Statistical Properties of Diffuse Lyα Halos around Star-forming Galaxies at z ∼ 2

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ABSTRACT

We present statistical properties of diffuse Lyα halos (LHs) around high-z star-forming galaxies with large Subaru samples of Lyα emitters (LAEs) at z = 2.2. We make subsamples defined by the physical quantities of LAEs’ central Lyα luminosities, UV magnitudes, Lyα equivalent widths, and UV slopes, and investigate LHs’ radial surface brightness (SB) profiles and scale lengths r_s as a function of these physical quantities. We find that there exist prominent LHs around LAEs with faint Lyα luminosities, bright UV luminosities, and small Lyα equivalent widths in cumulative radial Lyα SB profiles. We confirm this trend with the anti-correlation between r_s and Lyα luminosities (equivalent widths) based on the Spearman’s rank correlation coefficient that is ρ = −0.9 (−0.7) corresponding to the 96% (93%) confidence level, although the correlation between r_s and UV magnitudes is not clearly found in the rank correlation coefficient. Our results suggest that LAEs with properties similar to typical Lyman-break galaxies (with faint Lyα luminosities and small equivalent widths) possess more prominent LHs. We investigate scenarios for the major physical origins of LHs with our results, and find that the cold stream scenario is not preferred, due to the relatively small equivalent widths up to 77Å in LHs that include LAEs’ central components. There remain two possible scenarios of Lyα scattering in circumgalactic medium and satellite galaxies that cannot be tested with our observational data.

1 INTRODUCTION

Recent observations have identified diffuse Lyα halos (LHs) around Lyα emitters (LAEs) and Lyman-break galaxies (LBGs) by the stacking analysis that enables to find very diffuse and faint Lyα emission associated with high-redshift galaxies [Hayashino et al. 2004, Steidel et al. 2011, Matsuda et al. 2012, Feldmeier et al. 2013, Momose et al. 2014, Steidel et al. 2011] have identified extended LHs with a radius of r ∼ 80 kpc around LBGs at (z) = 2.65 in the stacked narrow-band (NB) images of 92 LBGs [Matsuda et al. 2012, hereafter MA12] have detected LHs from stacked 130 − 864 LAEs at z = 3.1. More recently, Momose et al. 2014 (hereafter MO14) have found LHs based on the large samples of 100 − 3500 LAEs at the wide redshift range, z = 2 − 7. These previous studies suggest the inherent presence of LHs around LAEs and LBGs, whereas they provoke new questions: what is the origin of LHs, and which physical parameters determine the structure of LHs.

Theoretically, the scattered light of Lyα photons by neutral hydrogen (H1) gas in the circum-galactic medium (CGM) is thought as one possible origin of an LH (e.g. Laursen et al. 2007, Zheng et al. 2011, Dijkstra & Kramer 2012, Verhamme et al. 2012). Moreover, these studies have predicted that a galactic scale outflow and the environment of galaxies could produce the extended feature of Lyα emission. Zheng et al. 2011 have investigated properties of LHs based on Lyα radiative
transfer modeling in cosmological reionization simulations, and indicated that the slope of a radial surface brightness (SB) profile depends on an outflowing velocity of the CGM. Lake et al. (2013) have explored the nature of Ly\(_\alpha\) photons in a LAH found in MO14 by comparing the LAH obtained from their cosmological hydrodynamic galaxy formation simulation. Their results have suggested that the extent of their LAH over 20 kpc radius is contributed by Ly\(_\alpha\) photons from satellite galaxies and the cold streams.

Jeeon-Daniel et al. (2012) have demonstrated that the radial SB profiles of LAHs are flatter at the epoch of reionization than those at the post-reionization epoch, since Ly\(_\alpha\) photons scattered by H\(_i\) and indicated that the slope of a radial surface brightness profile can be used as a cosmological probe.

Observationally, the correlation between the LAH sizes and the central galaxy properties has been investigated. MA12 have explored the scale lengths of their LAHs \(r_n\) as a function of the surface number density of LAEs \(\delta_{\text{LAH}}\), and found that scale lengths of their LAHs correlate with \(\delta_{\text{LAH}}\). MA12 have also studied the dependence between scale lengths and UV-continuum magnitude of their LAEs, but no correlation has been identified. The dependence of scale lengths on UV luminosity has been discussed in Steidel et al. (2011) and Feldmeier et al. (2013) as well. Steidel et al. (2011) have shown a marginal difference in scale lengths between UV luminous and faint LBG samples. On the other hand, Feldmeier et al. (2013) have suggested that their LAHs of UV-bright galaxies are more extended than that of all galaxies. The discrepancy of these results is unclear. However, this would be explained by the following two reasons. (1) Galaxies samples used in both MA12 and Steidel et al. (2011) are found in over-dense regions, and their data include environmental effects. (2) A marginal detection of the LAH found in Feldmeier et al. (2013) may not allow to measure its scale length accurately. In order to clearly understand the properties and physical origin of LAHs, the detailed LAH observations of galaxies in low-density environments are necessary.

In this paper, we investigate the LAH profiles and sizes as a function of observational properties of the central LAEs. Our LAE sample, which reside in field regions at \(z = 2.2\) (Nakajima et al. 2012, MO14), are large enough to detect LAHs of subsamples defined by various physical properties of the central LAEs. We show the sample and analysis in Section 2 and our results in Section 3. In Section 4 we discuss the physical origin of LAHs and evaluate the missing Ly\(_\alpha\) fluxes. We summarize our results and discussions in Section 5. Throughout this paper, we use AB magnitudes (Oke & Gunn 1983) and adopt a cosmology parameter set of \((\Omega_m, \Omega_{\Lambda}, H_0) = (0.3, 0.7, 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1})\). In this cosmology, 1 arcsec corresponds to transverse sizes of 8.3 physical kpc at \(z = 2.2\).

