higher than commonly observed in AGNs, in particular from locations away from the ionization axis.

The [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / Pa β map shows values of up to 6, while H₂ λ 2.1218 μm / Pa β presents values higher than 5. Considering that most of the grey regions in these maps are due to the non-detection of Pa β – as the H₂ and [Fe II] emission are clearly more extended in the maps of Fig. 4 – the highest ratios can be considered lower limits for the grey regions. This indicates that shocks play an important role not only in the production of the H₂ emission, as pointed out in Scharwächter et al. (2013), but also in the [Fe II] emission at least in locations away from the ionization cone.

Another line ratio that can be used as a tracer of shocks is [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / [P II] λ 1.1886 μm , as the P⁺ and Fe⁺ have similar ionization potential, radiative recombination coefficients, and ionization temperatures (Oliva et al. 2001; Storchi-Bergmann et al. 2009; Diniz et al. 2019). For H II regions this line ratio is \sim 2, while if shocks are present the [Fe II] is enhanced as the shocks release the Fe from the dust grains (e.g. Oliva et al. 2001). Values of [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / [P II] λ 1.1886 μm > 2 cannot be reproduced by photoionization models (e.g. Riffel et al. 2019) and indicate that shocks contribute to the origin of the [Fe II] emission. For NGC 1275, this line ratio shows values larger than 2 in most locations and reaching [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / [P II] λ 1.1886 μm \approx 6 at distances of 0.5 arcsec from the nucleus. As [Fe II] shows more extended emission than the [P II], the value of 6 can be considered a lower limit for the [Fe II] λ 1.2570 μm / [P II] λ 1.1886 μm ratio in locations masked out due to the non-detection of [P II] emission. This result further supports the importance of shocks for the [Fe II] emission in NGC 1275.

The $E(B - V)$ map (Fig. 5) shows values close to zero at most locations, in agreement with previous results that show that the extinction in the central region of NGC 1275 is low (e.g. Kent & Sargent 1979; Fabian, Nulsen & Arnaud 1984; Johnstone & Fabian 1995). The highest values of up to 1.0 are seen at the nucleus and to the north-west of it, the same location where the H α filaments are more concentrated and seen closer to the nucleus (e.g. Fabian et al. 2008).

4.2 Gas kinematics

A way to map the gas kinematics is by constructing velocity channel maps along the emission-line profiles, which allows a better mapping of the emission at the wings (higher velocities). We show such maps for the [Fe II] and H₂ emission lines in Figs 6 and 7. We do not show channel maps for other emission lines, as the emission is weaker and the channel maps noisier. But it is possible to see that the Pa β channel maps are similar to those of [Fe II]. Each panel shows the fluxes integrated within a velocity bin of 90 km s⁻¹, centred at the velocity shown in the top-left corner, relative to the systemic velocity of the galaxy. Both lines show emission in velocities up to 500 km s⁻¹, seen in both blueshifts (negative velocities) and redshifts (positive velocities).

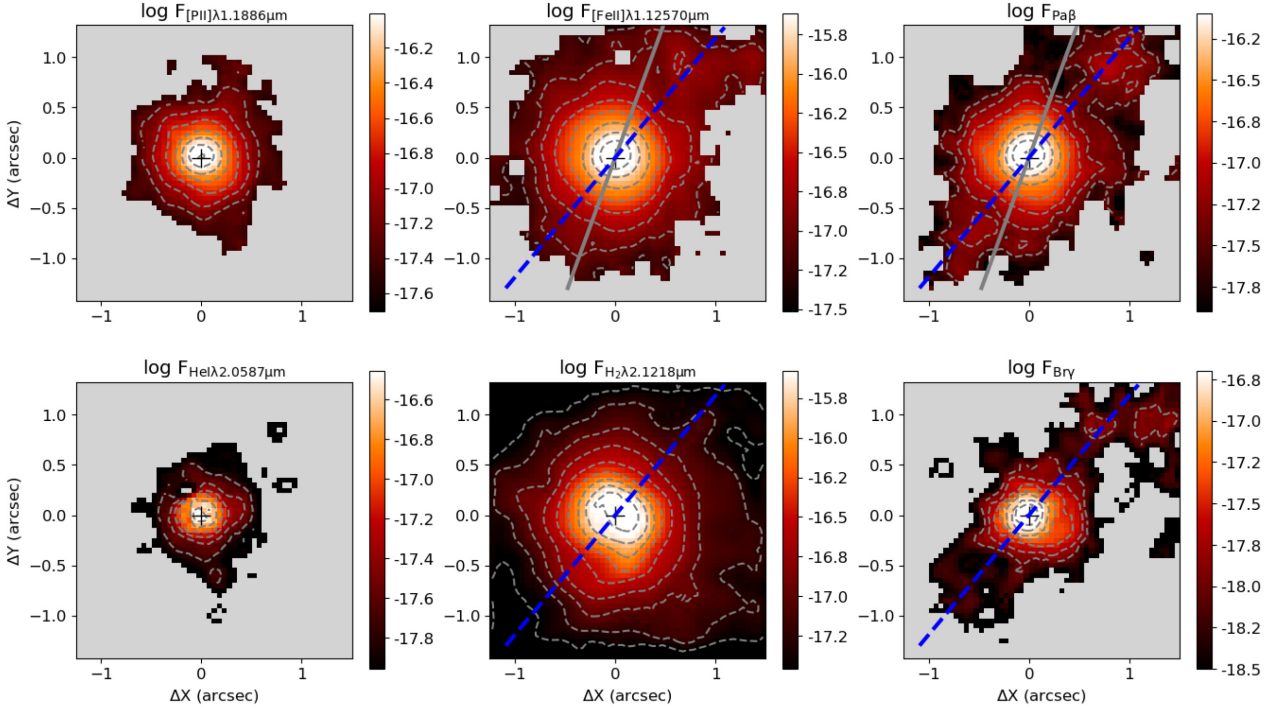


Figure 4. Flux maps for the $[P II] \lambda 1.1886 \mu m$, $[Fe II] \lambda 1.2570 \mu m$, $Pa \beta$, $He I \lambda 2.0587 \mu m$, $H_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu m$, and $Br \gamma$ emission lines. The central crosses mark the location of the peak of the continuum emission, the grey continuous line shows the orientation of the radio jet (Pedlar et al. 1990), the blue dashed line shows the orientation of the $Pa \beta$ emission and the colour bars show the fluxes in logarithmic scale in units of $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{spx}^{-1}$. The grey regions represent masked locations, where the amplitude of the corresponding line profile is smaller than 3σ of the adjacent continuum. North is up and east is to the left in all panels.

