An ~600 pc View of the Strongly Lensed, Massive Main-sequence Galaxy J0901: A Baryon-dominated, Thick Turbulent Rotating Disk with a Clumpy Cold Gas Ring at z = 2.259

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Abstract

We present a high-resolution kinematic study of the massive main-sequence star-forming galaxy (SFG) SDSS J090122.37+181432.3 (J0901) at z = 2.259, using ~0".36 Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array CO(3-2) and ~0".1–0".5 SINFONI/VLT Hα observations. J0901 is a rare, strongly lensed but otherwise normal massive (log(M∗/Msun) ~ 11) main-sequence SFG, offering a unique opportunity to study a typical massive SFG under the microscope of lensing. Through forward dynamical modeling incorporating lensing deflection, we fit the CO and Hα kinematics in the image plane out to about one disk effective radius (R_e ~ 4 kpc) at an ~600 pc resolved physical resolution along the kinematic major axis. Our results show high intrinsic dispersions of the cold molecular and warm ionized gas (σ_0,mol. ~ 40 km s^{-1} and σ_0,ion. ~ 66 km s^{-1}) that remain constant out to R_e; a moderately low dark matter fraction (f_{DM} ~ 0.3–0.4) within R_e; and a centrally peaked Toomre Q parameter—agreeing well with the previously established σ_0 versus z, f_{DM} versus Σ_{baryon} and Q’s radial trends using large-sample non-lensed main-sequence SFGs. Our data further reveal a high stellar mass concentration within ~1–2 kpc with little molecular gas, and a clumpy molecular gas ring-like structure at R ~ 2–4 kpc, in line with the inside-out quenching scenario. Our further analysis indicates that J0901 had assembled half of its stellar mass only ~400 Myr before its observed cosmic time, and the cold gas ring and dense central stellar component are consistent with signposts of a recent wet compaction event of a highly turbulent disk found in recent simulations.

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Supporting material: animation

1. Introduction

In galaxy formation and evolution theories, massive star-forming galaxies (SFGs) form gas-rich, turbulent disks at high redshift via cold gas stream accretion from the circumgalactic medium (e.g., Dekel & Birnboim 2006; Dekel et al. 2009a, 2009b). Cold streams penetrate through the hot dark matter halo and transport cold gas and angular momentum inward, feeding the growth of disks, bulges, and giant clumps (e.g., Bournaud et al. 2007; Ceverino et al. 2010; Danovich et al. 2015). At z ~ 2–3, the disk intrinsic dispersion (σ_0) is anticipated to be higher than at lower-z with stronger cold streams and increased gas fraction and disk instability (e.g., Krumholz & Burkert 2010; Krumholz & Burkhart 2016; Krumholz et al. 2018). Observationally, the evolution of disks’ σ_0 and instability (i.e., the Toomre Q parameter; Toomre 1964) in main-sequence SFGs at z ~ 1–3 has been mostly studied with kiloparsec-scale kinematics of ionized gas tracers (e.g., Förster Schreiber et al. 2006; Genzel et al. 2006, 2008, 2011; Kassin et al. 2012;Wisnioski et al. 2015; Simons et al. 2017; Girard et al. 2018; Johnson et al. 2018; Übler et al. 2019; Girard et al. 2021). There are still very limited studies that have both high spatial resolution cold and ionized gas kinematics in high-z massive SFGs (see compilations in Übler et al. 2019 and Girard et al. 2021), and almost none can probe down to sub-kiloparsec scale in both gas phases.
It is critical to probe the high-\(z\) massive SFG disks at a kiloparsec (about the Toomre scale at \(z \sim 2–3\); see, e.g., Escala & Larson 2008; Genzel et al. 2008, 2011) or even better resolution, to investigate the disk instability, star formation, feedback, and quenching physics. Massive SFGs show the strongest signatures for cold stream accretion, mass assembly, and feedback, and are prime targets for investigating the internal physics of galaxy formation.

Near-IR integral field unit (IFU) spectroscopic and (sub-)millimeter interferometric imaging (e.g., with the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) and the Northern Extended Millimeter Array (NOEMA)) are important techniques to spatially resolve the ionized and cold gas kinematics of high-\(z\) SFG disks (see the review by Förster Schreiber & Wuyts 2020). Near-IR IFU observations usually reach an angular resolution of \(\sim 0''5 - 0''7\) (\(\sim 4–6\) kpc at \(z \sim 2\)) under natural seeing, and \(\sim 0''1 - 0''2\) (\(\sim 1–2\) kpc at \(z \sim 2\)) with the assistance of adaptive optics (AO). To date, \(\sim 200\) high-redshift SFGs have been observed with AO-assisted IFU spectrographs, spanning \(z \sim 0.8–3.7\) and \(\log(M_*/M_\odot) \sim 9.5–11.5\) (Förster Schreiber et al. 2018; Förster Schreiber & Wuyts 2020; and references therein). There are \(\sim 80\) strongly lensed SFGs among the AO samples (e.g., Jones et al. 2010; Livmore et al. 2015; Leethochawalit et al. 2016; Sharma et al. 2018; Hirtenstein et al. 2019). However, strong-lensing samples tend to be intrinsically lower-mass systems (\(\log(M_*/M_\odot) \sim 8.0–10.5\)) whose number density is orders of magnitude higher than the most massive SFGs (see stellar mass functions, e.g., Davidzon et al. 2017). Strongly lensed SFGs that can represent massive galaxies are still very rare.

Meanwhile, increasing numbers of ALMA and NOEMA data sets now probe the cold gas kinematics in high-\(z\) galaxies, but very few of them were obtained at resolutions of \(\lesssim 0''5 - 0''6\) and with deep integrations for massive main-sequence SFGs at \(z \sim 1–3\) (see Genzel et al. 2013; Übler et al. 2018; Herrera-Camus et al. 2019 for examples with also resolved ionized gas kinematics).

In this work, we present new \(\sim 4\) hr on-source integration, high-resolution (\(\sim 0''36\)) ALMA CO(3–2) observations of a rare, massive \((\log(M_*/M_\odot) \sim 11)\), strongly lensed, main-sequence SFG SDSS J090122.37+181432.3 (hereafter J0901) at \(z = 2.259\) (Diehl et al. 2009; Hainline et al. 2009). Together with the AO-assisted SINFONI/VLT observations previously published by Davies et al. (2020), we study the rotation curves and velocity dispersions of both cold molecular and warm ionized gas in J0901, at \(\sim 600\) pc delensed resolution, via direct image-plane kinematic fitting, and examine the Toomre stability and gas properties across the galaxy.

This paper is organized as follows. Target and observational properties are presented in Section 2. Methods to obtain the delensed stellar and molecular mass maps, dynamical modeling, and image-plane kinematic fitting are given in Section 3. The main scientific results and discussions are in Section 4, including rotation curves, gas velocity dispersions, dark matter fractions, Toomre Q distribution, and a cold gas ring in J0901. Finally, we conclude in Section 5. In addition, Table 1 summarizes the key results of J0901. A gallery of all our data products is shown in Appendix A. More details on the astrometry correction, lens modeling, delensing method, and line map extraction can be found in Appendix B.

We adopt a flat Lambda cold dark matter cosmology with \(H_0 = 70\) km s\(^{-1}\) Mpc\(^{-1}\), \(\Omega_M = 0.3\), and \(\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.7\), and a Chabrier (2003) initial mass function (IMF).

