

20250508 ppxf mass to light

1. Data

I am still using IC3392

```
Cube dimensions → nz = 3761, ny = 438, nx = 437
```

2. Wavelength cutoff and velocity scale

"Sky subtraction is clearly not perfect, but the best that we can do for the moment. Below 7000 Å it is generally acceptable, at longer wavelengths the situation is worse."

So I make a cutoff at $\sim 7000\text{Å}$. Actually, now it remains 4750 – 7050Å:

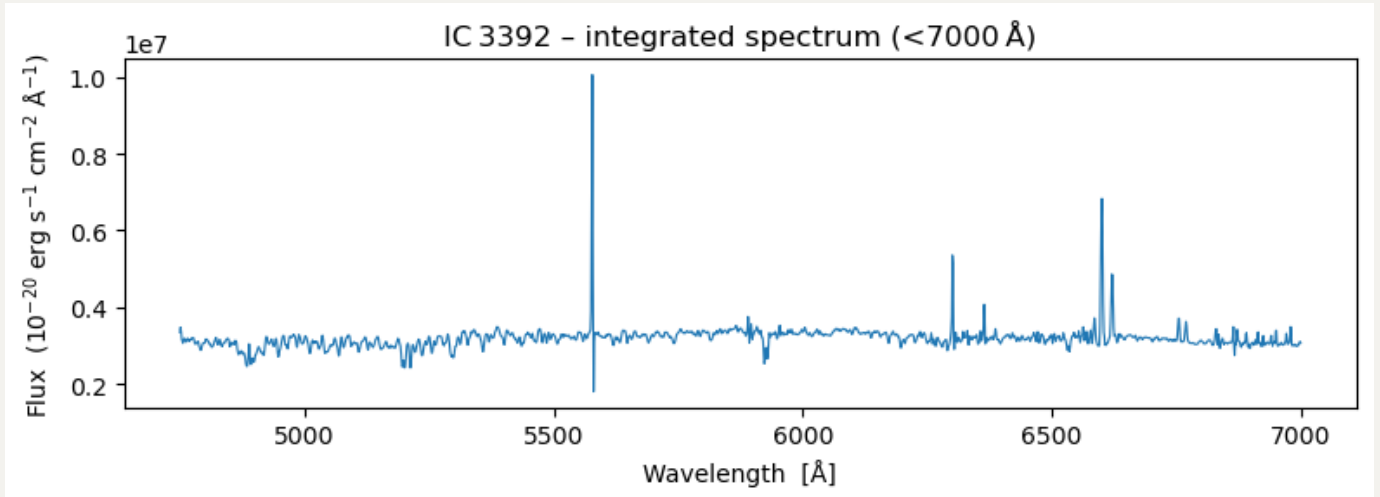
```
lam_min = 4750.0          # min λ in Å  
lam_max = 7050.0          # max λ in Å
```

Then I compute the velocity scale:

```
c_kms    = c.c.to(u.km/u.s).value      # 299 792.458  
dlnλ     = np.diff(np.log(lam_ang))    # dlnλ in Å  
velscale  = np.min(c_kms * dlnλ)      # km/s per pixel
```

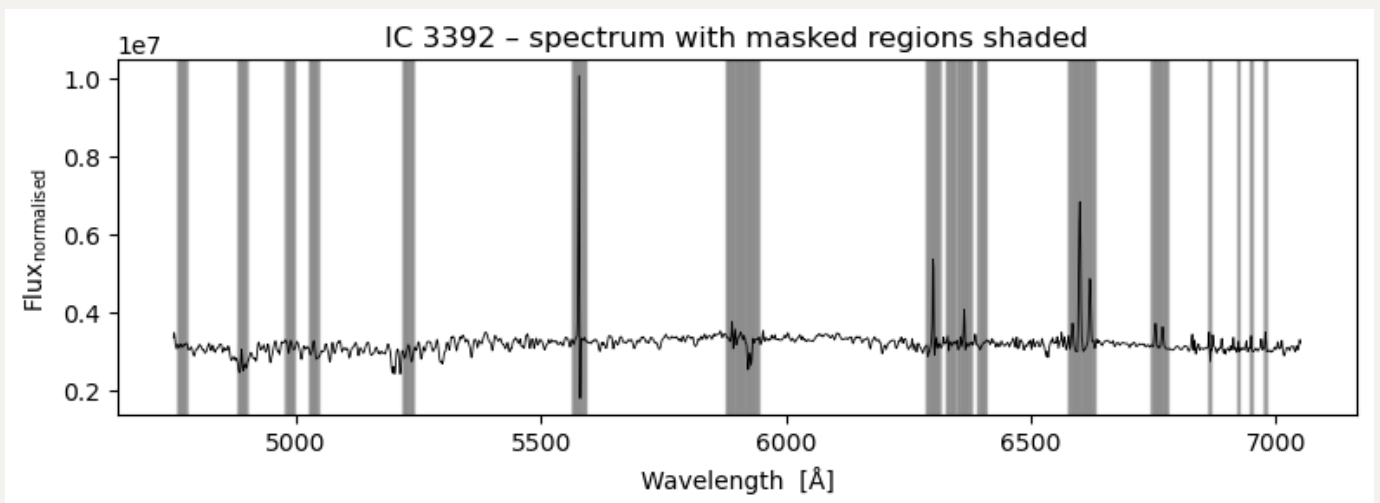
This gives 53.16km/s .