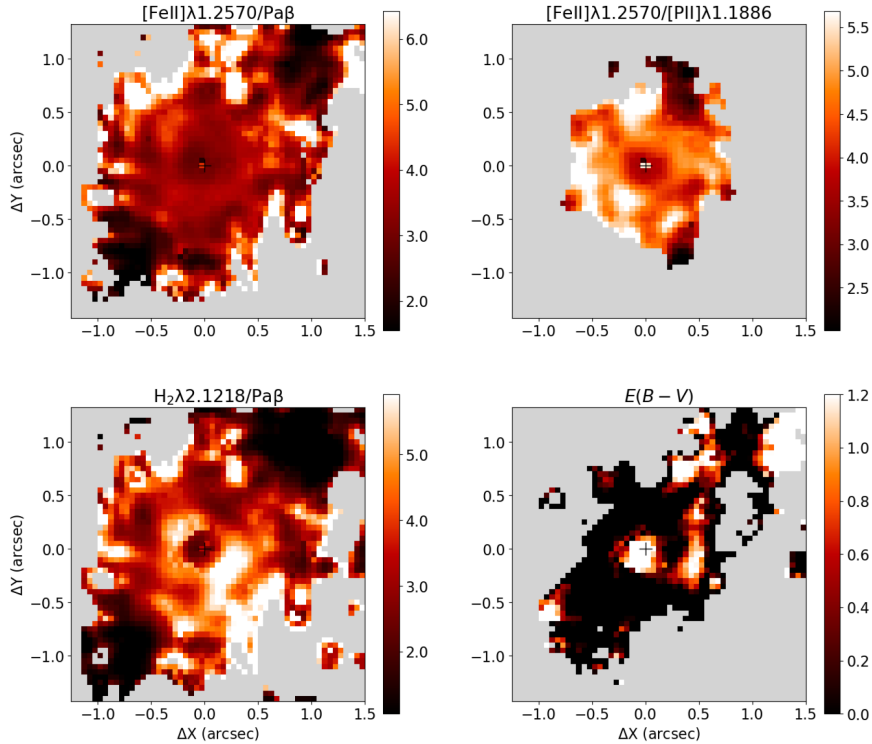


Figure 5. $[Fe II] \lambda 1.2570 \mu m / Pa \beta$, $[Fe II] \lambda 1.2570 \mu m / [P II] \lambda 1.1886 \mu m$, $H_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu m / Pa \beta$ line ratio and $E(B - V)$ maps.

For velocities in the range from -180 to 180 km s^{-1} , the peak of emission in the inner 0.3 arcsec moves from south-west in blueshifted channels to north-east in redshifted channels (clearly seen in the H_2

channel maps). This structure is tracing the emission of the compact disc seen in both ionized and molecular gas with major axis oriented along $PA = 68^\circ$ (Scharwächter et al. 2013; Nagai et al. 2019). Besides

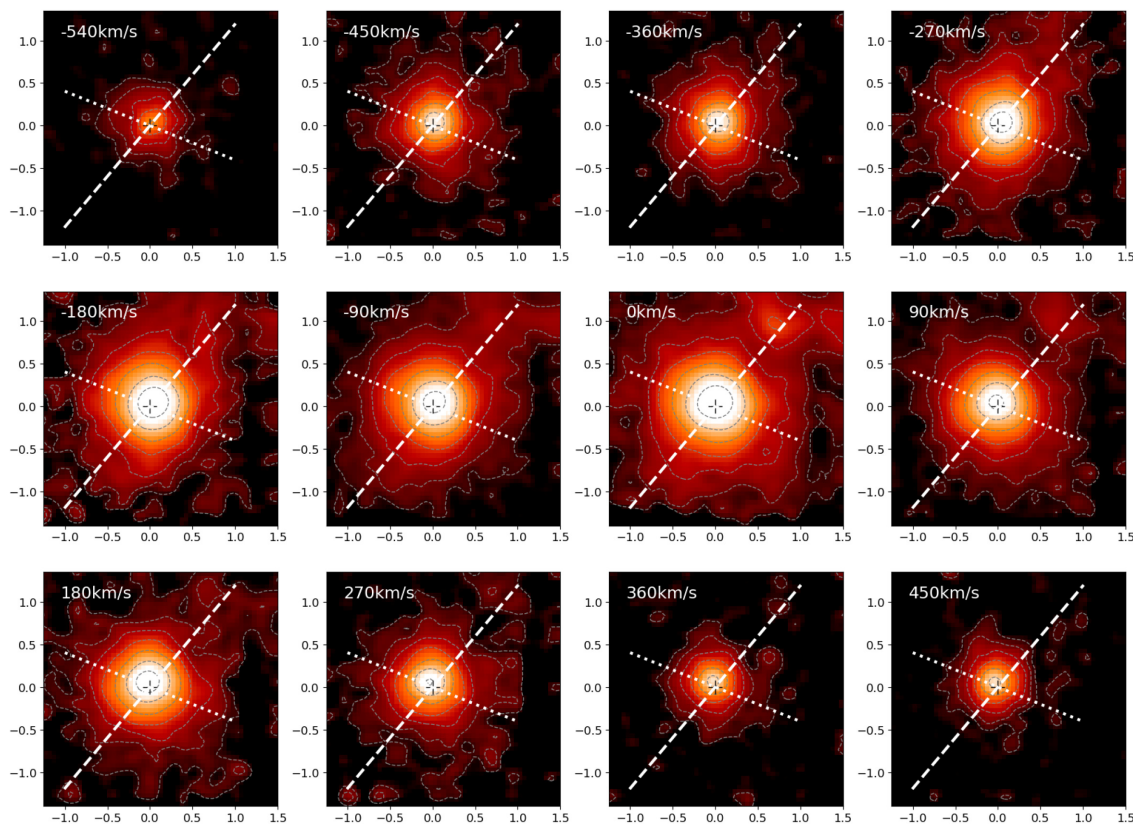


Figure 6. Velocity channel maps across the [Fe II] $\lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}$ emission-line profiles. The velocities are shown in the top-left corner of each panel and we use a velocity increment of 90 km s^{-1} from one channel to its subsequent. The dashed line shows the orientation of the AGN ionization structure and the dotted line represents the orientation of the compact gas disc. The central crosses mark the location of the nucleus of the galaxy.

this structure, in low-velocity channels it can be seen that the H_2 and [Fe II] present distinct flux distributions. While the [Fe II] presents most of the emission approximately along the orientation of the ionization axis ($\text{PA} = 140/320^\circ$), the H_2 emission is seen mainly in the perpendicular direction. At the highest velocities, both lines show the peak of emission at the nucleus and extended emission is seen to at least 0.5 arcsec . We do not take into account the effect of the beam smearing in the determination of the extensions, but given that sizes of most structures are much larger than the angular resolution of our data ($\sim 0.2 \text{ arcsec}$) this effect is negligible.

