

**exoALMA XXII: A Two-dimensional Atlas of Deviations from Keplerian Disks**

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Abstract

Protoplanetary disks are the birthplaces of planetary systems, and deviations from Keplerian rotation imprinted in disk gas kinematics serve as key tracers of physical processes and the presence of protoplanets within disks. Using the CO ($J = 3-2$) data from the exoALMA Large Program, encompassing 15 disks, we constructed two-dimensional (2D) maps of centroid velocity, line width, and peak intensity, and extracted non-Keplerian deviations by subtracting smooth Keplerian models. This Letter provides the first systematic and uniform overview of 2D gas substructures across the entire exoALMA sample. We find that all targets exhibit large-scale deviations from smooth Keplerian disks, displaying a variety of morphologies, including spiral-like structures, arc- or ring-like features, and patterns indicative of variations in the emitting surface height. Nonaxisymmetric spiral-arm features are detected or suggested in five disks (CQ Tau, MWC 758, HD 135344B, HD 34282, and SY Cha), and are preferentially found in Herbig Ae/Fe systems. In contrast, some other sources (J1852, PDS 66, and V4046 Sgr), despite exhibiting noticeable deviations, appear to be dynamically quieter. This 2D atlas suggests that kinematic substructures are ubiquitous in large ($\gtrsim 100$ au) protoplanetary disks with ages of a few million years, based on the observations obtained with sufficient sensitivity at a moderate-to-high spatial resolution of ~ 20 au and high-velocity resolution of ~ 0.1 km s⁻¹.

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1. Introduction

The dynamical structure of protoplanetary disks not only indirectly indicates the presence of planets embedded within the disk (C. Pinte et al. 2023), but also reflects the underlying fundamental disk properties, such as density and temperature distributions (e.g., R. Teague et al. 2018), as well as the mechanisms driving the disk dynamics (e.g., J. Speedie et al. 2024). The exoALMA Large Program with the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) aims to provide such fundamental insights into planetary system formation by observing and analyzing 15 protoplanetary disks with unprecedentedly high velocity resolution and correspondingly high spatial resolution. The first series of exoALMA Letters reported a wide range of results mainly from analyses of CO gas data, such as measurements of pressure gradients, temperature, rotation curves, surface density distributions, as well as detailed structures of the dust continuum emission (e.g., P. Curone et al. 2025; M. Galloway-Sprietsma et al. 2025; C. Longarini et al. 2025; J. Stadler et al. 2025). They also included detailed investigations of several disks that exhibit intriguing fine structures and spectral features (e.g., C. H. Gardner et al. 2025; T. Hilder et al. 2025; L. Wölfer et al. 2025; T. C. Yoshida et al. 2025).

Creating two-dimensional (2D) images regarding the spatial distribution of line properties (moment maps) is almost always the first step in data analysis for gas observations. Recent developments in image-analysis techniques and tools have enabled the extraction of disk structures from high-fidelity ALMA images, allowing subtle deviations from Keplerian motion and complex substructures to be identified in several large and bright disks (e.g., R. Teague et al. 2021, 2022; A. F. Izquierdo et al. 2023). This Letter presents the 2D moment images and other distilled representations of the data cubes (hereafter referred to as “moment maps” for simplicity) of 15 protoplanetary disks obtained in exoALMA. We provide an overview of how the observed velocity and intensity distributions deviate from those expected for a Keplerian rotating disk, focusing on the centroid velocity of the spectral line, line width, and peak intensity derived through parametric disk model fitting described in detail by A. F. Izquierdo et al. (2025).

The Letter is organized as follows. A brief description of the observation program and data reduction is given in Section 2. The moment maps, together with their comparisons to a smooth Keplerian disk (residual images), are presented and explained in Section 3. A summary is provided in Section 4.

2. Observations and Data Reduction

A full description of the exoALMA sources and observations is provided by R. Teague et al. (2025). The data were calibrated and imaged as detailed in R. A. Loomis et al. (2025). This Letter uses the moment maps and the residual images obtained through disk modeling, following the analysis method presented in A. F. Izquierdo et al. (2025). The relevant points are briefly summarized below. While a synthesized beam size of $0''.15$ and a velocity resolution of 100 m s^{-1} are used as the baseline, the optimal combination is adopted during the disk modeling process, primarily to ensure a sufficient signal-to-noise ratio (S/N). Depending on the target and molecular species, images with beam sizes of $0''.15$ or

$0''.30$ and velocity resolutions of 28, 100, or 200 m s^{-1} are utilized (Table 2 in Appendix B).

The extraction of moment maps and the fitting of a smooth Keplerian disk to the data from the observations were performed using DISCMINER³² (A. F. Izquierdo et al. 2021). It allows us to extract moment maps through the line profile fitting. Depending on the disk inclination and the optical thickness of the emission lines, radiation from the backside emitting surface may be blended with that from the upper surface along the line of sight. Consequently, producing moment maps suitable for scientific interpretation is not straightforward. In the exoALMA analysis, single-component (Gaussian, bell) and double-component (double-bell, double-Gaussian) fitting kernels were all tested, and the one that best reproduced the observed spectral profiles was selected for each source and each molecular species. With respect to the fitting of the Keplerian rotating disk model, DISCMINER does not assume any particular physical process, but prepares a parametric model to be fitted to the observed channel maps. As such, it allows the extraction of disk dynamical information without being restricted by an assumed physical structure too much. The details of the modeling, along with the best-fit parameters, regarding the disk orientation, systemic velocity, emission surface, and line profile for individual sources, are described in A. F. Izquierdo et al. (2025). The data underlying this study, including the generated line cubes and residual images, are available at <https://www.exoalma.com/home>.

Since the primary focus of this Letter is on the substructures of the molecular gas with as much spatial detail as possible, the data from ^{12}CO ($J = 3-2$), which have a high S/N, are mainly used. The images in ^{13}CO ($J = 3-2$) and CS ($J = 7-6$) are included in Appendix A and Appendix B. The velocity and intensity distributions of ^{13}CO are similar to those of ^{12}CO , and can therefore be used to support the reliability of the features seen in ^{12}CO . In contrast, the CS emission often appears markedly different from CO, indicating that the CO-to-CS ratio varies significantly from source to source; its physical and chemical properties will be discussed in separate Letters (G. Cataldi et al. 2026, in preparation).

The azimuthally averaged radial intensity and velocity profiles for the molecular emission lines are presented in M. Galloway-Sprietsma et al. (2025) and J. Stadler et al. (2025). For global, symmetric substructures such as concentric rings and gaps with low structural contrast, we refer the reader to those and other exoALMA Letters from the first series (e.g., C. Longarini et al. 2025), since these radial profiles allow us to identify symmetric substructures with a higher S/N compared to direct inspections on the 2D images. As another complementary study, the impact of non-Keplerian features on individual intensity channels is analyzed in C. Pinte et al. (2025).

3. Results

3.1. Moment Maps

The images of the centroid velocity and line width distributions in ^{12}CO are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. The velocity distribution in each disk is broadly consistent with the Keplerian rotation on large scales. However, whereas a Keplerian disk should show a

³² <https://github.com/andizq/discminer>

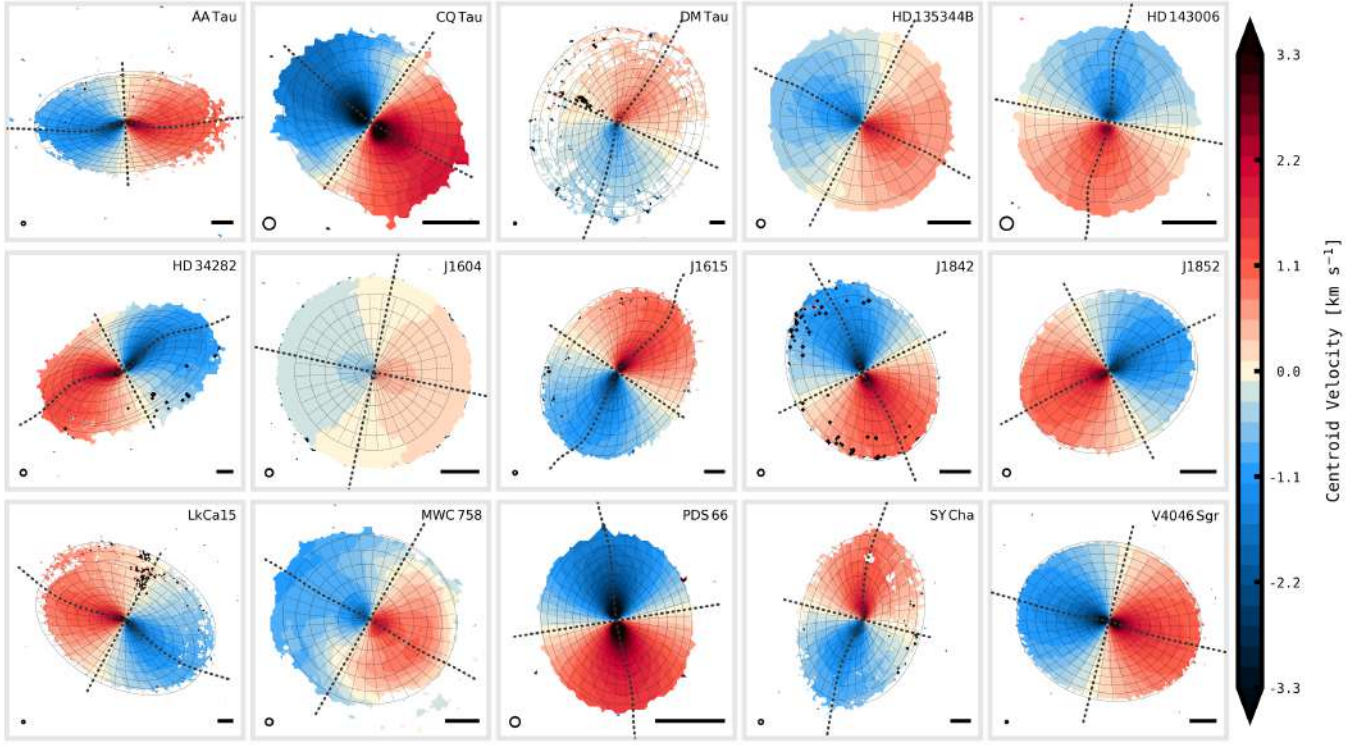


Figure 1. Velocity (line centroid) images in ^{12}CO (3–2) obtained with DISCMINER. All panels are shown using a common color scale, as indicated by the color bar on the right. The beam size is the same at $0''.15$ for all the sources and is indicated in the lower-left corner of each panel, though the panel size varies. The black line shown in the lower right corner of each panel represents a spatial scale of 100 au. Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked for display. The major and minor axes of the fitted disk model are shown as black dashed lines. The emitting surfaces are overlaid as thin gray contours at radial intervals corresponding to integer multiples of the beam size (1–4 beams, depending on the panel), chosen to avoid overcrowding.

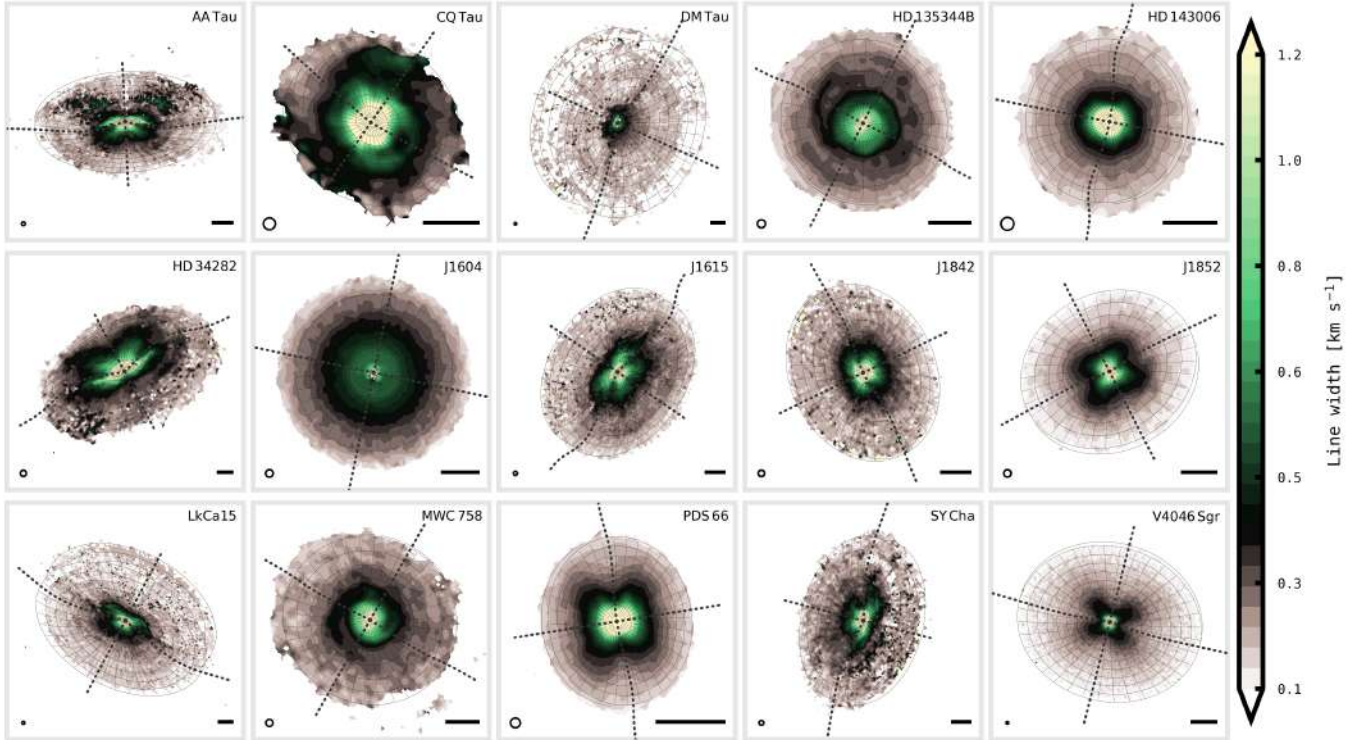


Figure 2. The same as Figure 1, but for the line width. Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked.

