Discovery of a giant and luminous Lyα+C iv+He ii nebula at z = 3.326 with extreme emission line ratios


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ABSTRACT

We present the discovery of HLock01-LAB, a luminous and large Lyα nebula at z = 3.326. Medium-band imaging and long-slit spectroscopic observations with the Gran Telescopio Canarias reveal extended emission in the Lyα 1215 Å, C iv 1550 Å, and He ii 1640 Å lines over ~100 kpc, and a total luminosity L_{Lyα} = (6.4 ± 0.1) \times 10^{43} erg s^{-1}. HLock01-LAB presents an elongated morphology aligned with two faint radio sources contained within the central ~8 kpc of the nebula. The radio structures are consistent with faint radio jets or lobes of a central galaxy, whose spectrum shows nebular emission characteristic of a type-II active galactic nucleus (AGN). The continuum emission of the AGN at short wavelengths is however likely dominated by stellar emission of the host galaxy, for which we derive a stellar mass M_* \approx 2.3 \times 10^{11} M_\odot. Our kinematic analysis shows that the ionized gas is perturbed almost exclusively in the inner region between the radio structures, probably as a consequence of jet–gas interactions, whereas in the outer regions the ionized gas appears more quiescent. The detection of extended emission in C iv and C iii indicates that the gas within the nebula is not primordial. Feedback may have enriched the halo at at least 50 kpc from the nuclear region. Using rest-frame UV emission-line diagnostics, we find that the gas in the nebula is likely heated by the AGN. Nevertheless, at the center of the nebula we find extreme emission line ratios of Lyα/C iv \sim 60 and Lyα/He ii \sim 80, one of the highest values measured to date, and well above the standard values of photoionization models (Lyα/He ii \sim 30 for case B photoionization). Our data suggest that jet-induced shocks are likely responsible for the increase of the electron temperature and, thus, the observed Lyα enhancement in the center of the nebula. This scenario is further supported by the presence of radio structures and perturbed kinematics in this region. The large Lyα luminosity in HLock01-LAB is likely due to a combination of AGN photoionization and jet-induced shocks, highlighting the diversity of sources of energy powering Lyα nebulae. Future follow-up observations of HLock01-LAB will help to reveal the finer details of the excitation conditions of the gas induced by jets and to investigate the underlying cooling and feedback processes in this unique object.

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1. Introduction

Extended regions of Lyα emission were initially discovered around high-redshift powerful radio sources (Chambers et al. 1990; Heckman et al. 1991a,b). Later on, dedicated narrow-band imaging surveys discovered similar Lyα nebulae in overdense regions with no clear association to radio galaxies, also referred to as Lyα blobs (LABs, e.g., Francis et al. 1996; Fynbo et al. 1999; Keel et al. 1999; Steidel et al. 2000).

These spectacular objects are characterized by large Lyα luminosities (~10^{43–44} erg s^{-1}) with sizes of up to hundreds of kiloparsecs (e.g., Matsuda et al. 2004) or more (Cantalupo et al. 2014; Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2018, 2019; Cai et al. 2018). Lyα nebulae have been found associated with a diverse population of galaxies, such as powerful high-z radio galaxies (HzRGs; e.g.,
Chambers et al. 1990; Kurk et al. 2002; Reuland et al. 2003; Villar-Martín et al. 2003, 2007a; Venemans et al. 2007), quasi stellar objects (QSOs; e.g., Heckman et al. 1991a,b; Bunker et al. 2003; Weidinger et al. 2004; Christensen et al. 2006; Cantalupo et al. 2014; Borissova et al. 2016; Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2018), Lyman-break galaxies (LBGs; e.g., Matsuda et al. 2004), and submillimeter galaxies (SMGs; e.g., Ivison et al. 1998; Chapman et al. 2001; Geach et al. 2005, 2014; Matsuda et al. 2007; Oteo et al. 2018; Li et al. 2019). Many others have been found without any clear galactic counterpart (e.g., Nilsson et al. 2006), although deep data have revealed that the majority of them are associated with highly obscured active galactic nuclei (type-II AGNs; e.g., Dey et al. 2005; Geach et al. 2009; Bridge et al. 2013; Overzier et al. 2013; Hennawi et al. 2015; Ao et al. 2017). These extended regions of Lyα emission are expected to occupy the densest dark matter regions of the Universe, tracing large-scale mass overdensities (e.g., Steidel et al. 2000; Matsuda et al. 2004; Prescott et al. 2008; Saito et al. 2015; Cai et al. 2017).

There are several possible explanations for the origin of circumgalactic Lyα emission. These include the photoionization radiation from strong ultra-violet (UV) ionizing sources (e.g., Cantalupo et al. 2005; Geach et al. 2009; Kollmeier et al. 2010), radiation from shock-heated gas powered by relativistic winds or jets (e.g., Taniguchi & Shioya 2000; Allen et al. 2008), resonant scattering of Lyα (e.g., Villar-Martín et al. 1996; Hayes et al. 2011; Cantalupo et al. 2014), or cooling radiation when the gas falls towards galaxies (e.g., Fardal et al. 2001; Dijkstra & Loeb 2009). However, investigating the physical process powering the emission in these Lyα nebulae is challenging, in particular if only the Lyα line is available.

Although typically less luminous than Lyα, the detection of other UV emission lines, such as N V 1238,1240 Å, C IV 1548,1550 Å, He II 1640 Å, or C III] 1906,1908 Å (hereafter N V, C IV, He II, and C III], respectively) among others, may provide key information on the properties of the gas and help in elucidating the main physical process powering these nebulae (e.g., Villar-Martín et al. 1997, 2007a; Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2015a,b; Feltre et al. 2016; Nakajima et al. 2018a; Humphrey et al. 2019). For example, He II is a nonresonant (and recombination) line and it is possible to test whether or not Lyα photons are being resonantly scattered by comparing the morphology and kinematics of both He II and Lyα extended emission. In addition, the C III] and C IV metallic lines can be used to constrain the size at which the halo is metal-enriched, and to investigate the intensity and hardness of the ionizing sources. Extended emission in these lines has been detected on scales up to 100 kpc in some HzRGs, showing relatively high surface brightness with perturbed kinematics (full width at half maximum, FWHM > 1000 km s^{-1}) confined by (and aligned with) the radio structures, as further evidence for jet-gas interactions (e.g., Villar-Martín et al. 2003; Humphrey et al. 2006; Morais et al. 2017). However, these lines appear to be very faint and difficult to observe in Lyα nebulae associated with sources other than HzRGs (e.g., Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2015b; Borissova et al. 2016), with only a few detections reported so far (e.g., Dey et al. 2005; Prescott et al. 2009, 2013; Caminha et al. 2016; Cai et al. 2017; Cantalupo et al. 2019; Marino et al. 2019).