We also fit the emission-line profiles of [Fe II] $\lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}$, $\text{Pa } \beta$ and $\text{H}_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}$ by multi-Gaussian components, as described in Section 3.2. The resulting maps for flux, velocity, and velocity dispersion are shown in Figs 8, A1, and A2, respectively. All lines present three kinematic components: a narrow ($\sigma \lesssim 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) and two broad components ($\sigma \gtrsim 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) – see also Fig. 2. In addition, $\text{Pa } \beta$ presents a very broad component with spatially unresolved flux distribution produced by the emission of the BLR. The narrow component is observed at velocities close to the systemic velocity of the galaxy, while the broad components are observed blueshifted and redshifted by $150\text{--}200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The peak of the blueshifted component is slightly shifted to the south-west relative the nucleus and the redshifted components peaks slightly north-east of it, consistent with the compact rotating disc seen in the inner region of the galaxy.

In Fig. 9, we present the flux maps for the narrow and broad components of [Fe II] $\lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}$, $\text{Pa } \beta$, and $\text{H}_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}$ emission lines. The maps for the broad component are constructed by summing the fluxes of the blueshifted and redshifted broad components. The

flux distributions of the narrow components of [Fe II] $\lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}$ and $\text{Pa } \beta$ show a linear structure along $\text{PA} = 140/320^\circ$, while the $\text{H}_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}$ presents narrow emission mostly perpendicular to the extended emission seen in ionized gas. As the narrow component presents low-velocity dispersion and low velocities, its origin may be emission from the galaxy disc. The [Fe II] $\lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}$ and $\text{Pa } \beta$ seem to be tracing emission of gas of the disc ionized by the AGN radiation, while most of the H_2 emission originates away from the ionization axis, as seen in other nearby Seyfert galaxies (Storchi-Bergmann et al. 2009; Riffel et al. 2014a; May & Steiner 2017). The broad component of all emission lines shows similar behaviours with round flux distributions and centrally peaked emission. The [Fe II] and H_2 emissions are observed over the inner 1.5 arcsec , while the $\text{Pa } \beta$ shows emission only in the inner $\sim 1.0 \text{ arcsec}$.

The bottom panels of Fig. 9 show the W_{80} maps for the broad emission of [Fe II] $\lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}$, $\text{Pa } \beta$, and $\text{H}_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}$. We compute the W_{80} values from the modelled spectra, after the subtraction of the contribution of the narrow component from the galaxy disc. All maps show W_{80} values larger than 1000 km s^{-1} in all regions. The smallest values are seen for H_2 , followed by $\text{Pa } \beta$ and the highest values of up to 2000 km s^{-1} are seen for the [Fe II], mostly to the east of the nucleus.

In Fig. 10, we present the $\text{H}_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta$ versus [Fe II] $\lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta$ line-ratio diagnostic diagrams for the narrow and broad components obtained using the fluxes shown in Fig. 9. The right-hand panels of Fig. 10 show the colour-coded excitation maps, identifying the spatial location of each region of the diagram. We adopt the separation lines from Riffel et al. (2013a), based

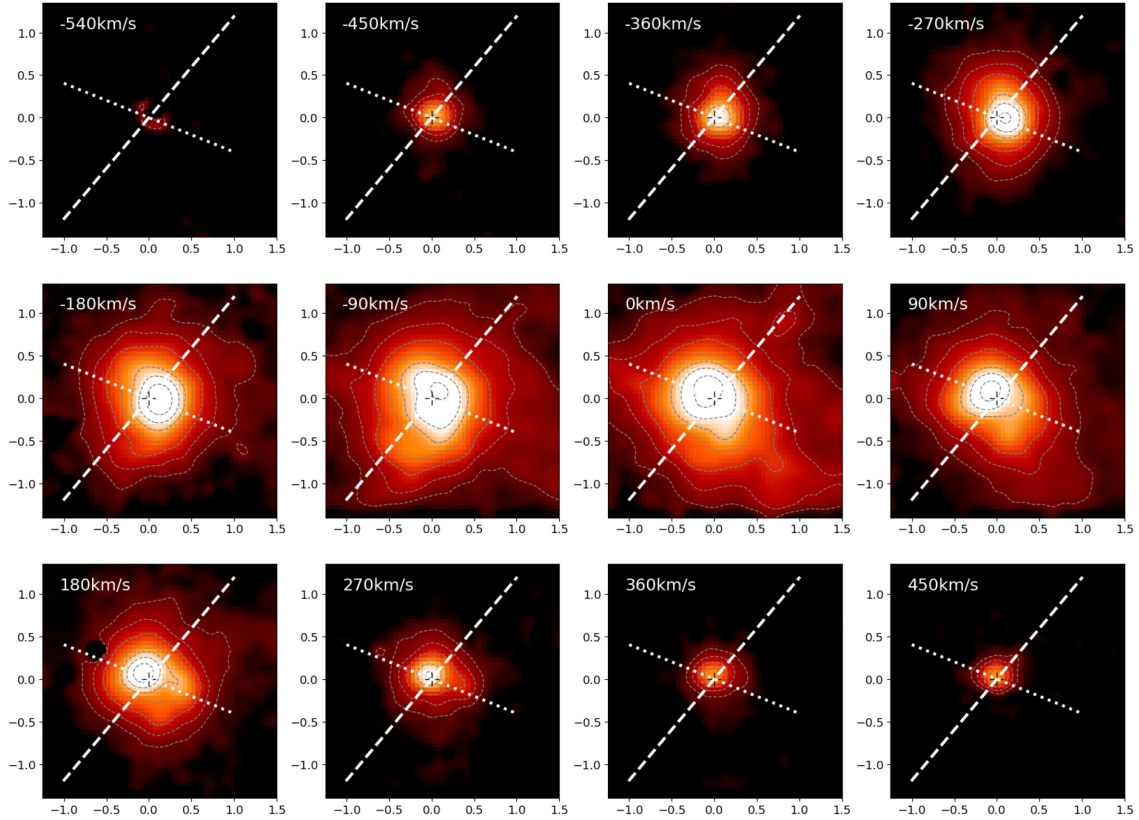


Figure 7. Same as Fig. 6 for the $H_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}$ emission line.

on long-slit spectroscopy of 67 emission-line galaxies. For the narrow component one or both line ratios are consistent with an AGN origin along the AGN ionization axis, while shocks seem to dominate the gas excitation in regions perpendicular to the ionization cone.