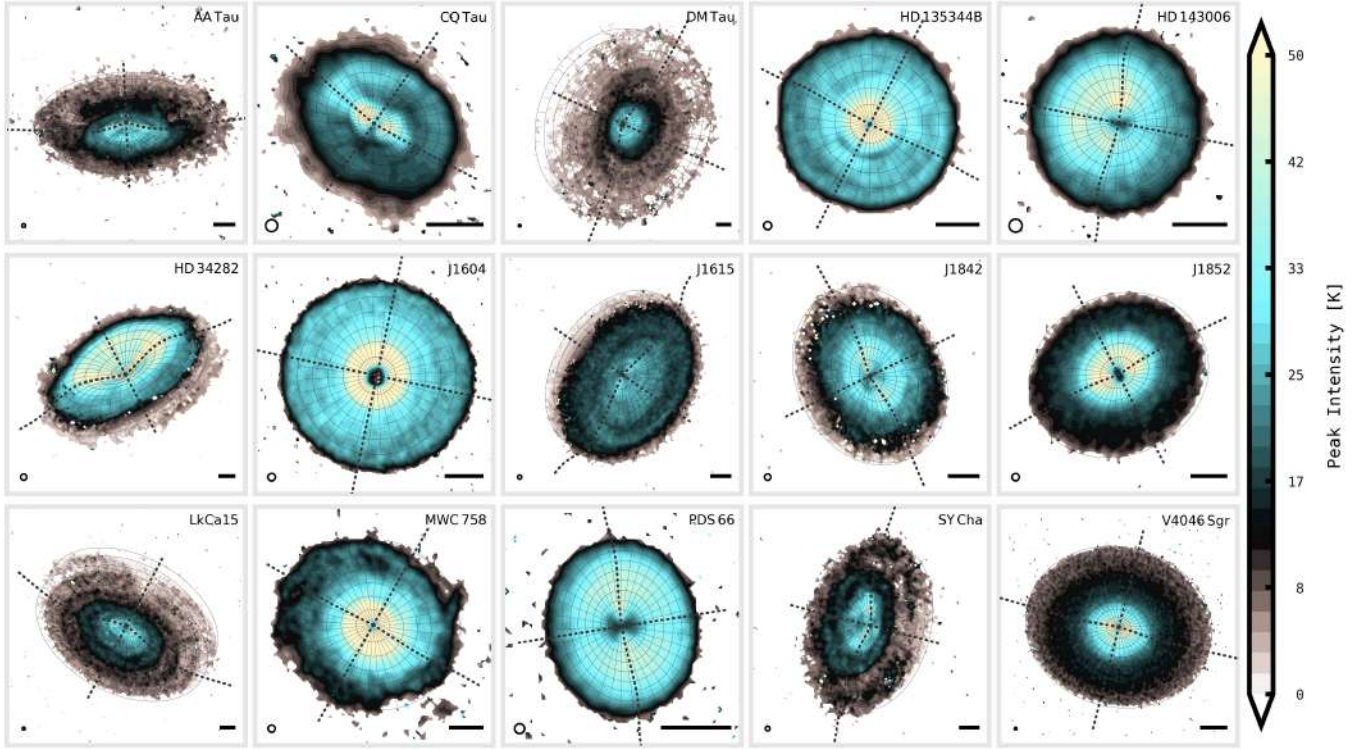


Figure 3. The same as Figure 1, but for the peak intensity. Pixels with S/N below 4 are masked.

line-of-sight velocity pattern symmetric about the disk minor axis (corresponding to the systemic velocity, $v = 0$, in Figure 1), MWC 758 shows a lack of such symmetry, suggesting non-Keplerian motion. Although the amplitudes of the wiggles around the minor axis are small, CQ Tau and HD 135344B also show hints of asymmetry. Moreover, Figure 2 suggests that the line widths of these three objects (CQ Tau, HD 135344B, and MWC 758) tend to be larger ($>0.4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) beyond $\sim 100 \text{ au}$, compared to those at the same radii in the other sources.

The peak intensity (moment 8) images in ^{12}CO are shown in Figure 3. These images suggest nonaxisymmetric features in the disks of CQ Tau and MWC 758, as well as annular or arm-like substructures in AA Tau, DM Tau, HD 135344B, HD 34282, J1615, J1842, LkCa 15, and SY Cha. These signs of substructures become more evident after subtracting the background disk structure, as presented in the next subsection.

The inclined disks of AA Tau, HD 143006, HD 34282, J1615, and SY Cha show pronounced vertical height. It is evident that they are vertically flared since, in such disks, when observing the upper emission surface from the center outward, the region of high peak intensity does not follow a straight line along the disk major axis but instead deviates upward, indicating an increasing height with radius (K. A. Rosenfeld et al. 2013). In comparison, the degree of bending of the bright ridge along the major axis is smaller in ^{13}CO , confirming that emission from a lower vertical layer is traced in ^{13}CO rather than ^{12}CO . This has been quantitatively measured by M. Galloway-Sprietsma et al. (2025); they calculated the representative values of the height-to-radius ratio $\langle z/r \rangle$ for 13 disks and derived average values across multiple disks, obtaining $\langle z/r \rangle = 0.28$ and 0.16 for ^{12}CO and ^{13}CO , respectively (excluding PDS 66, which yielded a ratio of zero).

Due to the large optical thickness of the CO emission, the brightness temperature can be regarded as a reasonable indicator of the kinetic temperature of the molecular gas. The analysis of the temperature structures of the exoALMA sources was also reported in M. Galloway-Sprietsma et al. (2025).

3.2. Residuals of the Centroid Velocity

In the following subsections, we describe the deviations from a smooth Keplerian disk. Residual maps were created by subtracting the model disk obtained from spectral fitting using DISCMINER, and shown in Figures 4, 5, and 6 for the centroid velocity, line width, and peak intensity, respectively. Hereafter, the position angle (P.A.) for the observational data is defined as the angle measured counterclockwise from north to east in the plane of the sky.

First, based on the velocity residuals (Figure 4), we roughly classify the sources into three categories according to the spatial distribution of the residuals: (1) spiral, (2) arc- or ring-like, and (3) other types. Our focus is on the global structures, rather than on local non-Keplerian features. We also do not discuss the inner region within approximately $0.3''$, because the residuals in such a region could be strongly affected by beam dilution and the masking applied over a few beam sizes during the DISCMINER fitting. Gas kinematics in this central region are not straightforward to interpret unless clear substructures are present, such as an inner warp manifested as a velocity twist that is apparent without subtracting the model for J1604 (S. Mayama et al. 2018; R. Orihara et al. 2023; J. Stadler et al. 2023). In addition, it needs to be kept in mind that the inspection is based on the morphology projected onto the sky. When the disk inclination is large, identifying substructures becomes more difficult, and contamination from the backside

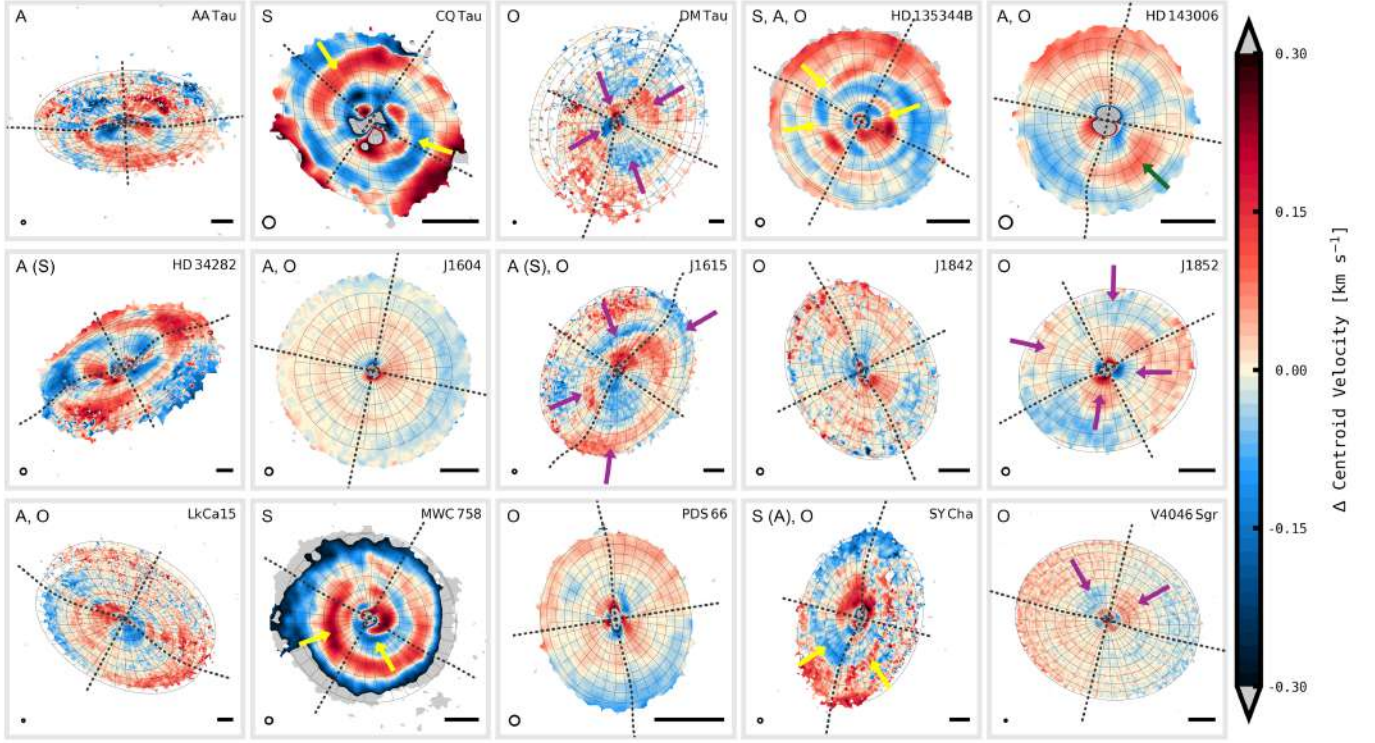


Figure 4. Residual centroid velocity images of the ^{12}CO (3–2) emission after subtracting the fitted disk model cube. The descriptions of the lines and the beam size are the same as those in Figure 1. Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked. The yellow, purple, and green arrows indicate the spiral features (Section 3.2.1), the quadrupole pattern (Section 3.2.4), and the redshifted arc (Section 3.3.2), respectively. The letter in the upper-left corner of each panel indicates the classification defined in Section 3.2: “S” for spiral, “A” for arc- or ring-like, and “O” for other types. Labels in parentheses indicate features that appear to be present but are ambiguous.