### Table 1

| Name         | SDSS J090122.37+181432.3 |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| R.A. decl. (J2000) | 09°01′22.59″ 18°14′24″20″ |
| Redshift     | 2.259                    |
| \(\log(M_*/M_\odot)\)\(^a\) | \(\sim 11.2\) |
| SFR/(\(M_*/\text{yr}^{-1}\))\(^b\) | \(\sim 200\) |
| \(\Delta M_{\text{SFR}}\) dex\(^{1-8}\) | \(-0.05\) |

#### Photometry

| \(\log(M_*/M_\odot)\) | 11.04 ± 0.3 |
| \(\log(M_{\text{mol}}/\text{phot.})*\) | 10.88 ± 0.3 |
| \(\log(M_{\text{HII}}/\text{phot.})*\) | 11.26 ± 0.3 |
| \(R_e/\text{pc}\) | 3.85 |
| \(R_{\text{refl}}/\text{phot.} kpc\) | 3.23 |

#### Kinematics

- Inclination: 30.7°±0.8°
- Position angle: \(-135.1°\pm11.8°\)
- \(v_{\text{rot}} R_e/\text{km s}^{-1}\): 240.7±31.8, 20.3
- \(\sigma_{\text{cold gas}}/\text{km s}^{-1}\): 37.3±2.3
- \(\sigma_{\text{ionized gas}}/\text{km s}^{-1}\): 64.3±5.0
- \(\log M_{\text{HII}}/\text{virial} / M_\odot\): 12.64±0.48
- \(\log M_{\text{HII}}/(\text{kin.}) / M_\odot\): 10.72±0.14
- \(\text{CO feed}(R_e)\): 0.44±0.16
- \(H_0 \text{ feed}(R_e)\): 0.36±0.14

#### Notes

\(^a\) From Davies et al. (2020).
\(^b\) Using the Speagle et al. (2014) main sequence

### 2. Target and Data

J0901 was identified in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) data by Diehl et al. (2009). It is lensed by a foreground galaxy cluster at \(z = 0.346\) with three main parts: a highly distorted, partially lensed northeast (NE) arc, a less distorted but completely lensed southeast (SE) arc, and the least-distorted west (W) image (Fadely et al. 2010; Tagore 2014; Sharon et al. 2019; Davies et al. 2020).

J0901’s intrinsic total stellar mass and SFR are \(\log(M_*/M_\odot) \sim 11.2\) and SFR \(\sim 200 M_\odot\) yr\(^{-1}\) (Davies et al. 2020), placing it on the star-forming main sequence. An active galactic nucleus (AGN) has been identified at the galaxy center by the high [N II]/H\alpha and [O III]/H\beta line ratios and the [N V] line detection from rest-frame UV and optical spectroscopic observations (Diehl et al. 2009; Hainline et al. 2009), with an AGN-driven outflow rate of \(\sim 25 \pm 8 M_\odot\) yr\(^{-1}\) (Davies et al. 2020).

The cold molecular gas in J0901 has been studied by Saintonge et al. (2013) using Very Large Array (VLA) CO(1–0) and IRAM Plateau de Bure Interferometer (PdBI) \(\sim 3''5\) CO(3–2) data, and Rhoads et al. (2014) using Herschel HIFI spectrometer for the global [C II] emission, as well as Sharon et al. (2019) with \(\sim 1''33 \times 0''98\) PdBI CO(3–2) data.

Here, we present new ALMA CO(3–2) data (PI: D. Lutz; project code: 2016.1.00406.S) observed at a \(3\times\) higher angular resolution than the previous CO(3–2) observation (Section 2.1). We also adopt the SINFONI H\alpha+[N II] AO and non-AO data from Davies et al. (2020) for our ionized gas kinematic study (Section 2.2). In addition, we use archival HST images for spectral energy distribution (SED) fitting and lens modeling, and a \(1''4 \times 0''9\) ALMA 1 mm observation (PI: C. Sharon; project code: 2013.1.00952.S) for visual comparison of CO and dust (Appendix A).
In Figure 1, we show the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) false-color image of the foreground lenses and J0901, and ALMA CO(3–2) line intensity and velocity maps (only from J0901) in the upper panels, together with the delensed stellar mass, CO intensity, and velocity maps in the bottom panels.

2.1. ALMA CO(3–2) Observations and Data Reduction

Our observing program 2016.1.00406.S was executed on 2016 November 20 and during 2017 August 2–17, with two array configurations corresponding to an angular resolution of ~0"98 and 0"22 (baseline ranges 15–704 and 21–3300 m), respectively. The raw data are reduced with the standard observatory calibration pipeline using the Common Astronomy Software Applications (CASA) software package (version 4.7.2). The calibrated visibilities are then continuum subtracted and binned to a channel width of ~22 km s\(^{-1}\).

The imaging and primary beam correction of the visibilities were done within CASA version 5.5.0-149 using the tclean task. We produced a Briggs-weighting cube with a robust parameter of 0.5 to balance the angular resolution and sensitivity, and a natural-weighting cube to maximize the signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) but with a degraded resolution. We cleaned down to twice the rms noise iteratively measured in a previously cleaned residual cube. The achieved Briggs-weighting synthesized beam is 0"40 × 0"36 at a position angle of ~11°, and natural-weighting synthesized beam 0"58 × 0"51, with the latter having ~20% lower noise. We focus on the higher-resolution Briggs-weighting data in this work.

We create line integrated intensity, line center velocity and line width (dispersion) maps via pixel-by-pixel Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)-based 1D-Gaussian line profile fitting (see Appendix B.6).

2.2. VLT SINFONI K-band IFU Data

The effective footprints of the SINFONI/VLT AO and non-AO data from Davies et al. (2020) are shown as yellow boxes in Figure 1. They cover the SE arc with a point-spread function (PSF) FWHM of ~0"2 and ~0"5, and on-source integration time of ~10 and ~9 hr, respectively. The K-band grating was used to cover the H\(\alpha\) and [N II] doublet lines, which have a line spread function (LSF) FWHM of ~85 km s\(^{-1}\). We refer the reader to Davies et al. (2020) and Förster Schreiber et al. (2009, 2014, 2018) for more details on the observation and data reduction.

We combine the AO and non-AO data into one data cube so that our kinematic fitting can use both the sharper AO data for the inner rapidly rising rotation curve, and the wider non-AO data for the outer part. We tested various combination methods...
and found that they do not obviously affect our kinematic analysis (Appendix D).

The line-integrated intensity, velocity, and velocity dispersion maps are created in a similar approach as used for the CO data, but with broad-line outflow components subtracted (Appendix B.6), given the strong, marginally resolved AGN-driven outflows as characterized in Genzel et al. (2014a) and Davies et al. (2020). In the remainder of this work, we use only the narrow-line component, i.e., outflow-subtracted Hα, for further analysis. The LSF broadening is also corrected by subtracting the Gaussian sigma of the LSF, 36.1 km s⁻¹, in quadratic from the measured velocity dispersion along each line of sight.

3. Delensed Data and Dynamical Modeling

We performed detailed astrometry correction, lens modeling, and pixel-by-pixel spectral line fitting and SED fitting to obtain both image-plane and source-plane data cubes and maps of CO, Hα, and stellar mass (Appendix B). We took advantage of the highly complementary spatial distributions of the ~0′′08 HST F814W image and the ~0′′36 ALMA CO channel maps for our new lens modeling, and did various delensing/reflensing quality checks to optimize our lens model (Appendix B.3; introducing at most 20% uncertainty to the intrinsic source sizes/shapes).

We present the image- and source-plane maps of the SE arc, which is the most magnified and completely lensed image of J0901, in Sections 3.1 and 3.2. Our kinematic fitting then directly uses the image-plane data and our best-fit lens model in Section 3.3.

3.1. Image- and Source-plane CO and Hα Maps

We show the CO and Hα line intensity, velocity, velocity dispersion, and intensity S/N maps of J0901’s SE arc in Figures 2 and 3, in the image and source plane, respectively. The CO and Hα emission exhibit very different spatial distributions in both image and source planes. The brightest spot in the Hα intensity map corresponds to the galaxy center and the AGN, whereas the CO emission is distributed in the disk out to a galactocentric radius of about 4 kpc and exhibits an asymmetric, ring-like structure.

The line velocity maps of CO and Hα agree well at large scales, exhibiting a systematic disk rotation pattern in the source plane. At small scales, the velocity maps are affected by the different spatial resolution (see the elongated PSFs in the source plane in Figure 3), complexity of lensing caused by a nearby lens galaxy (the southern perturber, see Appendix B.3), and possibly different higher-order kinematics of the cold and ionized gas.

The CO and Hα velocity dispersion maps consistently peak around the galaxy center. However, a global difference in their velocity dispersions can be seen over the whole galactic disk, which we discuss further in Section 4.2.