The line ratios for the broad component are consistent with emission produced by shocks in all locations. To separate between regions of high and low gas excitation, we compute the 75th percentile (P_{75}) of the $H_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta$ and $[\text{Fe II}] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta$ line ratios of points in the shock region of the diagram, and obtain $\log P_{75}(H_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta) = 0.47$ and $P_{75}([\text{Fe II}] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta) = 0.73$. The limits delineated by these values are shown as a dashed line in the diagnostic diagram for the broad component.

5 DISCUSSION

5.1 The supermassive black hole mass

The mass of the black hole of NGC 1275 is $M_{\text{SMBH}} \sim 1 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$, as obtained by modelling the H_2 (Scharwächter et al. 2013) and CO(2–1) kinematics (Nagai et al. 2019) and adopting a disc inclination of $i = 45^\circ \pm 10^\circ$. This dynamical mass is about two orders of magnitude larger than that obtained from measurements of the very broad components (from the BLR) of near-infrared recombination lines and X-ray luminosity ($M_{\text{SMBH}} = (2.9 \pm 0.4) \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$ Onori et al. 2017).

Onori et al. (2017) measure the near-infrared line widths using the spectrum from Riffel et al. (2006b) and obtain $\text{FWHM}_{\text{Pa } \beta \text{ BLR}} = 2824_{-85}^{+98} \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for $\text{Pa } \beta$ and $\text{FWHM}_{\text{He I BLR}} = 2547_{-24}^{+20} \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for

$\text{He I } \lambda 1.083 \mu\text{m}$. Using a spectrum obtained by integrating the NIFS J -band data cube within an aperture of 0.25 arcsec radius centred at the nucleus, we measure $\text{FWHM}_{\text{Pa } \beta \text{ BLR}} = 5825 \pm 280 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for the very broad component of $\text{Pa } \beta$, which is about two times the value of Onori et al. (2017). The low values measured by Onori et al. (2017) can be due to the fact that the very broad components of $\text{He I } \lambda 1.083 \mu\text{m}$ and $\text{Pa } \beta$ are weak and strongly blended with the narrow-line emission in the spectrum of Riffel et al. (2006b). The very broad component of the $\text{Pa } \alpha$ emission line is strong in their spectrum and we measure $\text{FWHM}_{\text{Pa } \alpha \text{ BLR}} = 5607 \pm 350 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, which is consistent with the value measured for $\text{Pa } \beta$ using our NIFS data. Our value of $\text{FWHM}_{\text{Pa } \beta \text{ BLR}}$ is also in good agreement with recent results for the broad component of H I recombination lines (Punsly et al. 2018). Using our measurement of $\text{FWHM}_{\text{Pa } \beta \text{ BLR}}$, together with the X-ray luminosity of the point source and equation (1) of Onori et al. (2017), we obtain $M_{\text{SMBH}} = (1.37 \pm 0.13) \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$. The mass of the supermassive black hole can also be estimated using the width of the $\text{Pa } \beta$ line and near-infrared luminosity (Landt et al. 2013). We measure $\log(\frac{vL_{\text{IR}}}{\text{erg s}^{-1}}) = 43.2$ at $1.15 \mu\text{m}$ integrated within 0.25 arcsec radius from the nucleus. Using this value, together with $\text{FWHM}_{\text{Pa } \beta \text{ BLR}} = 5825 \pm 280 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, estimated above, and equation (2) from Landt et al. (2013) we estimate $M_{\text{SMBH}} = 1.8_{-0.6}^{+0.9} \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$, which is consistent with the value obtained using the X-ray luminosity, but about one order of magnitude smaller than the dynamical determinations.

Using our measurement of the stellar velocity dispersion – σ_* = $265 \pm 26 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ – and the $M_{\text{SMBH}} - \sigma_*$ calibration of Kormendy & Ho (2013), we obtain $M_{\text{SMBH}} = 1.1_{-0.5}^{+0.9} \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$, which is in good agreement with the dynamical determinations (Scharwächter et al.