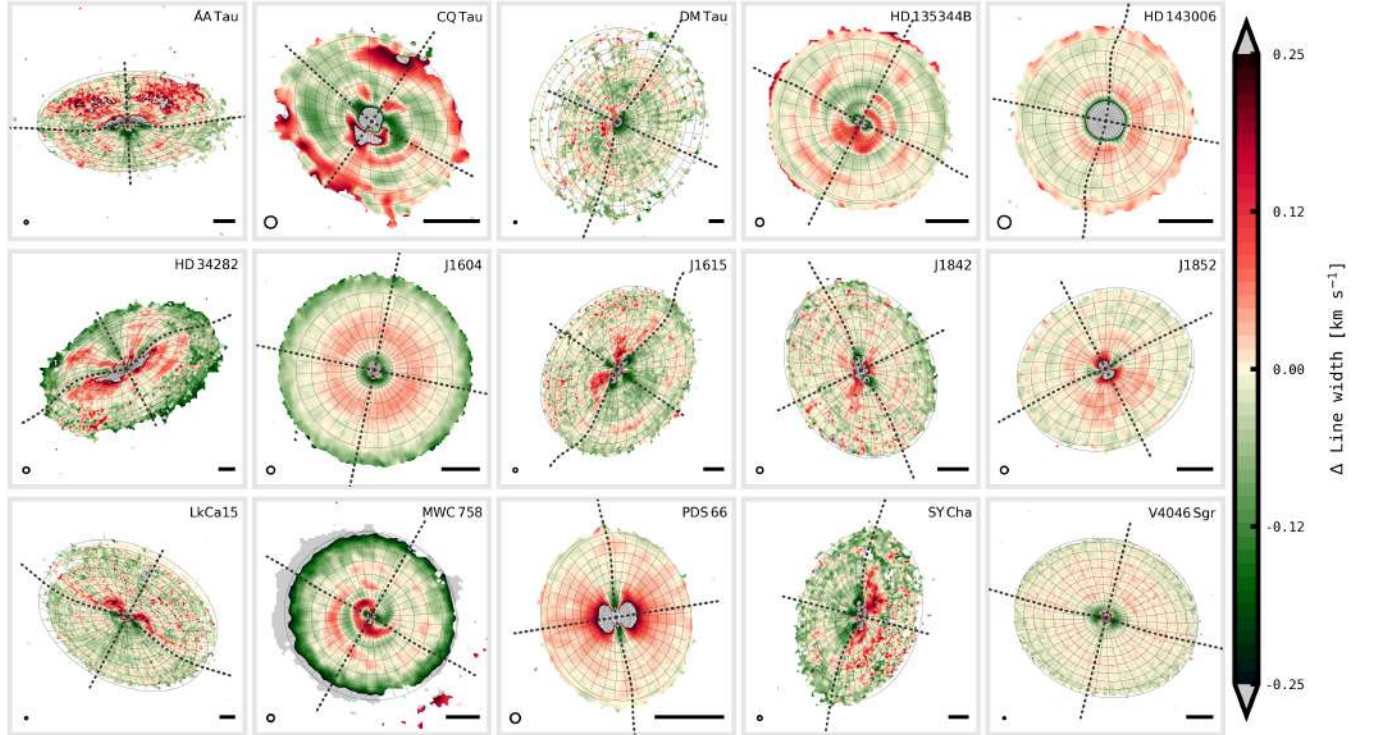


Figure 5. The same as Figure 4, but for the line width. Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked.

of the disk increases (e.g., AA Tau, A. F. Izquierdo et al. 2025). It should also be noted that the sign of the velocity residuals provides clues as to the underlying velocity structure

of the disk. For example, assuming that the gas velocity has only an azimuthal component, if the residuals have the same sign as that of the background rotation velocity (i.e.,

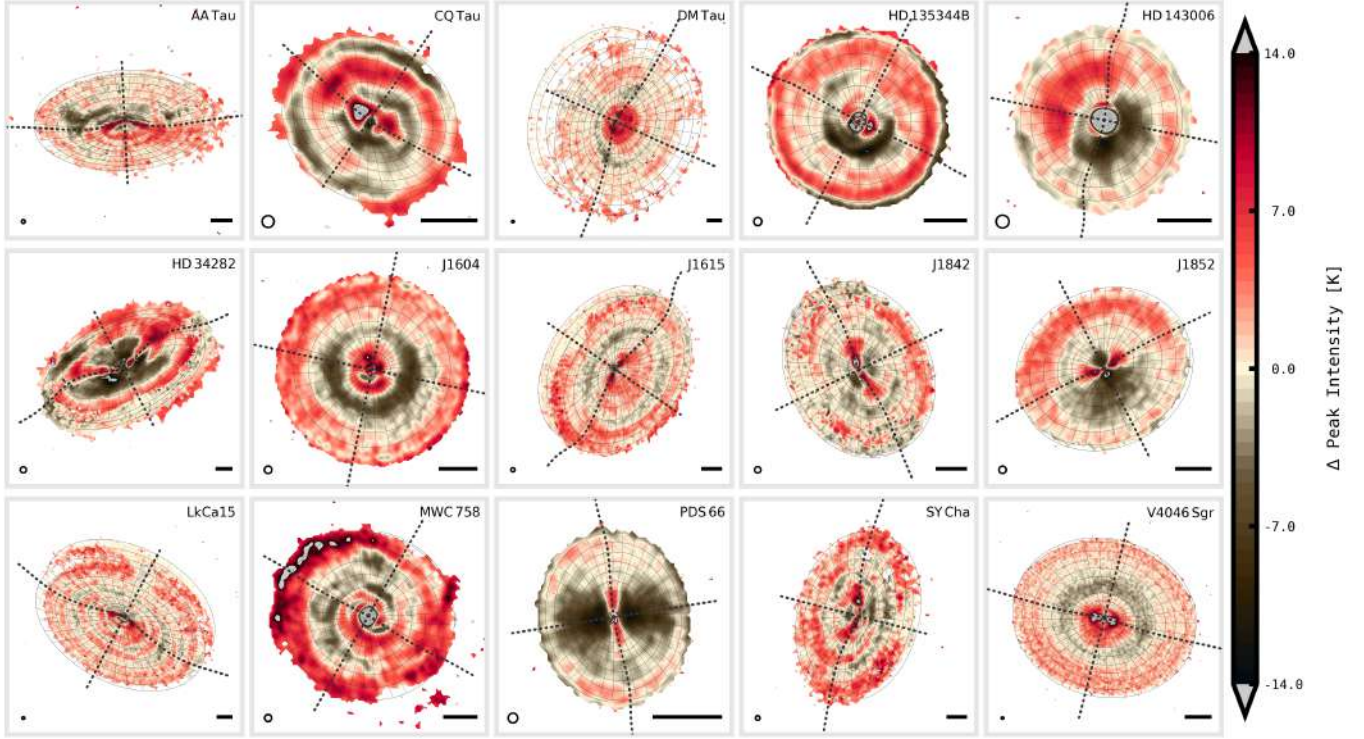


Figure 6. The same as Figure 4, but for the peak intensity. Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked.

blueshifted or redshifted), it indicates azimuthal motion faster than Keplerian, whereas a residual with the opposite sign implies motion slower than Keplerian (Figure 5 in R. Teague et al. 2019).

3.2.1. Spirals

Features are regarded as spiral structures when a coherent velocity pattern, possibly changing in sign (blue-shifted or redshifted), traces a spiral-like morphology. CQ Tau, MWC 758, and SY Cha fall into this category, showing arms in which the velocity residuals maintain the same sign over large spatial scales (indicated with yellow arrows in Figure 4). HD 135344B shows multiple smaller-scale arms, and with the possible sign flip (Doppler flip), this object can also be classified into this category. As is clearly seen in MWC 758 and HD 135344B, the sign of the residuals along an arm does not change across the disk minor axis, suggesting the presence of a nonazimuthal velocity component and/or a vertical displacement relative to the rotation plane of the bulk gas (M. Benisty et al. 2026).

In CQ Tau, in Figure 4, a redshifted region extends northward from the eastern side at ~ 100 au, with its position shifting outward in radius toward the north, and appears to continue toward the west. On the western side at ~ 100 au, a blueshifted velocity component is observed, forming an arm-like pattern inside the red arm. MWC 758 shows a blueshifted region extending from the eastern side at ~ 30 au, passing through the south and western sides at approximately 120 au. From the eastern side at ~ 130 au, a redshifted region continues smoothly through the south and west toward the north, where it reaches a radius of roughly 190 au. In the velocity residuals of SY Cha, the spiral pattern is less pronounced than in the above two sources. A blueshifted arm is detected on the eastern side

at ~ 290 au, along with a red arm radially just outside it in the southwest. In HD 135344B, a pattern suggestive of spiral arms is seen across the entire disk. In the eastern region at a radius of about 120 au, the velocity residual alternates from redshifted to blueshifted and back to redshifted as the position angle decreases from 180° to 0° . Inside that region, at ~ 70 au, a redshifted feature is found on the western side but not within the entire azimuthal range.

3.2.2. Arcs and Rings

Ring or arc/broken-arm-shaped patterns are visible in the velocity residual maps of AA Tau, HD 135344B, HD 143006, HD 34282, J1604, J1615, and LkCa 15 (Figure 4). Notable examples of systems with relatively well-defined substructures include J1604, which shows a redshifted ring at about 150 au, and LkCa 15, which exhibits multiple ring- or arc-like features (C. H. Gardner et al. 2025). J1615 and possibly HD 34282 could be classified as having spiral-arm-like structures. The presence of substructures is further examined in Section 3.3 together with the residuals in the line width and peak intensity distributions.

3.2.3. Other Features: Outer Edges

When focusing on the outer edges of the disks, a residual velocity gradient along the major axis is seen in several objects (DM Tau, HD 135344B, HD 143006, J1604, J1842, LkCa 15, PDS 66, SY Cha, V4046 Sgr), with blue- and redshifted features spatially separated by the minor axis. When compared with the velocity map in Figure 1, the sign of the residuals, blue or red, is opposite to that of the bulk gas motion, consistent with a reduced rotational velocity. As described by J. Stadler et al. (2025), this significant sub-Keplerian velocity can be attributed to the steep radial decline in pressure toward

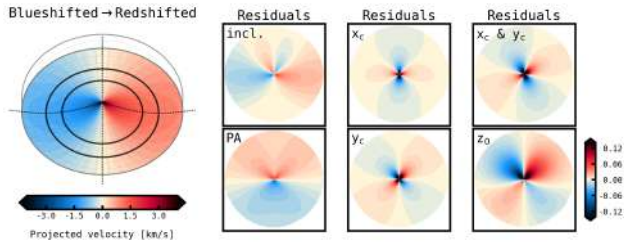


Figure 7. Velocity residuals, shown as a schematic illustration, induced by adding $+1^\circ$ to the inclination and P.A., applying a 10% beam offset to the disk center position in x_c , y_c , and $x_c + y_c$, and reducing the surface height (z_0) by 10% relative to the ground truth.

the outer edge. While this trend is clearly confirmed in the radial profiles of the azimuthal velocity component (C. Longarini et al. 2025; J. Stadler et al. 2025), it is also evident in these 2D images as a common feature observed in multiple disks, appearing as mirrored blue- and redshifted patterns at the outer edges.

3.2.4. Other Features: Quadrupole Pattern

Another spatial pattern seen in multiple disks (DM Tau, J1615, J1852, V4046 Sgr) is a quadrupolar structure, in which blue and redshifted regions alternate azimuthally at a nearly constant radius, as indicated with purple arrows in Figure 4. In the case of DM Tau, the direction of the velocity deviation reverses at a radius of approximately 200 au. V4046 Sgr shows the quadrupole residual pattern extending out to about 180 au. In J1615, it is observed along the radial regions at ~ 450 au and likely at 250 au, while in J1852, similar patterns are seen at ~ 120 and 210 au. The change in velocity sign in this quadrupole pattern occurs along the minor and major axes of the disk, which indicates a possible connection with the disk geometry.

It is worth pointing out that non-Keplerian features symmetric with respect to the disk minor axis may originate from a mismatch between the actual emitting surface of the disk and the fitted smooth disk model. M. Aizawa & R. Orihara (2026) investigate, both analytically and numerically, how variations in disk inclination, position angle, and surface height influence the fitting of the line-of-sight velocity, also taking into account deprojection errors arising from the disk inclination. They demonstrate that a mismatch in the surface height leads to quadrupolar velocity residuals. Since inclination perturbations affect both the velocity fitting and the deprojection process, it does not yield a perfectly symmetric quadrupole, although a similar pattern emerges. In contrast, a perturbation in P.A. produces a bipolar shift in the residuals, with blue and redshifted regions separated along the disk major axis. Figure 7 presents an example of the velocity residuals induced by slight perturbations in these parameters, offering a schematic view of how these effects appear in the residual data.

