ALMA Observations of Lyman-α Blob 1: Multiple major-mergers and widely distributed interstellar media

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ABSTRACT

We present observations of a giant Lyman-α (Ly α) blob in the SSA22 proto-cluster at z = 3.1, SSA22-LAB1, taken with the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA). Dust continuum, along with [C ii] 158 µm, and CO(4–3) line emission have been detected in LAB1, showing complex morphology and kinematics across a ∼ 100 kpc central region. Seven galaxies at z = 3.0987–3.1016 in the surroundings are identified in [C ii] and dust continuum emission, with two of them potential companions or tidal structures associated with the most massive galaxies. Spatially resolved [C ii] and infrared luminosity ratios for the widely distributed media (L[CII]/LIR ∼ 10^{-2} – 10^{-3}) suggest that the observed extended interstellar media are likely to have originated from star-formation activity and the contribution from shocked gas is probably not dominant. LAB1 is found to harbour a total molecular gas mass M_{mol} = (8.7 ± 2.0) \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}, concentrated in the core region of the Ly α-emitting area. While (primarily obscured) star-formation activity in the LAB1 core is one of the most plausible power sources for the Ly α emission, multiple major-mergers found in the core may also play a role in making LAB1 exceptionally bright and extended in Ly α as a result of cooling radiation induced by gravitational interactions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In recent decades, bright and extended nebulae emitting H I Ly α emission have been identified in the early Universe. These nebulae, which have extents of several tens to several hundred (physical) kpc and Ly α luminosity L_{Lyα} ∼ 10^{43} – 10^{45} erg s^{-1}, are called Ly α blobs (LABs, e.g., Francis et al. 1996; Ivison et al. 1998; Keel et al. 1999; Steidel et al. 2000; Matsuda et al. 2004; Dey
et al. 2005; Ouchi et al. 2009; Yang et al. 2009; Matsuda et al. 2011; Cantalupo et al. 2014; Hennawi et al. 2015; Cai et al. 2017; Kikuta et al. 2019).

The extended emission suggests the presence of plentiful hydrogen on circumgalactic medium (CGM) scales and provides clues to understanding galaxy formation and evolution. For instance, the relation of LABs to the formation of massive galaxies has been proposed (e.g., Dey et al. 2005; Matsuda et al. 2006) and some works suggest that LABs preferentially reside in proto-clusters (e.g., Matsuda et al. 2004; Shibuya et al. 2018). Recently Umehata et al. (2019) discovered Lyα filaments on $\gtrsim 1$ physical Mpc scales in the $z = 3.1$ SSA22 proto-cluster. The filaments encompass two LABs reported in Matsuda et al. (2004), which demonstrates that LABs may be bright knots within gas filaments that are extended over much larger scales and provide fuel for galaxy growth.

What mechanisms produce the Lyα emission is also a subject of debate. The scenarios proposed so far include: gravitational cooling radiation associated with pristine, cool hydrogen gas flow (e.g., Dijkstra & Loeb 2009; Faucher-Giguère et al. 2009); galactic winds from starbursts (Taniguchi & Shioya 2000); and photo-ionization driven by star-forming galaxies or active galactic nuclei (AGNs), followed by scattering (e.g., Geach et al. 2009; Hayes et al. 2011; Steidel et al. 2011).

The SSA22 proto-cluster at $z = 3.1$ is known to harbour several LABs and hence provides a unique laboratory (Matsuda et al. 2004). Matsuda et al. (2011) performed a 2.1 deg panoramic survey to discover fourteen LABs with linear extents over 100 kpc. Interestingly, the largest and brightest LAB is one of the first discovered LABs, SSA22-LAB1 located close to the proto-cluster core (hereafter LAB1 in this paper, Steidel et al. 2000). LAB1 has an extent of $\approx 200$ kpc and a luminosity $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha} = 1.1 \times 10^{44}$ erg s$^{-1}$ (Matsuda et al. 2004), making LAB1 one of the most spectacular LABs known to date. Together with its environment, a remarkable proto-cluster, LAB1 has been intensively investigated by a number of works (e.g., Chapman et al. 2001; 2004; Bower et al. 2004; Geach et al. 2005; 2009; 2014; 2016; Matsuda et al. 2007; Weijmans et al. 2010; Hayes et al. 2011; Uchimoto et al. 2012; Tamura et al. 2013; Kubo et al. 2016; Hine et al. 2016; Umehata et al. 2017a; Ao et al. 2017; Herenz et al. 2020; Li et al. 2021).

For a comprehensive understanding of the nature of LABs and their role in galaxy formation and evolution, observations at (sub)mm wavelengths are of huge importance. Massive star-forming galaxies are easily enshrouded by dust in an intensely star-forming phase, and often undetectable in the optical to NIR (e.g., Umehata et al. 2020 and references therein). Furthermore, the molecular/fine-structure lines at these wavelengths provide powerful tools to characterize the nature and conditions of the interstellar medium (ISM)s in galaxies. Following a number of attempts since the discovery (e.g., Chapman et al. 2001; 2004; Geach et al. 2005; 2014; 2016; Matsuda et al. 2007; Tamura et al. 2013), the advent of ALMA allows us to revolutionize our picture of LAB1 in this regard. Geach et al. (2016) identified three dusty star-forming galaxies toward LAB1 with a total star-formation rate (SFR) of $\sim 200 M_\odot$ yr$^{-1}$, although only one of the galaxies had a reliable spectroscopic redshift. They proposed that these galaxies identified by ALMA are the dominant sources that power the Lyα emission.

Recently Umehata et al. (2017a) detected the [C II] 158 $\mu$m emission line from one massive, dusty star-forming galaxy in LAB1. [C II] 158 $\mu$m ($2P_{3/2} \rightarrow 2P_{1/2}$) is the dominant coolant of the neutral ISM in galaxies and primarily arises from photodissociation regions (PDRs, e.g., Israel et al. 1996; Stacey et al. 1991). Umehata et al. (2017a) found that the [C II] emission is relatively strong compared to the infrared luminosity and [N II] emission and suggested that these characteristics of the ISM are influenced by the location within the giant LAB. These previous works have gradually uncovered the hidden aspects of LAB1 including the dust-obscured star formation and the nature of the ISM. However, the sensitivity and resolution of the observations were limited.

Here we present results from newly obtained deep [C II], CO(4–3) and dust continuum observations of LAB1 in conjunction with Lyα observations. In Section 2 we detail the observations and data reduction. In Section 3 we describe the source decomposition and flux measurements of the dust continuum emission. In Section 4 we derive various properties of the [C II] and CO(4–3) emission, including kinematics and counterpart identification. We discuss the ISM nature, the phase of galaxy assembly, and powering sources of the Lyα emission in Section 5, and present our conclusions in Section 6. Throughout the paper, we adopt a cosmology with $\Omega_m = 0.3, \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.7$, and $H_0=70$ km s$^{-1}$ Mpc$^{-1}$.

2. OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

2.1. Overview of ALMA Data

LAB1 has been targeted by several ALMA projects. We utilized observations in ALMA Band 3, Band 7, and Band 8, combining both newly obtained data and archival data. The top left panel of Figure 1 shows a false color map taken with Subaru/Suprime-Cam (Hayashino et al. 2004) and MOIRCS (Uchimoto et al. 2004).
Figure 1. Top left panel shows a false color map of LAB1 (Blue–Subaru/Suprime-Cam, B-band; Green–Subaru/Suprime-Cam, i′-band; Red–Subaru/MOIRCS, Ks-band, Hayashino et al. 2004). White contours show Lyα surface brightness of $\mu = [5, 14, 26, 40, 56, 73] \times 10^{-19}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ arcsec$^{-2}$ Å$^{-1}$ averaged over 4969–5004 Å. ALMA fields of view are also shown by the two circles (small: Band7, 8, large: Band3). A zoomed 9″ × 9″ region (white box in the top left) is shown in a top right panel. Bottom two panels show 860 μm continuum images of the same field. Thick contours show $[\pm 1.5^2, \pm 1.5^3, \ldots] \times \sigma_{\text{center}}$ where $\sigma_{\text{center}}$ is the rms level at the phase center in each map. ALMA sources (red boxes or crosses) and other known $z \approx 3.1$ galaxies with [O III] 5008 line detections are labeled (magenta circles or crosses). The 860 μm images reveal widely extended dust components.