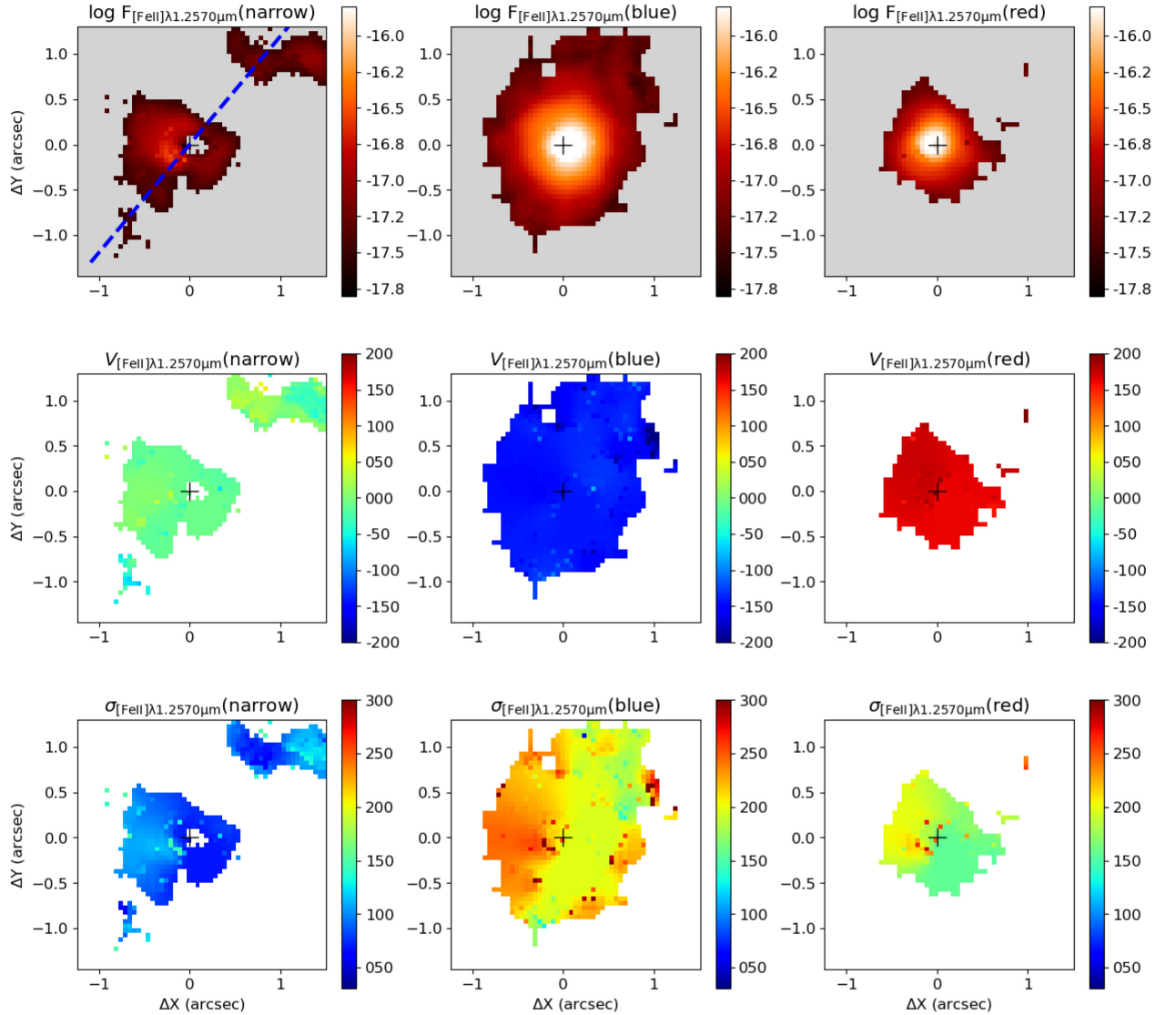


Figure 8. Flux, velocity, and velocity dispersion maps from multi-Gaussian components fits of the $[\text{Fe II}] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}$ emission-line profile. The dashed line shows the orientation of the collimated $\text{Pa } \beta$ emission.

2013; Nagai et al. 2019). The origin of discrepancy between the values of M_{SMBH} measured using scaling relations with line widths and luminosities and those obtained from the $M_{\text{SMBH}}-\sigma_*$ relation and gas dynamics is unclear and beyond the scope of this work, but could be related to the uncertainties in calibration of the distinct methods.

5.2 The compact disc

NGC 1275 is one of the most studied Seyfert galaxies. These studies include results from near-IR integral-field spectroscopy that can be directly compared with our new maps for the inner ~ 500 pc of the galaxy. The most prominent kinematic feature, revealed by these studies is a compact rotating disc in the inner 100 pc of the galaxy, seen in both ionized and hot molecular gas (Wilman et al. 2005; Scharwächter et al. 2013). The cold counterpart of this disc is detected by recent observations of CO(2–1) line using the ALMA (Nagai et al. 2019). The major axis of the disc is oriented along $\text{PA} = 68^\circ$ and the

line-of-sight velocity amplitude is $\sim 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and a mass of gas of $\sim 10^8 M_\odot$ (Scharwächter et al. 2013; Nagai et al. 2019).

As in previous works, the kinematic component attributed to a compact disc is observed in our data (e.g. Fig. 7), which shows that the peak of emission in the inner 0.3 arcsec moves from south-west to north-east for velocities in the range from -180 to 180 km s^{-1} . By fitting the emission-line profiles by a single Gaussian components, we obtain velocity fields very similar to those presented by Scharwächter et al. (2013), and thus we do not present them in this paper. Alternatively, the kinematic component previously identified as a compact disc could be a misinterpretation of the results due to a simplified approach in the modelling of the shape of the observed line, i.e. a single Gaussian, which is clearly not the best model for the observed near-IR line profiles. In this case, the interpretation of the multi-Gaussian components would be straightforward, with the narrow component due to an almost face on disc partially illuminated by the AGN radiation and the two broad components due to a centrally driven outflow.