Compared to the radial profile of the emission-surface height averaged over the azimuthal direction (M. Galloway-Sprietsma et al. 2025), the radial ranges exhibiting quadrupole patterns in the above four disks roughly coincide with the radii where the surface height changes discontinuously. The quadrupole residuals nonetheless suggest that the emitting surface is not radially smooth.

3.3. Combined Characteristics of Line Width and Peak Intensity

In this subsection, we extend the discussion of the velocity residual morphology by examining the residuals in the line width and peak intensity. Figure 8 presents the residual maps arranged side by side to enable comparison of these three residuals for each object. Table 1 summarizes the features found in these images.

3.3.1. Spirals

MWC 758, CQ Tau, and HD 135344B, classified as having spiral structures in the previous subsection (Figure 4), also show the spiral-shaped or arm-like morphology in the line width and peak intensity. For MWC 758, along the 30–120 au arm seen in the blueshifted velocity residuals, the peak intensity is generally positively offset. The line width is broader in the same region on the eastern side of the disk and along the inner edge of the blueshifted arm from the south to the west. Regarding the redshifted arm at 130–190 au, the spatial correspondence in the peak intensity residuals is not as clear; the eastern side shows lower intensity, while the western side exhibits somewhat higher intensity than the fitted smooth model. On the other hand, the line width increases along the redshifted arm.

In CQ Tau, the prominent arm extending eastward from ~ 100 au appears as a positive feature in the peak intensity residuals. The line width is enhanced along the outer edge of the northern arm. In addition, an additional arm-like region of broad line width is present on the southwestern and southern sides at ~ 100 au. This feature coincides with the radial boundary where the velocity residuals switch from red to blue and where the peak intensity residuals change sign. It is likely that the line width becomes broader in regions where the radial velocity gradient is large.

In the case of HD 135344B, the velocity flip from blue to red observed at 110 au and P.A. of 40° corresponds to the characteristic deficit in peak intensity seen toward the northeast. Another velocity flip, at 90 au and 100° , is located at the boundary where the residuals in peak intensity change sign from negative to positive. The line width becomes broader along the outer edge of the arm where these velocity flips occur, corresponding to the outer edge of the gap seen in the peak intensity. The line width residual map shows an arm-like region of broad line width extending from the west (~ 140 au) to the south (~ 180 au), which coincides with the radial boundary between blue and red velocity residuals. The regions with enhanced line width correspond to radial locations where the velocity residuals change sign, as is also seen in arm-like structures in other disks.

These three objects exhibit spiral-like similarities in velocity, line width, and peak intensity. The line width, which is insensitive to the sign of the velocity offset, can be a useful tool for tracing characteristic velocity gradients. A comparable spatial correlation between line width and velocity offset is also observed, although the deviation in line width is marginal ($< 0.1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$), on the southwestern side at 290 au in SY Cha, on the western side at 500 au in HD 34282, and in the western half at 350 au in J1615.

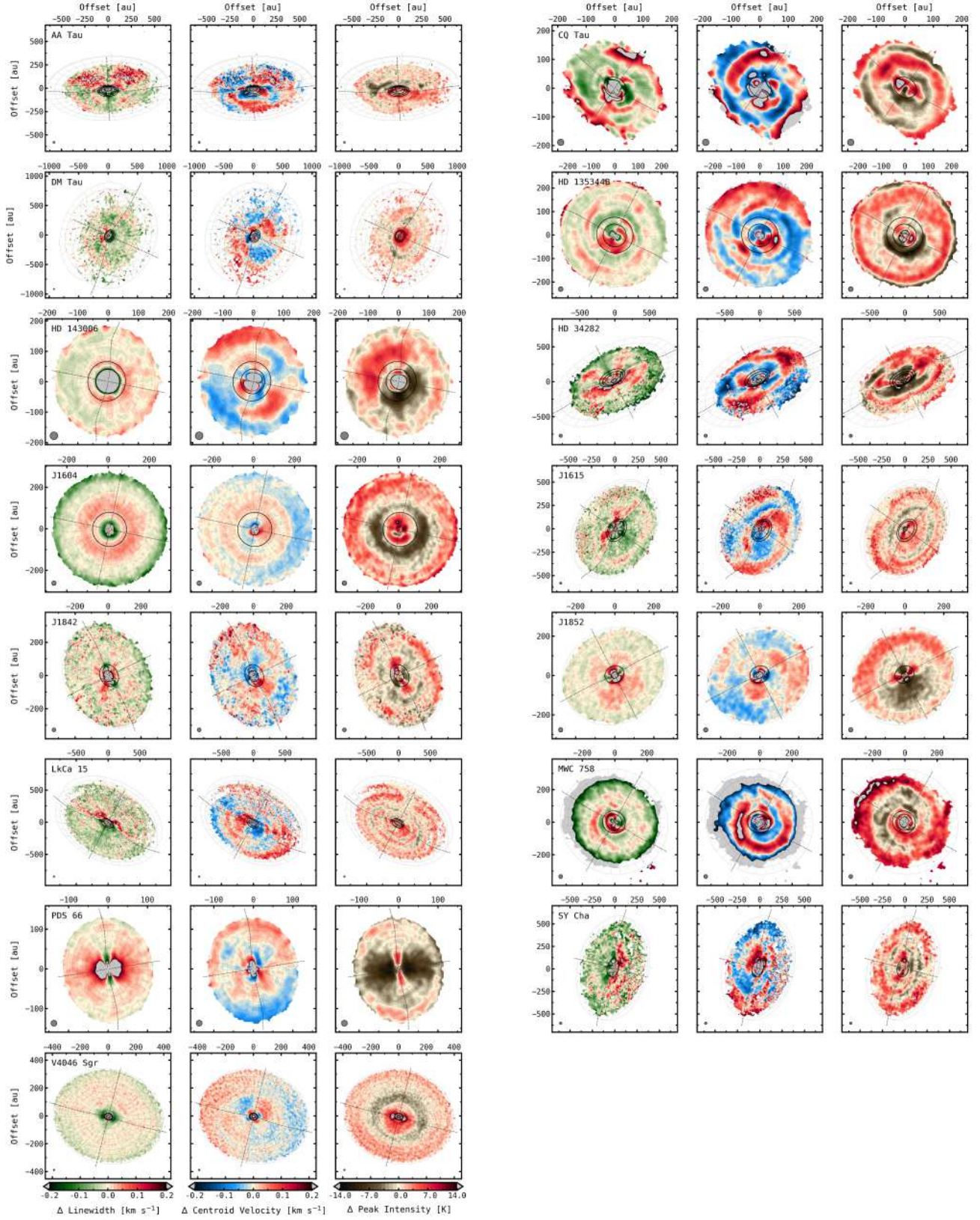


Figure 8. Residuals in line width (left), velocity (middle), and peak intensity (right) after subtracting the fitted Keplerian disk model for each source. The same set of color bars is used for all sources and is displayed only for the lower-left source (V4046 Sgr). Pixels with S/N below 5 are masked. The midplane locations of the dust continuum rings, projected onto the CO emission surface, are shown as black ellipses (P. Curone et al. 2025).

Table 1
Features in the Residuals Images in ^{12}CO

Source	Spirals	Arcs/ Rings ¹	Outer-edge sub-Keplerian	Quadrupole in Velocity ²	Dust Continuum ³	Comment
AA Tau	...	✓	...	...	Rings, shadows	...
CQ Tau	✓	...	...	...	Spirals	...
DM Tau	...	✓(in T)	✓	✓	Rings, inner disk offset	...
HD 135344B	✓	✓	✓	...	Ring, arc	...
HD 143006	...	✓	✓	...	Rings, shadows, arc	Redshifted arc at ~ 100 au and P.A. of $160 - 240$
HD 34282	(✓)	✓	...	...	Rings, arc	...
J1604	...	✓	✓	...	Ring, shadows	Ring at ~ 150 au always redshifted
J1615	(✓)	✓	...	✓	Rings, inner disk offset	...
J1842	...	✓(in T)	✓	...	Rings, shadows	Axis-dependent brightness ⁴
J1852	...	...	...	✓	Rings	Axis-dependent brightness ⁴
LkCa 15	...	✓	✓	...	Rings	...
MWC 758	✓	...	...	...	Rings/arcs	...
PDS 66	...	...	✓	...	Smooth	Axis-dependent brightness ⁴
SY Cha	✓	(✓)	✓	...	Ring	...
V4046 Sgr	...	✓(in T)	✓	✓	Rings, inner disk offset	Deficit in peak intensity at ~ 200 au

Note. Checkmarks in parentheses indicate features that appear to be present but are difficult to identify clearly.

¹ “(in T)” means that the feature is seen only in the peak intensity.

² This velocity residual pattern may not be of dynamical origin, as it can result from a mismatch between the observed and modeled heights of the CO-emitting surface. Even if this is the case, radial fluctuations of the emitting surface relative to the underlying disk would indicate physical deviations from a smooth Keplerian disk (Section 3.2.4.).

³ P. Curone et al. (2025).

⁴ The brightness pattern along the major and minor axes of the disk may be affected by optical depth effects along the line of sight. Because this pattern is strong, it is possible that finer substructures in brightness are not fully detected. See Section 3.3.3.

3.3.2. Arcs and Rings

All objects showing arc/broken-arm or ring-like structures in velocity (AA Tau, LkCa 15, HD 34282, J1604, J1615), except HD 143006, exhibit similar substructures in the peak intensity residuals, where the features are even easier to recognize. In addition, J1842 shows positive ring-like residuals at ~ 270 au. Although the contrast is weak, in the peak intensity residuals, DM Tau also has multiple rings, including the arc on the western side (P.A. $\sim 210 - 290^\circ$) at ~ 250 au and a tenuous ring/arc at about $450 - 550$ au (C. Hardiman et al. 2026).

Conversely, the correspondence with the line width residuals is not so obvious. An arc-like structure can be identified in HD 34282, SY Cha, and J1615, as noted earlier. There might be substructures that appear as arcs or broken rings, also for AA Tau and LkCa 15, although these are not significant in the sense that their amplitudes approach the velocity resolution limit of the data.

HD 143006 exhibits a feature that is not commonly seen in the other sources. The peak intensity residuals show the global mismatch where the farside of the disk is brighter than the nearside in observations than in the model, both in ^{12}CO and ^{13}CO . Indeed, P. Curone et al. (2025) find that the eastern side is brighter in dust continuum, consistent with the view that the eastern side has a higher temperature. This can be explained by the asymmetric illumination of the outer region as first detected in scattered light, indicative of shadows cast by a misaligned inner disk structure (M. Benisty et al. 2018). In the velocity residuals' image, it shows a redshifted arc at a radius of ~ 100 au over a P.A. range of $160 - 240^\circ$ (indicated with a green arrow in Figure 4). When compared with previous studies (L. M. Pérez et al. 2018; P. Curone et al. 2025; L. Wölfer et al. 2025), the redshifted arc in ^{12}CO is located just outside the 64-au dust ring in the radial direction. In ^{13}CO , this region lies near the outer boundary of the area with sufficient

S/N, and it appears redshifted and is therefore not totally inconsistent with the ^{12}CO distribution. However, no significant residuals are found in the ^{12}CO line width at the same or similar location, favoring an interpretation other than gas kinematics. Given that this redshifted arc occupies one quadrant defined by the minor and major axes of the disk, it may be part of a quadrupole pattern that can arise from a mismatch in the height of the gas-emitting surface (Section 3.2.4). For this particular object, however, azimuthal temperature variations by the shadows may instead provide a more plausible explanation, as similar quadrupole patterns are seen in hydrodynamical simulations of shadow-driven temperature substructures (e.g., S. Zhang & Z. Zhu 2024).

In the peak intensity residuals for J1604, there is a deficit just outside the dust continuum ring up to ~ 150 au in ^{12}CO , and also in ^{13}CO . At this boundary of negative and positive residuals in the peak intensity at 150 au, the line width is larger than the model, and the centroid velocity tends to be redshifted in ^{12}CO and ^{13}CO . The sign of the velocity shift does not flip at the disk minor axis, suggesting the presence of a vertical (nonazimuthal) velocity component along this ring (J. Stadler et al. 2023; M. Benisty et al. 2026).