3.2. Stellar, Cold Gas, and Baryonic Mass Distributions

We show the delensed stellar, cold gas, and baryonic mass distributions of J0901 in Figure 4. The stellar mass map is derived from FAST (Kriek et al. 2009) SED fitting (Appendix B.5). The cold molecular gas mass map is inferred from the CO(3-2) line intensity by adopting a metallicity-dependent CO-to-H₂ conversion factor (α_{CO} = 3.8 M☉ (K km s⁻¹ pc⁻²)⁻¹) and a global CO excitation R₃₁ ≡ I_{CO(3-2)}/I_{CO(1-0)} = 0.79, following Sharon et al. (2019). An inclination of 30° and position angle of −138° are inferred from the projected axial ratio and major axis in the source plane as well as our kinematic fitting below.

The total stellar mass in the delensed map is 1.1 × 10¹¹ M☉, agreeing with previous studies with unresolved SED fitting and independent lens modeling (M_* ∼ 9.5 × 10¹⁰ − 3.0 × 10¹¹ M☉; Saintonge et al. 2013; Sharon et al. 2019; Davies et al. 2020).

The total intrinsic molecular gas mass shown in Figure 4 is M_{molgas} ∼ 7.5 × 10¹⁰ M☉, with a corresponding intrinsic value of L'_{CO(3-2)} = 1.56 × 10¹⁰ K km s⁻¹ pc² (or lensed L'_{CO(3-2)} = 1.45 × 10¹¹ K km s⁻¹ pc² in the SE arc). The uncertainty in the
measured total line luminosity is very small (a few percent) given the general S/N ≥ 10 in the map (Figure 3). Our CO(3–2) luminosity agrees well with the delensed CO(3–2) luminosity $L_{\text{CO}(3-2)} = 1.99^{+0.32}_{-0.29} \times 10^{10}$ K km s$^{-1}$ pc$^2$ from Sharon et al. (2019). They also reported intrinsic molecular gas mass of $M_{\text{mol, gas}} \sim 7.0 \times 10^{10}$–$1.53 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$ from their $\sim 1/3$ matched-resolution and $\sim 0''77$ native-resolution CO(1–0) data, respectively. They obtain a global magnification factor of $\sim 7.4$–15.1 for the SE arc from their two aforementioned data sets (see their Table 5). In comparison, we obtain a consistent magnification factor of $\sim 9.3$ for the SE arc in our $\sim 0''36$ CO(3–2) data, and $\sim 8.5$–11.8 in our Hα data with different combination methods (Appendix B.2).

We sum the stellar and cold molecular gas mass maps to obtain the baryonic mass map as shown in the top right of Figure 4. The atomic gas is neglected because the cold gas on the $\sim 1 R_e$ scale with a high gas surface density (e.g., $\sim 10^9$–$10^9 M_\odot$ kpc$^{-2}$ in our case) is likely dominated by the molecular gas for massive $z \sim 2$ SFGs (e.g., Tacconi et al. 2020). The baryonic mass map shows a significant stellar mass concentration within a galactocentric radius of $\sim 1.7$ kpc. Further outside, the molecular gas starts to dominate the baryonic component and exhibits a ring-like feature at radii of $\sim 1.7$–3.7 kpc.

We show the radial profiles of the average surface density and enclosed mass in the middle and bottom panels of Figure 4, respectively. We perform a two-component Sérsic least-$\chi^2$ fitting to the radial profile of the total baryon mass, obtaining best fits for the following free parameters: $n_{\text{disk}} = 1.00$, $n_{\text{bulge}} = 0.69$, $R_e, \text{ disk} = 3.85$ kpc, and $R_e, \text{ bulge} = 0.47$ kpc. The innermost region or bulge component is dominated by stars whereas the outer region or disk component consists of a comparable amount of stars and cold gas. The bulge-to-total mass ratio is $B/T \sim 0.18$. Although the bulge is marginally resolved by the data and affected by inhomogeneous resolution, this constraint provides a sufficiently robust prior for the kinematic modeling.

To evaluate how much the lens modeling can affect our radial profile analysis, we repeated the same analysis with various lens models, either within the 2σ uncertainty of the best lens model from our MCMC fitting (Appendix B.3), or by manual inspection. We found only minor variations for the derived morphological parameters: about 10% in $R_e, \text{ disk}$ and $n_{\text{disk}}$ and about 20% in $R_e, \text{ bulge}$ and $n_{\text{bulge}}$. These variations should not affect our kinematic analysis because we allow a certain variation in these parameters.

In the bottom panel of Figure 4, a curve-of-growth analysis of the various baryonic components gives a half-mass radius of $\sim 0.89$, 3.23, and 1.87 kpc for the stellar, cold gas, and total baryon masses, respectively. As expected, this yields a total baryon half-mass radius in between the decomposed bulge and disk effective radii. In the remainder of this paper, we take $R_e, \text{ disk}$ as the effective radius $R_e$ of J0901.

3.3. Dynamical Modeling

3.3.1. DysmalPy+Lensing for Direct Image-plane Fitting

We perform forward dynamical modeling and MCMC-based kinematic fitting to each of our CO and Hα data sets using the DYSMAL/DYSMALPY software. DYSMAL has been used in a series of earlier studies: Genzel et al. (2006, 2011, 2014a, 2017), Cresci et al. (2009), Davies et al. (2011), Wuyts et al. (2016), Burkert et al. (2016), Lang et al. (2017), and Übler et al. (2017). The PYTHON version, DYSMALPY, has recently been updated by Price et al. (2021) and used by Übler et al. (2018), Übler et al. (2019), Übler et al. (2021), Genzel et al. (2020) and Nestor Shachar et al. (2022) for various highest-resolution kinematic data sets as well as simulated galaxies.

In brief, DYSMAL/DYSMALPY is a physically motivated, multicomponent, 3D galaxy dynamical forward-modeling tool. It generates an intrinsic 3D+dynamic hyper model cube, including baryonic and dark matter mass distributions, and computes the resulting light from baryons and kinematics (line-of-sight velocity and velocity dispersion) in the observed 3D space, fully accounting for projection, spatial, and spectral resolution, and sampling effects. The fitting is performed in the observed space (data space), which can either be 3D...
Currently, there are very few 3D forward-modeling kinematic fitting tools that can fit strongly lensed galaxy kinematics (see, e.g., Rizzo et al. 2020, 2021; Tokuoka et al. 2022). Because of the lensing geometry, the PSF in the image plane corresponds to different shapes in the source plane, depending on the location. To properly fit the kinematics, either a per-pixel-based PSF in the source plane or a lensing deflection needs to be implemented when projecting the intrinsic model cube to the observed data space. Without these techniques, kinematic fitting would lead to largely incorrect results (see our tests in Appendix D).

For this work, we developed a new lensing transformation module in C++ that can be plugged into DYSMALPY, hereafter DYSMALPY+LENSING. It enables direct image-plane kinematic fitting by implementing a computationally efficient lensing transformation when propagating the 3D model cube into the data space before convolving with the PSF and LSF. Here, we use only the best-fit lens model’s mesh grid to do the deflection (Appendix B.3). Unlike galaxy-galaxy lensing, which has much fewer free parameters, it is extremely time intensive when simultaneously performing the J0901’s cluster lens modeling and the kinematic fitting in MCMC. In Appendix B.3, we performed independent MCMC fitting to the lens modeling and found very tight posterior PDFs for the lens parameters. This means that even when combining the lens modeling and kinematic fitting into a joint MCMC fitting, the kinematic parameters’ PDFs will not be significantly broadened. We tested various lens models within the 2σ MCMC uncertainties of our best fits or fitted by hand as mentioned in Section 3.2 and Appendix B.3, finding that the kinematic fitting with different testing lens models led to variations within the errors of MCMC kinematic fitting. Therefore, we do not combine the lens modeling and kinematic fitting into one joint MCMC fitting.