Table 1. Continuum properties of ALMA sources in LAB1

| Source  | R.A.     | Dec.    | $S_{850\mu m}$ | $S_{850\mu m}$ | $S_{2.82\text{mm}}$ | Other ID            |
|---------|----------|---------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|         | [h m s]  | [° ″ ′] | [mJy]          | [mJy]          | [mJy]               |                     |
| ALMA1   | 22 17 26.01 | +00 12 36.4 | 1.56 ± 0.20  | 0.50 ± 0.02  | 0.51 ± 0.01  | < 0.010 | ALMA-a$^1$, K15c$^2$ |
| ALMA2   | 22 17 25.94 | +00 12 36.7 | 0.70 ± 0.15  | 0.38 ± 0.02  | 0.48 ± 0.01  | < 0.010 | ALMA-b$^1$       |
| ALMA3   | 22 17 26.11 | +00 12 32.3 | 2.49 ± 0.31  | 0.86 ± 0.02  | 0.97 ± 0.01  | 0.022 ± 0.006 | ALMA-c$^1$, K15a$^2$ |
| ALMA4   | 22 17 25.71 | +00 12 34.7 | 0.56 ± 0.16  | 0.20 ± 0.01  | 0.23 ± 0.005 | < 0.010 | C11$^3$          |
| ALMA5   | 22 17 26.03 | +00 12 35.5 | < 0.17 †     | 0.17 ± 0.01  | 0.17 ± 0.01  | †        |
| ALMA6   | 22 17 25.88 | +00 12 36.9 | < 0.16 ± 0.05 | 0.05 ± 0.005 | 0.03 ± 0.002 † | †        |
| ALMA7   | 22 17 25.90 | +00 12 38.0 | < 0.16        | < 0.04       | 0.06 ± 0.006 | †        |
| Bridge  | —        | —       | —              | —             | 0.20 ± 0.05  | —        |

Note—References are 1: Geach et al. (2016), 2: Kubo et al. (2016), 3: Steidel et al. (1998). † Some fraction of fluxes of fainter sources may be underestimated due to difficulty of source deblending. † Upper limits are shown only for the brightest three sources since the beam size is too large to isolate limits on fainter sources.
2012) with Lyα contours observed by the Multi Unit Spectroscopic Explorer (MUSE; Bacon et al. 2010). Two LABs were individually identified and labelled as LAB1 and LAB8, originally (Steidel et al. 2000; Matsuda et al. 2004). A deeper Lyα map has uncovered that the two LABs are connected to each other (Geach et al. 2016; Herenz et al. 2020; Li et al. 2021). As shown in Fig. 1, observations in ALMA Band 7 and Band 8 cover LAB1 almost entirely, while ALMA Band 3 observations cover both LAB1 and LAB8 within the field of view. In this paper, we focus on LAB1. The details of the ALMA observations and data reductions are as follows.

2.2. ALMA Band 8

The first observations of LAB1 in ALMA Band 8 were carried out in Cycle 2 as reported in Umehata et al. (2017a) (ID: 2013.1.00159.S; PI: H. Umehata). In the pilot survey, the central coordinate was (α, δ) = (22h17m26.0s, 0d12m37.5s) (ICRS) and on-source time was 4.5 min. Subsequently we performed deeper imaging in ALMA Cycle 5 (Program ID: 2017.1.01209.S, PI: H. Umehata). We set central coordinates of (α, δ) = (22h17m25.9s, 0d12m36.3s) (ICRS). We note that the pointing was slightly shifted, considering the results of the dust-continuum at Band 7 (Geach et al. 2016; Ao et al. 2017) and the results of the pilot [CII] observations, which were available at the time of the preparation.

The observations were carried out between May and July in 2018 with 44–45 available 12 m antennas in the C43–1 and C43–2 configurations. The baseline lengths span from 15 m to 313 m. The precipitable water vapor (PWV) was in the range 0.2–0.6 mm and the weather conditions were excellent or acceptable for Band 8 observations. The exposure time totalled 116.5 min after combining Cycle 2 and Cycle 5 observations. We used the FDM correlator and set the central frequencies of four spectral windows as 451.51, 453.09, 463.14, and 464.77 GHz. Each spectral window had 1920 channels and the resultant channel width was approximately 1 MHz. The quasars J2253+1608 or J2258−2758 were observed for bandpass and flux calibration and the quasar J2226+0052 was utilized for phase calibration.

Each measurement set was calibrated using the Common Astronomy Software Application (casa) v5.1.1 (McMullin et al. 2007), utilizing the standard reduction pipeline. Imaging the uv-data was performed using casa v5.6.1. We first Fourier transformed the uv-data to obtain a dirty cube using the tclean task, adopting natural weighting. We then analyzed the cube to extract the [CII] emission. For this, we focused on two of the four spectral windows which covers a frequency range of 462.16 to 465.62 GHz contiguously, corresponding to frequencies of [CII] at z ≈ 3.1. We measured the rms level for each channel in a line-free region and cleaned to 2σ, placing masks for the [CII]-emitting regions. Imaging with natural weighting yields a typical synthesized beam of 0.75″ × 0.63″ (P.A. = −80°). This cube is called the 0.8″ cube in this paper. We applied the imcontsub task to subtract continuum emission in the image plane. The resultant rms level at the phase center is 0.50 mJy beam−1 with a 20 km s−1 velocity bin, while some frequency ranges have relatively higher rms levels, affected by lower atmospheric transmission in Band 8. The primary beam response was corrected.

To extract spatially extended emission and also perform an angular-resolution-matched comparison with CO(4–3) and 860 μm data, we also produce 1″, 1.4″, and 2″ cubes in the same way but applying varying uv-tapering and 80 km s−1 velocity bins. The two cubes have synthesized beams and typical rms levels of 0.97″ × 0.84″ (P.A. = −83°) and 0.30 mJy beam−1, and 1.44″ × 1.32″ (P.A. = −87°) and 0.39 mJy beam−1, respectively.

A continuum image was also created in the same way, using line-free channels in all spectral windows. The map has a representative frequency 458.097 GHz and the two cubes have synthesized beams and typical rms levels of 0.75″ × 0.63″ (P.A. = −81°). The 1σ sensitivity at the phase center is 52 μJy beam−1.

2.3. ALMA Band 7

Following the first two observations in ALMA Cycle 2 (Program ID: 2013.1.00704.S, PI: Y. Matsuda, Program ID: 2013.1.00922.S, Geach et al. 2016; Ao et al. 2017), LAB1 was further observed in ALMA Band 7 by two projects. In ALMA Cycle 4 (Program ID: 2016.1.01134.S, PI: J. Geach), observations were performed to obtain a deeper continuum map at 850 μm, centered at (α, δ) = (22h17m26.0s, 0d12m34.7s) (ICRS). The observations were carried out on 4 and 5 April 2017, using 38–39 usable 12 m antennas under good weather conditions. The C40–1 array configuration utilized was the most compact configuration at the time (baseline lengths of 15 to 279 m), which was suitable to detect extended components. The representative frequency was 354.60 GHz and the total on-source time was 82 min. The quasars, J2148+0657 and J2232+1143 were observed for calibration. Each measurement set was calibrated in casa v4.7.2, utilizing the standard reduction pipeline.

LAB1 was also observed in ALMA Band 7 as a part of the Cycle 5 project (Program ID: 2017.1.01209.S, PI: H. Umehata) to detect dust continuum and [N II] 205 μm emission. We will report the result of [N II] 205 μm emission in a separate paper (H. Umehata et al. in prepar-
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2.4. ALMA Band 3

LAB1 was observed in ALMA Band 3 in its Cycle-4 (Program ID: 2016.1.00485.S, PI: N. Hine). The central position was \((\alpha, \delta) = (22^h17^m 26.0^s, 0^d12^m 37.6^s)\) (ICRS). Observations were carried out in December 2016 with 41–46 usable 12 m antennas. The baseline lengths ranged from 15 to 243 m. The total on source time was 4.6 hours, divided into 6 individual EBs. The quasars J2148+0657 and J2226+0052 were observed for pointing, amplitude, bandpass, and phase calibration. The absolute flux scale was set using observation of Neptune. Each measurement set was calibrated in CASA v 4.7.0, utilizing the standard reduction pipeline. Data were mapped using the tclean task in CASA with natural weighting. Our primary target was the CO(4-3) line at \(z \sim 3.1\), and a cube was created and cleaned to \(2\sigma\) with bright sources masked. The resultant size of the synthesized beam is 1.53″×1.30″ (P.A.=-33°) at 112.52 GHz. The typical rms level at the phase center is \(0.70 \mu\text{Jy beam}^{-1}\) with \(80 \text{ km s}^{-1}\) velocity bins. We also made a continuum map from line-free channels using tclean. The map has a synthesized beam of \(1.61″ \times 1.39″\) (P.A.=-33°) and 1σ sensitivity of \(4.9 \mu\text{Jy}\) at 106.28 GHz.