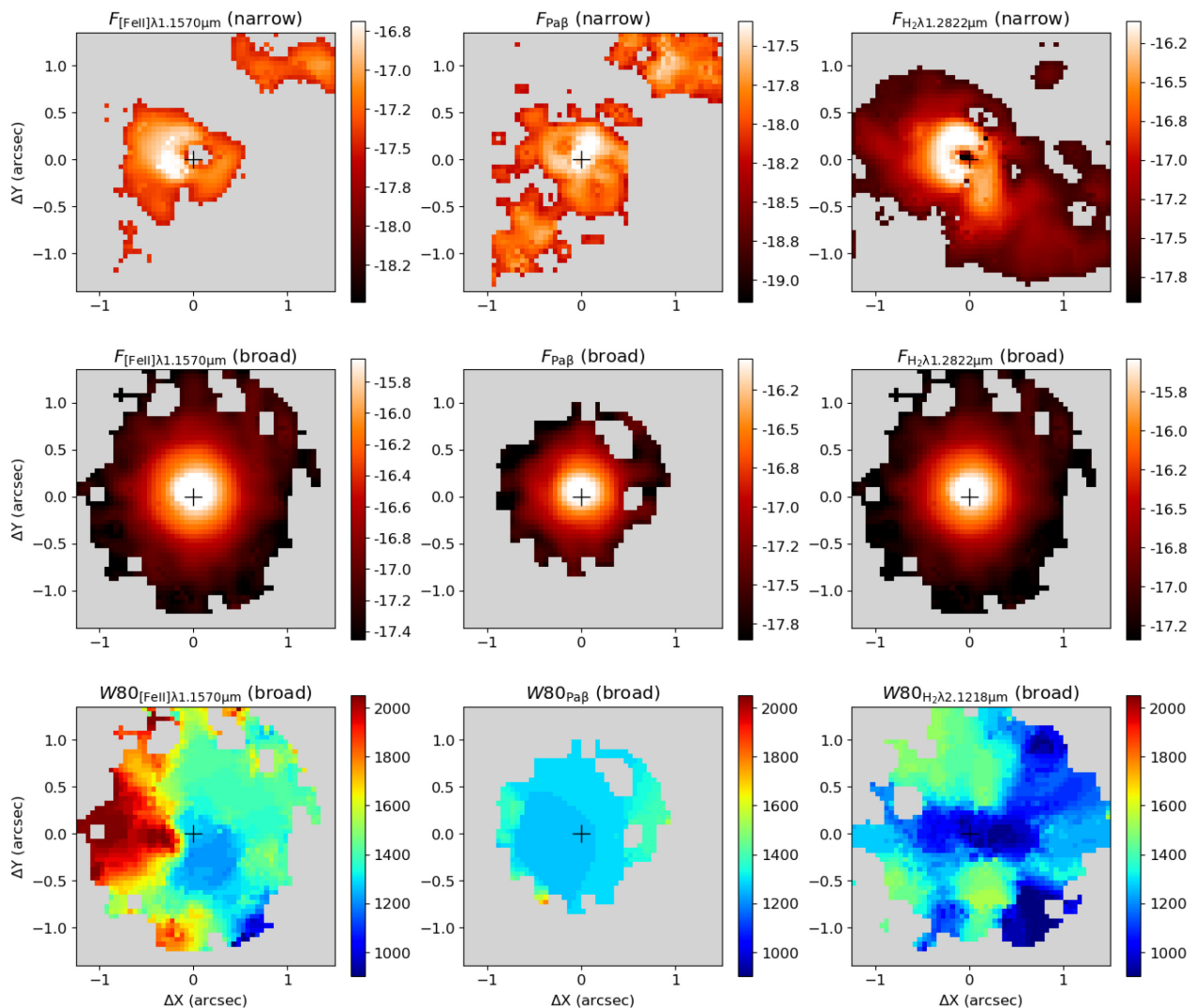


Figure 9. Flux maps of the narrow (top) and broad (middle) line components, and W_{80} constructed after subtracting the narrow line component. The fluxes of the broad component are constructed by summing the fluxes of two broad line components (Fig. 2). Grey regions are masked locations where the amplitude of the fitted Gaussian is smaller than 3 times the standard deviation of the adjacent continuum.

5.3 AGN ionization structure

Besides confirming previous results, our new data set and analysis reveal new kinematic and morphological structures in the inner region of NGC 1275, leading to a breakthrough in our understanding of the nature of its central AGN. Here, we focus our discussion on these new findings, rather than on the previous known results. We find extended narrow line ($\sigma < 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) emission from the ionized gas along $PA = 140/320^\circ$, which seems to be tracing the AGN ionization axis and its surroundings (Fig. 9). Indeed, the $\text{H}_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta$ versus $[\text{Fe II}] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta$ diagnostic diagram (Fig. 10) for the narrow component suggest some contribution of the AGN radiation in the production of the observed line emission. Along the major axis of the disc (NW–SE), higher values are observed for both ratios with $[\text{Fe II}] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta > 2$ and $\text{H}_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}/\text{Pa } \beta > 1$, indicating some contribution of shocks in the disc. However, as the overlap region between locations of H_2 , $[\text{Fe II}]$, and $\text{Pa } \beta$ emission is small, we have to be cautious with conclusions based on these line ratios for the narrow component. The structure of this extended emission resemble an ionization cone with an opening angle of $\sim 50^\circ$, with an

axis tilted by 20° relative to the orientation of the radio jet (Pedlar et al. 1990) and is approximately orthogonal to the orientation of the compact disc, suggesting that the inner parts of the disc are responsible for obscuration of the AGN radiation.

We find that the radio jet and ionization axes are almost perpendicular to the compact disc. Whether or not there is an actual physical connection between the disc (and the dusty torus) and the jet is still an open question. In a steady growth of a black hole via accretion along a preferred plane, the orientation of the radio jet is expected to be perpendicular to that of the disc (Bianchi et al. 2012; Drouart et al. 2012; Marin & Antonucci 2016). Although we find that the jet and the ionization structure present similar projected orientation and are perpendicular to the disc, we do not find any clear evidence of jet–cloud interaction in the ionized and molecular gas distribution and kinematics. Indeed, the orientations of the AGN ionization axis and radio jet are very difficult to measure and uncertain.

The H_2 presents narrow-line emission (top-right panel of Fig. 9), mostly perpendicularly to the ionization axis and along the same orientation of the major axis of the compact disc ($PA = 68^\circ$). The