In this paper, we present the discovery and first characterization of the observed emission line properties and the interpretation using photoionization and shock models of a new Lyα nebula at z = 3.3, referred to as HLock01-LAB hereafter. The nebula is powered by a central AGN with two faint and compact radio structures, yet it is one of the most luminous Lyα nebulae known, in contrast with the general idea that Lyα halos around powerful HzRGs show statistically larger Lyα luminosities with respect to fainter HzRGs (e.g., Heckman et al. 1991a; Miley et al. 2006; Saxena et al. 2019). HLock01-LAB shows extended emission over ~100 kpc in the Lyα, C IV, and He II lines, and presents one of the highest values of Lyα/C IV and Lyα/He II measured to date. It is located close in projection (~15°), but is physically unrelated to the strong gravitationally lensed Herschel galaxy HLock01 at z ∼ 2.96 already discussed in several works (Conley et al. 2011; Riechers et al. 2011; Gavazzi et al. 2011; Scott et al. 2011; Bussmann et al. 2013; Calanog et al. 2014; Marques-Chaves et al. 2018; Rigopoulou et al. 2018).

The paper is structured as follows. The discovery and follow-up observations are presented in Sect. 2. The analysis and discussion of imaging and spectroscopic data are presented in Sect. 3. In Sect. 4 we compare the properties of HLock01-LAB with those from other Lyα nebulae, and finally in Sect. 5 we present the summary of our main findings. Throughout this work, a cosmology with Ωm = 0.274, ΩΛ = 0.726, and H_o = 70 km s^{-1} Mpc^{-1} is adopted. At z ∼ 3.3, 1′′ corresponds to 7.66 kpc. All quoted magnitudes are in the AB system.

2. Discovery and follow-up observations

2.1. Serendipitous discovery

In Marques-Chaves et al. (2018) we reported the serendipitous detection of a bright asymmetric line at λ 5264 Å close to the strong gravitationally lensed system HLock01 (z ∼ 2.96), consistent with Lyα emission at z ∼ 3.3. The Lyα line was detected in different spatial positions >15′′ SW of HLock01 (see Fig. 1) in two long-slit spectroscopic observations with the Gran Telescopio Canarias (GTC). The approximate locations of the peaks of the Lyα emission found in both long-slit spectra (slit #1 and #2 in Fig. 1) are spatially separated by ∼2″. The total Lyα flux within the two slits is ∼1.8 × 10^{-15} erg s^{-1} cm^{-2}, which corresponds to a Lyα luminosity of ∼1.9 × 10^{44} erg s^{-1} at z = 3.33 (no extinction correction has been applied). The observed Lyα luminosity is much higher (40 × 10^{43} erg s^{-1}) than those found in typical Lyα emitting galaxies (LAEs) at similar redshifts (L_{Lyα} ∼ 5 × 10^{42} erg s^{-1}, e.g., Ouchi et al. 2008; Sobral et al. 2017) or in other exceptionally luminous LAEs (e.g., Ouchi et al. 2009; Sobral et al. 2015, 2018; Marques-Chaves et al. 2017). Together these observations suggest that the Lyα emission comes from a more extended region, similar to what is found in high-z Lyα nebulae around AGNs.

2.2. Lyα imaging with medium-band SHARDS filters

To understand the origin of the Lyα emission, we use the GTC Optical System for Imaging and low-Intermediate Resolution Integrated Spectroscopy instrument (OSIRIS)\(^1\) to obtain deep imaging of the Lyα emission. OSIRIS has a field of view of 7.8′ × 8.5′ with a plate scale of 0.254″ pixel^{-1}. We use the SHARDS (Pérez-González et al. 2013)\(^2\) medium-band filter U534/17, centered at λ_{cen} = 5300 Å, with FWHM ≈ 177 Å (see the transmission curve in the lower panel of Fig. 1). Additional observations with the consecutive medium-band filter, U551/17 (λ_{cen} = 5500 Å, FWHM ≈ 138 Å) were obtained to perform the continuum subtraction. These observations were obtained in service mode in 2017 April 24 in dark conditions as part of the GTC program GTC61-17A (PI: Marques-Chaves). The total exposure times were 3000 and 3750 s for U534/17 and U551/17, respectively, split into ten individual exposures of 300 and 375 s, respectively, adopting a 5″ dither pattern. Individual

\(^1\) http://www.gtc.iac.es/instruments/osiris/
\(^2\) https://guaix.fis.ucm.es/~pgperez/SHARDS/
conditions (≃ in service mode in 2017 May 19 under sub-arsecond seeing HLock01-LAB were also obtained. These were carried out Additional GTC/2.3. Long-slit spectroscopic observations SHARDS medium-band images in the region of HLock01-LAB. to measure the total Lyα flux of the nebula. Figure 2 shows SHARDS medium-band U534/17 images are 25.6 and 25.4 AB (5′′FWHM) of point sources, respectively. As shown later in Sect. 3.1, the SHARDS medium-band U534/17 images probe only the highest surface brightness regions of Lyα. Therefore, we instead use the 5′′-wide long-slit spectroscopic observations to measure the total Lyα flux of the nebula. Figure 2 shows SHARDS medium-band images in the region of HLock01-LAB.

2.3. Long-slit spectroscopic observations Additional GTC/OSIRIS spectroscopic observations of HLock01-LAB were also obtained. These were carried out in service mode in 2017 May 19 under sub-arsecond seeing conditions (≃0.7′′−0.9′′ FWHM). We used a 1.5′′-wide long slit centered on a bright reference star ≃40′′ SE and oriented so as to encompass the brightest region of the Lyα emission. The long slit was aligned along the major axis of the nebula as measured from the Lyα image at a sky position angle PA = 110° (measured north to east; see Fig. 3). The GTC grism R1000R was used, providing a spectral resolution of ≃650−500 km s$^{-1}$ within the wavelength range of 5100−10000 Å, respectively. The total exposure time was 4650 s, split into six individual exposures of 760 s each. In addition, we obtained another spectrum with a wider long-slit (5.0′′-wide), in an attempt to measure and calibrate the total flux of the Lyα emission. As shown in the left panel of Fig. 3, we do not expect considerable slit losses using the wide long-slit. The data were processed with standard IRAF tasks. Both 1D spectra were extracted and corrected for the instrumental response using observations of the standard stars G191-B2B and GD 153. Atmospheric extinction and air mass have been taken into account in this correction.