3.3.3. Other Features

PDS 66, J1842, and J1852 show residuals where the peak intensity is higher and the line width is narrower along the major axis, while the opposite trend appears along the minor axis. A similar, though weaker, pattern is seen in ^{13}CO compared to ^{12}CO . This pattern can be explained by beam dilution in an inclined disk, as the major axis is least affected by this effect. Another possible explanation, as mentioned in A. F. Izquierdo et al. (2025), is optical depth variation when the line emission is not highly optically thick. The optical depth depends on column density divided by line width

(Figure 5); in an inclined rotating disk, it tends to be larger along the major axis and smaller along the minor axis. Consequently, the major axis may appear brighter either because we observe higher, warmer layers as the optical depth reaches unity more easily in this region compared to the minor axis. This effect is expected to be insignificant when the optical depth is much greater than one. The three disks lie at the lower end of the disk-to-star gas mass ratio estimated by C. Longarini et al. (2025), consistent with this interpretation. Therefore, for these three objects, residuals arising from the inclination effect may dominate, leaving open the possibility that signatures of substructures are buried and thus remain undetected. Nevertheless, J1842 exhibits a ring morphology at the outer edge of ~ 270 au in peak intensity (Figure 6), while the other two show no such noticeable substructures. In J1852, the farside of the outer region appears brighter than the nearside in the peak intensity residuals, similar to that in HD 143006, but no shadow has been reported in scattered light (M. Villenave et al. 2019).

No substructure is detected in the line width residuals for V4046 Sgr. Meanwhile, the peak intensity exhibits a decrease at a radius of ~ 150 au, appearing more prominently on the nearside with a wider radial range than on the farside to us, both in ^{12}CO and ^{13}CO lines. This intensity deficit has been captured in M. Galloway-Sprietsma et al. (2025), where the height of the emission surface has a double peak, with the lowest surface height occurring at 173 au between the two peaks. M. Galloway-Sprietsma et al. (2025) discuss the possible cause of this feature through the inspection of channel maps and comparison with a disk model, implying that it is likely caused by projection effects, possibly associated with low optical depth or low temperature.

In PDS 66, while substructures are difficult to extract in the line width and peak intensity due to the reason described above, no significant features are detected in the velocity field, except for the sub-Keplerian rotation at the outer edge. This quiescent kinematic structure is consistent with the smooth appearance of the dust continuum emission at 0.9 mm (P. Curone et al. 2025) and in the ^{12}CO channel maps (C. Pinte et al. 2025), but does not necessarily preclude substructure formation in larger grains, as seen in the 3 mm continuum (Á. Ribas et al. 2025).

3.4. Overview of the Results

The residual maps for centroid velocity, line width, and peak intensity reveal deviations from smooth Keplerian disks in all sources (Table 1). Some disks exhibit spiral structures in which the spatial distributions of residuals are correlated among centroid velocity, line width, and peak intensity, while others display arc-like or ring-like structures in which substructures are more readily visible in peak intensity. In addition, quadrupole patterns are present in the velocity residuals in several sources. These may be interpreted not as dynamical structures, but as deviations in the height of the emitting surface or as azimuthal temperature variations. On the other hand, in peak intensity, residual patterns aligned with the disk minor and major axes are also observed. These can be caused by inclination and optical depth effects, and therefore may not necessarily reflect the actual density or temperature structures. No clear correlation is found between these observational characteristics and stellar properties such as mass and age, except for a tendency that Herbig Ae/Fe disks

exhibit a higher degree of nonaxisymmetry than T Tauri disks. Regarding disk properties, vertically flatter structures and lower disk masses are suggested to be associated with weaker nonaxisymmetric features, as described below.

The sources that show no spatially noticeable substructures in the line width residual maps, excluding the increase in line width along the disk minor axis due to line-of-sight optical depth variations, are DM Tau, HD 143006, J1842, J1852, PDS 66, and V4046 Sgr. In Table 1, these tend to be the systems that are not flagged as hosting spirals or arcs/rings. Except for HD 143006, which may exhibit shadow-induced temperature variations, J1852, PDS 66, and V4046 Sgr show no nonaxisymmetric features or prominent arc/ring structures in their peak intensity images. Nevertheless, in the velocity residuals, J1852 and V4046 Sgr show quadrupole patterns, indicating that deviations from smooth disks are still present in these systems. It is worth noting that J1852, PDS 66, and V4046 Sgr have vertically flatter disks and lower disk-to-stellar mass ratios, below 5%, according to disk masses estimated by C. Longarini et al. (2025) for 10 exoALMA sources from the rotation curves with gas self-gravity taken into account (see also L. Trapman et al. 2025 for mass estimates). Furthermore, these three sources show the smallest nonaxisymmetry indices in the dust continuum (P. Curone et al. 2025).

In contrast, CQ Tau, MWC 758, and HD 135344B, which host spiral structures, show significant nonaxisymmetric gas motions. In addition, HD 34282 suggests arc/arm-like features that correspond to the arcs/spiral arms imaged in near-infrared scattered light (J. de Boer et al. 2021). If HD 34282 indeed has a spiral structure, although it is not easy to discern because of its relatively large inclination, spirals would then be present in all Herbig Ae/Fe stars in the exoALMA sample. In addition, in these disks, large-scale azimuthal asymmetries have also been detected in the dust continuum emission (e.g., P. Cazzolletti et al. 2018; S. Casassus & S. Pérez 2019; I. H. G. Kuo et al. 2024; P. Curone et al. 2025). SY Cha lies in the T Tauri regime, and the degree of nonaxisymmetry is indeed smaller than that in the disks of these Herbig Ae/Fe stars, as is also seen in the dust continuum (P. Curone et al. 2025). Outside the exoALMA program, globally coherent wiggles in the gas kinematics have been detected in AB Aur, strongly suggesting gravitational instability (J. Speedie et al. 2024). Although the mechanism responsible for driving spiral structures needs to be investigated independently for each source, AB Aur is also classified as a Herbig Ae star. While stellar masses (i.e., gravitational effects) are generally larger and disk temperatures are higher for Herbig Ae/Fe stars than T Tauri stars, these differences do not directly imply a higher degree of nonaxisymmetry. The overall disk structure may be linked to the initial disk mass or to the duration and amount of material accreted from the surrounding environment.

A. J. Winter et al. (2025) demonstrate that disk warps can cause large-scale velocity residuals, leading to a spiral-like residual pattern, by analyzing the slight mismatch in the inclination and P.A. from those of a smooth disk. M. Aizawa & R. Orihara (2026) also show through analytical modeling that the effects of perturbations in inclination, P.A., and the height of the emitting surface are decomposed into azimuthal modes with $m = 1-3$. Since deviations in inclination and the surface height exhibit (anti-)symmetry with respect to the disk minor axis, their contributions can be suppressed by

subtracting the mirror image across the minor axis. A. F. Izquierdo et al. (2026) and M. Benisty et al. (2026) applied a folding analysis to the exoALMA data, in which the residuals from a smooth Keplerian disk are compared between the two halves divided by the disk minor axis, and axisymmetric residuals are filtered out. This methodology enhances the robustness

of the scientific interpretation related to the extraction of nonaxisymmetric features induced by embedded planets or other mechanisms. Detailed analyses and discussions of individual sources are presented in those Letters. Further dedicated studies of localized non-Keplerian substructures will be presented in future work (S. Facchini et al. 2026, in preparation).

4. Summary

We uniformly analyzed 2D maps of centroid velocity, line width, and peak intensity in CO for 15 disks, with an angular resolution of $0''.15$ and a velocity resolution of 100 m s^{-1} . As a result, all targets show deviations from smooth Keplerian disks in terms of gas kinematics and/or intensity.

1. The disks around five sources (CQ Tau, MWC 758, HD 135344B, SY Cha, and likely HD 34282) show spiral-like arms in the residuals of velocity, line width, and peak intensity, which tend to be preferentially detected in Herbig Ae/Fe systems. The residual velocity along the arms does not change sign when crossing the disk minor axis, as confirmed in MWC 758 and HD 135344B, suggesting that the gas in the arms includes a significant nonazimuthal velocity component.
2. The sub-Keplerian rotation at the outer edge, plausibly arising from the steep negative pressure gradient, is evident in the 2D residual maps for several disks (DM Tau, HD 135344B, HD 143006, J1604, J1842, LkCa 15, PDS 66, SY Cha, V4046 Sgr).
3. Multiple disks show quadrupolar patterns in the velocity residuals, with alternating blueshifted and redshifted residuals across the minor and major axes, which can be caused by geometric deviations in the height of the emitting surface (DM Tau, J1615, J1852, V4046 Sgr).
4. J1852, PDS 66, and V4046 Sgr appear dynamically more quiescent than the other disks as they show no prominent substructures in the line width residuals or peak intensity images.

Although the sample is biased toward large (>1) disks and is not representative of the full disk population, our results suggest that substructures in CO gas may be relatively common. At the same time, however, the combination of high sensitivity and spatial resolution reveals substantial object-to-object diversity, indicating that detailed, focused investigations of individual sources are well worth pursuing.

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Appendix A Moment Maps in ^{13}CO

The ^{13}CO images of centroid velocity, line width, peak intensity, and their residuals from the smooth Keplerian disk model are shown in Figures 9–14.

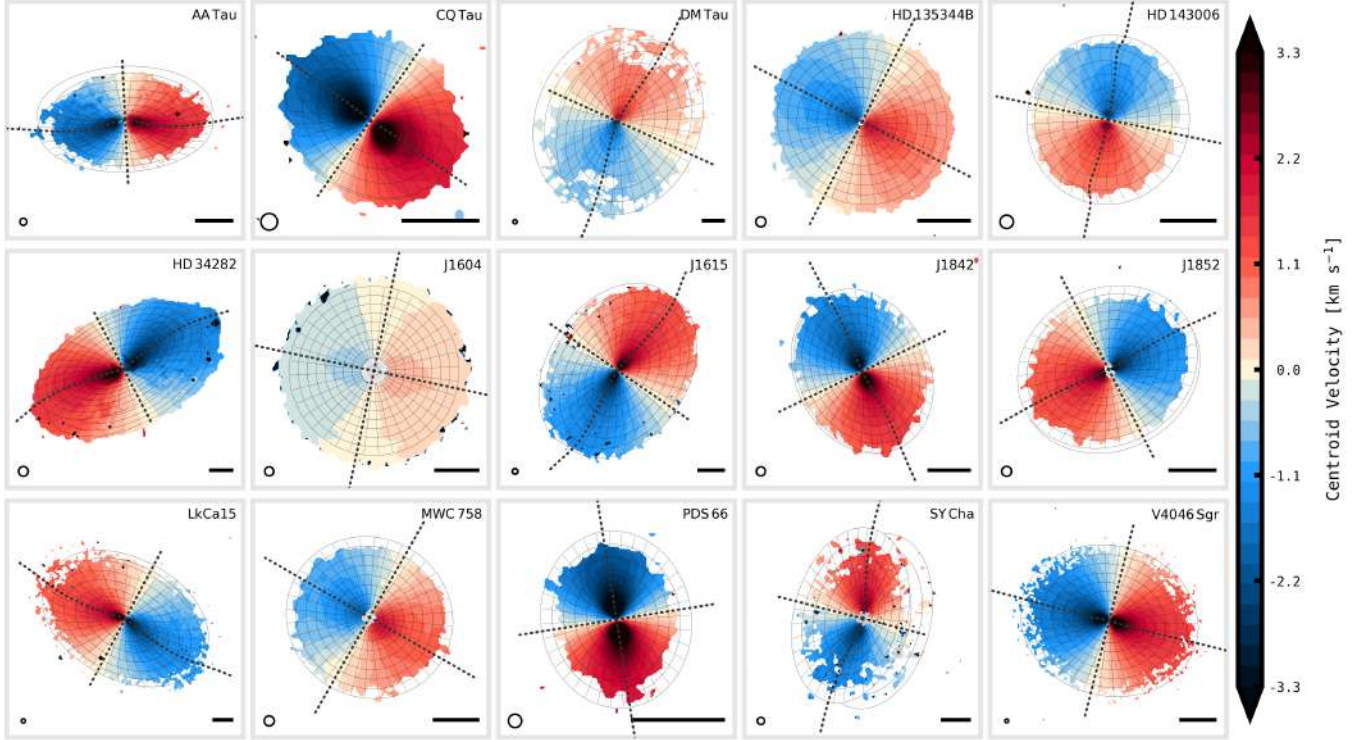


Figure 9. Velocity (line centroid) in ^{13}CO (3–2). The descriptions of the lines and the beam size are the same as those in Figure 1. Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked.