## 2 SAMPLE AND ANALYSIS

### 2.1 Sample

We use a large photometric sample of LAEs at \(z = 2.2\) made by the wide-field narrow-band (NB) imaging surveys of Suprime-Cam (Miyazaki et al. 2002) on Subaru telescope. Our sample consists of 3556 LAEs found in five deep fields of COSMOS, GOODS-N, GOODS-S, SSA22 and SXD8 (Nakajima et al. 2012). The LAEs are identified by an excess of flux in an NB of \(N3837\) whose central wavelength and FWHM are 3870 Å and 94 Å, respectively. The UV continua of these LAEs are determined with V-band images taken by Capak et al. (2004), Havasino et al. (2004b), Taniguchi et al. (2007), Furusawa et al. (2008), and Taylor et al. (2009).

To find a correlation between the LAH profiles and LAE properties, we divide our LAEs into five subsamples based on Ly\(_\alpha\) luminosity \(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}\), absolute continuum extent \(M_{\text{UV}}\), Ly\(_\alpha\) rest-frame equivalent width \(E_{\text{W}}\), and UV spectral slope \(\beta\). These observational quantities of LAEs except \(\beta\) are evaluated in the same manner as Nakajima et al. (2012). The \(E_{\text{W}}\) values are estimated from the observed \(u^* - N3837\) and/or \(B - N3837\) colors of LAEs. The log \(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}\) is calculated from the \(E_{\text{W}}\) and total \(u^*\) and/or \(B\)-band magnitudes. We regard observed \(V\)-band magnitudes as \(M_{\text{UV}}\). The \(\beta\) values are estimated by the weighted least square fitting to three data points of \(V, R, \) and \(i'\)-band magnitudes. A 1\(\sigma\) limiting magnitude is used for the weight of the data point. We omit LAEs which are not detected in

| Subsample (1) | Threshold (2) | \(N\) (3) | \(C_n\) (4) | \(r_n\) (5) |
|-------------|-------------|------|------|------|
| \(\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha} = 42.6\) | 42.4 \(\leq \log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}\) | 710 | 2.9 | 7.3\(^{+0.33}_{-0.03}\) |
| 42.3 | 42.2 \(\leq \log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha} < 42.4\) | 711 | 1.5 | 7.5\(^{+1.14}_{-1.14}\) |
| 42.1 | 42.0 \(\leq \log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha} < 42.2\) | 712 | 0.7 | 10.5\(^{+1.35}_{-1.07}\) |
| 41.9 | 41.8 \(\leq \log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha} < 42.0\) | 711 | 0.3 | 16.2\(^{+6.14}_{-3.49}\) |
| 41.7 | \(\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha} < 41.8\) | 711 | 0.5 | 14.3\(^{+2.28}_{-1.92}\) |

Table 1. Definitions and Properties of our Subsamples

(1) Subsample name that indicates the median value of \(\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}\). \(M_{\text{UV}}, E_{\text{W}}\), \(\beta\), or \(\delta_{\text{LAH}}\); (2) threshold of the subsample. The log \(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}\) and \(E_{\text{W}}\) values are shown in units of erg s\(^{-1}\) and Å, respectively; (3) number of LAEs in the subsample; (4) best-fit \(C_n\) in units of 10\(^{-18}\) erg s\(^{-1}\) cm\(^{-2}\) arcsec\(^{-2}\); (5) best-fit \(r_n\) in units of kpc. \(^1\): The subsample includes 54 LAEs with no detectable continuum in our V-band images. \(^\dagger\): These two subsamples have the Ly\(_\alpha\) luminosity threshold of \(> 1.5 \times 10^{42}\) erg s\(^{-1}\) same as the one of Matsuda et al. (2012).

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the three bands of $V$, $R$, and $i'$ band. Using each quantity of log $L_{Ly}$, $M_{UV}$, $EW_0$, or $\beta$, we divide our LAE sample into five subsamples which include the same number of LAEs. The thresholds of the quantities are presented in Table 1. To improve the signal-to-noise ratio of composite images, we remove some LAEs near bright Galactic stars from our subsamples. Finally, each subsample consists of about 700 LAEs. We derive median values of these subsamples summarized in Table 1. In the following section, we refer to these subsamples as the median values, for examples, log $L_{Ly} = 42.6, 42.3, 42.1, 41.9,$ and 41.7 for the five Ly$\alpha$ luminosity subsamples. We also examine the $r_v$ values of our LAHs as a function of the LAE surface density, $\delta_{LAE}$, for comparing results of MA12. See Section 2.5 for the definition of our $\delta_{LAE}$ subsamples.

2.2 Properties of the Subsamples

In order to assess statistical differences in physical properties of our subsamples, we carry out Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) tests, and obtain $D$ and $p$ values between two of any subsamples in the log $L_{Ly}$, $M_{UV}$, $EW_0$ and $\beta$ axes. The K-S tests determine whether two subsamples are drawn from the same continuous distribution. There exists a significant difference between two samples, if the $p$-value is below 1%. The K-S test is performed between the reference log $L_{Ly} = 42.6$ subsample and the rest of four log $L_{Ly}$ subsamples. Similarly, we conduct K-S tests for $M_{UV}$, $EW_0$, and $\beta$ subsamples with the references of $M_{UV} = -21.1$, $EW_0 = 150$, and $\beta = 0.7$ subsamples, respectively. Table 2 presents the $D$ and $p$ values of the K-S tests. In the five out of forty eight K-S test results, $p$-values are above 1% (e.g. log $L_{Ly} = 42.6$ and 42.3 subsamples in the $\beta$ distribution). However, the majority, the rest of forty three, K-S test results show $p$-values less than 1%. In other words, we rule out the null hypothesis that the majority of subsamples are drawn from the same sample. From these results, we clarify that the most of subsamples depend not only on the quantities of the subsample definitions, but also on the other quantities.