Figure 4. Top panels: source-plane distributions of the stellar and molecular gas masses, and their sum as the baryon mass. The stellar mass map is derived from SED fitting to the PSF-matched, delensed HST images as described in Appendix B.5. The molecular gas mass map is converted from the source-plane CO(3–2) line intensity map as described in Section 3.2. The baryon mass map is taken as their sum. Color bars indicate the per-pixel mass (in solar mass per square kiloparsec), where the pixel size is ∼160 pc on a side, equivalent to 0.02 if the source was observed unlensed. The varying PSF shapes across the kinematic major axis of J0901 are shown as three ellipses at the bottom of the first two panels, corresponding to (ΔR.A., Δdecl.) of about (−0.3, +0.2), (−0.1, +0.0) and (+0.3, −0.4), respectively (see also Figure B5). Middle panel: mass density radial profiles measured from the top panel maps. The blue, orange, and green lines represent the radially measured stellar, molecular gas, and total baryon mass surface density corresponding to the top panels. The green error bars represent the coadded photometric uncertainty in the HST five-band and CO intensity maps. The gray lines represent the two-component Sérsic fitting, with fitted parameters listed in the legend. The red and magenta arrows mark the radii where the molecular gas surface density exceeds that of the stars (1.7–3.7 kpc). Bottom panel: enclosed mass as a function of radius for the three mass maps, where the half-mass radii are marked by the solid symbols and shown in the legend.
3.3.2. Model Components

DYSMALPY builds up a galaxy using several physically motivated components, e.g., a bulge, a disk, and a dark matter halo. The bulge and disk components are usually set as Sérsic profiles, and the dark matter halo as a Navarro–Frenk–White (NFW; Navarro et al. 1996) profile. The key parameters for the bulge+disk components are $r_e$, $r_e$ bulge, $n_{\text{disk}}$, $n_{\text{bulge}}$, B/T, and $\sigma_0$ (see Price et al. 2021 for more details). All except $\sigma_0$ are previously measured in Section 3.2 and shown in Figure 4. For $r_e$, disk, we adopt a Gaussian prior PDF in our MCMC sampling centered at the best fits with a 0.2 dex sigma representing the uncertainty in lensing and photometry. For $r_e$, bulge, $n_{\text{disk}}$, $n_{\text{bulge}}$, and B/T, we fix them to the best-fit values. We have tested that changing the fixed parameters by 10%–20% does not obviously affect our results. For $\sigma_0$, we adopt a flat prior PDF. We note that its posterior distribution is tightly constrained regardless of the prior PDF shape or range. We also adopt a constant $\sigma_0$ profile across the galactic disk as indicated by our data (see Figure 5; see also Übler et al. 2019).

The NFW profile is characterized by a virial mass ($M_{\text{DM,vir}}$) and a halo concentration. We adopt a Gaussian prior PDF for the $M_{\text{DM,vir}}$ centered at $\log(M_{\text{DM,vir}}/M_\odot) \sim 12.3$ with a sigma of 0.7 dex. This $M_{\text{DM,vir}}$ is the average halo mass for a log($M_*/M_\odot$) $\sim 11.0$ SFG based on the $M_*/M_{\text{DM,vir}}$ relation (Moster et al. 2018, 2020). We note that using a flat prior PDF with a wide range log($M_{\text{DM,vir}}/M_\odot$) = 10.0–14.0 will not significantly change our derived $M_{\text{DM,vir}}$ by more than 0.2 dex, and the results are within the MCMC fitting derived uncertainty.

The halo concentration is fixed to 4.0, appropriate for the $z \sim 2$ of J0901 (e.g., Bullock et al. 2001; Dutton & Macciò 2014; Ludlow et al. 2014; Moster et al. 2020). We do not have enough constraints to explore the possibility of other halo models because the derived uncertainty in $M_{\text{DM,vir}}$ is already about 0.5 dex (Table 1).

We allow the inclination ($\sin(i)$ in the modeling) and P.A. to vary following Gaussian prior PDFs with a sigma of $\sim 0.2$ and $\sim 30^\circ$, respectively. The spatial and velocity kinematic center coordinates are also allowed to vary within small ranges under flat prior PDFs considering the uncertainty brought about by lensing. Following previous work, we only fit the velocity and dispersion profiles, not the flux distribution. This is because the Hα and CO emission individually do not trace the overall mass distribution.

The asymmetric drift (pressure support) is corrected as $v_2(r) = v_{\text{circ}}(r) - 2\sigma_0^2(r/r_d)$ for a turbulent disk with isotropic and radially constant velocity dispersion (Burkert et al. 2010, 2016; Genzel et al. 2020; Price et al. 2021), where $r$ is the galactocentric radius, and $r_d$ is the disk scale length ($R_c = 1.68 r_d$ for an exponential profile). Also following previous work, we neglect the effects of adiabatic contraction of the dark matter halo (see also discussion in Burkert et al. 2010).

Our key best-fit parameters are given in Table 1, and a direct comparison of the image-plane data and best-fit model convolved with PSF and LSF is given in Appendix C. Below we focus on the scientific results, which are discussed in the source plane.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1. Rotation Curve and Velocity Dispersion Profiles

In Figure 5, we present the source-plane 2D velocity map and 1D rotation curve of J0901, extracted consistently from the data and our best-fit kinematic model, respectively, with a 1D rotation curve extracted in a pseudo slit along the kinematic major axis. Error bars of the data points are the uncertainties...
from our pixel-by-pixel MCMC line fitting, which are larger in H$\alpha$ than in CO, partially because of the outflow removal. At large radii, the CO rotation curve appears to have a larger $v_{\text{rot}}$ than H$\alpha$. This is because the intrinsic disk dispersion is higher for H$\alpha$, leading to a stronger asymmetric drift bending down the curve.

In Figure 6, we show the CO and H$\alpha$’s velocity dispersion in 2D and 1D. Both tracers have a dispersion peaking consistently at the galaxy center because of the rapidly rising inner rotation curve smeared by the PSF. The dispersion peak is somewhat still seen in the residual maps, but the error bars are also large. The large uncertainties near the center come from the outflow removal for H$\alpha$ and the rather low S/N ($\sim 1$–$2$) for CO. Up to a galactocentric radius of about 4 kpc or $\sim 1$ $R_e$, the CO and H$\alpha$ dispersions do not show an obvious decrease from the inner to the outer disk. This supports our assumption of a constant disk dispersion.

4.2. Different Velocity Dispersions of the Cold and Ionized Gas in J0901

From our kinematic modeling, the best-fit intrinsic disk dispersion for the CO and H$\alpha$ traced molecular and ionized gas are $\sigma_{0,\text{mol}} = 37.3^{+2.8}_{-2.2}$ km s$^{-1}$ and $\sigma_{0,\text{ion}} = 64.3^{+5.0}_{-5.1}$ km s$^{-1}$, respectively (corrected for the LSF). Their difference is $\sim 27.0 \pm 3.0$ km s$^{-1}$. We compare these to other massive $z \sim 1$–3 SFGs in Figure 7.

There are still very few massive SFGs at $z \gtrsim 2$ that have both ionized and cold gas dispersion measurements. J0901, interestingly, follows the empirical evolution trends derived by Übler et al. (2019). In the upper panel of Figure 7, J0901’s $\sigma_{0,\text{ion}}$ is slightly above the Übler et al. (2019) trend but is consistent with other massive SFGs. There is a large scatter in the ionized gas disk dispersion at all redshifts, but the mean trend is increasing with redshift.

J0901’s $\sigma_{0,\text{mol}}$ is about 25 km s$^{-1}$ higher than that of $z \sim 0.1$ DYNAMO galaxies (Girard et al. 2021), and is about 10–20 km s$^{-1}$ higher than most of the $z \sim 0.6$–1.5 main-sequence galaxies from the PHIBSS survey (Tacconi et al. 2013, 2018), with CO dispersion measurements compiled by Girard et al. (2021).