2.4. Ancillary data Since this object lies very close to the HLock01 system, we use the ancillary data available in this field that were already discussed in other works (Conley et al. 2011; Riechers et al. 2011; Bussmann et al. 2013; Wardlow et al. 2013; Marques-Chaves et al. 2018). These consist of optical imaging from OSIRIS/GTC (g-band), MEGACAM (r-band) on the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope (CFHT), Supreme-Cam (I-band) on the Subaru Telescope, and near-infrared (NIR) imaging from Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Wide Field Camera 3 F110W (1.1 µm), and LIRIS $K_s$ filter at 2.2 µm on the William Herschel Telescope (WHT). We also use mid-IR (MIR) Spitzer IRAC and MIPS images and catalogs from the Spitzer Extragalactic Representative Volume Survey (SEVRS; Mauduit et al. 2012) and the Spitzer Wide-Area InfraRed Extragalactic survey (SWIRE; Lonsdale et al. 2003). Data from the Submillimeter Array (SMA) at 880 µm and the Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-wave Astronomy (CARMA) at 3300 µm are also available, but no positive flux is detected at the position of HLock01-LAB at 5σ confidence levels of 4.1 and 0.8 mJy, respectively. In addition, radio data from the Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array (VLA) at 1.4 GHz (with beamsize of =1.1′′ and rms = 0.03 mJy and 0.116±0.03 mJy). Finally, this region has been imaged in the X-ray by Chandra with a total integration time of 4.7 ks. However, HLock01-LAB is located near the edge of the field-of-view, and it is not detected with an X-ray flux limit of 8 × 10$^{-15}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ (0.5–7.0 keV), corresponding to a luminosity limit of 4.6 × 10$^{42}$ erg s$^{-1}$ at $z = 3.3$ (considering a photon index $\Gamma = 1.7$).

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Projected size and luminosity of the nebula Figure 2 shows the images of HLock01-LAB in the SHARDS medium-band filters, U534/17 and U551/17 with $\lambda_{\text{cent}} \approx 5300$ and 5500 Å, respectively. These images probe the Lyα + continuum emission and only continuum emission redward of Lyα, respectively. The only source in the observed field with a significant excess in the U534/17 image is HLock01-LAB due to the strong Lyα emission (see Fig. 2).

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The continuum subtracted Lyα image is obtained by estimating and subtracting the continuum emission underlying the U534/17 filter. To do so, we use the continuum emission of HLock01-LAB in the U551/17 filter and assume conservatively a flat UV continuum slope of $\beta = -2$. Even assuming a redder UV slope (e.g., $\beta = -1$), the differences in the continuum emission in U534/17 and U551/17 filters would be negligible ($\Delta m \approx 0.03$ mag), given the small spectral separation of both medium-band filters: $\approx 170$ Å. We subtracted the flux-matched images after projecting both onto a common world coordinate system. We did not match the point-spread functions (PSFs) given that all data were obtained consecutively with similar seeing conditions ($\approx 0.9''$ FWHM). In order to accentuate the faintest levels of the extended Lyα emission, we smoothed the resulting continuum-subtracted image using a Gaussian kernel with $\sigma = 1''$. The Lyα nebula (upper right panel in Fig. 2) shows an elongated morphology with an orientation of $\approx 110^\circ$ (measured north to east) and extends over $\approx 11''$ (or $\approx 85$ kpc at $z = 3.33$) within the 3σ detection limit.

The OSIRIS spectrum shows Lyα emission detected over a significantly larger region, about $15''$, which at $z = 3.3$ corresponds to $\approx 110$ kpc. The observed Lyα extension should however be regarded as a lower limit, since the total throughput of OSIRIS and the R1000R grism is $\approx 7\%$ at $\approx 5250$ Å. The sensitivity level of the GTC spectrum in the studied spectral range is $\approx 6 \times 10^{-18}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ (1σ) over a $1.5'' \times 1.5''$ aperture, corresponding roughly to a surface brightness sensitivity flux of $SB = 3 \times 10^{-18}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ arcsec$^{-2}$. This detection limit is insufficient to detect, if present, fainter levels of the Lyα surface brightness at larger scales, similar to those found over $\approx 200$ kpc around high-$z$ QSOs and type-II AGNs using very deep integral field unit spectroscopic observations (reaching much deeper flux limits, SB $\approx (0.2-1.0) \times 10^{-18}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ arcsec$^{-2}$; e.g., Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2018, 2019; Cai et al. 2018).

In Fig. 3 we show 2D GTC spectra encompassing the region of the Lyα emission, as well as CIV, and HeII. Here, CIV appears to have the same extension as Lyα, although much fainter, whereas HeII emission is highly asymmetric with emission being detected preferentially on the NW side up to a similar extension as CIV and Lyα (although HeII is also detected at $\approx 5''$ SW of source A, in the spatial region labeled “C” in Fig. 3). Emission in CIII] is also detected over the central $\approx 40$ kpc of the nebula, but with very low significance ($<3\sigma$). The detection of Lyα and CIV with similar extensions as HeII, at least on the NW side of the nebula, suggests that both are emitted by ionized gas and that resonant scattering plays no significant role on the observed sizes. It is also probable that extended HeII emission is also present on the SE side as well (note that HeII is barely detected in region C on the SE side of the nebula), but with surface brightness levels below our detection limits. We note that Lyα scattering is produced by neutral hydrogen, while highly ionized gas is needed to scatter CIV.

Turning to the total Lyα luminosity, since the SHARDS medium-band filter only probes the highest surface brightness...
regions, we use the wide (5'', displayed with green dashed lines in Fig. 3) GTC long-slit spectrum to measure the total Lyα flux. Using a large aperture of 15'' along the spatial direction we measure a total Lyα flux $F_{\text{Ly}\alpha} = (6.04 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-15}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$, which at $z = 3.3$ corresponds to a luminosity $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha} = (6.41 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{44}$ erg s$^{-1}$ (without any dust correction).