2.3 Image stacking

To investigate LAHs, we carry out stacking analysis with the UV-continuum ($V$-band) and NB images of our LAEs. We adopt a weighted-mean algorithm with a $1\sigma$ error defined in each survey field. We follow the procedure of MO14 to make composite images. We subtract the composite UV-continuum images from NB images to obtain Ly$\alpha$ images. In the same manner as MO14, we make sky images that are composite images with no objects within a $45'' \times 45''$ area, and produce the PSF images that are stacked images of point sources. The composite images are presented in Figure 1. We derive radial SB profiles from $r = 0$ to 10 arcsec with an annulus of 0.3-arcsec width, and present the differential radial SB profiles measured from the UV-continuum and Ly$\alpha$ images in Figures 2 and 3 respectively.
Figure 1. Composite images of our LAE subsamples. The panel sets of (a)-(d) show log $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$, $M_{\text{UV}}$, $EW_0$, and $\beta$-subsample composites, respectively. In each set of the panels, the UV-continuum and Ly$\alpha$ emission images are presented in the top and bottom rows, respectively.

2.4 Systematic uncertainties

We find some residuals of sky subtraction in the composite UV-continuum images and their differential radial profiles, due to the sky over-subtraction. Similarly, the same level of sky over-subtraction would exist in the NB images. Because the Ly$\alpha$ images are the NB images with the UV-continuum image subtractions, it is likely that the sky over-subtraction effects mostly cancel out for the Ly$\alpha$ images. Nevertheless, we evaluate the impact on the UV-continuum profile from the sky over-subtraction effects. We find that the UV-continuum profile has the effects of the sky over-subtraction at the level of $\lesssim 4.3 \times 10^{-33}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ Hz$^{-1}$.
arcsec$^{-2}$ that corresponds to the maximum negative value of the profiles.

We further evaluate the total systematic uncertainties including these sky over-subtraction effects by carrying out image stacking for objects that are not LAEs (see MO14). Hereafter, these objects are referred to as non-LAEs. We randomly choose non-LAEs with the number and magnitude distributions same as our LAE subsamples. We perform image stacking for the non-LAEs in the same manner as Section 2.3. We repeat this process 10 times to evaluate uncertainties of these non-LAE estimates. Figure 4 represents composite UV-continuum and Lyα images of non-LAEs that correspond to the LAE log $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$ and $M_{\text{UV}}$ subsamples. Here, for simplicity we refer to the composite V-band images (the composite V-band images subtracted from NB-band images) as the UV-continuum (Lyα) images of non-LAEs, although the V and NB bands mostly samples neither the rest-frame UV-continuum nor Lyα of non-LAEs whose redshifts are unknown. In Figure 4 we identify no significant extended profiles in the Lyα images of the non-LAEs. In the Lyα images, there exist ring-like structures near the source centers. These structures are made by the slight differences between PSF profiles of V-band and NB images, which provide negligible effects on the evaluation of large-scale extended profiles. Figure 4 shows radial SB profiles of these UV-continuum and Lyα images of non-LAEs, together with those of the corresponding LAE subsamples. In Figure 4, we find artificial extended profiles at the level of $10^{-20}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ arcsec$^{-2}$ for all subsamples. However, these artifacts are significantly smaller than those of the LAE subsamples at ≤ 4 − 5′′. Thus, we have identified LAHs in our subsamples that are produced by neither the statistical nor systematic uncertainties. Moreover, these tests confirm that the total of systematic uncertainties produce spatially extended profiles only at the Lyα SB level of ≤ $10^{-20}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ arcsec$^{-2}$. In our analysis we conservatively use the Lyα profiles above the level of $\sim 10^{-20}$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$ arcsec$^{-2}$.

2.5 Comparisons with the previous study

We compare the LAHs’ SB profiles of our LAE subsamples with those of MA12. Because the sample definitions of ours and MA12 are different, we make another set of LAE subsamples. First, we select LAEs brighter than $1 \times 10^{42}$ erg s$^{-1}$ which is the same Lyα luminosity limit as that of MA12 (Yamada et al. 2012). Second, we place another criterion of the LAE surface density, $\delta_{\text{LAE}} \equiv (\Sigma - \bar{\Sigma})/\Sigma$, where $\Sigma$ is a surface density of LAEs within a radius of 10 arcmin, and $\bar{\Sigma}$ is the field average of $\Sigma$. MA12 use the criteria of $−1 < \delta_{\text{LAE}} < 0.5$, $0 < \delta_{\text{LAE}} < 1.5$, $1.5 < \delta_{\text{LAE}} < 2.5$ and $2.5 < \delta_{\text{LAE}} < 5.5$, and accordingly we select 1047, 348, 0 and 0 LAEs, respectively, for these criteria. We obtain only two LAE subsamples of 1047 and 348 LAEs with $−1 < \delta_{\text{LAE}} < 0.5$ and $0 < \delta_{\text{LAE}} < 1.5$, that are referred to as $\delta_{\text{LAE}} = 0.04$ and $\delta_{\text{LAE}} = 0.73$ subsamples, respectively. We find that our LAEs reside in an environment whose LAE density is lower than that of MA12 who investigate the high LAE density region of the SSA22 proto-cluster. We conduct image stacking of our $\delta_{\text{LAE}} = 0.04$ and $\delta_{\text{LAE}} = 0.73$ subsamples in the same manner as Section 2.3 and obtain the UV-continuum and Lyα images. The differential radial SB profiles are derived, and the LAHs are found. To compare the SB profiles of ours with those of MA12, we perform the profile fitting to the SB profiles of the LAHs. Following the previous work of MA12, we use the exponential profile defined by