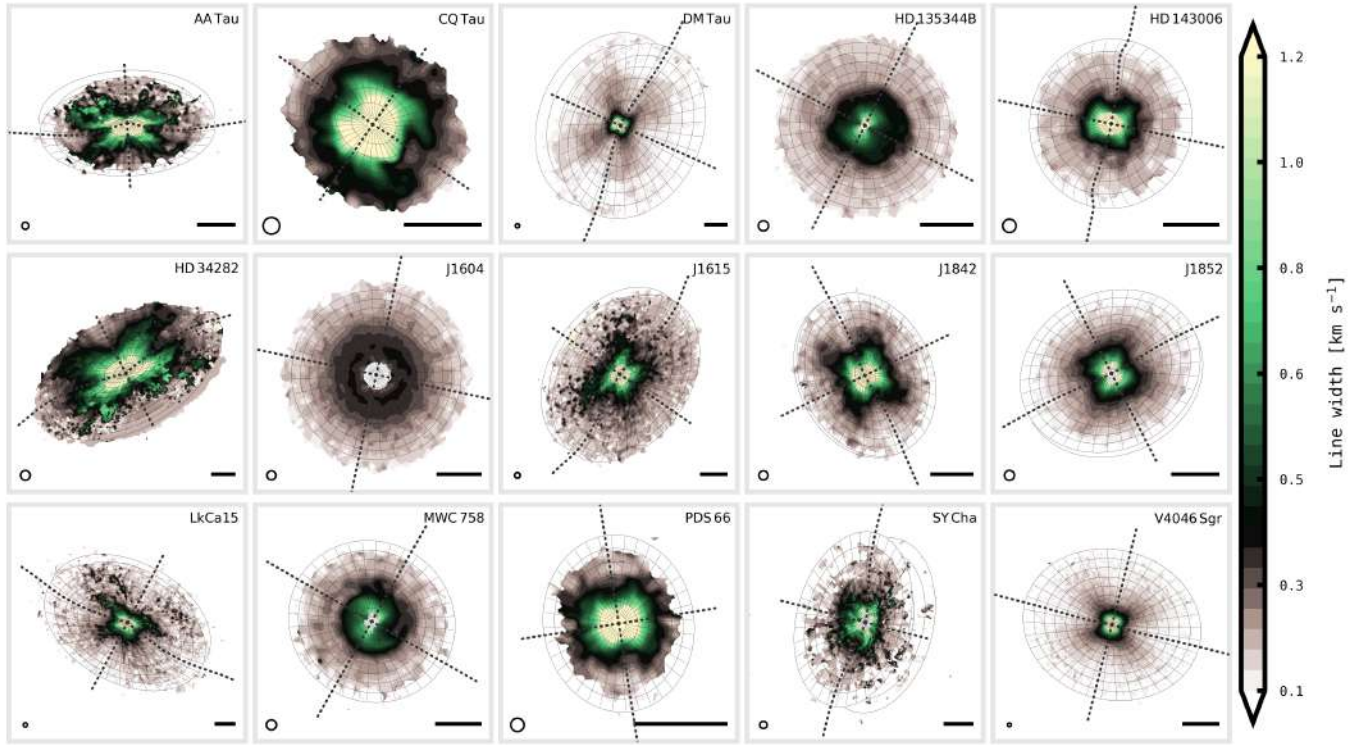


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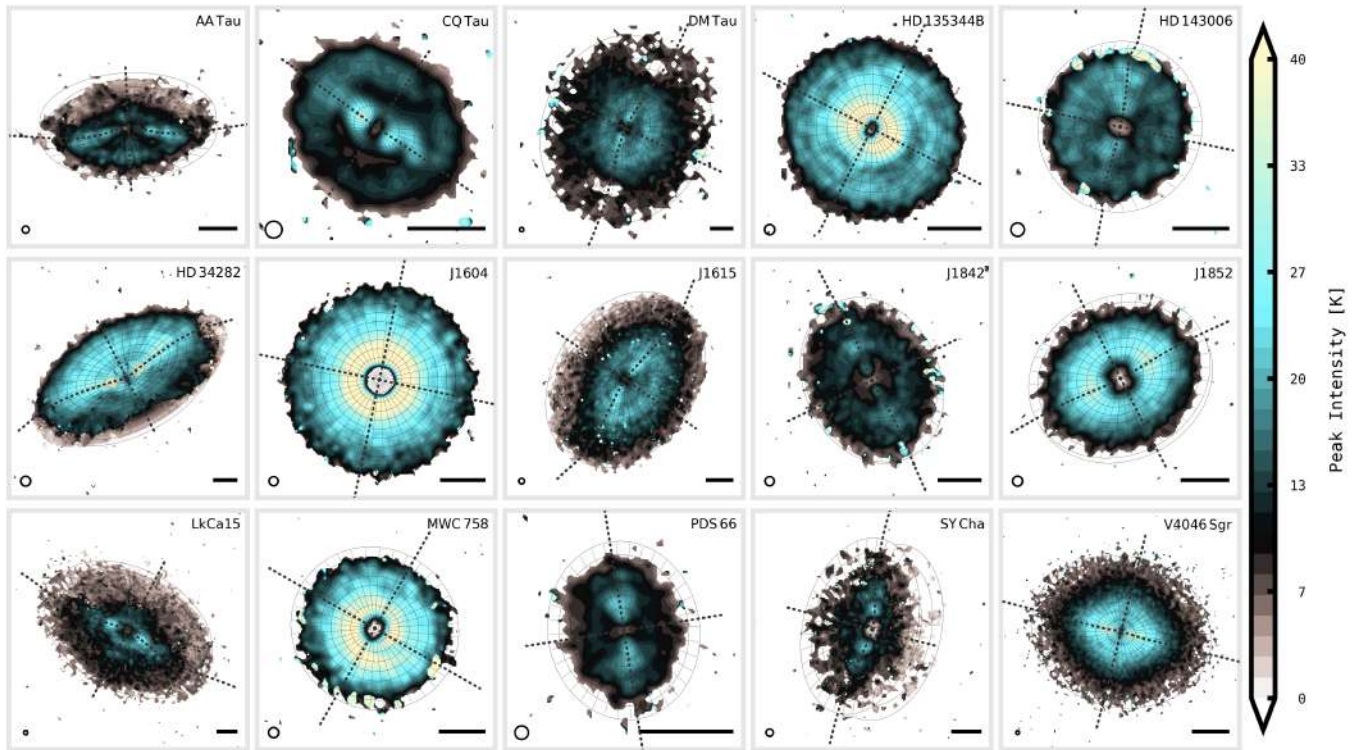


Figure 11. Peak intensity in ^{13}CO (3–2). Pixels with S/N below 4 are masked.

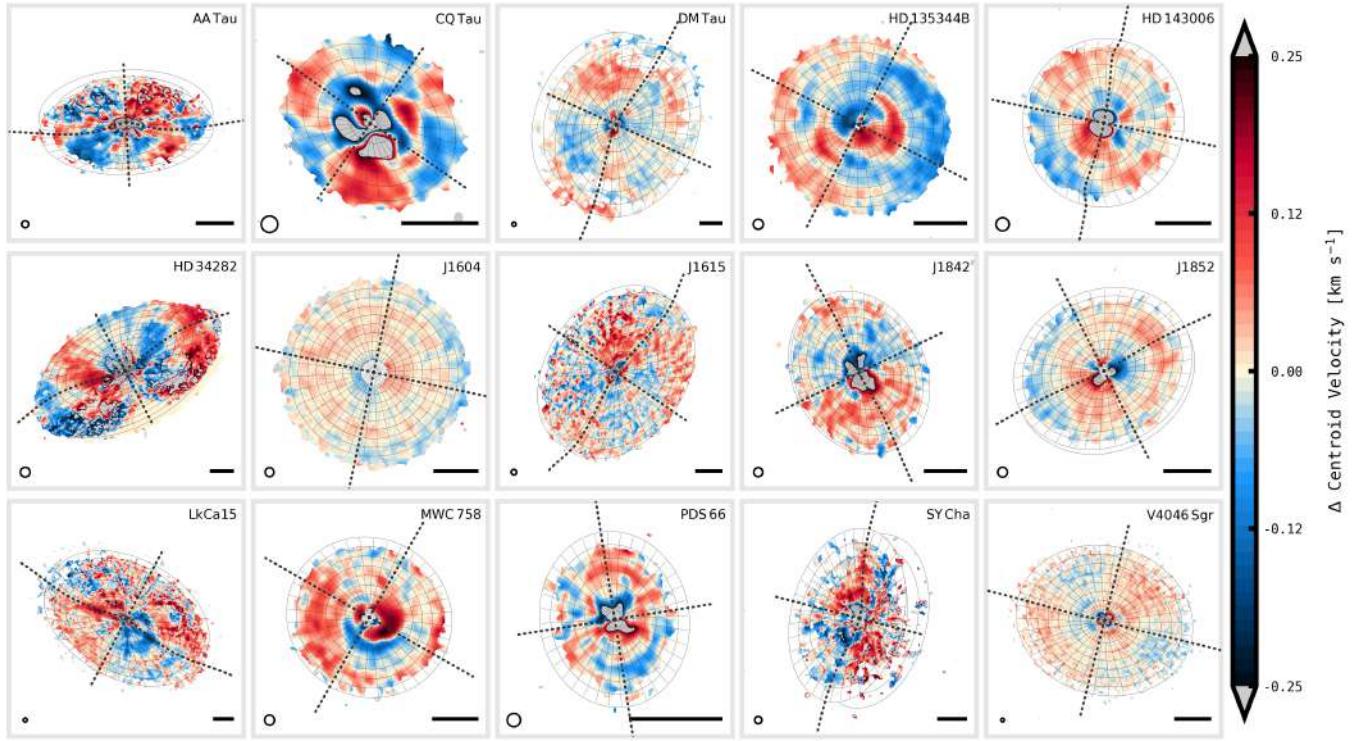


Figure 12. Residual centroid velocity in ^{13}CO (3–2). The descriptions of the lines and the beam size are the same as those in Figure 1. Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked.