2.5. MUSE

LAB1 has been observed by MUSE on UT4 of the Very Large Telescope in three programs (094.A-0605 PI: M. Hayes, 095.A-0570 PI: R. Bower, 097.A-0831 PI: M. Hayes), which provides a three-dimensional data cube containing Ly\(\alpha\) emission (Geach et al. 2016; Herenz et al. 2020). The typical individual exposure times are 1500 sec and the total on-source time is 17.6 hours. Seeing was typically about 1 arcsec (see Herenz et al. 2020 for details). Data were reduced with the MUSE pipeline (Weilbacher et al. 2016), following standard procedures. Flat fielding and sky subtraction were performed with an additional correction to homogenize the illumination across the field (e.g., Swinbank et al. 2017; Umehata et al. 2019). The resultant cube has wavelength bins of 1.25 Å. In this work, all wavelengths were finally specified in vacuum with AIRTOVAC in the mpdaf package (Bacon et al. 2016; Piqueras et al. 2017) using the relation of Ciddor (1996). We use the vacuum wavelength 1215.67 Å for Ly\(\alpha\).

3. DUST CONTINUUM IN LAB1

Continuum maps of LAB1 at 860 \(\mu\text{m}\) are shown in Figure 1, compared with the Ly\(\alpha\) emission. As shown, the newly obtained ALMA continuum maps in Band 7 have changed our view of this system; multiple cold dust emission components are discovered across LAB1, including three galaxies previously identified by Geach et al. (2016).

To isolate the emission from each component, bright sources were sequentially modeled and subtracted using CASA/imfit. This results in identification of seven dusty galaxies, ALMA1 through ALMA7 as labeled in Figure 10 (see Figure 9 for model and residual images). Geach et al. (2016) suggested the existence of a “tail” connected to ALMA1, lying to the south. This may be associated with ALMA5, although the low signal-to-noise ratio of the image presented in Geach et al. (2016) precludes a definitive conclusion. There is an additional dusty component located between ALMA3 and ALMA5. This “Bridge” region shows a double horn shape (Figure 1).

The 860 \(\mu\text{m}\) flux densities of the seven components were measured using CASA/imfit using the 0.8″ and 1.0″ images as summarized in Table 1. Following Geach
et al. (2016), we also measured the total flux density of the 860 μm signal above the 3σ level for the complex including six galaxies (except for ALMA4) and the Bridge (Table 1). The sum of the individual galaxies and bridge is consistent with the measurement for the whole complex, which suggests that the eight components account for most of the 860 μm flux density. Band 8 and Band 3 photometry are also summarized in Table 1. Two [O III] emitters at z ≈ 3.1, c1 and c2 (Geach et al. 2016; Li et al. 2021) are not individually detected in dust continuum.

The integrated flux of all components is $S_{860} = 2.66 \pm 0.11$ mJy in the 1.4″ map (Table 2). This value is ~40% larger than the previously reported flux, $S_{860} = 1.86 \pm 0.06$ mJy (Geach et al. 2016). Newly identified relatively extended and/or faint components account for the increase. The updated ALMA-based flux is found to fall in the range of deboosted SCUBA2 measurements ($S_{850} = 3.6\pm1.2$ mJy, Geach et al. 2017). We note that it remains unclear whether or not all of the emission observed by the single-dish telescope is completely recovered by ALMA or not, as the remaining uncertainty (0.7 ± 1.2 mJy) indicates.

4. [CII] AND CO EMISSIONS IN LAB1

4.1. Overview

As shown in Figure 2, the [CII] emission is widely distributed across LAB1 over an area of $d \approx 100$ kpc, highlighting complex morphology in three-dimensional space. All seven components identified in the dust continuum are associated with corresponding [CII] emission, confirming that the dust continuum detected within LAB1 is also at $z \approx 3.10$. The picture of the [CII] line has been significantly updated compared to our pilot survey. Umehata et al. (2017a) detected the line only for ALMA3. The deeper observations now confirm that the previous observations also covered the frequency range containing [CII] emission, even though the lower sensitivity prevented actual detection.

To illustrate the overall trend of the [CII] emission projected to a two-dimensional space, we also created a suite of moment maps. For this purpose, we made a rendered cube using the naturally weighted, 0.8″ cube. First, voxels that had emission above the 2σ level, measured for each channel before primary beam correction, was extracted from the cube. Second, among them, if a voxel connects to another extracted voxel in velocity space, the voxel was considered to have emission and left in the box. If not, the voxel was masked. Finally, a primary beam correction was applied for each channel. This process allows us to effectively extract extended emission from the data cube, suppressing the influence of noise.

Using the rendered cube, the integrated emission map, the flux-weighted velocity map, and the flux-weighted velocity dispersion map were calculated using CASA/IMMOMENTS task. As shown in Figure 2, the extracted [CII] emission is generally coppatial with dust continuum components. The most dominant five sources (ALMA1–ALMA5) are composed of three groups (ALMA1+2+5, ALMA3, and ALMA4). The remaining two sources are associated with ALMA1+2+5. The velocity map suggests that the emission has complicated velocity structure in a relatively narrow range of flux-weighted velocity (about $-200$ km s$^{-1}$ to 100 km s$^{-1}$), while some parts of them, such as ALMA4, show a coherent velocity structure. The velocity dispersion map suggests a variation of (apparent) velocity dispersion (50 km s$^{-1}$ to 200 km s$^{-1}$) among the components, which implies various dynamical states among the cool gas components in LAB1.

The bottom left panel of Figure 2 shows the spatial distributions of CO(4–3), [CII], and 860 μm at 1.4″ resolution. Spectra are shown in Figure 3. The CO(4–3) emission line is identified in ALMA1+2+5 and ALMA3, while ALMA4 has no detected emission. While their spatial distributions are similar on large scales, they are not identical on smaller scales. There is also a wide variety in line ratios, which implies that there are different ISM states among the galaxies in LAB1. Further line diagnostics are beyond the scope of this paper, but we will present them in an upcoming paper (H. Umehata et al. in preparation).

4.2. Kinematics of the [CII] and CO emissions

Position–velocity (P–V) diagrams at 0.8″ and 1.4″ resolution are displayed in Figure 2. Each pseudo slit has a width of 0.9″ to cover the majority of emission along the direction of the velocity gradient, which enables us to discern in more detail the velocity structure and interaction among sources in this complicated system in more detail.

ALMA1+2+5 encompasses ALMA1, ALMA2, ALMA5, as well as ALMA6, and ALMA7. As demonstrated, ALMA1 and ALMA2 are located closely each other (with a projected angular separation 1″) and overlap in velocity space. This is also the case for ALMA1 and ALMA5. In the 0.8″ map, ALMA1 appears to be simultaneously interacting with ALMA2 and ALMA5. The moment map shows that velocity dispersion peaks in the region between ALMA1 and ALMA2, which is also suggestive of turbulent nature there. ALMA6 and ALMA7 show coherent velocity structure, smoothly connecting with ALMA2, which could be additional merging galaxies or tidal tails associated with ALMA2.
Figure 2. Top row panels show moment maps generated using a rendered cube (see Section 4.1 for more details) are displayed to show overall trends of [C\textsc{ii}] emission in LAB1. The positions of dust continuum sources and [O\textsc{iii}] emitters are shown. Contours are $S_{\text{[CII]}} \Delta v = 0.1 \times [1.5, 1.5^2, \ldots, 1.5^{11}]$ Jy beam$^{-1}$ km s$^{-1}$, in steps of 50 km s$^{-1}$ and 25 km s$^{-1}$ relative to $z = 3.100$, from left to right, respectively. Middle row panels show [C\textsc{ii}] P–V diagrams at 0.8″ along four slits (a ~ d). Contours are in steps of 1$\sigma_{\text{center}}$ starting at 2$\sigma_{\text{center}}$. ALMA4 and ALMA5 show velocity gradient nearly along the slit, which suggests that they have a rotating gas-disk. ALMA4 also has a clump-like structure (“C11-clump”). Multiple-merging events are ongoing among ALMA1, ALMA2, ALMA4, and ALMA6. ALMA3 is accompanied by relatively faint and extended emissions, which is the most remarkable at higher velocities (“[C\textsc{ii}] wings”). Bottom left two panels show [C\textsc{ii}] P–V diagrams at 1.4″. CO(4-3) emissions are superposed. Contours show $[1.5^2, 1.5^3, \ldots] \times \sigma_{\text{center}}$ and $[2, 3, \ldots] \times \sigma_{\text{center}}$, respectively. A bottom right panel show CO(4-3) and [C\textsc{ii}] emission superposed on the 860 µm map, integrated over the range of $-379$ km s$^{-1}$ to 101 km s$^{-1}$. CO(4-3) and [C\textsc{ii}] contours are $[2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64] \times \sigma_{\text{center}}$, while 860 µm contours stand for $[2, 3, 4, 5] \times \sigma_{\text{center}}$. The kinematics traced by CO(4-3) is similar to that of [C\textsc{ii}]. There is no detectable CO(4-3) emission around ALMA4.
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Figure 3. CO(4–3) and [C\text{ii}] spectra of four regions in LAB1. Velocities are relative to z = 3.100. Dashed lines show a Gaussian profile fitted to these emissions. Simultaneous detections of the two emission lines are identified in ALMA1+2+5 and ALMA3, while no CO(4-3) line is detected for ALMA4.