$$S(r) = C_n \exp(-r/r_n),$$

where $S(r)$, $r$, $C_n$, and $r_n$ are the differential radial SB profile, radius, normalization factor, and scale length, respectively. For our LAE $\delta_{\text{LAE}} = 0.73$ and 0.04 subsamples, we carry out the profile fitting to the LAHs in a radius range from $r = 2''$ to 40 kpc that is the same as our previous work (MO14). This radius range allows us to obtain $r_n$ with negligible contaminations of PSF ($r \sim 0.06''$) and reasonably high statistical accuracies, avoiding the radius range under the influence of systematics ($r \gtrsim 5''$); Section 2.5. The $r_n$ values of our $\delta_{\text{LAE}}$ subsamples are presented in Figure 4. We find that $r_n$ measurements of our study are consistent with those of MA12.

3 RESULTS

In this section, we characterize our LAHs by two methods. One is to use the cumulative radial profiles of Lyα luminosity $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$ and rest-frame equivalent width $EW_0$ that allow us to investigate the details of the profiles with relatively small systematic uncertainties. The other is to characterize the structure of our LAHs with the scale lengths $r_n$ (Section 2.5) that are quantities easily compared with the other physical parameters.

3.1 Cumulative Radial Profiles of Lyα Luminosity and Equivalent Widths

We derive cumulative radial profiles of $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$ and $EW_0$. First, we calculate $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$ from the composite Lyα images. Simi-
Figure 5. Differential radial Lyα SB profiles of LAEs (solid lines), non-LAEs (gray solid lines), and PSFs (dotted lines). The panel sets of (a) and (b) represent the SB profiles for the log L

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Figure 6. Scale length, r_n, as a function of δLAE. The red stars represent our measurements. The orange circles denote the r_n values of LAEs reported in MA12. The blue square and circle indicate the r_n values of LBGs shown in Steidel et al. (2011) and MA12, respectively. The vertical error bars are 1σ uncertainties of r_n estimates, while horizontal error bars are the δLAE ranges of each subsample.

Figure 6 (b), we present R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″ profiles of M_{UV} subsamples. Because two M_{UV}-faint subsamples of M_{UV} = −19.7 and −18.9 show very large uncertainties, the profiles of these two subsamples are indistinguishable from the other M_{UV} subsamples at a large scale. For the other three subsamples, M_{UV} = −21.1, −20.5 and −20.1, we find that the brighter M_{UV} subsamples have the larger R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″ values at 10 − 40 kpc. This suggests that bright LAHs are as-

arily, EW0 is estimated from the composite Lyα and UV-continuum images. The EW0 value is defined as a ratio of L_{Lyα} to UV fluxes. Both L_{Lyα} and EW0 cumulative radial profiles are obtained in r = 0 − 10″ with a radius step of 0.3. Figures 4 and 5 show the cumulative radial profiles of our subsamples. Here we normalize L_{Lyα} and EW0 cumulative radial profiles at r = 1″ whose fluxes correspond to the 2″-diameter aperture photometry. The normalized L_{Lyα} and EW0 cumulative radial profiles are labeled as R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″ and R(EW0)_r/1″, respectively. In Figures 7 and 8, we plot R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″ and R(EW0)_r/1″ profiles up to a radius where the cumulative profile reaches the maximum value for clarity.

3.1.1 log L_{Lyα} Subsamples

The R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″ profiles of the log L_{Lyα} subsamples are presented in Figure 7 (a). There is a trend that the profiles of the log L_{Lyα}-faint subsamples are steeper than those of the log L_{Lyα}-bright subsamples at r ≳ 10 kpc. At r ≳ 20 kpc, R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″ values are about 2 and 4 for the faint and bright subsamples of log L_{Lyα} = 42.6 and 41.7, respectively. In other words, the contribution to a total Lyα flux from the r ≳ 10 − 20 kpc range is about 3 (= [4 − 1]/[2 − 1]) times more for the Lyα faint (log L_{Lyα} = 41.7) subsample than the Lyα bright (log L_{Lyα} = 42.6) one, where the Lyα luminosities from the outskirt of the PSF are included. It indicates that a significantly large fraction of Lyα luminosity is emitted at the scale larger than ∼ 10 kpc for the faint subsample.

Figure 6 (a) presents R(EW0)_r/1″ profiles of the log L_{Lyα} subsamples, and indicates that the increase of the Lyα SB is faster than the UV-continuum SB for any subsamples. Similar to the R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″ plot, in Figure 8 (a) the log L_{Lyα}-faint subsamples show R(EW0)_r/1″ profiles steeper than the log L_{Lyα}-bright subsamples at r ≳ 10 kpc. This trend is consistent with the one of R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″.