Girard et al. (2021) also included lower-mass, strongly lensed galaxies at $z \sim 1.0$ (from Patrício et al. 2018 and Girard et al. 2019), which show cold gas dispersions as low as $11$–$20$ km s$^{-1}$ and have much smaller gas disk sizes. There is also an extreme emission-line selected galaxy in their compilation at $z \sim 1.5$, originally from Molina et al. (2019), having a very high $f_{\text{gas}} \sim 0.8$ and $\sigma_{0,\text{mol}} \sim 91$ km s$^{-1}$. It is likely that such an outlier has entered a starbursting phase and thus deviates from the mean trend. J0901, as a representative of the massive main-sequence SFG, robustly confirms the disk dispersion trends of other main-sequence SFGs.

4.3. Dark Matter Fraction within the Disk

We obtain a dark matter fraction $f_{\text{DM}}$ of $0.44^{+0.15}_{-0.16}$ from the CO, and $0.36^{+0.18}_{-0.14}$ from the H$\alpha$ kinematics, within $R_e$ in J0901. In Figure 8, we show the intrinsic circular velocity curve of our best-fit model. The relative contributions from baryon and dark matter are shown as the stacked blue and yellow areas, respectively. The dark matter starts to dominate over the baryons only at about $>1 R_e$. The CO and H$\alpha$ curves show overall very good consistency.

In Figure 9, we compare J0901’s $f_{\text{DM}}$ and kinematically determined baryon surface density $\Sigma_{\text{baryon}}$ within $1 R_e$ to that of 100 massive $z \sim 1$–3 SFGs from Nestor Shachar et al. (2022). The empirical trend derived by Wuyts et al. (2016) using the KMOS3D seeing-limited survey data is overlaid, which covers most of these SFGs within $\sim 0.2$ dex.

With better constraints from both CO and H$\alpha$ kinematics at twice higher physical resolution, the derived $f_{\text{DM}}(<R_e)$ of J0901 is in excellent agreement with results from other (unlensed) massive galaxy samples at similar redshift. The baryon dominance in the inner regions requires a flatter inner dark matter halo profile than the assumed cuspy NFW one in order to remain consistent with the global $M_{\star} – M_{\text{DM,vir}}$ relation. Mechanisms for such a coring process could be AGN/star formation feedback, dynamical friction by the dark matter on merging satellites, and...
giant baryonic clumps (e.g., El-Zant et al. 2001; Dekel et al. 2003; Martizzi et al. 2012; Peirani et al. 2017; Dekel et al. 2021; Ogiya & Nagai 2022; see also discussions in Genzel et al. 2020 and Dekel et al. 2021). These mechanisms, especially the energetic AGN feedback in the hot dark matter halo, may well have happened in J0901 over its last billion years.

In addition, there is a marginal discrepancy between the kinematically and photometrically derived total baryon masses in J0901, at ~0.5 dex. This is likely due to well-known uncertainties in the photometric mass estimation, i.e., SED fitting with only five-band HST data up to the H band, IMF, star formation history (SFH), and dust attenuation, etc. These uncertainties also add up to about 0.5 dex, if considering the delensing and IMF variations (e.g., Cappellari et al. 2012; Hopkins 2018; Zhang et al. 2018).

4.4. Disk Instability and Inside-out Quenching

We compute the Toomre $Q$ (Toomre 1964) map of the molecular gas as shown in Figure 10 following Equation (2) of

Figure 7. Ionized (upper panel) and cold gas (lower panel) velocity dispersions in the J0901 disk compared to other massive $z \sim 1$–3 SFGs (Livermore et al. 2015; Leethochawalit et al. 2016; Hirtenstein et al. 2019; Übler et al. 2019; Girard et al. 2021) and the $z \sim 0$ GHASP survey (Epinat et al. 2008, 2010). The shaded bands represent the Übler et al. (2019) empirical evolution trends for the dispersions of ionized gas (green): $\sigma_{0, \text{ion.}} = 23.3 + 9.8 z$, and cold gas (magenta): $\sigma_{0, \text{mol.}} = 10.9 + 11.0 z$.

Figure 8. Best-fit models’ intrinsic circular velocity, corrected for inclination and without beam smearing and asymmetric drift. The baryonic and dark matter contributions to the circular velocity are shown as blue and yellow shading, respectively, and stacked on each other. The total circular velocity profiles are shown as black lines (solid for CO- and dashed for Hα-based kinematics). The dashed vertical line indicates the $R_e$ of J0901. The fading beyond $R_e$ indicates regions with little data, where the model curves are extrapolated.

Figure 9. Dark matter fraction $f_{\text{DM}}(<R_e)$ vs. baryon surface density $\Sigma_{\text{baryon}}(<R_e)$ within the baryonic disk effective radius $R_e$. Small open symbols are the latest IFU studies of 100 massive $z = 0.65$–2.45 galaxies from (Nestor Shachar et al. 2022) RC100; extending the work of Genzel et al. (2020); RC41. The RC100 galaxies are divided into two equal-cosmic-interval redshift bins, $0.65 < z < 1.2$ and $1.2 < z < 2.45$. The dashed line indicates the Wuyts et al. (2016) empirical fit: $\log(1+y) = (-0.34 + 0.51 (z - 8.5))$, and the blue shaded area indicates a ±0.2 dex scatter. The J0901 kinematically fitted $f_{\text{DM}}$ vs. $\Sigma_{\text{baryon}}$ (and 16th and 84th percentiles) are shown as the magenta and green solid stars (and error bars) for the CO and Hα data sets, respectively.
Figure 4. Lower panel: the azimuthally averaged radial profile of the molecular gas Q. The lower and upper marginally (un)stable Qgas are 0.67 and 1.3, respectively (for a thick disk with gas and stars; Genzel et al. 2014a).

Genzel et al. (2014a): \( Q_{\text{gas}} = \frac{\kappa(r) n_g}{\Sigma_G(S_h)} \), where \( \kappa \) is the epicyclic frequency depending on the rotation curve, \( \sigma_0 \) is the intrinsic velocity dispersion, \( G \) is the gravitational constant, and \( \Sigma_{\text{gas}}(r) \) is the molecular gas surface density at radius \( r \). A threshold \( Q \) value, \( Q_{\text{crit}} = 0.67 \), describes a single gas phase, thick disk (Goldreich & Lynden-Bell 1965). This \( Q_{\text{crit}} \) is slightly larger for a mixture of gas and stars. When \( Q \) is below \( Q_{\text{crit}} \), gas becomes gravitationally unstable and is subject to collapse and/or fragments and forms stars locally. J0901’s molecular gas shows a central peak of high \( Q \) value within about 1 kpc, then a significant instability with \( Q < 0.5 Q_{\text{crit}} \) at larger radii.

Genzel et al. (2014a), using Hα kinematics and cold gas surface densities estimated from Hα-based SFRs, reported a central peak of \( Q \) in the majority of massive SFGs among their sample. They pointed out that the rapidly rising inner rotation curve (the gradient of epicyclic frequency \( \kappa \)) contributes more to the \( Q \) gradient than the gas surface density distribution. Their finding, along with our direct cold gas-based result, are consistent with an inside-out quenching scenario in which the global gravitational instability is suppressed from the inside out during the secular evolution of SFGs.

The \( Q \) parameter can be alternatively expressed as a function of the gas fraction \( f_{\text{gas}} \) when substituting \( \kappa \) with a combination of the enclosed total mass and radius (see Equation (3) of Genzel et al. 2014a), leading to \( Q = \alpha \cdot f_{\text{gas}}^{-1} \cdot (v_{\text{rot}}/\sigma_0)^{-1} \), where \( \alpha = \sqrt{2} \) for a flat rotation curve (see also Genzel et al. 2008; Law et al. 2009; Genzel et al. 2011; Wisnioski et al. 2015; Turner et al. 2017). J0901’s baryonic \( f_{\text{gas}} \) is \( \sim 0.42 \) as indicated by our mass maps (Figure 4), agreeing well with those derived from the empirical scaling relations (e.g., the Tacconi et al. 2018 scaling relation gives \( f_{\text{gas}} = 0.51 \) and the Liu et al. 2019 scaling relation predicts \( f_{\text{gas}} = 0.48 \).

With the cold gas \( v_{\text{rot}}/\sigma_0 = 6.5 \pm 1.0 \) at \( R_e \) in J0901 (see Table 1), the formula predicts a \( Q \) value of about 0.5, confirming the generally unstable \( Q \) values in Figure 10.