In Figure 2, slit-a shows a nearly monotonic velocity gradient along the slit at the position of ALMA5 and thus an ordered rotation is indicated. The velocity structure of the CO(4–3) emission is generally consistent with that of [C\text{ii}]. The emission peak is the closest to ALMA1, while the CO(4-3) profile is also elongated toward ALMA2 and ALMA5.

ALMA3 is the brightest galaxy in [C\text{ii}] in LAB1, and is also covered by slit-a. There is no significant shift in the centroid position between velocity channels spanning about 400 km s\(^{-1}\) around the peak. The Bridge corresponds to a protrusion in a redder part, which is likely to account for the apparent velocity gradient evident in the velocity map. The velocity dispersion of ALMA3 is higher than that of other ALMA sources on galaxy scales (Figure 2), which suggests that turbulence dominates the kinematics in ALMA3. CO(4–3) emission is also identified in ALMA3; it does not show a velocity shift as for [C\text{ii}]. Slit-a also shows that ALMA3 is accompanied by faint emission with a complicated morphology, including a red “[C\text{ii}] wing”. Outflows, tidal tails, or merging satellites could account for the emission.

In the case of ALMA4, there is a nearly monotonic velocity gradient, suggesting a rotating disk. There is a high-velocity clump (“C11-clump”). Since the C11-clump follows the velocity shift, the system would be kinematically dominated by rotation of C11. However, the velocity dispersion peaks between the dust/stellar peak and the clump, and interaction between the C11 and C11-clump is also implied. ALMA4 has no detectable CO(4-3) emission.

4.3. Radial Profile

Figure 4 shows radial profiles of the dust and gas components at 0.8” resolution traced by the 860 \(\mu\)m continuum and [C\text{ii}] emission, respectively. The [C\text{ii}] emission lines are integrated over a velocity range optimized for each region (see also Figure 5). A combined profile for ALMA1+2+5 is measured, centred at the position of ALMA1. In the case of ALMA3, the Bridge region also contributes in addition to ALMA3 itself. For all cases, both [C\text{ii}] and dust continuum emission shows similar radial profiles (extending to about 15 kpc). The profiles demonstrate that the gas and dust coexist on a large
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4.4. Counterparts of ALMA-identified populations

Observations at optical-to-near-infrared wavelengths provide information on stellar components, tracing rest-frame UV-to-optical emission for galaxies at \( z \approx 3.1 \). Figure 5 shows an optical image taken with HST (the Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph, STIS)\(^1\) (Chapman et al. 2004), a \( K_s \)-band image obtained with the Subaru Multi-Object InfraRed Camera and Spectrograph (MOIRCS) (Uchimoto et al. 2012), and dust continuum observations taken in ALMA Band 8. The [C\( \text{ii} \)] emission is integrated over a velocity range noted in the figure, and known galaxies are labeled (Chapman et al. 2004; Uchimoto et al. 2012; Kubo et al. 2015; Kubo et al. 2016; Geach et al. 2016; Li et al. 2021).

ALMA1, ALMA3, and ALMA4 have significant \( K_s \)-band counterparts, which is suggestive of modestly obscured star-forming galaxies. ALMA2, ALMA6, and ALMA7 have possible counterparts (LAB1-4 for ALMA2 and ALMA6 and J1 for ALMA7) with slight offsets\(^2\), 0.3 – 0.6". This might be explained by different degrees of dust extinction in a galaxy, a companion, or a tidal component. ALMA5 is blank in the rest-frame UV and optical images, in contrast with its bright [C\( \text{ii} \)] emission. This demonstrates the utility of ALMA to identify populations that would otherwise be missed.

4.5. Measurements of properties

Since it is not straightforward to isolate line fluxes from the cube in this crowded region, we derive line properties for groups on the basis of 1.4″ resolution data. The line flux, redshift, and the FWHM of the line profile are calculated from a Gaussian fit to the extracted spectra shown in Figure 3. The velocity-integrated maps (Figure 2) are used to measure sizes of the emissions using CASA/IMFIT. Derived properties are summarized in Table 2. We also extracted [C\( \text{ii} \)] spectra from the 1.0″ cube at the positions of seven ALMA sources (ALMA1 through ALMA7) to measure line properties and derive [C\( \text{ii} \)] line for each (Appendix E).

A suite of other physical properties were also estimated. IR luminosity (\( L_{\text{IR}} \)) and IR-based SFR (SFR\(_{\text{IR}} \)) were estimated, scaled 860 \( \mu \)m fluxes using SED templates of ALESS SMGs (Danielson et al. 2017) (for more details, see Umehata et al. (2018)). As summarized in Table 2, ALMA1+2+5, ALMA3, and ALMA4 have SFR\(_{\text{IR}} \) of \( \sim 110, \sim 100, \sim 20 \) M\( _\odot \) yr\(^{-1} \), respectively. These estimates, however, are based on single point photometry and thus remain uncertain.

The CO(4–3) line intensities for ALMA1+2+5 and ALMA3 are derived to be \( S_{\Delta v} = 0.44 \pm 0.03, 0.12 \pm 0.02 \) Jy km s\(^{-1} \), respectively. We can compare these to earlier attempts to observe the CO(4–3) line from LAB1. Chapman et al. (2004) obtained a marginal detection of the line using the Owens Valley Radio Observatory

\(^1\) The image has a pivot wavelength of 5733 Å.

\(^2\) Positional uncertainties (\( \sigma_{\text{pos}} \)) related to the signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) and the synthesized beam size (\( \theta_{\text{beam}} \)) is described as \( \sigma_{\text{pos}} \approx \theta_{\text{beam}} / (2 \times S/N) \) (Condon 1997). In the case of \( \theta_{\text{beam}} = 0.8'' \) and S/N=5, \( \sigma_{\text{pos}} \) is thus \( \approx 0.08'' \), which is smaller than the measured offsets.
Table 2. ISM properties of components in LAB1 at 1.4′′ resolution

| CO(4-3) | ALMA1+ALMA2+ALMA5 | ALMA3 | ALMA4 |
|---------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Coordinates (ICRS) | 22:17:26.00 +00:12:36.1 | 22:17:26.10 +00:12:32.2 | — |
| $z_{\text{CO(4-3)}}$ | 3.0982 ± 0.0002 | 3.0989 ± 0.0004 | — |
| Diameter $\times$ [kpc] | (12.7±1.8) × (7.5±1.5) | point source | — |
| FWHM [km s$^{-1}$] | 322 ± 29 | 316 ± 65 | — |
| $S\Delta v$ [Jy km s$^{-1}$] | 0.44 ± 0.03 | 0.12 ± 0.02 | <0.03$^b$ |
| $L_{\text{CO(4-3)}}$ [10$^7$ L$_\odot$] | 3.6 ± 0.3 | 1.0 ± 0.2 | <0.3 |
| $M_{\text{gas}}$ [CO(4-3) × 10$^{10}$ M$_\odot$] | 6.8 ± 1.5 | 1.7 ± 0.5 | <0.5 |