Here is the native spectrum:



3. Mask emission lines

Since we are only interested in the continuum, I mask the emission lines from galaxy (observer frame) and air (rest frame) by `specMask_KIN.txt`. I just mask them without modifying the raw spectrum:



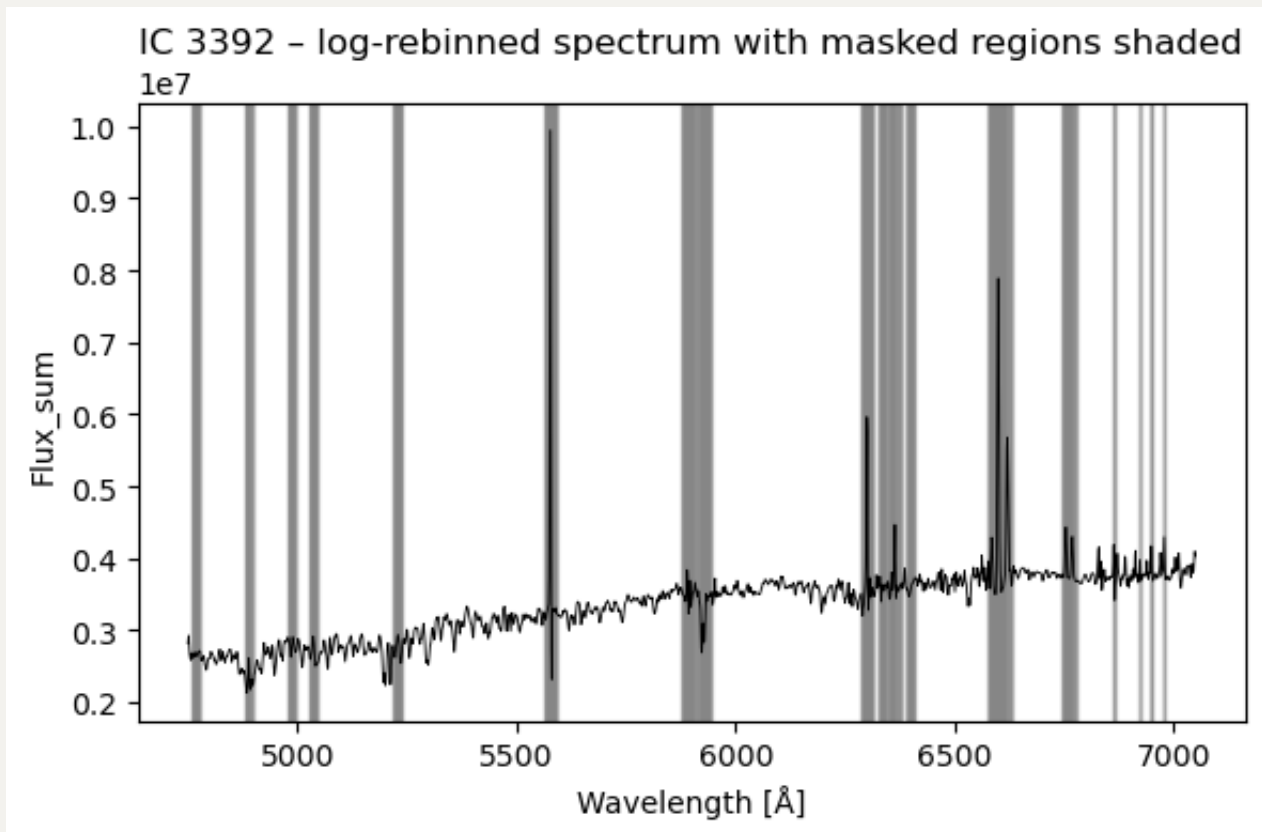
Note: "Because the MUSE spectrographs do not operate in vacuum the wavelength calibration is based on arc line wavelengths in standard air ([Weilbacher et al. 2020](#))." Thus, it is correct that we are taking the lines measure in air.

4. `log_rebin`

Now I need to do `log_rebin`. It seems that this is one of the requirements in `pPXF`. But the question is that, why in natural log rather than \log_{10} (same question for `velscale`)? No need to multiply an extra constant when taking derivative?