3.1.2 M_{UV} Subsamples

In Figure 8 (b), we present R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″ profiles of M_{UV}-subsamples. Because two M_{UV}-faint subsamples of M_{UV} = −19.7 and −18.9 show very large uncertainties, the profiles of these two subsamples are indistinguishable from the other M_{UV} subsamples at a large scale. For the other three subsamples, M_{UV} = −21.1, −20.5 and −20.1, we find that the brighter M_{UV} subsamples have the larger R(L_{Lyα})_r/1″ values at 10 − 40 kpc. This suggests that bright LAHs are as-
Figure 7. Cumulative radial profiles of $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$ normalized at $r = 1''$. The panels of (a), (b), (c), and (d) present the subsamples of $\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$, $M_{\text{UV}}$, $EW_0$, and $\beta$, respectively. See the labels in each panel for the line colors and the subsample names. For clarity, we shift these profiles by $-0.1$, $-0.05$, $0$, $0.05$, and $0.1$ arcsec along the abscissa axis.

associated with bright $M_{\text{UV}}$ sources that have a bright UV luminosity in a central $r = 1''$ area.

Figure 8 (b) presents $R(EW_0)_{r/1''}$ profiles of $M_{\text{UV}}$-subsamples. Similar to Figure 7 (b), the uncertainties of two faint subsamples ($M_{\text{UV}} = -19.7$ and $-18.9$) are too large to identify a trend. The three $M_{\text{UV}}$ subsamples ($M_{\text{UV}} = -21.1$, $-20.5$ and $-20.1$) have reasonably small error bars, and indicate that $R(EW_0)_{r/1''}$ profiles of these three subsamples are comparable within the uncertainties.
3.1.3 \( \text{EW}_0 \) Subsamples

In Figure 7 (c), we present \( R(L_{\text{Ly} \alpha})_{r/1'} \) profiles of the \( \text{EW}_0 \)-subsamples. It is difficult to identify a difference of the \( R(L_{\text{Ly} \alpha})_{r/1'} \) profiles between the \( \text{EW}_0 = 22 \) and the other \( \text{EW}_0 \)-subsamples, due to large uncertainties in the profile of \( \text{EW}_0 = 22 \). For the other four subsamples we find a trend at \( r \gtrsim 10 \) kpc that the \( R(L_{\text{Ly} \alpha})_{r/1'} \) values are larger in the \( \text{EW}_0 \)-smaller samples. It indicates that a faint LAH is associated with an \( \text{EW}_0 \)-large LAE.

The \( R(EW_0)_{r/1'} \) profiles of the \( \text{EW}_0 \)-subsamples are shown in Figure 8 (c). At \( r \gtrsim 10 \) kpc, the \( R(EW_0)_{r/1'} \) profiles of the \( \text{EW}_0 = 22 \) and 63 have large uncertainties that do not allow us to investigate the correlation between the profiles and the subsamples. Although the other three \( \text{EW}_0 \)-subsamples have small error bars, no clear trends of the profiles and the subsamples are found at \( r \gtrsim 10 \) kpc.

3.1.4 \( \beta \) Subsamples

The \( R(L_{\text{Ly} \alpha})_{r/1'} \) profiles of the \( \beta \)-subsamples are presented in Figure 8 (d). These \( R(L_{\text{Ly} \alpha})_{r/1'} \) profiles are similar
within 1σ uncertainties. There is no clear correlation between the $R(L_{\text{Ly} \alpha})_{\text{r}/1''}$ profiles and the LAEs’ β values defined in a central $r = 1''$ area.

We present the $R(EW_0)_{\text{r}/1''}$ profiles of the β-subsamples in Figure 5(d). In contrast to Figure 4(d), we identify a significant difference of the $R(EW_0)_{\text{r}/1''}$ profiles between the β-subsamples at a scale of $r \gtrsim 10$ kpc. There is a trend that the $R(EW_0)_{\text{r}/1''}$ values at $r \gtrsim 10$ kpc increase as the β values of LAEs become small. In other words, an LAE with a blue UV continuum defined in a central $r = 1''$ area has an LAH’s $EW_0$ larger than those with a red UV continuum.

3.1.5 Summary of the Trends Found in the Cumulative Radial Profiles

We summarize the trends found in the cumulative radial profiles at $r \gtrsim 10$ kpc presented in Section 3.1.1–3.1.3. In Figures 2, 4, and 5, the large $R(L_{\text{Ly} \alpha})_{\text{r}/1''}$ values are identified in the log $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$-bright, $M_{UV}$-bright, and $EW_0$-small subsamples, respectively. The log $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$-faint subsamples also have large $R(EW_0)_{\text{r}/1''}$ values in Figure 5(a). Our findings in Figures 7(a)–(c) and 5(a) indicate that LAEs with a faint $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$ luminosity, a bright UV luminosity, and/or a small $EW_0$ in a central $r = 1''$ area possess prominent LAHs. In other words, galaxies with properties similar to LBGs, a faint $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$ luminosity, a bright UV luminosity, and a small $EW_0$ have strong LAHs. We also identify the trend that the β-small subsamples have large $R(EW_0)_{\text{r}/1''}$ values in Figure 5(d).

3.2 Scale Lengths

3.2.1 Scale Length Measurements

We estimate scale length $r_n$ values from the differential radial profiles in Figures 2, 4, 5. The $r_n$ values are derived by the fitting of Equation 1 to these profiles in the range of $r = 2''$ to 40 kpc in the same manner as Section 2.5. The best-fit $r_n$ values are summarized in Table 1.