[CII] Coordinates (ICRS) | 22:17:26.00 +00:12:36.0 | 22:17:26.11 +00:12:32.3 | 22:17:25.71 +00:12:34.6 |
| $z_{\text{CII}}$ | 3.0983 ± 0.0002 | 3.0993 ± 0.0001 | 3.0985 ± 0.0001 |
| Diameter $\times$ [kpc] | (17.2±2.9) × (7.3±2.5) | (8.5±1.0) × (4.6±1.5) | point source |
| FWHM [km s$^{-1}$] | 370 ± 30 | 337 ± 11 | 193 ± 24 |
| $S\Delta v$ [Jy km s$^{-1}$] | 8.12 ± 0.57 | 13.20 ± 0.38 | 1.65 ± 0.18 |
| $L_{\text{CII}}$ [10$^8$ L$_\odot$] | 27.3 ± 1.9 | 44.4 ± 1.3 | 5.6 ± 0.6 |

860 µm Coordinates (ICRS) | 22:17:25.99 +00:12:36.4 | 22:17:26.10 +00:12:32.4 | 22:17:25.71 +00:12:34.7 |
| $z_{\text{860 µm}}$ [kpc] | (15.0±1.4) × (6.5±1.2) | (8.9±1.3) × (6.6±1.8) | (6.9±0.8) × (3.1±2.3) |
| $S_{\text{860 µm}}$ [mJy] | 1.27±0.09 | 1.17±0.07 | 0.22±0.01 |
| $M_{\text{860 µm}}$ [10$^8$ M$_\odot$] | ≈2.0 | ≈1.9 | ≈0.4 |
| $L_{\text{IR} (8-1000)}$ [10$^{12}$ L$_\odot$] $^c$ | 1.05 ± 0.34 | 0.97±0.31 | 0.18±0.06 |
| SFR$_{\text{IR}}$ [M$_\odot$ yr$^{-1}$] $^c$ | 110±40 | 100±30 | 20±6 |

Note.—CO and [CII] spectra are extracted using apertures shown in Figure 2 (Figure 3). Properties are generally derived via fits with a single Gaussian profile on the spectra, while CASA/IMFIT is also utilized to derive coordinates and sizes. For the 860 µm data, CASA/IMFIT are utilized to derive properties. $^a$ convolved major and minor axes of FWHM measured by CASA/IMFIT are presented. $^b$ 3σ point source limit with an assumption of a velocity width (320 km s$^{-1}$). $^c$ brightness temperature ratio $r_{\text{41}} = 0.61 ± 0.13$ (Boogaard et al. 2020) and a CO-to-H$_2$ conversion factor $\alpha_{\text{CO}} = 3.6$ (as in Decarli et al. (2020)) are assumed. $^d$ $M_{\text{gas}}$ values are calculated assuming modified black-body radiation with $\beta = 1.8$ and $T_d = 40$ K. $^e$ $L_{\text{IR}}$ and SFR$_{\text{IR}}$ are derived in a manner presented in Umehata et al. (2018) assuming a Chabrier IMF.

Millimeter Array and reported a line intensity $S\Delta v < 2.5$ Jy km s$^{-1}$, while Yang et al. (2012) reported a 3σ upper limit $S\Delta v < 0.62$ Jy km s$^{-1}$ using the Plateau de Bure Interferometer (PdBI). The ALMA observation, which has a better angular resolution, thus confirms that the CO(4–3) emission had evaded detection due to the insufficient sensitivity of these observations. The CO(4–3) line luminosities were calculated following Solomon & Vanden Bout (2005). To estimate molecular gas mass on the basis of the CO(4-3) line, a brightness temperature ratio $r_{\text{41}} = L_{\text{CO(4-3)}}/L_{\text{CO(1-0)}}$ and a CO-to-H$_2$ conversion factor $\alpha_{\text{CO}}$ must be assumed. The derived IR luminosity range, $L_{\text{IR}}/L_{\odot} = 11.3$–12.0, is comparable to, or somewhat lower than, that of the ASPECS-LP sample at $z = 2.0$ – 4.0 (log ($L_{\text{IR}}/L_{\odot}$) = 11.6–12.9, Boogaard et al. 2020). Hence we adopt the brightness temperature ratio $r_{\text{41}} = 0.61 ± 0.13$, which is derived for the $z > 2$ ASPECS galaxies, and $\alpha_{\text{CO}} = 3.6$ M$_\odot$ (K km s$^{-1}$ pc$^2$)$^{-1}$, which is adopted for the galaxies (Decarli et al. 2020). Estimated molecular gas masses are $M_{\text{gas}} = (6.8 ± 1.5)$ and $(1.8 ± 0.5) \times 10^{10}$ M$_\odot$ for ALMA1+2+5 and ALMA3, respectively. About 80% of the molecular gas is concentrated in ALMA1+2+5.

Measured values are given in Table 2, including an upper limit for ALMA4.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. The origin of the [CII] emission

Both dust and [CII] emission are widely distributed across LAB1, which allows us to investigate the corresponding ISM properties in a spatially resolved manner. As shown in Figure 6, a IR luminosity density ($\Sigma L_{\text{IR}} [L_{\odot} \text{ kpc}^{-2}]$) map was calculated on the basis of the 1.0′′ 860 µm map as described in Section 4.5. A $L_{\text{CII}}/L_{\text{IR}}$ map was then constructed by combining with the 1.0′′ [CII] map. The right hand panel of Figure 6 shows the distribution of $L_{\text{CII}}/L_{\text{IR}}$ across LAB1 as a function of $\Sigma L_{\text{IR}}$. For comparison, the best-fit function and 1σ dispersion derived for local (U)LIRGs (GOALS, Díaz-Santos et al. 2017) and a range of resolved galaxies including local sources as well as high redshift galaxies (Smith et al. 2017) are also displayed.

It has been established that $L_{\text{CII}}/L_{\text{IR}}$ decreases as $L_{\text{IR}}$ increases (e.g., Malhotra et al. 1997; 2001; Stacey et al. 2010). This is sometimes called “[CII]-deficit”. It has been reported that $L_{\text{CII}}/L_{\text{IR}}$ is more tightly correlated with $\Sigma L_{\text{IR}}$ (or the SFR surface density, $\Sigma\text{SFR}$).
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Smith et al. (2017; Díaz-Santos et al. 2017). Díaz-Santos et al. (2017) propose that the radiation field intensity to gas density ratio, which is related to $\Sigma L_{\text{IR}}$, is the driver of the [CII]-deficit. The new ALMA data enable us to construct a resolved picture for the relation in the low IR density regime at $z = 3.1$ ($\Sigma L_{\text{IR}} \approx 5 \times 10^8 - 10^{10} \ [L_\odot \text{kpc}^{-2}]$). As shown in Figure 6, the $L_{\text{[CII]}}/L_{\text{IR}}$ ratios in LAB1 are broadly consistent with those observed in local galaxies. This demonstrates that the star-forming galaxies in LAB1 exhibit similar trend to those found in the local Universe. Compared with IR-brighter galaxies at high redshift, they may have moderate radiation field strengths. Thus the relation between $L_{\text{[CII]}}/L_{\text{IR}}$ and $\Sigma L_{\text{IR}}$ shown in Figure 6 supports the idea that the observed, extended ISM, traced by [CII] and the dust continuum, is mainly associated with star formation: as a part of the massive galaxies, a collection of star-forming galaxies that are individually unresolved, or PDRs in outflows. We note that there is currently no evidence to support AGN activity in LAB1 (Geach et al. 2009), although we cannot exclude the possibility that there is a heavily obscured AGN present. Nevertheless, the observed range of $L_{\text{[CII]}}/L_{\text{IR}}$ is higher than the value reported for $z = 1 - 2$ AGNs ($\log(L_{\text{[CII]}}/L_{\text{IR}}) \sim -3.5$ for AGNs with $10^{13} - 10^{14} L_{\text{IR}}$, Stacey et al. 2010), which is also consistent with a lack of AGN activity.

One plausible explanation for the presence of [CII] and dust continuum beyond the stellar counterparts may be stripping of highly enriched gas from the less strongly bound regions of galaxies from tidal interactions with one another. In addition to interactions among ALMA-identified galaxies, ALMA3 have two nuclei in the HST image, which is suggestive of a late-stage merger (Appendix F). The interactions can strip a significant amount of gas and dust out into the intergroup medium. The presence of undetected companion galaxies with significant dust extinction could also contribute. Future sensitive imaging at optical-to-near-infrared wavelengths, including JWST, will improve our understanding in this regard.