I still do `log_rebin` anyway for both flux and noise, and I force `velscale=velscale`, so I got:

```
Log-grid length : 2228 pixels
velscale       : 53.159 km/s
```



5. SPS templates: E-MILES

Then I load the SPS templates. Here I choose `spectra_emiles_9.0.npz` because it seems to be more suitable for IFS data.

E-MILES SPS model templates: [Vazdekis et al. \(2016\)](#).

6. FWHM and MUSE LSF

pPXF requires the stellar templates and the galaxy spectrum to have the same instrumental resolution before it adds any extra broadening for the LOSVD.

Emsellem+2022 use this equation for MUSE LSF:

$$FWHM(\lambda [\text{\AA}]) = 5.866 \times 10^{-8} \lambda^2 - 9.187 \times 10^{-4} \lambda + 6.040.$$

The idea is that the templates should have the same FWHM as muse, so:

```
lam_temp_arr = np.arange(lam_min, lam_max+1, dtype=int)

fwhm_gal = {
    "lam": lam_temp_arr,
    "fwhm": 5.866e-8 * lam_temp_arr**2
            - 9.187e-4 * lam_temp_arr
            + 6.040
}

sps = lib.sps_lib(
    filename, velscale_out, fwhm_gal,
    lam_range=[lam_min, lam_max+1],
)
```

7. pPXF fitting

By passing the mask regions as the `goodpixels`, we can run `pPXF`:

```
start_V    = v_guess
start_sig  = 5 * velscale_out

pp = ppxf.ppxf(
    templates    = sps.templates,
    # templates  = log_templates_hr,
    galaxy       = log_flux,
    noise        = log_noise,
    velscale     = velscale_out,
    start        = [start_V, start_sig],
    degree       = 12,
    mdegree      = 0,
    moments      = 2,
    # clean      = True,
    goodpixels   = goodpixels,
    lam          = np.e**(log_lam),
```

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plot          = True)

print(f"V = {pp.sol[0]:.3f} km/s,   $\sigma$  = {pp.sol[1]:.3f} km/s")

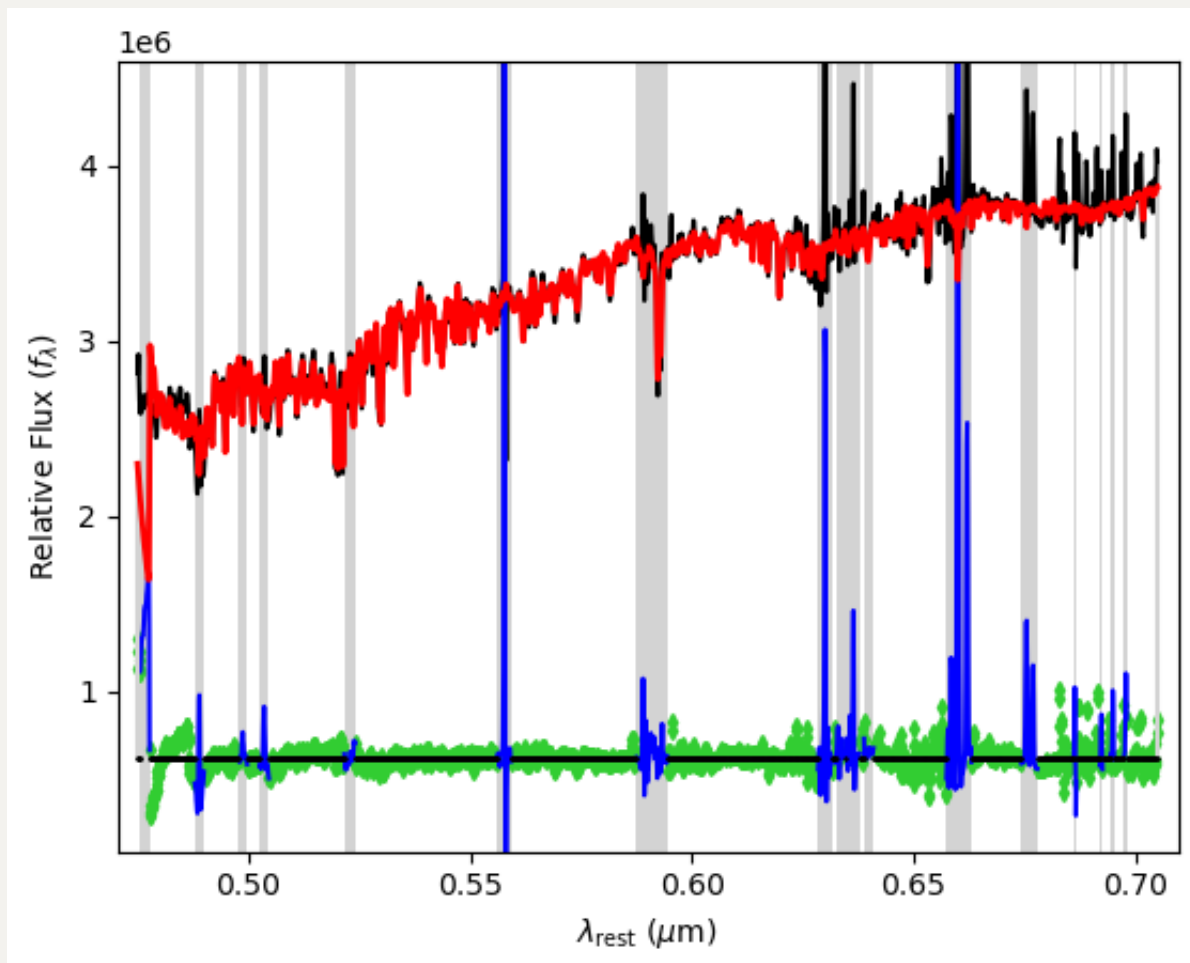
```

Note that "Unless a good initial guess is available, it is recommended to set the starting sigma $\geq 3 \times \text{velscale}$ in km/s (i.e. 3 pixels)." Here I choose initial guess to be `start_v` as my estimation when matching the emission line at observer frame, and `start_sig` to be 5 times of velocity scale. Fitting model is set as an additive polynomial of 12 with no multiplicative polynomial and first 2 moments of Gauss–Hermite expansion. This yields:

```

Best Fit:      Vel      sigma
comp.  0:      1701      45
chi2/DOF: 1.316e-10; DOF: 1833; degree = 12; mdegree = 0
method = capfit; Jac calls: 4; Func calls: 14; Status: 2
linear_method = lsq_box; Nonzero Templates (>0.1%): 2/150
V = 1701.001 km/s,   $\sigma$  = 44.569 km/s

```



8. Mass-to-Light ratio

Now with the fitting results, I can extract the weight to get M/L. Since we pick wavelength within $4750 \sim 7000\text{\AA}$, I choose the M/L in r band of SDSS.

```
reg_dim = sps.templates.shape[1:]
weights = pp.weights.reshape(reg_dim)/pp.weights.sum()
                # enforce  $\sum w = 1$ 

# Get fitted redshift
z_fit = pp.sol[0] / c_kms
print(f"Fitted redshift : {z_fit:.5f}")

ML_r = sps.mass_to_light(weights, band="SDSS/r", redshift=z_fit,)
                # intrinsic M/L (dimensionless)
print(f"M/L (r band) : {ML_r:.3f}  $M_{\odot}/L_{\odot} =$ 
      log({np.log10(ML_r):.3f}  $M_{\odot}/L_{\odot})$ ")
```

This returns:

```
Fitted redshift : 0.00567
(M*/L)=8.010 (SDSS/r at z=0.0057)
M/L (r band) : 8.010  $M_{\odot}/L_{\odot} = \log(0.904 M_{\odot}/L_{\odot})$ 
```

Now I can also find the r band luminosity and compute the total stellar mass:

```
from speclite import filters
f_r = filters.load_filter('sdss2010-r')
lam_r = f_r.wavelength
R_r = f_r.response

# best-fit continuum in  $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{\AA}^{-1}$ 
cont_flux = pp.bestfit * 1e-20 * normalisation

# best-fit continuum in physical units ( $L_{\text{sun}} \text{\AA}^{-1}$ )
cont_L = cont_flux * 4*np.pi*(D.to('cm').value)**2 * erg_to_Lsun
```

```

#   cont_flux [erg s-1 cm-2 Å-1] at wavelengths lam_obs =
exp(log_lam)
lam_obs      = np.exp(log_lam)
flux_at_lam_r = np.interp(lam_r, lam_obs, cont_flux)

# integrate the best-fit spectrum over the r-band filter
L_r      = np.trapezoid( np.interp(lam_r, np.exp(log_lam), cont_L) *
R_r, lam_r ) # L_sun

# r band apparent AB magnitude

# Compute the AB magnitude
m_r = f_r.get_ab_magnitude(
    flux_at_lam_r * u.erg / (u.cm**2 * u.s * u.AA),
    wavelength=lam_r
)

print(f"r-band apparent AB mag = {m_r:.2f}")

# M/L in r-band
M_star = ML_r * L_r

print(f"Log L (r-band) : log({np.log10(L_r):.3f} L⊙)")
print(f"log M_star : log({np.log10(M_star):.3f} M⊙)")

```

Finally, we have

```

r-band apparent AB mag = 12.26
Log L (r-band) : log(8.250 L⊙)
log M_star : log(9.153 M⊙)

```