3.2.2 Correlations Between the Scale Lengths and the Other Physical Quantities

We present the best-fit $r_n$ values as a function of the subsample median quantities of log $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$, $M_{UV}$, $EW_0$, and β in Figures 9, 10, 11, and 12 respectively (see Table 1). We carry out the linear regression analysis to all the data presented in Figures 9, 10, 11, and 12 that consist of our results and the previous study (MA12) measurements, if available. The linear regression is evaluated by weighted least-squares fitting. The best-fit linear regression models are:

\[ r_n = 297.1 - 6.8 \times \log L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}, \]  
\[ r_n = -19.6 - 1.4 \times M_{UV}, \]  
\[ r_n = 11.4 - 0.02 \times EW_0, \]  
and
\[ r_n = 10.7 + 0.7 \times \beta, \]

that are shown with the black solid lines in Figures 9, 10, 11, and 12. Figures 9, 10, 11, and Equations 2, 3, 4 indicate a positive correlation between $r_n$ and $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$, $M_{UV}$, $EW_0$, or $M_{UV}$, or $EW_0$ is weak, due to the large uncertainties of the $r_n$ estimates. On the other hand, Figure 12 and Equation 5 indicate a positive correlation between $r_n$ and β.

We calculate Spearman’s rank correlation coefficients $\rho$ to evaluate the strengths of correlations between $r_n$ and the physical quantity (log $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$, $M_{UV}$, $EW_0$, or β), and present the results in Table 3. The Spearman’s $\rho$ values are $\rho = -0.9$ and $-0.7$ at 96% and 93% confidence levels for the correlations of log $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$ and $EW_0$, respectively. We also find strong correlations to log $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$ and $EW_0$ in the Spearman’s $\rho$ estimates. We also find the relatively strong correlation of β whose Spearman’s $\rho$ value is $\rho = 0.7$ at an 81% confidence level. In contrast, the correlation of $M_{UV}$ is weak with the Spearman’s $\rho$ of $-0.2$ (45% confidence level). This is consistent with the result of Figure 10 that the correlation between $r_n$ and $M_{UV}$ is not very clear, as discussed above.

3.2.3 Summary of the $r_n$ Correlations

In Section 3.2.2, $r_n$ shows anti-correlations with log $L_{\text{Ly} \alpha}$, $M_{UV}$, and $EW_0$. There also exists a positive correlation between $r_n$ and β (Figure 11). These correlations are almost consistent with the trends indicated in the cumulative radial profiles (Section 3.1), although the correlation between $r_n$
Figure 10. Same as Figure 9 but for $M_{UV}$. The orange circles represent the $r_n$ estimates of MA12. The vertical error bars are 1σ uncertainties of $r_n$ estimates, while horizontal error bars are the $M_{UV}$ ranges of each subsample.

Figure 11. Same as Figure 9 but for $EW_0$. See also the caption of Figure 9 for the legend symbols. The vertical error bars are 1σ uncertainties of $r_n$ estimates, while horizontal error bars are the $EW_0$ ranges of each subsample.

Table 3. Results of the Correlation Tests and the Best-Fit Parameters

| Quantity          | (1) | (2) | (3)   | (4)  | (5) | (6) |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|
| log$L_{Lyα}$      | −0.9| 0.04| −0.88 | 297.1| −6.8|
| $M_{UV}$          | −0.2| 0.55| −0.37 | −19.6| −1.4|
| $EW_0$            | −0.7| 0.07| −0.66 | 11.4 | −0.02|
| $β$               | 0.7 | 0.19| 0.88  | 10.7 | 0.7 |

The results are obtained from all the data consisting of our and MA12’s data. (1) Physical quantity for the correlation with $r_n$; (2) Spearman’s rank correlation coefficient; (3) p-value of the Spearman’s rank correlation test; (4) Correlation coefficient; (5) Best-fit intercept obtained from the linear regression model; (6) Best-fit slope obtained from the linear regression model.

and $M_{UV}$ is not very clear. In fact, MA12 identify no correlation between $r_n$ and $M_{UV}$ in their LAE samples. However, Feldmeier et al. (2013) have reported that a UV brighter sample shows a more extended LAH, which is consistent with the anti-correlation between $r_n$ and $M_{UV}$ that is hinted in our study.

4 DISCUSSIONS

4.1 $Lyα$ Emission from the Diffuse LAHs

In Section 3 both the cumulative radial profiles and the $r_n$ correlations clearly suggest that the $EW_0$-small and log$L_{Lyα}$-faint LAEs have prominent LAHs. Moreover, we find the extended LAHs at least up to $r \approx 40$ kpc which
corresponds to \( r \simeq 4.58 \) in our composite Ly\( \alpha \) images (Figures 11-13). Here we quantify the Ly\( \alpha \) luminosities from LAHs within \( r = 40 \) kpc as a function of \( EW_0 \) and log \( L_{Ly\alpha} \).

We plot the ratios of Ly\( \alpha \) luminosities within \( r = 40 \) kpc to those within \( r = 1'' \) as a function of \( EW_0 \) in Figure 13. For simplicity, we refer to the ratios as \( R(L_{Ly\alpha})_{40kpc/1''} \). A large \( R(L_{Ly\alpha})_{40kpc/1''} \) indicates more Ly\( \alpha \) emission from LAHs. Figure 13 shows the anti-correlation between \( R(L_{Ly\alpha})_{40kpc/1''} \) and \( EW_0 \). The \( R(L_{Ly\alpha})_{40kpc/1''} \) value is high, about three for the LAEs with \( EW_0 \simeq 20\AA \). Because galaxies with \( EW_0 \lesssim 20\AA \) dominate a sample of LBGs (Shapley et al. 2003), Figure 13 suggests that LAH-like sources have LAHs whose Ly\( \alpha \) luminosities are brighter than typical LAEs.