There may be another possible origin for the extended [CII] emission: while [CII] emission is expected to arise primarily from PDRs, it is also observed in other environments, including shocked gas (e.g., Stacey et al. 1991; Appleton et al. 2013). Appleton et al. (2013) reported the detection of [CII] emission associated with shocked gas in a local interacting galaxy group, Stephan’s quintet. Such regions show higher luminosity ratios, $\log(L_{\text{[CII]}}/L_{\text{IR}}) \approx -1.5$ to $-1.0$, which are difficult to explain by star formation alone. The specific environment in LAB1: ongoing mergers and possible association with gas accretion from the CGM/IGM may point to this origin for [CII] emission. However, as discussed above, the measured $L_{\text{[CII]}}/L_{\text{IR}}$ appears to be smaller than expected if shocked gas is dominant mechanism for exciting [CII]. Although, the current estimate has relied on SED templates of bright dusty star-forming galaxies due to the shortage of photometry; this may overestimate the dust temperature for an intergalactic region (or a region in the outskirts of a galaxy) and thus underestimate the $L_{\text{[CII]}}/L_{\text{IR}}$.

In summary, the most plausible scenario is that the observed [CII] emission is principally associated with star formation, although other origins are not excluded.

5.2. Galaxy Assembly via multiple-merging

ALMA observations reveal that LAB1 is associated with a number of star-forming galaxies. In total, seven
galaxies as a function of projected separation. ALMA1, which is one of the most massive systems in the field and is located close to the centroid of the extended Lyα emission, is adopted as the center. We also plot escape velocities following Kubo et al. (2016). Assuming a Navarro-Frenk-White (NFW) mass profile (Navarro et al. 1997), the escape velocities for a halo of mass \( M_{\text{halo}} = 10^{11} M_\odot \) and \( 10^{12} M_\odot \) is calculated as a function of separation from the center. We adopted a concentration parameter \( c = 4.5 \) (Klypin et al. 2011). In order to take the projection effect into account, the physical distance \( r \) and the line-of-sight velocity offset \( v \) are corrected using an averaged projection factor \( 2/\pi \) and \( 1/\sqrt{3} \), respectively (e.g., Jaffé et al. 2015). As shown in Figure 7, the range of velocity separation is relatively small. This is in contrast with another dense group in SSA22 (AzTEC14, Kubo et al. 2016), which has a velocity separation \( \approx 1000 \text{km s}^{-1} \) with a similar angular separation.

In LAB1, the galaxies are distributed within a region expected if they are bounded in a halo with \( \lesssim 10^{12} M_\odot \). However, this scenario is highly unlikely. Among the \( z \approx 3.1 \) galaxies, ALMA1, ALMA2, ALMA3, and ALMA4 have Ks-band counterparts (Section 4). The sum of the stellar masses of the four galaxies (i.e., the most massive four members) is estimated to be \( M_\star \approx 2.2 \times 10^{11} M_\odot \) (e.g., Kubo et al. 2016). Hence the stellar-mass-halo mass relation, which is derived from clustering analysis, suggests a halo with \( \sim 10^{13} M_\odot \) (e.g., Durkalec et al. 2015). We note that a caveat is the influence of line of sight projection on the measured velocity dispersion. While a simple, spherical geometry is assumed in deriving the track of escape velocity in Figure 7, this may not the case. If we see galaxies in filaments from a viewing angle close to face-on, the apparent velocity offset can be small. Such an effect could account for the observed small velocity range. Considering the data, therefore one possible scenario is that we are witnessing a merging phase of multiple galaxies hosted in multiple halos. If they are merging and not yet virialized, the velocity offsets are expected to be small as observed in LAB1. A multiple-merger phase of star-forming galaxies is expected for a progenitor of a brightest cluster galaxy (BCG) in the nearby Universe during hierarchical galaxy assembly in the early Universe (e.g., Kubo et al. 2016), and thus an evolutionary connection between BCG formation and LABs may be suggested. This phase tends to occur in halo masses of group size, consistent with our observations.

One issue to be resolved regarding the assembly phase is the deficit of observed low-mass galaxies (e.g., Hatch et al. 2009; Kubo et al. 2016). For instance, Hatch
et al. (2009) investigated the stellar mass distribution of the spiderweb proto-cluster at \( z = 2.2 \), and reported that the number of observed galaxies falls for short at \( M_* < 10^{9.8} \, M_\odot \), compared to the prediction of semi-analytic models. The existing \( K \)-band image of LAB1 allows us to detect relatively unobscured galaxies with \( M_* \gtrsim 10^{10.5} \, M_\odot \) at \( z \sim 3 \) (Kubo et al. 2016). Galaxies newly discovered in [C II] may account for (some of) these galaxies which are ISM-rich and had been evaded for detection at UV-to-optical wavelengths due to the extinction. Sensitive census of stellar mass distributions, which will be possible with the JWST, will allow us to further test such a scenario.

5.3. The origins of Ly\( \alpha \) emission and baryon cycling

The physical nature of Ly\( \alpha \) blobs is still without a consensus model, with several competing theories. What mechanisms power the enormous and extended Ly\( \alpha \) emission is a key issue. The kinematics of the neutral hydrogen traced by Ly\( \alpha \) (i.e., inflow and outflow) is also of interest in understanding baryon cycling in a massive halo. LAB1 has been a remarkable target in these contexts since its discovery (e.g., Steidel et al. 2000; Bower et al. 2004; Matsuda et al. 2004; Chapman et al. 2004; 2007; Geach et al. 2005; 2009; 2014; 2016; Mori & Umemura 2006; Weijmans et al. 2010; Hayes et al. 2011; Cen & Zheng 2013; Tamura et al. 2013; Yajima et al. 2013; Hine et al. 2016; Ao et al. 2017; Umehata et al. 2017a; Herenz et al. 2020; Li et al. 2021). Our new ALMA observations provide key information for reassessing LAB1’s nature.

5.3.1. The central heating source and scattering scenario

One scenario proposed for the source that powers the Ly\( \alpha \) emission is the existence of a central heating source which provides ionizing photons via star-formation or AGN (e.g., Steidel et al. 2000; Geach et al. 2009). While AGNs are not confirmed in LAB1 on the basis of X-ray (Geach et al. 2009) or radio observations (Ao et al. 2017), several galaxies which harbor dust-enshrouded star formation have been identified (e.g., Chapman et al. 2004; Geach et al. 2005; Tamura et al. 2013; Geach et al. 2014). Most recently, Geach et al. (2016) identified three dusty sources, corresponding to ALMA1, ALMA2, and ALMA3 in this paper. They showed that Ly\( \alpha \) photons escaping from these dusty sources could generate the bright, extended Ly\( \alpha \) emission as a result of successive scattering, using a cosmological zoom-in simulation. This is also in line with the detection of a polarized ring nearly centered at the Ly\( \alpha \) emission peak (and the position of ALMA1, Hayes et al. 2011). Li et al. (2021) also reported that the observed Ly\( \alpha /H\beta \) ratios are explainable by this scenario, although \( H\beta \) fluxes detected by the authors are generally only from galaxies and there is still room for discussion about the extended Ly\( \alpha \) emission.

Here we start with the “central source(s) and scattering” scenario making use of what we have learned from the ALMA data. One concern in Geach et al. (2016) was the absence of \( z_{\text{spec}} \) for the two dusty star-forming galaxies located near the center of LAB1. The line detections ([C II], CO(4-3)) from ALMA1+2+5 definitively show that the dusty star-forming galaxies are physically associated with LAB1. On the basis of the new 860 \( \mu \)m map, the integrated 860 \( \mu \)m flux \( S_{860} \approx 2 \, \text{mJy} \) implies SFR\( _{\text{IR}} \approx 210 \, M_\odot \, \text{yr}^{-1} \) in total.