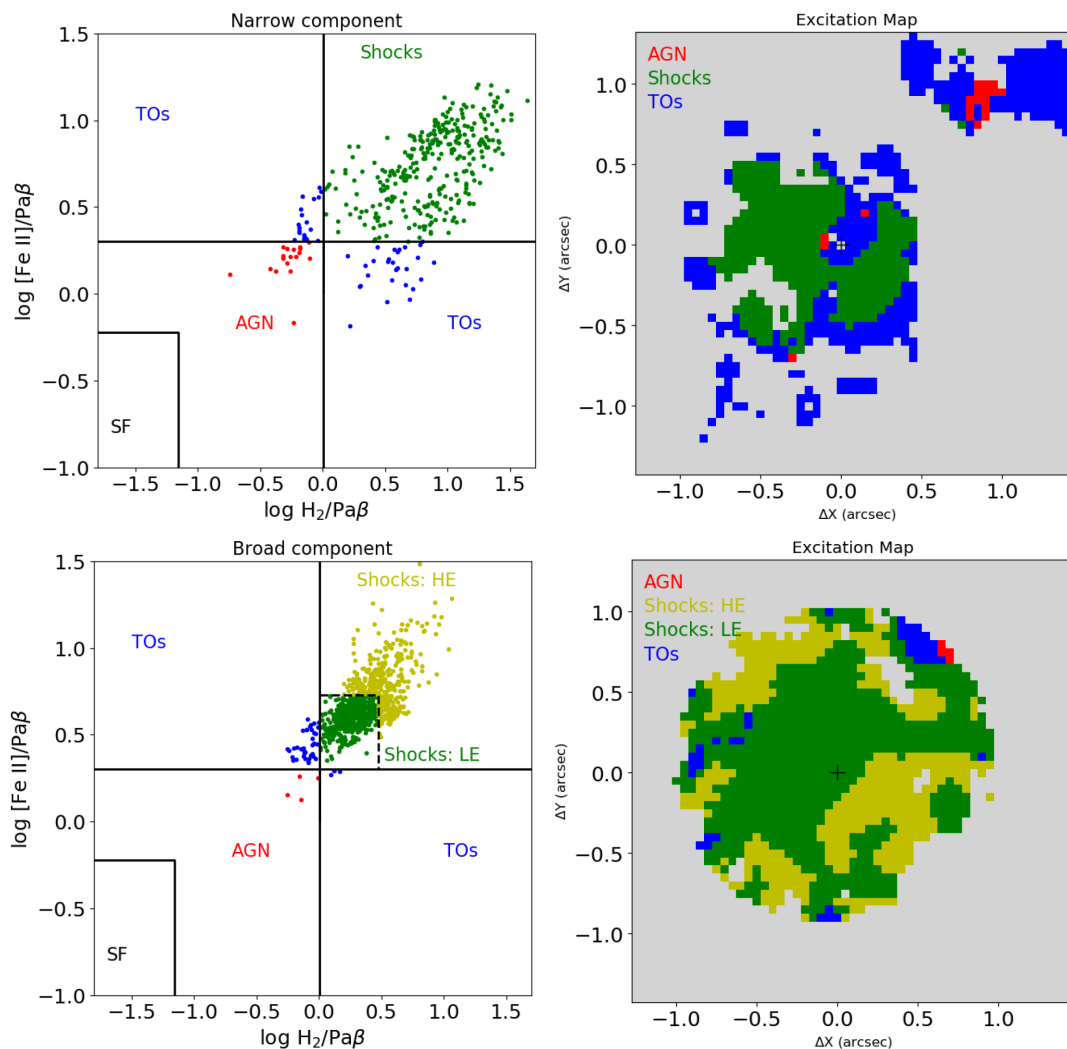


Figure 10. $H_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}/Pa \beta$ versus $[Fe II] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/Pa \beta$ line-ratio diagnostic diagrams for the narrow (top) and broad (bottom) components using the fluxes shown in Fig. 9. The black lines separate regions where the line emission is produced star formation (SF), AGN, shocks, and transition objects (TOs) as defined Riffel et al. (2013a) using a large sample of galaxies observed with long-slit spectroscopy. The dashed lines shown in the diagram for the outflow component separate regions of high excitation ($\log [Fe II] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/Pa \beta > 0.73$ and $H_2 \lambda 2.1218 \mu\text{m}/Pa \beta > 0.47$) and low excitation by shocks. We adopt the theoretical ratio $Pa \beta / Br \gamma = 5.88$ (Osterbrock & Ferland 2006) to convert the $Br \gamma$ (presented in Riffel et al. 2013a) to $Pa \beta$ flux and draw the separation lines.

narrow component of all emission lines is observed at velocities close to the systemic velocity of the galaxy. A possible interpretation for this kinematic structure is that it is due to the outer regions of the compact disc. To account for the small velocities, the disc at larger distances must be slightly warped relative to the orientation of the compact disc. Fujita & Nagai (2017) find that the sub-pc scale radio jet is inclined by 65° relative to the line of sight and if the compact disc is perpendicular to this structure ($i = 25^\circ$, relative to the plane of the sky), a small warping in the outer regions could account for the low line-of-sight velocities. In addition, precession of the radio jet in NGC 1275 has been suggested as the origin of its large-scale X-ray cavities (e.g. Falceta-Gonçalves et al. 2010), and thus a misalignment between the inner and outer discs seems to be very likely. The fact that the H_2 and ionized gas emission are seen mostly perpendicular to each other may be due to dissociation of the H_2 molecule within the ionization cone by the AGN radiation field, as seen in other well studied nearby Seyfert galaxies (e.g. Storchi-Bergmann et al. 2009; Riffel et al. 2014a; Shimizu et al. 2019).

5.4 Shocks and outflows

Previous studies of NGC 1275 indicate that the hot H_2 emission originates from thermal excitation caused by shocks (Krabbe et al. 2000; Rodríguez-Ardila et al. 2005; Wilman et al. 2005; Scharwächter et al. 2013), which is consistent with our data. Scharwächter et al. (2013) find that the origin of the $[Fe II]$ line emission is consistent with X-ray heating of the gas with an electron density of $\sim 4000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, but based only on H - and K -band emission lines, they could not rule out the contribution of fast shocks. The J -band data allowed us to map the $[Fe II] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/[P II] \lambda 1.1886 \mu\text{m}$ and $[Fe II] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/Pa \beta$ line ratios, and their high values indicate that shocks indeed play an important role in the production of the $[Fe II]$ emission in NGC 1275 (e.g. Oliva et al. 2001; Reunanen et al. 2002; Rodríguez-Ardila et al. 2004; Colina et al. 2015). In particular, the $[Fe II] \lambda 1.2570 \mu\text{m}/[P II] \lambda 1.1886 \mu\text{m}$ ratio is very sensitive to shocks as the ions have similar ionization potentials and recombination coefficients, and both lines have similar excitation temperatures. In objects where the lines are produced by photoionization, the Fe is