Figure 14 presents \( R(L_{Ly\alpha})_{40kpc/1''} \) as a function of log \( L_{Ly\alpha} \). Again, the \( R(L_{Ly\alpha})_{40kpc/1''} \) value is high, about 2-4, for the LAEs with log \( L_{Ly\alpha} \simeq 41.5-42.5 \) erg s\(^{-1}\), and there is a clear anti-correlation between \( R(L_{Ly\alpha})_{40kpc/1''} \) and log \( L_{Ly\alpha} \). We fit a linear function to Figure 14 and obtain the best-fit function of

\[
R(L_{Ly\alpha})_{40kpc/1''} = 104.6 - 2.4 \times \log L_{Ly\alpha}. \tag{6}
\]

at 41.5 erg s\(^{-1}\) < log \( L_{Ly\alpha} \) < 42.8 erg s\(^{-1}\). In many previous studies, a 2-3''-diameter (\( \simeq 1''\)-radius) aperture magnitude or SExtractor MAG\_AUTO have been used to evaluate total Ly\( \alpha \) luminosities and rest-frame Ly\( \alpha \) equivalent widths of LAEs (e.g. Nilsson et al. 2009; Ouchi et al. 2010; Finkelstein et al. 2011; Nakajima et al. 2012). If the physical origin of LAHs is not external sources such as satellites (Section 4.2.4), total Ly\( \alpha \) luminosities may be underestimated in the previous studies with the amount indicated in

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**Figure 13.** Ly\( \alpha \) luminosity within \( r = 40 \) kpc that is normalized by the one within \( r = 1'' \). These normalized Ly\( \alpha \) luminosities are shown as a function of \( EW_0 \) defined in a \( r = 1'' \) area. The \( EW_0 \) range of each subsample is shown as horizontal error bars.

**Figure 14.** Ly\( \alpha \) luminosity within \( r = 40 \) kpc that is normalized by the one within \( r = 1'' \). These normalized Ly\( \alpha \) luminosities are shown as a function of \( EW_0 \) defined in a \( r = 1'' \) area. The gray shade represents the area that is bracketed by the two best-estimate linear functions of \( L_{Ly\alpha}(40 \) kpc/1'') on log \( L_{Ly\alpha} \) and log \( L_{Ly\alpha}(40 \) kpc/1''). The log \( L_{Ly\alpha} \) range of each subsample is shown as horizontal error bars.

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Equation 6 In this case, the total-Ly\( \alpha \) luminosity functions and densities may be revised.

### 4.2 What is the Physical Origin of LAHs?

Theoretical studies suggest three physical origins of LAHs: (1) scattered light of H\textsc{i} gas in the CGM, (2) cold streams, and (3) satellite galaxies. These three possible origins are illustrated in Figure 15. In the following subsections, we discuss these possibilities with our findings in conjunction with recent observation and simulation results.

#### 4.2.1 Scattered Light in the CGM

The first scenario is the scattered light of H\textsc{i} gas in the CGM (Figure 15a). In this scenario, Ly\( \alpha \) photons are produced in star-forming regions and/or AGNs, and these Ly\( \alpha \) photons escape from the interstellar medium (ISM) to the CGM. The Ly\( \alpha \) escape mechanism is key, but poorly understood. Theoretical studies have proposed various mechanisms, such as outflows, clumpy clouds, and low column density of neutral hydrogen in the ISM \( N_{\text{HI}} \) (e.g. Neufeld 1991; Verhamme et al. 2006; Orsi et al. 2012; Dijkstra & Kramer 2012; Duval et al. 2014). Because our study investigates neither spectra nor gas distribution of the ISM scale, no results from our study test this scenario. Recent spectroscopic observations have reported the evidence of the outflow, although the velocity is as small as \( \sim 200 \)
UV luminous LAEs. These results are consistent with the results in Section 3 indicate that large LAHs are found in dependence can be investigated with UV magnitudes. Our (Ouchi et al. 2004b; Lee et al. 2006), the dark halo mass correlation between dark halo masses and UV luminosities Since clustering analyses of high- \( z \gtrsim 100 \) and \( DH \sim 10^{11} M_\odot \) galaxies have large and small Lyα nebulae whose sizes are \( \gtrsim 100 \) and \( \approx 20 \) kpc in radius, respectively, because more Lyα photons are produced in and around massive halos. Since clustering analyses of high-z galaxies show a positive correlation between dark halo masses and UV luminosities (Ouchi et al. 2004b; Lee et al. 2006), the dark halo mass dependence can be investigated with UV magnitudes. Our results in Section 3 indicate that large LAHs are found in UV luminous LAEs. These results are consistent with the

4.2.2 Cold Streams

The second scenario is the cold streams (Figure 15b). Cosmological hydrodynamical simulations suggest that intense star-formation of the high-z galaxies (\( z \sim 2 \)) is responsible for a dense and cold gas (\( \sim 10^4 \) K) inflows that are dubbed cold streams (e.g. Kereš et al. 2005; Dekel et al. 2009a,b). The cold streams radiate Lyα emission powered by gravitational energy, and produce an extended Lyα nebula around a galaxy. Numerical simulations have indicated that a size of the cold stream Lyα nebula depends on a dark halo mass \( M_{DH} \) (Rosdahl & Blaizot 2012). Their massive \( (M_{DH} \geq 10^{12} M_\odot ) \) and less-massive \( (M_{DH} \sim 10^{11} M_\odot ) \) galaxies have large and small Lyα nebulae whose sizes are \( \gtrsim 100 \) and \( \approx 20 \) kpc in radius, respectively, because more Lyα photons are produced in and around massive halos. Since clustering analyses of high-z galaxies show a positive correlation between dark halo masses and UV luminosities (Ouchi et al. 2004b; Lee et al. 2006), the dark halo mass dependence can be investigated with UV magnitudes. Our results in Section 3 indicate that large LAHs are found in UV luminous LAEs. These results are consistent with the scenario that the LAHs are produced by the cold streams. However, Figure 13 shows that \( EW_0(\text{Lyα}) \) values of our \( M_{UV} \) subsamples are lower than 77 Å. If the cold streams are responsible for the LAHs under the circumstances that the majority of Lyα photons generated in a central galaxy could avoid dust extinction and escape to the LAH, the \( EW_0(\text{Lyα}) \) values at large radii should be larger than 240 Å that is the maximum value for Lyα photons originating from regular population II star formation (Malhotra & Rhoads 2002). It indicates that the majority of Lyα photons of our LAHs are not produced in the cold streams.