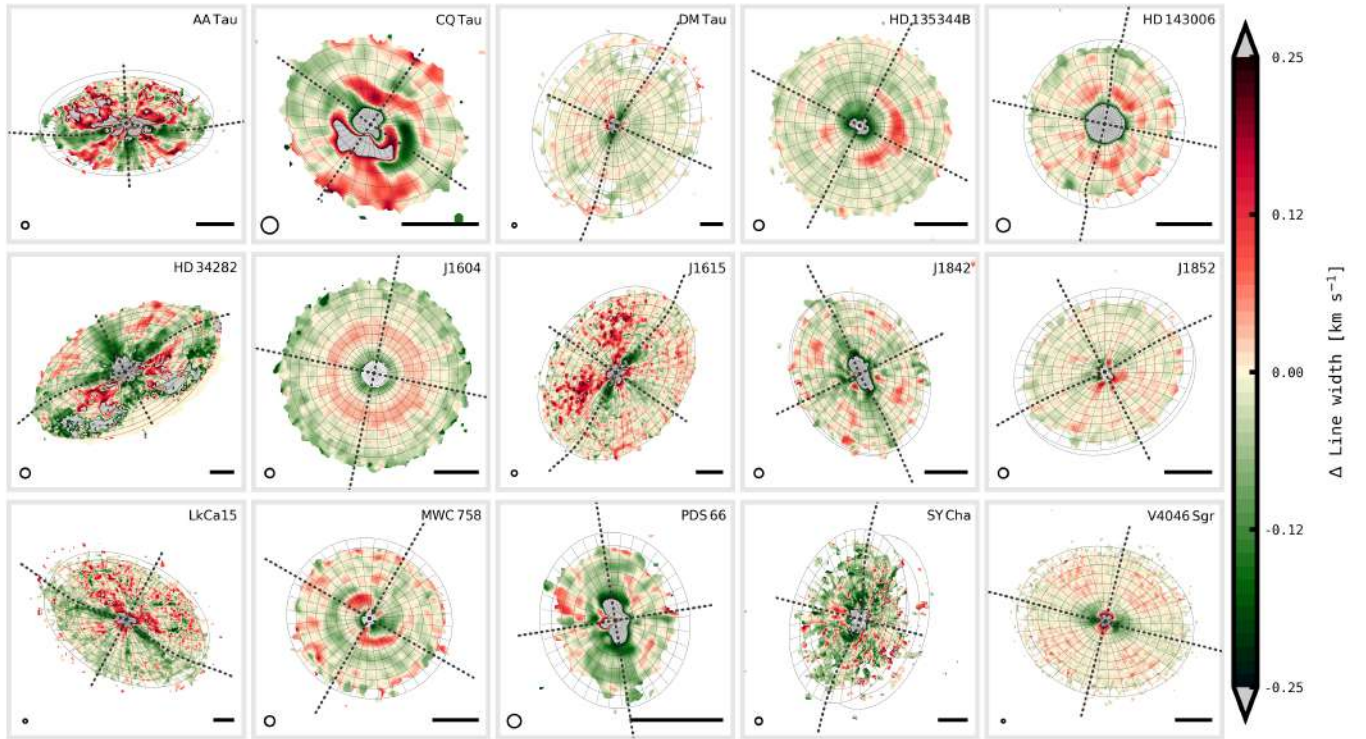


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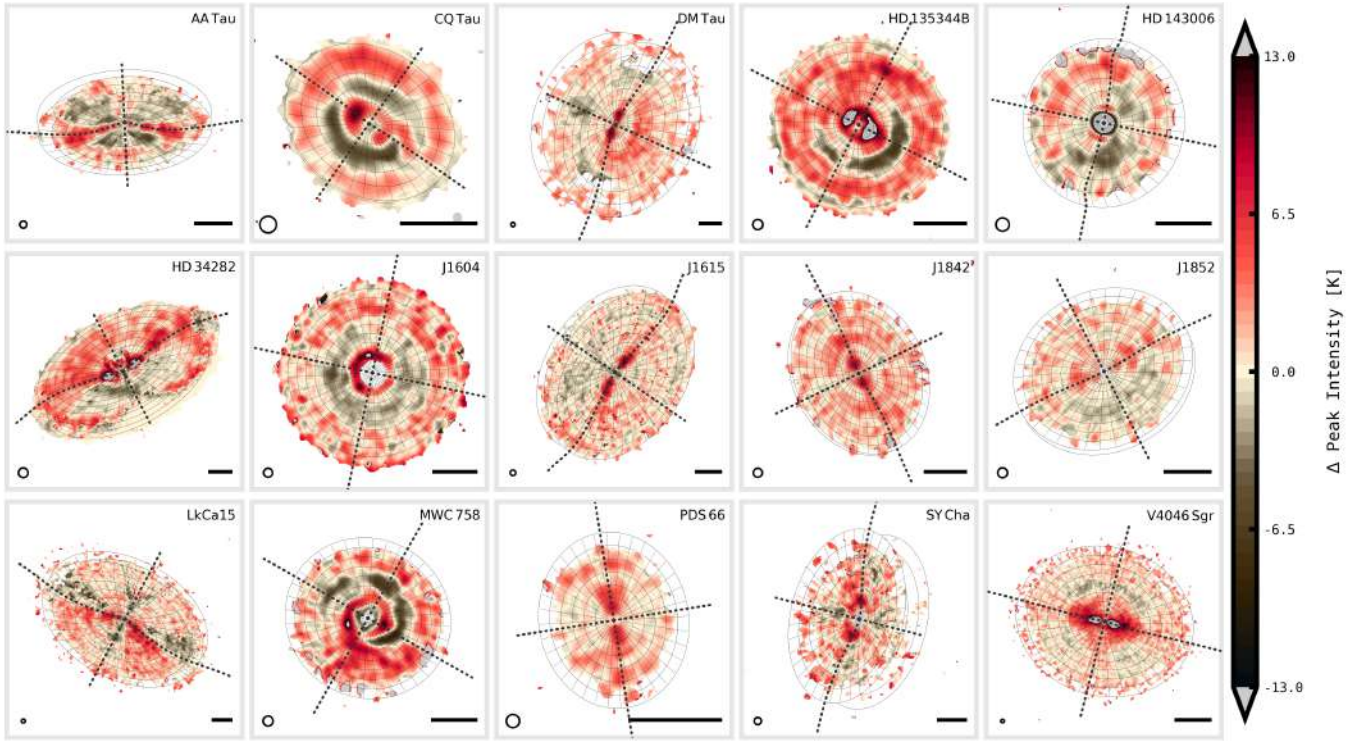


Figure 14. Residual peak intensity in ^{13}CO (3–2). Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked.

Appendix B Moment Maps in CS

Because CS (7–6) emission is fainter than ^{12}CO (3–2) and ^{13}CO (3–2), the CS images are produced with coarse angular and velocity resolutions of $0''.3$ and 200 m s^{-1} , respectively,

for most sources (Table 2). The images of centroid velocity, line width, peak intensity, and their residuals from the smooth Keplerian disk model are shown in Figures 15–20.

Table 2
Beam Size and Channel Spacing for the Images in This Letter

Source	^{12}CO		^{13}CO		CS	
	Beam (arcsec)	Chan. (km s^{-1})	Beam (arcsec)	Chan. (km s^{-1})	Beam (arcsec)	Chan. (km s^{-1})
AA Tau	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.3	0.2
CQ Tau	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.3	0.2
DM Tau	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.3	0.2
HD 135344B	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.3	0.2
HD 143006	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.15	0.2
HD 34282	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.3	0.2
J1604	0.15	0.028	0.15	0.1	0.3	0.1
J1615	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.3	0.2
J1842	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.3	0.2
J1852	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.3	0.2
LkCa 15	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.3	0.2
MWC 758	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.3	0.2
PDS 66	0.15	0.028	0.15	0.2	0.3	0.2
SY Cha	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.3	0.2
V4046 Sgr	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.3	0.2

Note. Details of the DISCMINER fitting, including the adopted kernel and the best-fit parameters, can be found in A. F. Izquierdo et al. (2025).

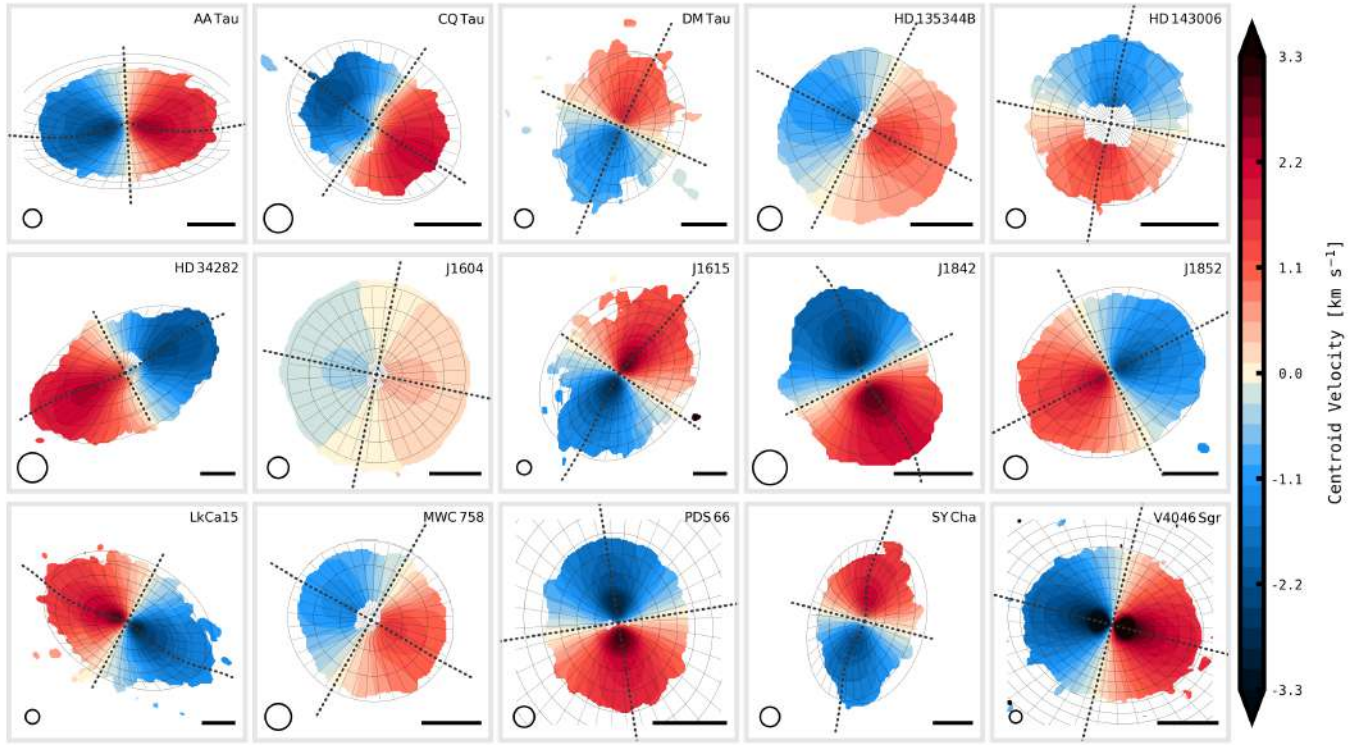


Figure 15. Velocity (line centroid) in CS (7–6). The descriptions of the lines and the beam size are the same as those in Figure 1. Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked.

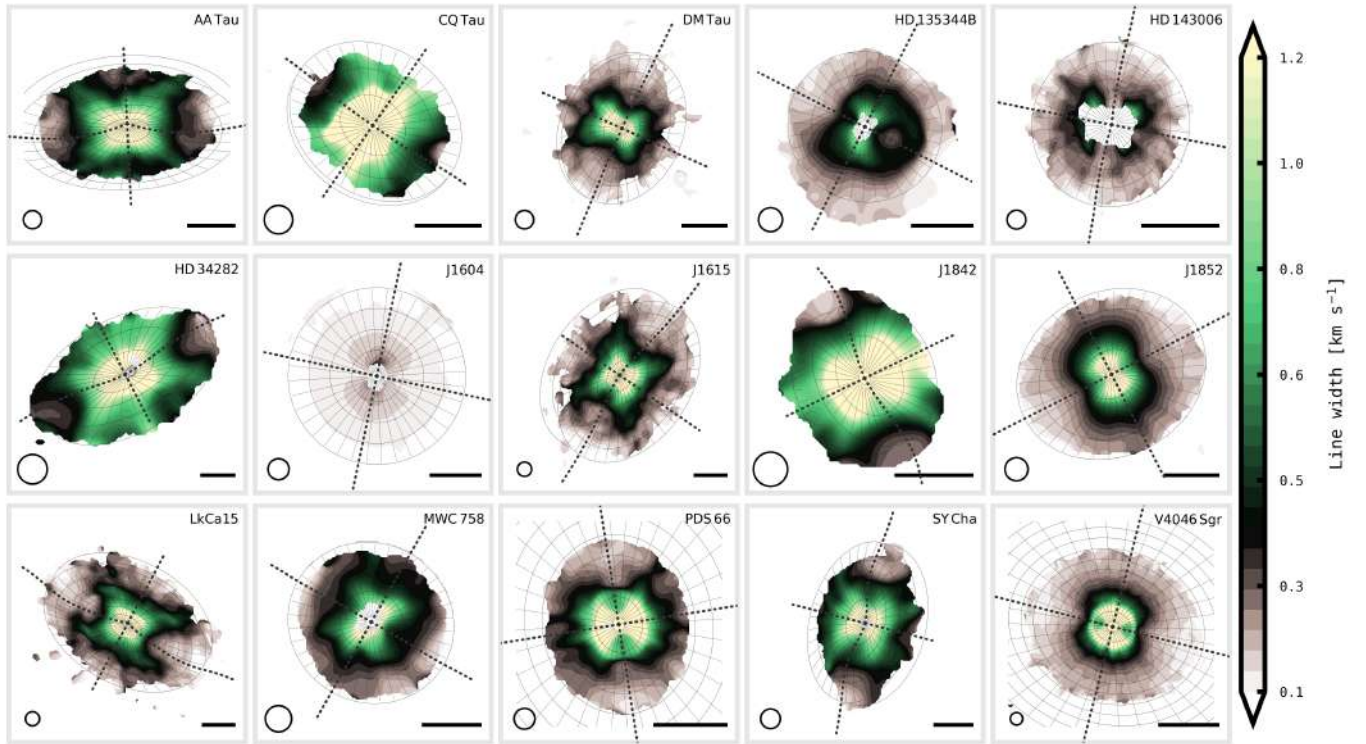


Figure 16. Line width in CS (7–6). Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked.