It is worth noting that HL0ck01-LAB is located close in projection (~15'' SW) to the gravitationally lensed system HL0ck01 at $z = 2.96$ (Conley et al. 2011; Gavazzi et al. 2011; Riechers et al. 2011). HL0ck01 is magnified by a group of galaxies with spectroscopic redshifts of $z = 0.64$ (Marques-Chaves et al. 2018). However, at ~15'' of the main deflecting galaxy (labeled "G1" in Gavazzi et al. 2011 and Marques-Chaves et al. 2018), we do not expect a large magnification on the observable fluxes in the region of the nebula. Using the lens model presented in Marques-Chaves et al. (2018) and taking into consideration its degeneracy due to the large distance to the main deflector, we estimate an upper limit on the magnification of $\mu \lesssim 1.5$ in the region of HL0ck01-LAB. Even assuming $\mu = 1.5$, the intrinsic (de-magnified) properties of HL0ck01-LAB (the corrected Lyα luminosity and size would be respectively $4.3 \times 10^{44}$ erg s$^{-1}$ and $\sim 90$ kpc) do not change the main results of this work. Furthermore, we do not expect any differential magnification that would change the emission line ratios or equivalent widths of the lines.

3.2. The central galaxy “A”

The deep Subaru I-band image (~1800 Å rest-frame at $z = 3.3$) shows several faint sources (>$23$ AB) embedded in the Lyα 3σ detection limit emission (Fig. 3). In particular, the peak of the Lyα emission lies very close to (0.6'' $\pm$ 0.3'', or 4.6 $\pm$ 2.3 kpc at $z = 3.3$), but not coincident with, the source labeled “A” in Fig. 3. Although not shown here, a similar spatial offset of source A is seen between I- and g-band images likely due to the strong contribution of the Lyα emission in the latter (see Fig. 5). Faint emission is also revealed by VLA 1.4 GHz data on both sides of source A. The symmetry of the radio components with respect to source A suggests that these could be radio jets or lobes associated with galaxy A, although a different configuration composed of two interacting AGNs (radio sources) with some leakage restframe UV light (source A) cannot be ruled out with the available data (e.g., Ivison et al. 2007; Rujopakarn et al. 2016; Stach et al. 2019). The scenario with two radio jets associated with A is nevertheless favored by the detection of relatively bright extended emission in metal lines in the nebula (e.g., CIV) with perturbed kinematics within the radio structures (see Sect. 3.3), similar to what is found in other HzRGs at similar redshifts (e.g., Villar-Martín et al. 2003; Humphrey et al. 2006).

Source A is compact, but slightly resolved in the E-W direction in the Subaru image and in the higher-spatial-resolution HST image. A radial profile fitting of source A in the HST image yields a $FWHM \approx 0.4''$ or $\approx 3$ kpc at $z = 3.3$, after correcting it for the intrinsic PSF measured using several stars in the field. The resolved spatial structure is also evident in the GTC spectrum (see left panel of Fig. 4).

3.2.1. Emission lines and systemic redshift

We extract the OSIRIS 1D spectrum of source A (from the 1.5''-wide long slit) using a small aperture of 6 pixels in the spatial direction ($\simeq 1.5''$, see Fig. 3). Figure 4 shows the 1D spectrum of source A. A strong and relatively broad Lyα emission can be seen with an observed flux $F_{\text{Ly}\alpha}^{\text{obs}} = (17.81 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-16}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ and a $FWHM = 1400 \pm 150$ km s$^{-1}$, after...
accounting for the instrumental broadening (∼650 km s\(^{-1}\)), and a very faint rest-frame UV continuum.

We detect other emission lines, including C\textsc{iv}, H\textsc{ii}, and C\textsc{iii}, although more weakly than the Ly\textsc{a} line. By fitting a single Gaussian model to the line profiles, we measure fluxes of \(F_{\text{Ly}\alpha}\) = \((2.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-17}\), \(F_{\text{He}\, \text{ii}}\) = \((2.4 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-17}\), and \(F_{\text{C}\, \text{iii}}\) = \((0.9 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-17}\) erg s\(^{-1}\) cm\(^{-2}\). Errors refer to 1\(\sigma\) uncertainties, estimated by independently perturbing each spectrum 1000 times using the uncertainty of the flux of each spectral element.

Similar to Ly\textsc{a}, C\textsc{iv} and H\textsc{ii} emission lines present relatively broad spectral profiles with FWHM = \((960 \pm 160)\) and \((1200 \pm 300)\) km s\(^{-1}\), respectively (all values already corrected for instrumental broadening). Despite the low significance of the detection \(-3\) to \(-7\(\sigma\)), the measured FWHMs are too broad to be consistent with systemic rotation. On the other hand, the C\textsc{iii} doublet emission appears spectrally unresolved, although we note that its red emission wing is highly affected by sky-subtracted residuals (see right panel of Fig. 4) making the measurement of its FWHM unreliable. Nevertheless, given the line FWHMs (<1500 km s\(^{-1}\)) and the weak continuum emission, source A can be classified as a type-II AGN (e.g., Zakamska et al. 2003; Alexandroff et al. 2013). See Sect. 3.4 for a more detailed study of the physical conditions of the ionized gas.

The redshift of source A is determined from the central wavelength of a Gaussian fit to the nonresonant H\textsc{ii} emission line. This yields the systemic redshift \(z_A = 3.326 \pm 0.002\). The spectrum does not show emission in N\textsc{v} 1238,1242 Å (within a 3\(\sigma\) limit of \(2.2 \times 10^{-17}\) erg s\(^{-1}\) cm\(^{-2}\)). We find that the Ly\textsc{a} emission from source A contributes approximately 50\% of the total emission of the nebula.

### 3.2.2. Photometry and multi-wavelength analysis

In this section we present the photometry of source A using the broadband imaging data. These measurements are summarized in Table 1. We use aperture photometry in the GTC g, Subaru I, HST WFC3 F110W, and WHT \(K_s\) bands. To do so, we measure the flux in an aperture with a diameter of 2.5\(\times\) the PSF FWHM of each image. For \(R\) band, we use the photometry from the corresponding CFHT/MEGACAM catalog downloaded from the Canadian Astronomical Data Centre (CADC\(^5\)). For the Spitzer IRAC bands, we use the 3.6\(\mu\) aperture photometry provided by the Spitzer Enhanced Imaging Products (SEIP) catalog\(^6\), which includes catalogs from deep-imaging data in the two first IRAC bands (3.6 and 4.5\(\mu\)m) from the Spitzer Extragalactic Representative Volume Survey (SERVS: Mauduit et al. 2012), and shallower IRAC (5.8 and 8.0\(\mu\)m) and MIPS (24\(\mu\)m) imaging from the Spitzer Wide-Area InfraRed Extragalactic survey data (SWIRE: Lonsdale et al. 2003). However, source A is not detected in the IRAC 8.0\(\mu\)m and MIPS 24\(\mu\)m bands, which correspond to upper limits of 38 and 118\(\mu\)Jy (5\(\sigma\) confidence level), respectively.