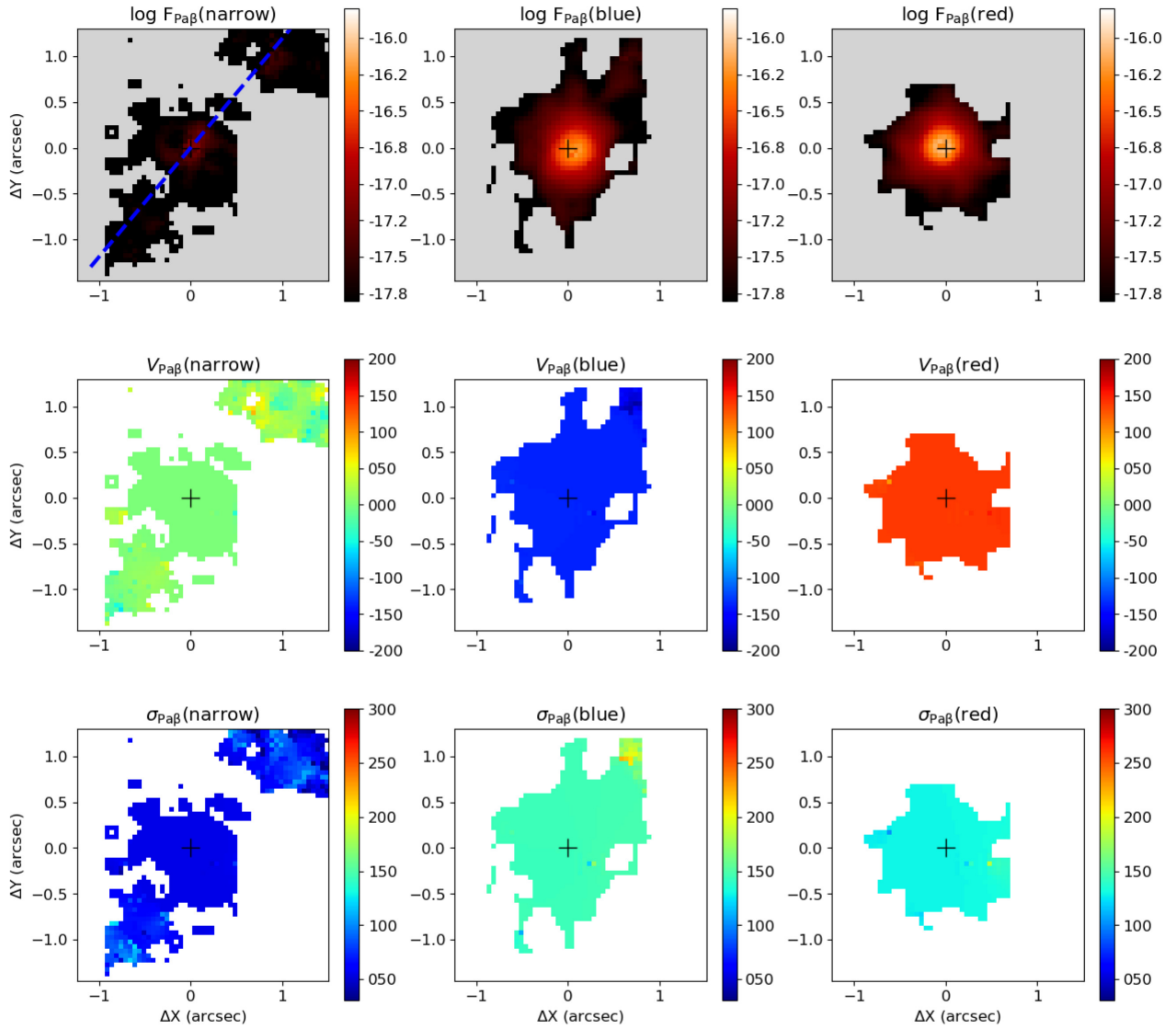


Figure A1. Flux, velocity, and velocity dispersion maps from multi-Gaussian components fits of the Pa β emission-line profile. The dashed line shows the orientation of the collimated Pa β emission.

APPENDIX A: MULTI-GAUSSIAN FITS OF THE EMISSION-LINE PROFILES

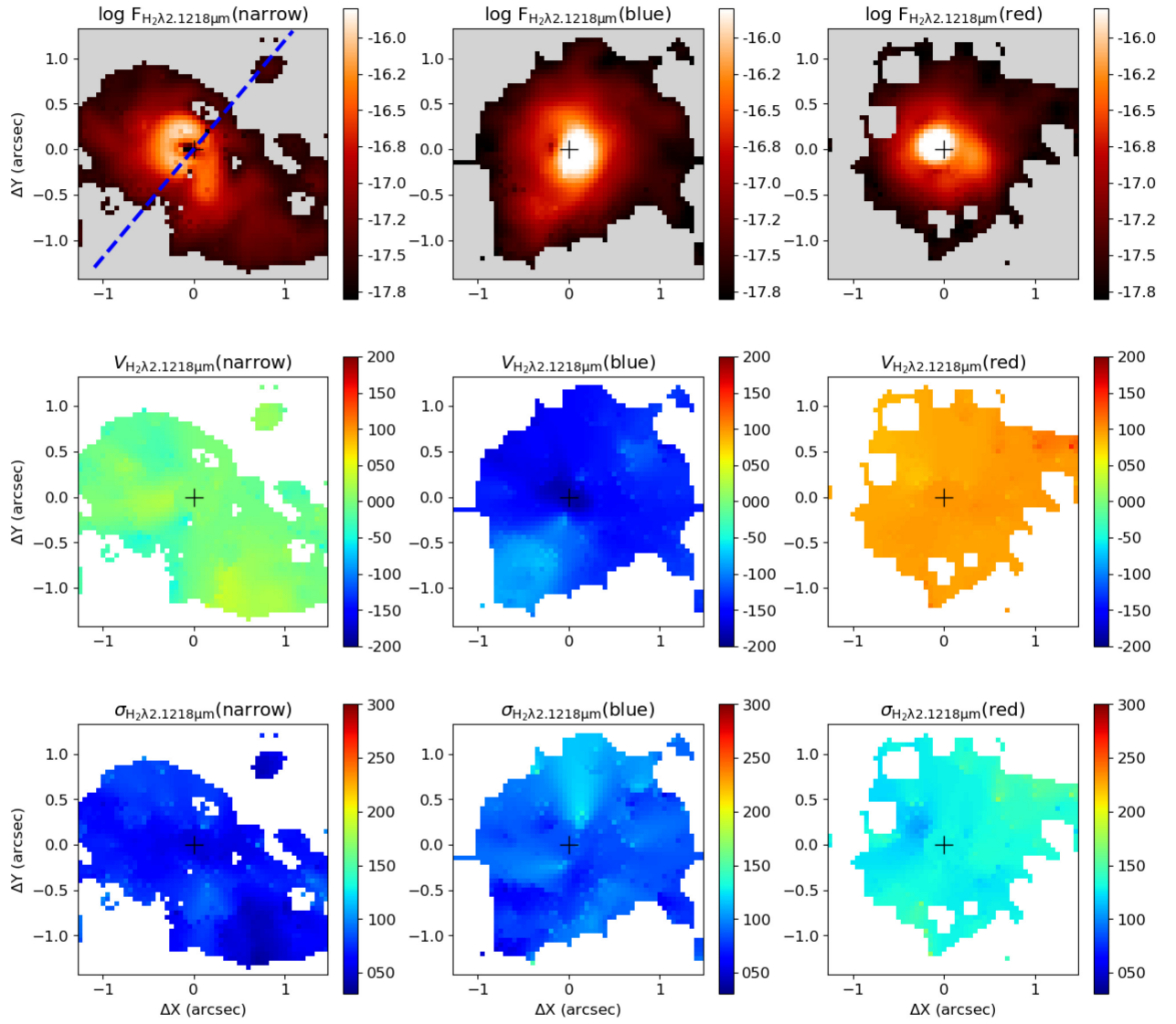


Figure A2. Same as Fig. A1 for the H₂ λ2.1218 μm emission line.

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