The cold gas depletion time \( \tau_{\text{depl.}} \equiv M_{\text{gas}}/\text{SFR} \) is about 420 Myr, agreeing with the general trend at \( z \sim 2 \) for a massive (log \( M_*/M_\odot = 11 \)), main-sequence SFG (e.g., Tacconi et al. 2013; Genzel et al. 2015; Tacconi et al. 2018; Liu et al. 2019).

The amount of cold gas and depletion timescale, if assuming a constant SFR in the rest of the time and ignoring the gas accretion from halo, indicate that J0901 will run out of its cold gas fuel in about 4.5 orbital periods.

Assuming that J0901 stays on the star-forming main sequence (i.e., following the evolution in Speagle et al. 2014) since its formation time \( t_{\text{form}} \) with an initial stellar mass \( M_{*,\text{init}} \), then we can compute its mass assembly history until reaching its current \( M_* \) and SFR at \( z = 2.259 \) (cosmic age \( \sim 2.85 \) Gyr). We find that a \( t_{\text{form}} \sim 1.45 \) Gyr (\( t_{\text{form}} \sim 4.1 \)) and \( \log M_{*,\text{init}}/M_\odot \sim 9.0 \) are needed to match its current properties. This assembly history also means that J0901 had half of its current \( M_* \) at \( z \sim 2.61 \), only about 400 Myr before.

At that time, its molecular gas within the inner \( \sim 1.7 \) kpc could be about \( 5 \times 10^{10} M_\odot \), with a mean gas surface density at least twice the current peak value (Figure 4). If further considering a mass loading factor of \( \sim 0.5 \) due to galactic outflows, then either a massive radial transport of the cold gas inward or an even larger \( \Sigma_{\text{mol. gas}} \geq 10^{10} M_\odot \) kpc\(^{-2} \) within the inner \( \sim 1.7 \) kpc radius is required. The latter would indicate a much larger than in the most starbursty, merger-driven ultraluminous infrared galaxies (e.g., Ward et al. 2003; Prinson et al. 2017). Therefore, it is very likely that a significant radial transport has played a role in J0901’s assembly history, with ensuing star formation and possibly outflows then exhausting its inner gas reservoir, then the central bulge is starved by disk gas having too high angular momentum to keep feeding central star formation (Peng & Renzini 2020).

The AGN-driven ionized gas outflow at a rate of \( 25 \pm 8 M_\odot \) yr\(^{-1} \) (Davies et al. 2020) is a probable reason for the shutdown of further gas inflow into the central kiloparsec. This outflow is still much lower than the current SFR, but could have been stronger in the past. Even maintaining its current rate, it can still cancel out the remaining gas inward transport, which is likely becoming weaker and weaker with cosmic time.

4.5. Cold Gas Ring Formation and Longevity

The ring-like cold gas structure revealed in this study raises interesting questions, e.g., how common is a cold gas ring found in massive SFGs at high-\( z \), and what is its origin? The first question is hard to answer statistically because the number of high-resolution cold gas kinematic measurements in main-sequence SFGs is still very small. Possibly due to either resolution or sensitivity, none of the previous studies with CO mapping has revealed a cold gas ring (e.g., Tacconi et al. 2006, 2008; Bolatto et al. 2015; Barro et al. 2017; Calistro Rivera et al. 2018; Herrera-Camus et al. 2019;...
Rybak et al. 2019; Kaasinen et al. 2020). In comparison, with systematic deep surveys with AO, Hα rings have been commonly found in massive SFGs at $z \sim 1–3$ at 1–4 kpc scales (Genzel et al. 2008, 2011, 2014a; Förster Schreiber et al. 2018; e.g., $\geq 50\%$ in the Genzel et al. 2014a sample of 19 SFGs).

In theory, CO and Hα rings can both indicate that there is less star formation in the inner than the outer disk, and they are different from the stellar mass rings found in some studies, which may originate from minor mergers (e.g., Elmegreen & Elmegreen 2006; Elagali et al. 2018; Yuan et al. 2020). Whether CO and Hα rings are two phases in the same evolutionary path or are two distinct populations is still an open question.

On the second question, the formation of cold gas rings in the secular evolution of massive SFGs has been seen in high-resolution numerical simulations (Danovich et al. 2015; Dekel et al. 2020). In these simulations, most massive SFGs have experienced a wet compaction event when their masses reach a certain threshold ($M_{\text{DM}} \sim 10^{11.5} M_\odot$ or $M_* \sim 10^{9.5} M_\odot$; Dekel & Burkert 2014; Dekel et al. 2020). Dekel et al. (2020) showed that such wet compaction includes the following phases: (i) a highly turbulent rotating disk develops from cold gas streams; (ii) a central blob of high gas density builds up; (iii) central gas depletes via star formation and outflows; and (iv) an extended, clumpy cold gas ring forms, which is continuously fed by incoming cold streams and will live for several billion years without an inward migration. Taking these simulated galaxies as an example, phases i–iii happened during $z = 3.3–2.7$, with giant clumps and inter-clump gas existing and migrating inward. Then, phase transitions iii and iv happen rapidly from $z = 2.7$ to 2.4 and forms the post-compaction ring, roughly matching the redshift of J0901. Such a cold gas ring in these simulations appears together with the central mass concentration and lasts for about $2 \times 10^9$ yr from $z = 2.4–1.2$.

J0901’s CO ring is consistent with the physical scenario demonstrated in the above simulations. Our ring radius ($\sim 4$ kpc) is also consistent with some of the simulated galaxies, e.g., “V20” in Dekel et al. (2020), but not their “V07” galaxy. The variation in the ring radius of their simulated galaxies is $\sim 4–10$ kpc. Compared to J0901’s properties, the conditions of the simulated galaxy V07 match J0901 well, with $M_* = 10^{10.5–10.8} M_\odot$ and $M_{\text{DM}} = 10^{11.8–12.1} M_\odot$ during its phases iii and iv at $z = 2.4–1.2$. The conditions for V20 are not mentioned in their paper, but its total virial mass is only slightly (0.15 dex) smaller than that of V07. It could be gas accretion history or other stochastic properties that caused the different final ring sizes.

5. Summary

In this work, we present an analysis of the currently highest-resolution CO and Hα data sets in the strongly lensed, representative massive main-sequence SFG J0901 at $z = 2.259$, achieving a delensed physical resolution of $\sim 600$ pc for our major-axis kinematic study. We derived a new lens model utilizing the highly complementary HST and CO data, and examined the uncertainty of lensing via MCMC fitting (Appendix B.3). We developed a C++ LENSING module for the 3D forward-modeling kinematic fitting software DYSMALPY (Price et al. 2021), to enable direct image-plane kinematic fitting for our data sets.

The resulting CO and Hα kinematics show that J0901 is a baryon-dominated rotating disk within its $\sim 1 R_e$ ($\sim 4$ kpc). Its dark matter fraction inside $\sim 1 R_e$ is fully consistent with the general trend established for $z \sim 1–3$ massive main-sequence SFGs by large-sample, non-lensed kinematic studies (e.g., Wuys et al. 2016; Genzel et al. 2020; Nestor Shachar et al. 2022 and simulations (Moster et al. 2018, 2020).

We find that J0901’s intrinsic velocity dispersion ($\sigma_0$) is roughly constant from the inner to the outer part of the disk (to $\sim 1 R_e$ or $\sim 4$ kpc; Figure 6). The cold molecular gas has a dispersion of $\sigma_{\text{mol}} \sim 37.3 \pm 2.5$ kms$^{-1}$, and the ionized gas has $\sigma_{\text{ion}} \sim 64.3 \pm 5.1$ kms$^{-1}$. Both velocity dispersions match well with the $\sigma_{\text{ion}}$ and $\sigma_{\text{mol}}$ evolution trends derived from non-lensed massive SFGs (Übler et al. 2019).