To investigate the contribution of an AGN in the SED of source A, we use the multi-component SED fitting tool SED\(^3\)FT (Berta et al. 2013). This code is based on the da Cunha et al. (2008) MAGPHYS code and employs the combination of stellar emission, dust emission from star-forming regions, and emission from a type-II AGN (AGN torus libraries from an updated version of the Fritz et al. 2006 models by Feltre et al. 2012; see also: Gruppioni et al. 2016; Delvecchio et al. 2017, 2018). The fit uses optical \(R\) and \(I\), NIR F110W and \(K_s\), and MIR Spitzer 3.6, 4.5, and 5.8\(\mu\)m flux measurements, along with the detection limits of IRAC 8\(\mu\)m, MIPS 24\(\mu\)m, and SMA 880\(\mu\)m images. We

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Table 1. Photometry of source A.

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exclude the photometry of the GTC γ band in the fit, given the large contribution of the Lyα emission (see Fig. 5). At z = 3.326, Hβ 4862 Å and [O III] 4960,5008 Å are redshifted to the K band. However, in this case, we do use the Ks flux measurement in the fit, as we do not expect a large contribution of these rest-frame optical lines in the photometry (≈0.04 mag, assuming typical line ratios of Hβ/C IV ≃ 0.5 and [O III]/C IV ≃ 4.4 found in other HzRGs Humphrey et al. 2008).

Stellar population synthesis models of Bruzual & Charlot (2003), the Chabrier (2003) initial mass function, and an exponentially declining star formation history (i.e., sec−1/τ) are assumed.

The best-fit model ($q^2 = 2.3$) shown in Fig. 5 gives a small AGN contribution (≈10%) to the total light emission of source A between 8 and 1000 µm (rest-frame). We derive a stellar mass of source A as log($M_*/M_\odot$) = 11.37 ± 0.09 with age log(age_{yr}^{-1}) = 8.6 ± 0.2, metallicity $Z/Z_\odot$ = 1.09, and dust attenuation $A_V$ = 0.55 ± 0.25 mag. Similar to the host galaxies of powerful radio sources, source A is extremely massive (e.g., Rocca-Volmerange et al. 2004; Seymour et al. 2007). The SFR is found to be 50$^{−100}_{100}$ $M_\odot$ yr^{-1}.

On the other hand, the properties of the AGN component are much less constrained due to the lack of deep NIR data (see Berta et al. 2013). Nevertheless, the best-fit model gives an IR luminosity (measured from the rest-frame 8–1000 µm) for the AGN component $L_{IR}^{AGN}$ ≃ 3 × 10^{10} L_\odot$.


3.2.3. Far-infrared and radio emission

Deep VLA 1.4 GHz data with ≃1.1′′ resolution (see: Wardlow et al. 2013; Marques-Chaves et al. 2018) show faint emission on both sides of source A with similar intensities, suggestive of radio jets or lobes (red contours in Figs. 2 and 3). The radio components show flux densities $S_{1.4GHz}$ = 0.151 ± 0.03 mJy and $S_{1.1GHz}$ = 0.116 ± 0.03 mJy for the west and east counterparts, respectively. At the position of HLock01-LAB, we do not detect any emission in the SMA 880 µm image at a significance level 5σ = 4.1 mJy. Following Magnelli et al. (2015), we use the empirical FIR/radio correlation to study the radio excess in HLock01-LAB. The $q_{FIR}$ parameter is defined as

$$q_{FIR} = \log \left( \frac{L_{FIR}[W]}{3.75 \times 10^{42}} \right) - \log(L_{1.4GHz}[W \ Hz^{-1}]),$$

where $L_{FIR}$ is the integrated luminosity from the rest-frame 42–122 µm, and $L_{1.4GHz}$ is the rest-frame 1.4 GHz radio luminosity.


3.3. Kinematics of the ionized gas

Despite the low spectral resolution of the R1000R grism, the visual inspection of the 2D spectra reveals variations on the kinematics of the gas along, and well beyond the radio structures. Figure 6 shows the spatial distribution of the normalized flux along the slit of Lyα, C IV, and He II (the continuum has been subtracted in all lines). It is worth noting that Lyα emission drops sharply where both C IV and He II reach their maximum, at approximately 2′′ NW of source A (knot B).

In order to study the kinematics of the Lyα emission, one-dimensional spectra were extracted from different apertures along the slit with sizes of 3 pixels each (corresponding to ≃0.76″) and the Lyα lines were fitted with Gaussian profiles. FWHM and velocities of Lyα line are also shown in Fig. 6. Values of FWHM have been corrected for the instrumental broadening (≃650 km s^{-1}).

Perturbed kinematics, that is $FWHM \gtrsim 1000$ km s^{-1}, are detected preferentially in the inner region between the two radio components (red dashed lines in Fig. 6), and reach a maximum $FWHM = 1400$ km s^{-1} around source A (black dashed line). We are confident that these results are solid, and not dependent on slit effects (see Sect. 2.3). On the one hand, the giant nebula probably fills the slit (see Fig. 3), and therefore the kinematics of

7 This corresponds to $L_{FIR} < 4.0 \times 10^{12} L_\odot$ integrated from 8–1000 µm in the rest-frame, implying an upper limit of SFR < 690 $M_\odot$ yr^{-1} following Kennicutt (1998).