In addition, the line detections shed light on the faint, relatively unobscured star-formation. As Matsuda et al. (2007) reported, there is extended emission in \( R \)-band within LAB1, which encompasses the ALMA-identified galaxies (Figure 8). The detected [C II] emission is coincident with the emission in \( R \)-band and thus likely to be rest-frame UV (centered at around 1550\AA) at \( z = 3.1 \). We measured the total UV flux in regions enclosed by the 3\( \sigma \) contours in \( R \)-band and located within the apertures that enclose the [C II] emission (ALMA1+2+5, ALMA3, and ALMA4), \( F_U \approx 1.3 \times 10^{30} \, \text{erg s}^{-1} \, \text{Hz}^{-1} \). The inferred SFR from this is SFR\( _{UV} \approx 90 \, M_\odot \, \text{yr}^{-1} \) following the equation SFR\( _{UV} \left[ M_\odot \, \text{yr}^{-1} \right] = L_U \times (1.46 \times 10^{21})^{-1} \left[ \text{W} \, \text{Hz}^{-1} \right] \) (for the Chabrier IMF, Kennicutt 1998; Salim et al. 2007), and so total UV+IR SFR is \( \sim 300 \, M_\odot \, \text{yr}^{-1} \). The three apertures show roughly equivalent contribution, so that the obscured fractions of total SFR in ALMA1+2+5, ALMA3, and ALMA4 are \( \sim 80\%, \sim 80\%, \) and \( \sim 40\% \), respectively.

This star forming activity causes Ly\( \alpha \) emission and also provide the ionizing photons (\( \nu=200-912\,\text{Å} \)) to the surrounding environment (if they escape). Under the assumption of Case-B recombination, the Ly\( \alpha \) luminosity generated by the star-formation that escape the host galaxy are described as follows.

\[
L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}[\text{erg s}^{-1}] = f_{\text{esc, Ly} \alpha} \times 1.89 \times 10^{42} \times \text{SFR}[M_\odot \, \text{yr}^{-1}]
\]

(1)

Here \( f_{\text{esc, Ly} \alpha} \) is the escape fraction of Ly\( \alpha \) photons. Considering the Ly\( \alpha \) luminosity of LAB1, \( L_{\text{Ly} \alpha} \approx 10^{44} \, \text{erg s}^{-1} \), therefore the star-forming activities can power the Ly\( \alpha \) emission if the escape fractions are high enough (\( f_{\text{esc, Ly} \alpha} \gtrsim 20\% \)).

In this scenario, Ly\( \alpha \) photons, produced by star-forming galaxies scatter through circumgalactic \( H\alpha \), producing an extended “Ly\( \alpha \) halos” (e.g., Steidel et al. 2011). Thus the gas traced by Ly\( \alpha \) emission is expected to associate with outflow motion. As shown in Figure 8, the profiles of Ly\( \alpha \) spectra have a common feature at the positions of ALMA components: Ly\( \alpha \) has a
Figure 8. The left panel shows a Subaru/Suprime-Cam R-band image, which traces rest-frame UV ($\approx 1550$ Å) emission at $z \approx 3.1$. Thick contours show $[3, 6, 9] \times \sigma$ per arcsec$^2$ (Matsuda et al. 2007). Red and magenta crosses show ALMA sources and [O III]-emitting galaxies as previous figures. The right hand image shows the rendered, velocity-integrated [C ii] intensity map at 1.0″ resolution with contour levels of $0.1 \times [1.5^2, 1.5^3, ...]$ Jy beam$^{-1}$ km s$^{-1}$. Superposed contours with blue colors show the Ly$\alpha$ emission as in Figure 1. Both [C ii] and Ly$\alpha$ spectra extracted with a 1″ diameter aperture are also presented for four ALMA components identified at 860 μm. The Ly$\alpha$ emission generally has a dominant peak that is redshifted with respect to [C ii], which indicates either outflow motion of the H i gas or absorption around the ALMA components.

minimum near the systemic redshift measured by [C ii], with a clear redshifted dominant peak and a blueshifted component. This trend is inline with the idea that the observed Ly$\alpha$ emission (mostly) comes from scattering from outflowing gas; outflowing Ly$\alpha$ photons that are back-scattered from gas on the far are the most likely to escape obtaining a frequency shift, while absorption by neutral hydrogen and dust is the most significant at the galaxy’s redshift (e.g., Steidel et al. 2011; Erb 2015; Chen et al. 2020). Outflows may also contribute to increasing the covering fraction of neutral hydrogen (Rahmati et al. 2015).

Recently, Li et al. (2021) performed a Monte-Carlo radiative transfer modeling for LAB1 using their Ly$\alpha$ cube taken with KCWI. They reproduce the observed Ly$\alpha$ spectra and constrain parameters in their outflow model with multi-phase and clumpy hydrogen gas. They reported that a region around ALMA1 has the highest optical depth and H i outflow velocity in the ionized inter-clump medium. ALMA1 is actually at the redshift inferred by their model and the starburst galaxy is likely responsible for these feature, as the authors predict.

Thus this central heating and scattering scenario is further supported by the newly delivered ALMA data in some respects. The dusty star-forming galaxies uncovered by ALMA undoubtedly play a significant role in powering Ly$\alpha$ emission and ejecting gas, metals, and dust into the surrounding medium.

5.3.2. Additional sources to power Ly$\alpha$ emission

While star formation can apparently explain the Ly$\alpha$ properties of LAB1, it is still unclear whether it is the sole mechanism causing the enormous Ly$\alpha$ emission. While the polarized ring discovered by Hayes et al. (2011) indicates a heating source near the Ly$\alpha$ emission peak, only half of the total SFR comes from the central group. The remaining fractions evidently originate from the outskirts. Furthermore the obscured fraction of SFR for ALMA1+2+5 and ALMA3 is $\sim 80\%$, and it is uncertain whether these regions would be expected to have relatively high escape fractions of Ly$\alpha$ photons. There is another clue to strengthen such a caveat. As reported in Umehata et al. (2017b) and Umehata et al. (2018) (see also Umehata et al. 2015), there are a number of SMGs at $z \approx 3.09$ which show higher levels of star-forming activity in the SSA22 proto-cluster. While a sensitive census of extended Ly$\alpha$ emission shows that the SMGs ubiquitously reside in Ly$\alpha$ filaments, the associated Ly$\alpha$ emission is usually fainter than LABs, in contrast to the activity of associated star formation (Umehata et al. 2019; other examples in Oteo et al. 2018; Li et al. 2019). There is also no evidence favoring exceptionally high escape fractions just for the galaxies in LAB1. These results suggest that the total SFR associated with Ly$\alpha$ nebulae is not the only key parameter for diagnosing the powering sources of the observed Ly$\alpha$ emission.

The exceptionally bright and extended Ly$\alpha$ nature of LAB1 therefore suggests that there is additional mechanism at play especially in LAB1. A possible path to explain the enhanced Ly$\alpha$ level in LAB1 is proposed by Yajima et al. (2013). On the basis of a combination of hydrodynamical simulations with three-dimensional radiative transfer calculations, they investigated the en-
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They successfully produced mock LABs with luminosity of $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha} \sim 10^{42} - 10^{44}$ erg s$^{-1}$ and extent of $\sim 50$ kpc at $z \sim 3$. The authors find that both merger-driven intense star formation and cooling radiation induced by strong gravitational interactions contribute to generate Ly $\alpha$, although the relative fractions are not discussed. While the simulation is only for a binary major-merger, they suggest that multiple-mergers can generate more spectacular nebulae. As discussed above, LAB1 is found to host ongoing multiple-mergers close to the Ly $\alpha$ emission peak. This is a unique characteristic of LAB1, and suggestive that shocked (collisionally excited) Ly $\alpha$ may need to be included.

In addition, cold accretion along the filaments has been suggested to be a powering source for years (e.g., Dijkstra & Loeb 2009). Trebitsch et al. (2016) used a radiative hydrodynamics simulation and showed that the observed polarization is explainable with the combination of the ‘central powering + scattering’ model and Ly$\alpha$ emission originated from gas during the accretion onto the halo. There is the dominant molecular gas reservoir close to the Ly$\alpha$ emission peak, which is indicative of gas supply from the cosmic web onto the center of LAB1. Therefore the ALMA data is not necessarily conflict with the scenario of the cold accretion in this sense.

6. CONCLUSIONS

We have carried out deep multi-band observations of the giant Ly $\alpha$ nebulae SSA22-LAB1 at $z = 3.1$ using ALMA. The main conclusions are the following:

1. We performed the most sensitive census to date of dust continuum emission in LAB1 at observed wavelengths of 656 $\mu$m, 860 $\mu$m, and 2.82 mm. The 860 $\mu$m maps uncover an extended structure of dust emission on a 60 kpc scale, which is decomposed to eight individual components (ALMA1–ALMA7, and the Bridge).