4.2.3 Satellite Galaxies

The third scenario is the satellite galaxies (Figure 15c). Satellite galaxies exist around an LAE, and radiate Lyα emission. If the total radiation from the satellite galaxies is strong, satellite galaxies would produce the extended Lyα emission structure around the LAE in the composite Lyα image. The extended Lyα emission structure may be identified as the LAH. Some cosmological simulations also indicate the presence of extended LAHs due to the Lyα emission from satellite galaxies (e.g. Shimizu & Umemura 2010; Lake et al. 2015). If there exists the significant Lyα contribution from satellite galaxies, an extended UV emission made by stellar components of the satellites would be shown in the composite UV-continuum images. We have found no such an extended UV emission in our composite UV-continuum images of Figures 11–13. However, our composite UV-continuum images suffer from sky over-subtraction at the level of \( 4 \times 10^{-33} \) erg \( s^{-1} \) cm\(^{-2} \) Hz\(^{-1} \) arcsec\(^{-2} \) as described in Section 2.4. It may cancel out the UV emission from satellite galaxies. We thus cannot reach a conclusion about the satellite-galaxy contribution to the LAHs with our data.
5 SUMMARY

In this paper, we investigate LAHs’ radial SB profiles and scale lengths $r_n$ as a function of the four physical quantities of central galaxies, Lyα luminosity $\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$, rest-frame UV magnitude $M_{\text{UV}}$, rest-frame Lyα equivalent width $EW_0$, and UV slope $\beta$, and discuss LAHs’ properties and origins. The major results of this paper are summarized below.

1. We detect LAHs from all LAE subsamples of $\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$, $M_{\text{UV}}$, $EW_0$ and $\beta$, where we carefully examine the statistical and systematic errors in both the composite Lyα and UV images with the SB radial profiles of the non-LAE composite images. Comparing the non-LAE composite images with the LAE composite images, we rule out the possibility that a total of systematic uncertainties (i.e. artifacts) do not produce the LAHs found in our LAE composite data. We confirm that $r_n$ of Lyα radial SB profiles of our LAHs are consistent with those previously obtained in MA12 and MO14.

2. We characterize our LAHs with the cumulative radial profiles of $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$ and $EW_0$. Here, the cumulative radial profiles are shown with $R(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha})$ and $R(EW_0)$, where $R$ defines as $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$ and $EW_0$ values within an aperture of radius $r$, respectively, which are normalized at $r = 1''$. We find that the $R(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha})$ and $R(EW_0)$ values are large in the log $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$-bright, $M_{\text{UV}}$-bright, and $EW_0$-small subsamples (Figure 17c). Similarly, we also find the large $R(EW_0)$ values in the log $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$-faint subsamples. These results indicate that there are prominent LAHs around LAEs that have a faint Lyα luminosity, a bright UV luminosity, and/or a small $EW_0$ (Figures 14, 15). In other words, galaxies with properties similar to LGs, a faint $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$, a bright UV luminosity, and a small $EW_0$ have strong LAHs.

3. We estimate $r_n$ values from the differential radial Lyα SB profiles of our LAHs, and investigate correlations between $r_n$ and four physical quantities of $\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$, $M_{\text{UV}}$, $EW_0$, and $\beta$ (Figures 16-18). We find anti-correlations between $r_n$ and $\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$, $M_{\text{UV}}$, or $EW_0$, and a positive correlation between $r_n$ and $\beta$. The Spearman’s $\rho$ estimates suggest that there exist significant correlations in those of log $L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$, $EW_0$, and $\beta$, while the $\rho$ estimates indicate that the correlation between $r_n$ and $M_{\text{UV}}$ is not very clear.

4. We identify a clear anti-correlation between $R(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha})$ and $\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$, where $R(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha})$ is $R(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha})$ for $r = 40$ kpc (Figure 18). The $R(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha})$ value is high, about $2 - 4$, for the LAEs with $\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha} \approx 41.5 - 42.5$ erg s$^{-1}$, and there is a clear anti-correlation between $R(L_{\text{Ly}\alpha})$ and $\log L_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$. If the majority of Lyα emission of LAHs are not originated from external sources such as satellites (Section 4.2.3), total Lyα luminosities of high-$z$ galaxies may be underestimated in a popular $1''$-radius aperture photometry by the amount indicated in Equation 6. If it is true, the total-Lyα luminosity functions and densities would be revised.

5. With our results, we discuss three scenarios for the origin of LAHs: (1) the scattered light of H1 gas in the CGM, (2) the cold streams, and (3) satellite galaxies. Our cumulative radial profiles of rest-frame Lyα equivalent width do not support the cold stream scenario (2).
because the Lyα equivalent width reaches only 77 Å that is significantly smaller than 240 Å, the maximum value for Lyα photons originating from regular population II star formation. On the other hand, our results do not test the scenarios of (1) and (3). We thus conclude that there remain two possible scenarios of (1) and (3).

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