We derive the stellar and cold gas mass maps and the corresponding Toomre $Q$ map in J0901, finding a strong cold gas $Q$ peak ($Q > 3$) within the central kiloparsec of J0901 and a highly-unstable cold gas ring at radii $\sim 2–4$ kpc ($Q \sim 0.3$). Together, the dense central peak in stellar mass surface density inside the cold gas ring structure is suggestive of an inside-out quenching scenario (e.g., Martig et al. 2009; Genzel et al. 2014a). These features observed in J0901 are also in qualitative agreement with structures identified in post-wet compaction phases in recent high-resolution numerical simulations of high-$\alpha$ turbulent SFGs (Dekel et al. 2020). It will be important in future work to investigate the frequency of such signatures with high-resolution observations of larger samples of massive $z \sim 2$ SFGs.

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Appendix A

Gallery of J0901 Data Products

We show a gallery of all our J0901 CO and Hα products, along with the HST F814W, F160W, and ALMA archival 1 mm dust continuum (beam $\sim 1.45 \times 0.91$ at P.A. $\sim 60^\circ$; project code: 2013.1.00952.S) and ALMA 3 mm dust continuum observed together with our CO(3–2) data and SED-fitted stellar mass, SFR and $A_V$ maps in Figures A1 (image plane) and A2 (source plane).
Figure A1. Image-plane data of the J0901 SE arc. The first two rows are the maps of the ALMA CO(3–2) line integrated intensity, velocity, velocity dispersion, and S/N of the integrated intensity (first row: Briggs weighting; second row: natural weighting). Rows 3–5 show the Hα data products from the VLT SINFONI AO, combo and non-AO data cubes (Section 2.2; Appendix B.2), respectively. For Hα products we only show the narrow-line (non-outflow) component from our pixel-by-pixel spectral line fitting (Appendix B.6). The last two rows show the HST F814W and F160W images, ALMA 1 and 3 mm dust continuum images, and the pixel-by-pixel SED-fitted stellar mass, SFR, and $A_V$ maps (see our SED fitting in Appendix B.5). The fields of view are the same in all panels (8″ × 7″) and north is up.
The astrometric calibration of the HST imaging is based on nine stars identified in the Gaia-DR3 database\(^{16}\) with proper motion information. Galfit (Peng et al. 2002, 2010) is used to accurately determine the source positions in the images.

The astrometry corrections for the SINFONI AO and non-AO data are based on the alignment between the extracted \(K\)-band continuum and the HST \(H\)-band continuum, as the small SINFONI field of view does not contain any bright stars.

We matched the HST ACS/WFC and WFC3/IR images to a common PSF before performing the spatially resolved SED fitting. We built PSFs using the TinyTim software (Krist et al. 2011) and made convolution kernels using the Python photutils package (photutils.psf.create_matching_kernel function). Then the astropy and reproj packages were used for convolution and reprojection to a common pixel scale. We examined the radial profiles of our PSFs using several unsaturated stars in our HST images as well as the CANDELS HST images, finding good agreements, yet note that sometimes the peak pixel of real stars is \(20\%\)–\(30\%\) lower than that of our ideal PSFs, which is likely because of a

\(^{16}\) https://gea.esac.esa.int/archive/
sub-pixel sampling/smearing issue. The choice of a perfect PSF is not a key issue in our analysis and not obviously altering our SED fitting derived stellar mass and/or other properties.

In order to reconstruct the source-plane HST maps of J0901, galaxies in the foreground lensing cluster need to be subtracted. This is done by first running Galfit to fit Sérsic profiles...
simultaneously for 19 foreground galaxies, plus 14 sources that are manually added to represent the J0901 emission for better deblending. For the foreground emission, we included an extended component at the lensing cluster center, representing a diffuse cluster light, which is needed for a good fit. Then we fixed the foreground galaxies’ photometric parameters to their best fits and run Galfit again with only the foreground galaxies. This produces a foreground-only model image and a residual image where only J0901 emission remains. The resulting images are presented in Figure B1.

**B.2. Combining SINFONI AO and Non-AO Data Sets**

As mentioned in Section 2.2, we combine the SINFONI AO and non-AO data into one combo data cube for our kinematic fitting. We stitch the AO and non-AO cubes so that AO cube pixels fill the inner part and non-AO cube pixels fill the outer part. To improve the S/N, we did a two-pixel-FWHM Gaussian smoothing to the AO data and a 1.5 pixel-FWHM Gaussian smoothing to the non-AO data before combining (with pixel size regridded to 0\(^\circ\)05 in advance). The transition radius for the stitching is determined empirically and has no major effect as we tested. The stitched cube, therefore, has two PSFs and inhomogeneous noise, but represents a total on-source integration time of about 19 hr. The AO PSF was adopted for kinematic modeling of the stitched combo cube. This is adequate for the central regions of the galaxy, where the observed velocity and dispersion variations are strongest; for the outer disk regions, it is smaller than the actual resolution but for the case of J0901, it has little impact because in these
regions the velocity curve and the velocity dispersion are fairly flat. To further understand the effect of fitting the combo or individual data sets, we performed independent kinematic fitting for the AO, non-AO, and combo data sets, then compared their results in Appendix D. We find no significant inconsistency given the fitting uncertainties (mostly limited by the area we probed, which is slightly beyond 1\(R_e\)). However, the combo data set gives the full information of the rotation curve with the best inner spatial resolution, and therefore is taken as our fiducial \(H\alpha\) data set throughout the paper.

### B.3. Lens Modeling

J0901 is lensed by the gravitational field of a low-\(z\) massive galaxy cluster. The brightest central galaxy is a massive elliptical galaxy confirmed at \(z = 0.34612 \pm 0.00019\) with SDSS DR7 spectroscopy (Diehl et al. 2009). As shown in Figure B1, we adopt 16 cluster member galaxies visible in the HST data and with a similar color. The entire J0901 is doubly lensed into the SE and W arcs. Additionally, the majority of J0901 except for its southeast part in the source plane is inside the caustics of the major lens and thus is quadruply lensed, forming the NE arc in the image plane (see also Tagore 2014). Moreover, there is a galaxy lens very close to the SE arc, hereafter the southern perturber, which significantly distorts part of the SE arc as can be seen in the HST image and the CO velocity field. The distorted regions are multiply lensed around the perturber, creating two apparent nuclei (Sharon et al. 2019; Davies et al. 2020) and a twisted velocity field therein. Coincidentally, there is a higher-redshift galaxy, nicknamed “Sith” (Tagore 2014) also lensed by the cluster and is seen as four faint images. (Its redshift is about \(z = 3.23 \pm 0.13\) from our MCMC lens modeling, consistent with the determined value of \(z \sim 3.1\) by independent lens modeling in Davies et al. 2020).

All these complexities require careful modeling of a large number (~50) of varying parameters for the dominant (massive, and/or close to the lensed images) lens galaxies and the cluster’s dark matter halo.

We use the astrometry-corrected, foreground-subtracted HST F814W image data, together with the new high-resolution ALMA CO(3–2) data cube, plus our Galfit-fitted galaxy positions and magnitudes as the starting point for the lens modeling. We visually examine the HST data and each channel map (~22 km s\(^{-1}\)) of the ALMA CO data cube to define a

![Figure B4](image-url)

**Figure B4.** Upper: source-plane HST F814W images delensed from the SE and W arcs, in the first and second panels, respectively. The third panel is identical to the second one except for overlaying the identified knots (same as in Figure B2) and caustic lines in the source plane. Lower: comparison of the observed and SE and W arc relensed images, from left to right, respectively. The observed image is identical to the HST image shown in Figures B1 and B2. The relensed images are constructed by the method laid out in Appendix B.3. Critical lines of our lens model are overlaid in the first lower panel.
An animation of this figure is available.)

collection of knots and their positions in the image plane. We are able to define 36 bright knots in the HST data and 26 in the ALMA CO channel maps (peak S/N ∼ 10–20). These knots correspond to 16 and seven compact stellar and CO emission in the source plane, respectively, plus Sith. For each knot image, a positional uncertainty is assigned based on the peak pixel’s S/N and the resolution of the data, and is used during our lens model fitting. In Figure B2, we show the knot positions in the HST and ALMA channel maps.