2. [C II] 158$\mu$m emission is also widely distributed across LAB1, generally coincident with the 860 $\mu$m dust continuum. Moment maps and P–V diagrams suggest possible ongoing multiple-merging events involving three dusty galaxies, ALMA1, ALMA2, and ALMA5.

3. Comparison with optical-to-infrared images demonstrates that our previous view of the components of LAB1 has been biased due to heavy dust extinction. A remarkable example is ALMA5, which has no counterpart at near-infrared or optical wavelengths, while a rotating disk structure is suggested by its [C II] emission. The ALMA census sheds light on a number of previously missed LAB1 members.

4. Massive molecular gas reservoirs with $M_{\text{gas}} \approx 10^{11}$ $M_\odot$ are uncovered in LAB1 from CO(4–3) emission. We found that the majority of this gas mass is concentrated near the Ly $\alpha$ peak.

5. The components of LAB1 identified in [C II] and [O III] $\lambda$5008 show a tight range in redshift, $z = 3.0968 - 3.1016$. LAB1 seems to be multiple-merging phase involving a number of galaxies and halos on a group scale, which may be a progenitor of a Bright Cluster Galaxy.

6. The derived (UV+IR) SFRs and profiles of Ly $\alpha$ spectra around dusty galaxies suggests their important role in powering the extended Ly $\alpha$ emission as a heating source. However, it is not clear whether or not star formation in the galaxies in solely responsible. We suggest that cooling radiation induced by strong gravitational interactions may also play a significant role.
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APPENDIX

A. THE 860 μM IMAGE AND SOURCE DECOMPOSITION

The 860 μm image was utilized to isolate individual components which were closely located each other. First the brightest four galaxies identified in the 656 μm image were fitted and subtracted on the image plane using CASA/imfit, and the remaining two galaxies were also similarly fitted. Figure 9 shows the original image, best-fit models, and the residual image. As shown, in total seven individual galaxies are identified at 860 μm.

B. CHANNEL MAPS

Figure 10 shows a channel map of [C II] emission in LAB1.
Figure 9. (Left) ALMA 860 $\mu$m image at two angular resolutions (0.8$''$ and 1.0$''$ as labelled) as shown in the bottom middle panel of Figure 1. Note that the map after primary beam correction is shown here. Contours shows $[\text{3,2,2,3,4,5,10,15,20,25,30}]\times\sigma_{\text{center}}$ emission ($\sigma_{\text{center}}$ shows the rms noise level at the phase center). Red squares show positions of $z = 3.1$ galaxies identified by ALMA, while magenta circles show those of [O III] emitters. (middle) modelled source profile of six dusty star-forming galaxies at $z = 3.1$. Primary beam responses are also shown using white lines, which correspond to 60 $\%$, 70 $\%$, 80 $\%$, and 90 $\%$ of the primary beam response. (right) residual map after subtracted the model images. Extended emission between ALMA3 and ALMA5 is securely detected in both maps.

C. [CII] SPECTRA OF TWO [OIII] EMITTERS

Two [OIII] emitters were discovered by Geach et al. (2016) and Li et al. 2021. The spectra at the reported positions are shown in Figure 11. Both are likely to be also associated with [CII] emission, but the blending of the nearby bright [CII] sources, and/or a relatively low signal-to-noise ratio, prevent us from isolating their contributions.

D. A GALAXY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE AT Z = 3.1

Kubo et al. (2015) reported that one $K_s$-band-selected galaxy (K1 or K15b) has a [O III] $\lambda$5008 emission at $z = 3.1007$ with a moderate significance. However, Li et al. (2020) reported a non-detection of any line from K1 based on their more sensitive observation and hence there is no secure line detection on this source so far. Chapman et al. (2004) argued that the galaxy is likely at a much lower redshift on the basis of $U$,$g$,$R$,$I$, and $K$ colors. We cannot detect any [CII] (and dust continuum emission) from K1 and so our observations also do not support the idea that K1 is a member of LAB1. We do not include this source in discussion in this paper. Assuming a 300 km s$^{-1}$ velocity width, 3$\sigma$ point source limit of K1 is derived to be $S\Delta v = 0.2$ Jy km s$^{-1}$. For reference, this corresponds to [CII] line luminosity limit $L_{\text{[CII]}} < 7 \times 10^7$ $L_{\odot}$ in the case of $z = 3.10$.

E. ISM PROPERTIES OF SEVEN ALMA GALAXIES IN LAB1 AT 1.0$''$ RESOLUTION

The measured ISM properties of seven ALMA galaxies at 1.0$''$ are summarized in Table 3.

F. ACS IMAGE OF ALMA3

A HST image taken with the Advanced Camera for Surveys, ACS, with the F814W filter covers LAB1, while...
Figure 10. Channel map of [C\textsc{ii}] emission in LAB1 in a range of velocity that contains a large fraction of the emission. Each panel is 9'' $\times$ 9'' in size (corresponding 70 kpc $\times$ 70 kpc at $z \approx 3.1$). Contours show $[-1.5^2, -1.5^2, 1.5^2, \ldots] \times \sigma_{\text{center}}$ of [C\textsc{ii}] emission (a fixed value of $\sigma_{\text{center}} = 0.50 \mu$Jy is adopted). Crosses show the positions of 860 $\mu$m-identified components and [O\textsc{iii}] $\lambda$5008 emitters as Figure 1. [C\textsc{ii}] emission is distributed across the field with a complex morphology. All seven components identified in dust continuum are also detected in [C\textsc{ii}] and the emission from dust and [C\textsc{ii}] are generally co-spatial across the field.
Figure 11. [C II] Spectra of c1 and S1/c2 extracted using a \( d = 0.8'' \) aperture.

Table 3. ISM properties LAB1 at a 1.0'' resolution

| ID    | \( z_{[\text{CII}]} \) | \( \Delta v \) | \( \Delta v_{\lambda \alpha} \) | FWHM | \( S \Delta v \) | \( L_{[\text{CII}]} \) | \( S_{\text{[CII]}\mu m} \) | \( L_{IR} \) |
|-------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| ALMA1 | 3.0982          | -133 ± 10  | 366 ± 13        | 482 ± 25 | 1.75 ± 0.08  | 6.1 ± 0.3      | 296 ± 6        | 2.5 ± 0.8 |
| ALMA2 | 3.0987          | -93 ± 8    | 464 ± 12        | 359 ± 21 | 0.94 ± 0.05  | 3.3 ± 0.2      | 224 ± 6        | 1.9 ± 0.6 |
| ALMA3 | 3.0992          | -59 ± 3    | 493 ± 32        | 303 ± 7  | 5.14 ± 0.11  | 17.9 ± 0.4     | 407 ± 8        | 3.4 ± 1.0 |
| ALMA4 | 3.0986          | -98 ± 6    | 155 ± 7         | 220 ± 16 | 0.99 ± 0.06  | 3.5 ± 0.2      | 93 ± 8         | 0.8 ± 0.2 |
| ALMA5 | 3.0978          | -158 ± 7   | 402 ± 10        | 274 ± 18 | 1.21 ± 0.07  | 4.2 ± 0.2      | 127 ± 6        | 1.1 ± 0.3 |
| ALMA6 | 3.0999          | -10 ± 21   | 286 ± 24        | 241 ± 51 | 0.23 ± 0.04  | 0.8 ± 0.1      | 57 ± 6         | 0.5 ± 0.2 |
| ALMA7 | 3.1016          | 119 ± 11   | 146 ± 14        | 164 ± 27 | 0.21 ± 0.03  | 0.7 ± 0.1      | 24 ± 7         | 0.2 ± 0.1 |

Note — Line properties are measured through a Gaussian fit to the spectra with a \( d = 1'' \) aperture (Figure 8). Continuum fluxes are also measured using the same apertures and IR fluxes are calculated using a set of SED templates (Umehata et al. 2017b). \(^a\) [C II] velocity relative to \( z = 3.100 \). \(^b\) A red peak of Ly \( \alpha \) velocity relative to [C II] velocity.
shown in Figure 12, ALMA3 is found to have two major-components at the core. This indicates a merger, while other scenarios like dusty lane are not excluded.

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Figure 12. An ALMA3 image taken with HST/ACS using the F814W filter. Contours and markers show [C II] emission and galaxy positions as Figure 5. ALMA3 is found to have two nuclei or clumps in the band, which is suggestive of a galaxy-galaxy merger-merger.
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