8 The C IV and He II extended emission presents low S/N, thus we do not investigate their kinematics.
the large scale gas beyond the radio structures are not affected by slit effects. The Lyα emission associated with galaxy A is more compact, but slit effects would not affect our conclusions, since the dominant source of line broadening is kinematic rather than instrumental. On the other hand, accounting for slit effects would result if anything, in slightly broader lines within the radio structures (Villar-Martín et al. 2000). In addition to the perturbed kinematics, the Lyα line presents high surface brightness within the radio components (∼10^{-16} erg s^{-1} cm^{-2} arcsec^{-2}). Both the perturbed kinematics and the high surface brightness highly suggest a strong interaction between the radio jets or lobes and the surrounding gas, as seen in other Lyα nebulae. The large scale gas beyond the radio structures are not a factor, although the higher-spectral-resolution data used in the analysis of HLock01 in Marques-Chaves et al. (2018) show that the blue wing of the Lyα emission ∼2″ SW of source A is heavily absorbed (see Fig. 1^9). Nevertheless, this effect is not supposed to change our conclusions regarding the striking differences between the gas kinematics within (turbulent) and outside (more quiescent) the radio structures, since the extended halo is not expected to be so severely affected by absorption as the central region.

3.4. Line diagnostics in the nebula

3.4.1. AGN versus star formation

To gain insight into the physical conditions of the ionized gas traced by C IV, He II, and C III nebular emission, we use rest-frame UV emission-line diagnostics to identify the source of photoionization. Following Nakajima et al. (2018a), the line ratios of C IV/C III] (C4C3) and (C III]+C IV)/He II (C34) can be used to distinguish star-forming galaxies from AGNs (see also Feltre et al. 2016). These photoionization models were constructed using a grid with ionizing parameter (log U) ranging from −3.5 to −0.5, along with different gas properties of metallicity ([Z/Z⊙] ranging from 10^{-4} to 5.0) and density (n ∼ 10−10 cm^{-3}). They are therefore also valid for distant nongalaxy regions, where the gas is expected to be much more diluted.

In addition to the spectrum of source A, we extract 1D spectra from other regions of the nebula. These include the region encompassing the radio emission (core), the NW and SE extended regions of the nebula (NW and SE halos, respectively), and additional knots B and C where C IV and He II fluxes are relatively large. The location and size of these apertures are shown in Fig. 3, as well as in Table 2.

Fig. 7. Positions of several components of HLock01-LAB in the diagram of C4C3 vs. C34 proposed by Nakajima et al. (2018a). The line ratios of C IV/C III] (C4C3) and (C III]+C IV)/He II (C34) clearly show that the gas is excited by an AGN and not by star formation.

\textsuperscript{9} The red wing of the Lyα emission also shows an absorption line at ∼5281Å, likely associated with C III 1334Å of the z = 2.957 SMG HLock01 (Marques-Chaves et al. 2018).
Table 2. Lyα fluxes and emission-line ratios of HLock01-LAB.

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Aperture (&quot;)</th>
<th>$F$ (Lyα) (10^{-17} erg s^{-1} cm^{-2})</th>
<th>FWHM (Lyα) (km s^{-1})</th>
<th>Lyα/N V</th>
<th>Lyα/C IV</th>
<th>Lyα/He II</th>
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<tr>
<td>Source A</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>178.1 ± 1.1</td>
<td>1400 ± 150</td>
<td>&gt;80</td>
<td>64 ± 10</td>
<td>75 ± 20</td>
<td>200 ± 80</td>
<td>1.2 ± 0.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Core</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>238.2 ± 1.3</td>
<td>1300 ± 150</td>
<td>&gt;87</td>
<td>40 ± 4</td>
<td>82 ± 33</td>
<td>174 ± 110</td>
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<td>knot B</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>22.6 ± 0.7</td>
<td>750 ± 200</td>
<td>&gt;10</td>
<td>5.7 ± 0.6</td>
<td>13 ± 3</td>
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<td>knot C</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>5.3 ± 0.4</td>
<td>&lt;650</td>
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<td>4.0 ± 0.9</td>
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<td>2.1 ± 1.4</td>
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<td>NW halo</td>
<td>5.1</td>
<td>23 ± 1.3</td>
<td>&lt;650</td>
<td>&gt;5</td>
<td>6 ± 2</td>
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<td>SE halo</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>35.6 ± 0.9</td>
<td>650 ± 200</td>
<td>&gt;12</td>
<td>10 ± 2</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>16.3</td>
<td>385 ± 5</td>
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Notes. Lower limits refer to 3σ assuming a FWHM = 1000 km s^{-1}.

In addition, we also use the rest-frame equivalent widths (EW_0) of C IV and C III combined with the line ratios of C IV/He II and C III/He II to disentangle AGN from star-formation activity as proposed by Nakajima et al. (2018b; see also Hirschmann et al. 2019). From the spectrum of source A (where the continuum emission is detected) we measure EW_0(C IV) = 20 ± 9 and EW_0(C III) = 11 ± 8, and C IV/He II = 1.2 ± 0.4 and C III/He II = 0.4 ± 0.2, indicating that the gas is excited by an AGN.

Concerning the excitation of Lyα in the outer regions of HLock01-LAB, the detection of both C IV and He II over similar extension as Lyα makes resonant scattering of Lyα or cooling radiation from pristine gas unlikely scenarios (see Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2015b).

3.4.2. Extreme Lyα/C IV and Lyα/He II emission line ratios

The inner region (i.e. core and source A) of HLock01-LAB, encompassing the AGN and the radio structures, shows extremely large emission line ratios of Lyα/C IV and Lyα/He II, up to 64±10 and 82±33, respectively (see Table 2). Quasars, radio galaxies, and type-II AGNs at similar redshifts show significantly lower values (Fig. 8). Lyα is enhanced both relative to other emission lines and in absolute terms. For comparison, HzRGs, which host more powerful AGNs, have similar Lyα luminosities.

Models of AGN photoionization covering a broad range of gas densities, metallicities, and ionization parameters predict Lyα/He II ≲ 30 (Villar-Martín et al. 2007a), unless a combination of very low metallicities (Z/Z⊙ ≤ 0.1) and low ionization parameter values (log U < 10^{-4}) are considered (see also Humphrey et al. 2019). These models would result in C IV/He II ≲ 1, which is inconsistent with the measured values (1.2–2.1, see Table 2).

The density in the central region is probably significantly higher than that in the very extended nebula, where the gas is expected to by much more diluted. Indeed, a broad range of densities is possible in the Narrow Line Region of AGNs (n ≈ 100–10^4 cm^{-3}, e.g., Osterbrock 1989). However, high densities cannot explain the strong Lyα emission relative to other lines. Even in the most extreme case (n = 10^6 cm^{-3}), models predict Lyα/He II ≈ 30 (see Fig. 3 in Villar-Martín et al. 2007a). On the other hand, the same models predict Lyα/C IV ≲ 10 and C IV/He I ≳ 3, which are in contradiction with the observed ratios in the central region of HLock01-LAB (see Table 2).