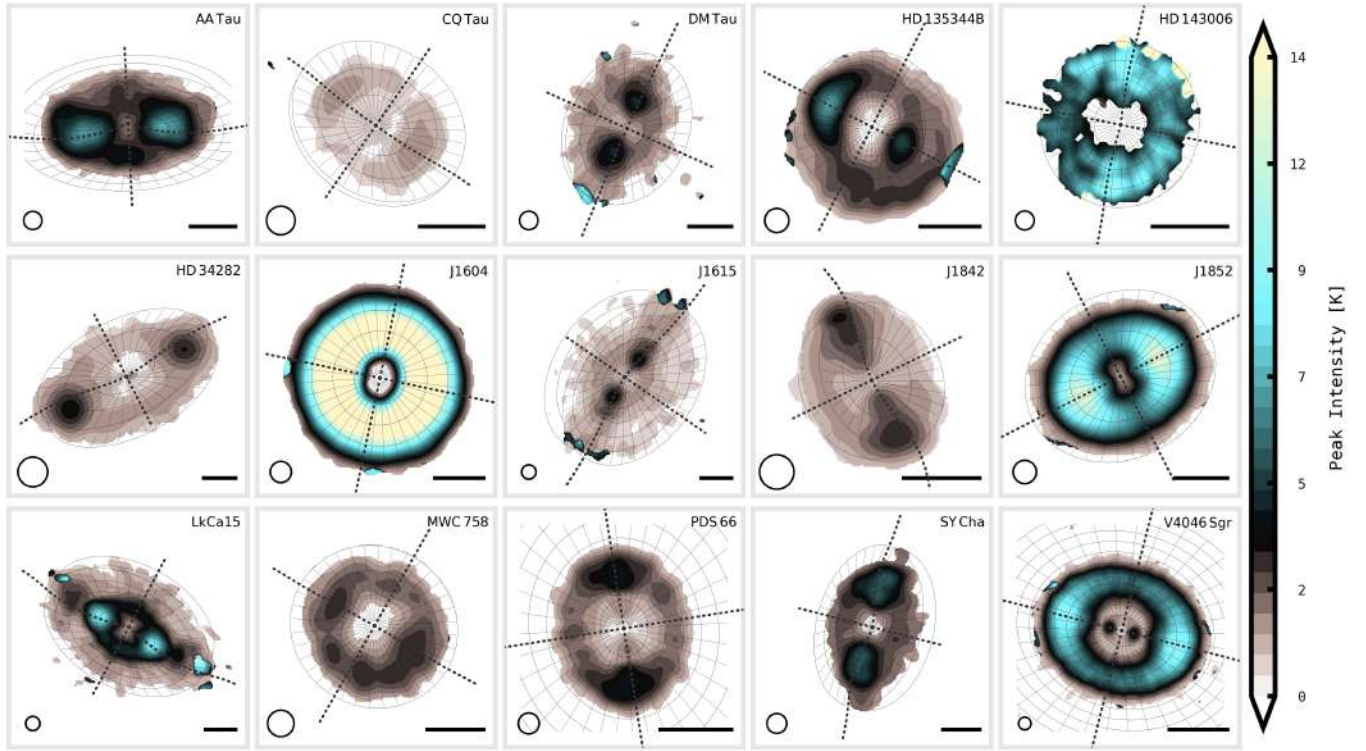


Figure 17. Peak intensity in CS (7–6). Pixels with S/N below 5 are masked.

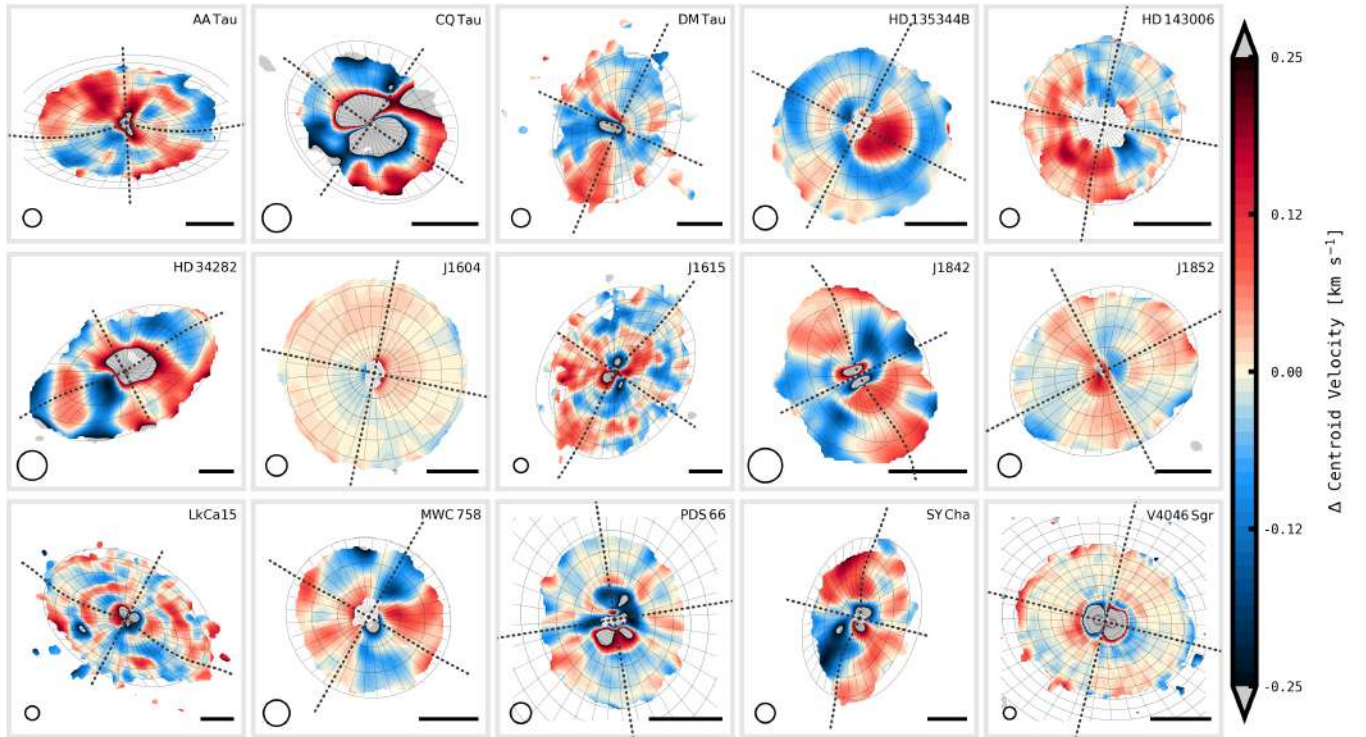


Figure 18. Residual centroid velocity in CS (7–6). The descriptions of the lines and the beam size are the same as those in Figure 1. Pixels with S/N below 4.5 are masked.

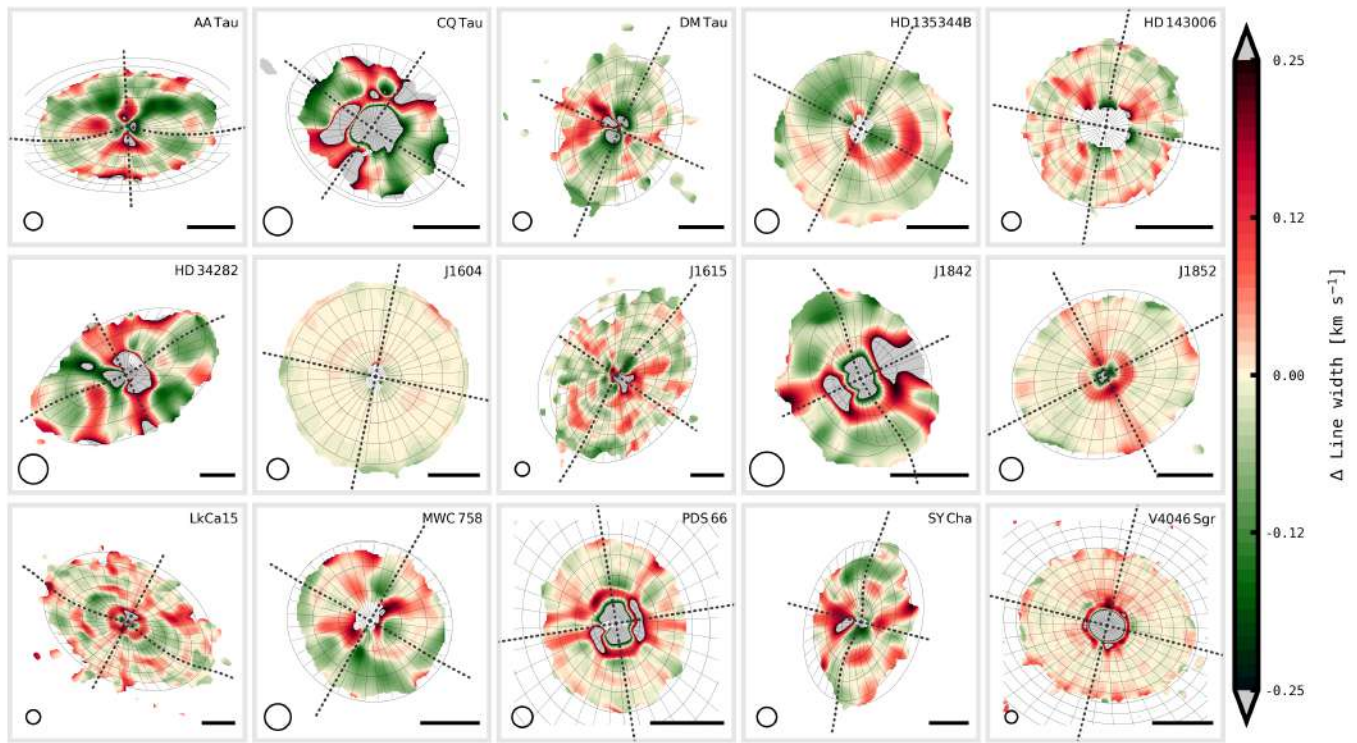


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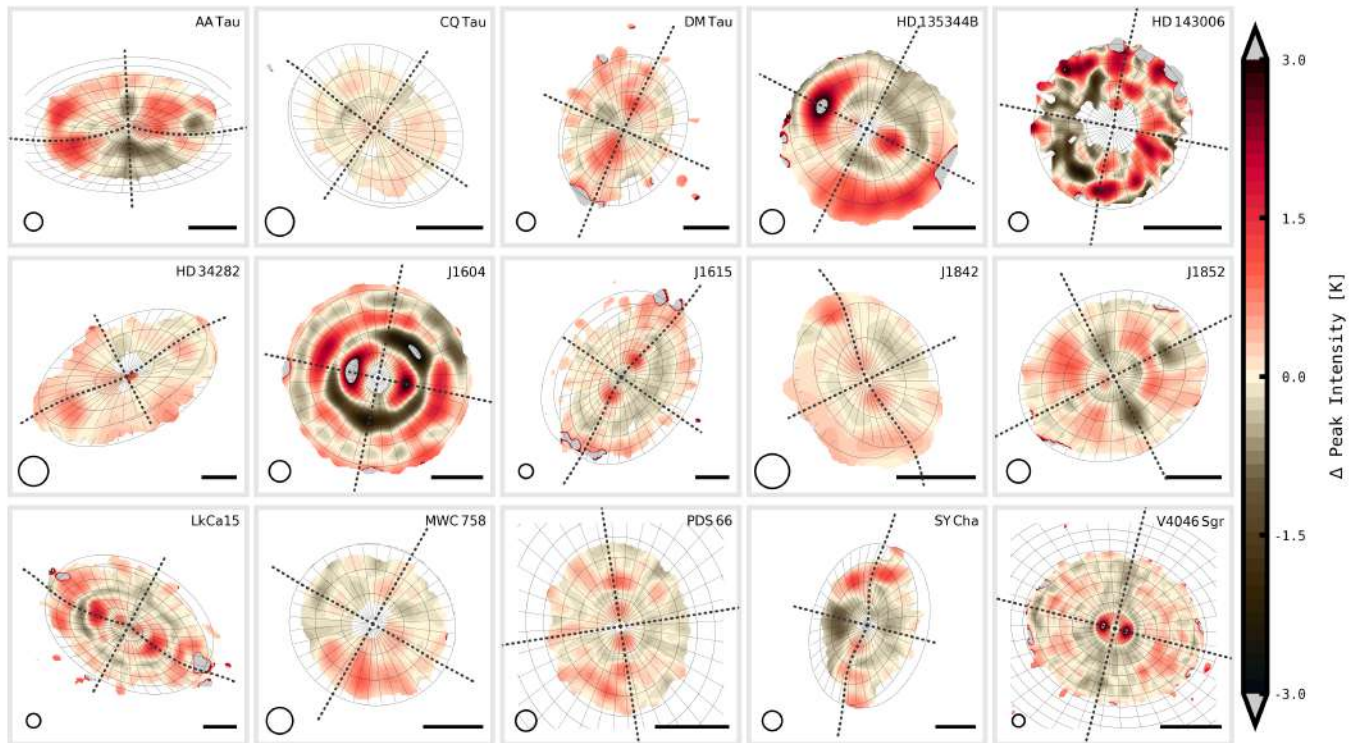


Figure 20. Residual peak intensity in CS (7–6). Pixels with S/N below 5 are masked.

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