The combination of HST and high-resolution ALMA channel maps is the key improvement in this work. The ∼0′′.36 ALMA data not only provide locations of knots that are invisible in the HST data and are at large galactocentric radii, due to heavy dust attention or too few stars, but also high spectral resolution, which unambiguously separates knots in the velocity space, even including some in the highly distorted NE arc.

With the visually identified knots and lens galaxies’ locations and magnitudes, we performed lens modeling using the GLAFIC software (Oguri 2010a, 2010b). We first run the direct least-χ² fitting using GLAFIC. It is computationally efficient but is sensitive to the initial guess of parameters and may be trapped into local χ² mimina. For example, the brightest spot in the NE arc should correspond to a significantly magnified (>10) region in J0901 (but is not the brightest spot in the SE and W images) and the critical line should cross the NE arc near this position. This puts a strong limit on the lens halo mass and shape. We tried adopting a very large mass as the initial guess, finding that the χ² minimization does not always converge given the large number of free parameters.

Then, we performed a complementary MCMC-based fitting. We use the Python EMCEE package and run GLAFIC in each MCMC iteration to sample the high-dimensional parameter space. This method is much more time-consuming but can effectively reveal parameter degeneracy and assess uncertainties. We performed the MCMC fitting with ∼100 random walkers (twice the number of free parameters) and 10³ iterations. During each iteration, the MCMC sampler runs GLAFIC with fixed parameters, which are controlled by the sampler itself, then a likelihood is computed based on the corresponding offsets between each pair of input (source-plane) and output (image-plane) knots. If no corresponding lensed image is found for a knot, then we ignore its likelihood. To justify this approach, we tried other likelihood computation methods, for example, setting a very low likelihood in the case of missing an image-plane knot, which, however, often leads to no convergence. In Figure B3, we present the tight PDFs of the lens mass parameters from our MCMC fitting.

Our lens modeling could be further improved by increasing the angular resolution for more accurate knot positions, especially in the ALMA CO data, obtaining spectroscopic information for all lens galaxies, and confirming the redshift of Sith. Based on the current data, we verified that the uncertainty of the lens model to our kinematic study is limited to about 20%. This is estimated by generating a few more testing lens models using parameters within the 2σ MCMC confidence level, then deriving delensed images and performing radial analysis as presented in Section 3.2. In Figure B4, we further show the source-plane maps delensed with the SE and W arcs, respectively. Minor differences seen in the comparison are because the magnification factors are different in the two arcs. The same image-plane PSF corresponds to different source-plane resolutions in the two arcs; therefore, their delensed maps naturally have minor differences. The bright spots and the faint spiral-arm-like feature at the south in the source plane do not correspond to each other as shown in Figure B4. The lower panels of Figure B4 are mapped from the source-plane mesh grids containing the image brightness (top row) onto the image-plane mesh grids. Spatial smearing of the released images is caused by differential PSF across the source plane and the finite resolution of the mesh grid. The overall qualitative agreement nonetheless demonstrates our lens model is robust.
### B.4. Delensing with Mesh Grid

Our delensing is based on the adaptive mesh grid file produced by GLAFIC, which maps each grid cell as rectangles or irregular 4-vertex polygons between the image and source plane (either can be rectangular and the other irregular). We set the image-plane grid to be rectangular, with cell size varying from 1/4 to 2 pixels, depending on the distance to critical lines. Each image-plane cell is then mapped to an irregular 4-vertex polygon in the source plane according to the adaptive mesh. We then calculate bilinear interpolation in each irregular source-plane cell to obtain the delensed 2D image. In the case of the data cube, we perform the delensing channel by channel. We choose a pixel size of 0\(^0\)02 in the source plane, sufficient for sampling the source-plane PSF shape.

In order to visualize the variation of the source-plane PSF, we generated an array of image-plane 2D PSF profiles and delensed them. In Figure B5, we illustrate how the moving ~0\(^0\)36 PSF in the image plane is delensed into the source plane. It is elongated along the northeast–southwest direction and the minor axis FWHM is about 0\(^0\)07, or 560 pc, which coincidentally aligns with the kinematic major axis of J0901, thus providing a high spatial resolution for the J0901 rotation curve. Similarly, we analyzed the source-plane PSF away from the center, finding a minor axis FWHM of about 0\(^0\)14, or 1.1 kpc, and with a slightly rotated P.A.

### B.5. SED Fitting

After delensing the foreground-subtracted, PSF-matched HST images, we perform SED fitting to the five-band...
photometry pixel by pixel, using the FAST software (Kriek et al. 2009, 2018). It fits composite stellar population SEDs to the photometric data with SFH, attenuation, and filter response taken into consideration. As widely used for massive SFGs at high-\(z\) (e.g., Wuyts et al. 2011), we adopt solar metallicity, \(\tau\)-declining SFH, and Calzetti et al. (2000) attenuation law. Despite that the five photometric bands probe rest-frame UV to optical but not near-IR, the stellar mass is usually the most robustly constrained parameter from the SED fitting, compared to other parameters like age, attenuation, and SFH parameters (see, e.g., Bell & de Jong 2000; Wuyts et al. 2012; Lang et al. 2014).

\[ \text{Figures C1 and C2 show the direct comparison of the observed data and our best-fit model in the image plane (Section 3.3). We use our new code DYSMALPY+LENSING to directly fit the observed velocity and velocity dispersion along a pseudo slit in the image plane. The best-fit model has been convolved with the PSF and LSF when compared to the observed data. Residual maps are shown in the third columns in Figures C1 and C2. The rightmost panels show the velocity and velocity dispersion profiles extracted along the pseudo slit. As the comparison is in the image plane, the 1D profiles show twisted shapes because of the lensing.} \]

**B.6. CO and H\(\alpha\)’s Line Map Creation**

We perform pixel-by-pixel spectral line fitting to the continuum-subtracted CO and H\(\alpha\) data cubes using an MCMC-based, custom, flexible multicomponent, and multi-constraint fitting procedure.

For the SINFONI data, we simultaneously fit a narrow and broad component to the H\(\alpha\) line and [N\(\Pi\)] doublet to account for the star formation-dominated and outflow-dominated emission. This two-component fitting is necessary because the outflow emission is strong, especially in the nuclear regions of J0901, related to the presence of the AGN (Genzel et al. 2014b; Davies et al. 2020). In practice, the implementation of the outflow is that for each main line component, we add a 1D Gaussian whose line width is parametrized by a variable as an increment to the main line component’s width. This procedure makes sure that the outflow component is always broader than the main line. We further constrain the outflow line center to be within \(\pm 500\ \text{km s}^{-1}\) from the main line, so that it will not try to fit unphysically broad noise features. To avoid overfitting the data, especially in low S/N pixels, we tie the line centers and widths of the [N\(\Pi\)] doublet to those of H\(\alpha\) for each of the narrow and broad emission. The MCMC fitting is implemented with the \texttt{pymc3} package, with flat line amplitude, velocity, and dispersion priors. The uncertainty of each free or tied parameter is determined from the MC sampling, for which we used 3000 samplings.

**Velocity, observed vs. reconstructed best-fit model**

![Velocity comparison](image)

**Figure C1.** Similar to Figure 5, but showing the velocity maps and 1D profiles in the image plane. See the Figure 5 caption for the details.
Appendix D
Comparing Kinematic Fitting with Different Data Sets, in Different Data Spaces and Lensing Planes

We tested kinematic fitting in the image and source plane, in 1D and 2D data spaces, and with five different data sets: (i) Briggs- and (ii) natural-weighting CO, (iii) AO, (iv) combo, and (v) non-AO Hα data cubes. Figure D1 shows a comparison of the kinematic fitting results of all data products, fitted in either 1D or 2D data space, and in either image or source plane.

First, the $M_{\text{baryon}}$ (i.e., $M_{\text{disk}}+M_{\text{bulge}}$), $\sigma_0$, $R_e$, and geometric parameters are tightly constrained with $\sim0.2$ dex (or $\sim20\%$) uncertainties. Only $M_{\text{DM,vir}}$ has a large uncertainty of $\sim0.6$ dex.
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