This suggests that changing the gas properties such as density or metallicity cannot explain the Lyα enhancement. Instead, excitation mechanisms rather than pure AGN photoionization have to be taken into account.

The addition of stellar photoionization to the effects of the AGN would result in a softer ionizing continuum that would enhance the Lyα luminosity and its ratios relative to C IV and He II (Villar-Martín et al. 2007a). This process, however, cannot explain HLock01-LAB. Using Kennicutt (1998) calibration, the inferred SFR ≲ 50 M⊙ yr^{-1} (Sect. 3.2.2) would result in L_{Lyα} ≲ 5.5 × 10^4 erg s^{-1} (assuming case B Lyα/Hα = 8.7, Valls-Gabaud 1993), provided that Lyα is not quenched by dust. Therefore, even in the most favorable conditions, star formation could account for less than 10% of the total line luminosity.

Lyα collisional excitation is a more promising possibility. For this to happen, the electrons in the ground level of hydrogen must be excited by electrons with kT ≥ 10.2 eV, and electron temperatures T ≥ 1.2 × 10^5 K are therefore necessary. The effect of collisional excitations upwards from the n = 1 levels of H can have a dominant effect in astrophysical shocks (Raga et al. 2015). As explained by these authors, immediately after the shock, one has a high temperature region (of ~10^5 K for a 100 km s^{-1} shock) in which H can be partially neutral, though rapidly becoming collisionally ionized. In this region, H I → n collisional excitations dominate over the recombinations to the excited levels (see also Raymond 1979).

The fact that the large Lyα/C IV and Lyα/He II ratios are seen only in the region encompassing the radio structures where perturbed kinematics are also found (see Sect. 3.3) strongly supports that jet-induced shocks are contributing to the enhancement of Lyα. To investigate this, we use the shock models presented already by Arrigoni Battaia et al. (2015b). These models are based on libraries of radiative shock models using the code MAPPING III (Allen et al. 2008)\(^\text{10}\), and assume solar metallicity gas, a magnetic parameter B/n^{1/2} = 3.23 μG, and a grid with gas densities from 0.01 to 100 cm^{-3} and shock velocities from 100 to 1000 km s^{-1}. The ionizing flux strongly depends on the shock velocity (F_{UV} ≈ ν_0^4), yielding gas temperatures as high as 10^6 K (see Allen et al. 2008). Values of Lyα/C IV ≲ 60 and Lyα/He II ≲ 80 can be reached in models with shock velocities of ~600–800 km s^{-1} and densities of ~100 cm^{-3} (see Fig. 13 of Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2015b). Shock models can also explain the high C IV/C III > 3 observed within the radio structures.

Therefore, shock-heating induced by the radio jets is a natural explanation for the enhanced Lyα emission in the inner region of HLock01-LAB. Deep integral field spectroscopy would be very valuable to investigate this scenario in more depth by mapping the kinematic, ionization, and morphological properties of HLock01-LAB in two spatial dimensions. This study will be presented in a future paper.

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Table 3. Properties of HLock01-LAB.

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<td>z</td>
<td>3.326</td>
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<td>Extension (b)</td>
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<td>–</td>
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<td>L_{Lyα} (b)</td>
<td>6.4 \times 10^{44}</td>
<td>0.1 \times 10^{44}</td>
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<td>L_{AB} (a,b)</td>
<td>&lt;2.3 \times 10^{12}</td>
<td>–</td>
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<tr>
<td>L_{1.4GHz} (b)</td>
<td>2.8 \times 10^{25}</td>
<td>0.4 \times 10^{25}</td>
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<td>M_*(a,b)</td>
<td>2.3 \times 10^{11}</td>
<td>0.7 \times 10^{11}</td>
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Notes. (a) Refers to source A; (b) uncorrected for lensing magnification (μ < 1.5).

4. Comparison with other Lyα nebulae

In this section we compare the properties of HLock01-LAB with those from other Lyα nebulae. A summary of the properties of HLock01-LAB is presented in Table 3.

HLock01-LAB has a total Lyα luminosity L_{Lyα} = (6.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1} extended over ≃ 110 kpc. Even considering a possible lensing magnification (μ ≃ 1.5) from the group of z = 0.64 galaxies at ~15° SW, HLock01-LAB is one of the most luminous nebulae known at high redshift. In Fig. 8 we compare the maximum projected size of Lyα emission and the total luminosity of HLock01-LAB with a compilation of other giant Lyα nebulae associated with QSOs (Cantalupo et al. 2014; Hennawi et al. 2015; Borissova et al. 2016; Cai et al. 2018; Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2018), HzRGs (van Ojik et al. 1997; Reuland et al. 2003; Villar-Martín et al. 2003, 2007b; Venemans et al. 2007), and type-II AGNs (Overzier et al. 2013; Ao et al. 2017; Cai et al. 2017). Lyα halos around powerful radio-galaxies show statistically larger Lyα luminosity and broader kinematics with respect to other radio-quiet systems (e.g., Heckman et al. 1991a; Miley et al. 2006).

As discussed already in Sect. 3, HLock01-LAB shares several of its properties with those found in other HzRGs at similar redshifts. The Lyα morphology probed by the medium-band SHARDS image is apparently aligned with the radio axis, and the gas within the radio structures shows higher surface brightness and very perturbed kinematics. Such properties have also been found in other powerful HzRGs (e.g., McCarthy et al. 1987, 1995; Villar-Martín et al. 2003, 2007b; Morais et al. 2017), and have been interpreted as further evidence of the jet-gas interaction that distorts the morphological and kinematic properties of the surrounding gas (e.g., Villar-Martín et al. 1999; Bicknell et al. 2000; Humphrey et al. 2006). However, despite the general similarities between HLock01-LAB and other giant and luminous Lyα nebulae around powerful HzRGs, there are striking differences that should be discussed.

First of all, the radio emission seen in HLock01-LAB is much weaker (total flux density S_{1.4GHz} = 0.27 \pm 0.04 mJy) than those found in other HzRGs at similar redshifts, showing typically very strong radio emission with flux densities up to hundreds of mJy or more (e.g., Roettgering et al. 1994; van Ojik et al. 1997; De Breuck et al. 2000, 2004). Figure 8 shows the relation between the total radio power and Lyα luminosity of Nebulae associated with HzRGs (van Ojik et al. 1997) and type-II AGNs (Ao et al. 2017). The radio luminosity of HLock01-LAB is much weaker, by more than two orders of magnitude, than in HzRGs harboring luminous nebula. In fact, HLock01-LAB is not detected in the Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty-cm (FIRST) radio catalog (flux density limit of ≃ 0.9 mJy; Becker et al. 1995), highlighting the importance of deep radio data in characterizing the physical mechanisms that power Lyα nebulae (e.g., Ao et al. 2017).

Secondly, extended Lyα emission has been found beyond the radio structures in some HzRGs (e.g., van Ojik et al. 1997; Maxfield et al. 2002; Villar-Martín et al. 2002, 2003; Humphrey et al. 2008), although the relative extension of the ionized gas and the extremities of the radio structures rarely exceed a factor.
of two (with some exceptions e.g., 0943–242 in Villar-Martín et al. 2003, or TN J1338–1942 in Swinbank et al. 2015). In the case of HLock01-LAB, the Lyα emission extends over ∼110 kpc, whereas the radio components are contained within the central ∼8 kpc. Extended emission in metal lines such as C IV (and C III]) is also detected well beyond the radio structures suggesting that the material within the nebula is not primordial. Despite the low surface-brightness limit of our VLA radio data, the detection of metal lines well beyond the radio structures may indicate that the AGN activity (as well as the radio jets) had to be more intense in the past than what we observe today.

Lastly, the emission line ratios of Lyα/C IV and Lyα/He II seen in the inner region of HLock01-LAB (up to ≈64 and ≈82, respectively) are among the highest values measured to date (see also Borisova et al. 2016; Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2018; Shibuya et al. 2018; Cantalupo et al. 2019; Marino et al. 2019), and are much larger than those found in other nebulae around HzRGs (showing typically Lyα/C IV and Lyα/He II around 10, e.g.: Villar-Martín et al. 2007a, see lower panel of Fig. 8). As shown in Sect. 3.4.2, jet-induced shocks can explain relatively well the observed large ratios, further supported by the presence in this region of radio structures and gas with perturbed kinematics. However, it is still unclear why such large ratios are not also seen in other powerful HzRGs with clear signs of jet–gas interactions. A diversity of explanations may apply. Both increasing shock velocities and gas densities result in higher Lyα ratios relative to other emission lines (Allen et al. 2008; Arrigoni Battaia et al. 2015b). The radio source in HLock01-LAB is relatively small in comparison with other HzRGs, where sizes larger than a few tens of kiloparsecs are commonly observed. In these systems, the decelerated radio source may induce slower shocks that in addition propagate in a highly diluted medium well outside the host galaxy. In comparison, the shocks in HLock01-LAB may be propagating through the relatively dense ISM within and near the galaxy. Another relevant aspect is that Lyα is often strongly absorbed in HzRGs, especially in systems with strong signs of jet–gas interactions (van Ojik et al. 1996). As these authors proposed, this could be a consequence of the rich cluster environment they lie in. Although absorption is also present in HLock01-LAB (see Fig. 1 or Marques-Chaves et al. 2018), the main effect on the Lyα profile is to distort the shape of the blue wing although not diminishing its flux noticeably.

5. Summary and conclusions

This paper presents the discovery and first analysis of a luminous Lyα nebula at z = 3.326. HLock01-LAB was discovered close in projection (≈15″ SW), but physically unrelated, to the gravitationally lensed system HLock01 at z = 2.96. We used OSIRIS on the GTC to image the Lyα emission with SHARDS medium-band filters and secure a rest-frame UV spectrum of the nebula, covering several UV emission lines such as Lyα, C IV, He II, and C III]. From the analysis of these data together with other existing observations covering a wide spectral range, we arrive at the following main results:

1. HLock01-LAB has a total Lyα luminosity of _L_ _Lyα_ = (6.4 ± 0.1) × 10^41 erg s^-1, being one of the most luminous nebulae at high redshift. The nebula presents an elongated morphology and extends over ≈110 kpc. Emission in C IV and He II is also detected over a similar extension, but at much fainter flux levels.

2. The peak of the Lyα emission lies very close (≈4.6 kpc) to a central and compact galaxy (source A) whose spectrum shows C IV, He II, and C III] nebular emission characteristic of a type-II AGNs. We used the nonresonant He II line to derive the systemic redshift _z_ = 3.326 ± 0.002.

3. Two faint radio sources are seen on both sides of the central galaxy with a projected separation of ≈15 kpc. The nondetection of a FIR counterpart yields a radio excess _q_ _FIR_ < 0.92, much lower than those values measured in star-forming galaxies. This implies that the radio emission is due to the AGN rather than star formation. Nevertheless, the continuum emission at short wavelengths, from optical to 5.8 μm, is likely dominated by stellar emission of the host galaxy, for which we derive a stellar mass _M_* ≃ 2.3 × 10^11 M_☉_.

4. The ionized gas shows perturbed kinematics almost exclusively in the inner region between the radio structures, with _FWHM_ > 1000 km s^-1, likely as a consequence of jet–gas interactions. In the outer regions of the nebula, the ionized gas presents more quiescent kinematics with line _FWHM_ ≲ 650 km s^-1.

5. Our data suggest jet-induced shocks in addition to AGN photoionization as powering mechanisms of the Lyα emission. For the whole nebula, line ratios using C IV, He II, and C III] emission lines show that the gas is being photoionized by the type-II AGN. However, at the center of the nebula we find extreme line ratios of Lyα/C IV ~ 50 and Lyα/He I ~ 80, one of the highest values measured to date, and well above the standard values of photoionization models. Jet-induced shocks are likely responsible for the Lyα enhancement in the center of the nebula, further supported by the presence of radio structures and perturbed kinematics in this region.

In summary, many of the properties of HLock01-LAB are broadly similar to those found in other nebulae around powerful HzRGs, yet many others have not been seen before. In particular, the large Lyα/C IV and Lyα/He II emission line ratios observed in the inner region of HLock01-LAB, likely as a consequence of the increase of the electronic temperature from jet-induced shocks, have not been seen before in any other nebula with observational evidence of jet–gas interactions, such as those frequently associated with high-redshift radio galaxies. HLock01-LAB therefore offers the opportunity to investigate the excitation conditions of the gas due to high-speed shocks and the underlying cooling and feedback processes. Deep and high-spectral-resolution integral field spectroscopy is needed to investigate the kinematic, ionization, and morphological properties of HLock01-LAB in much more detail.

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