

Studying giant low surface brightness galaxies like Malin 1 with current and future spectroscopic facilities



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Low Surface Brightness Galaxies (LSBs)

- Galaxies with a central disk surface brightness $\mu_{0.R} >> 21.65$ mag/arcsec2 (*Freeman* 1970).
- LSBs may account up to 50% of all the galaxies in the universe (Impey & Bothun 1997, Martin et al. 2019).
- Giant LSBs (GLSBs) are a subpopulation of LSBs with extremely extended and massive (~10¹⁰ M☉) disk
- In recent years, with powerful instruments (e.g. CFHT, Megacam, MUSE), there is a new interest in these sources.
- LSBs also similar to galaxies with eXtended UV disk (XUV) (Thilker et al. 2007).
- Ideal laboratories for the study of Star Formation activities in low density regime.

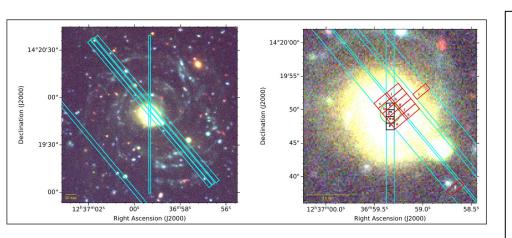
An extreme case of LSB galaxy!! **MALIN 1**



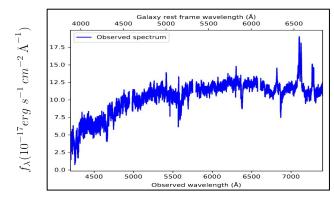
~ 200 kpc diameter

A new spectroscopic study of Malin 1

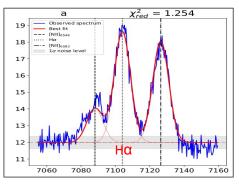
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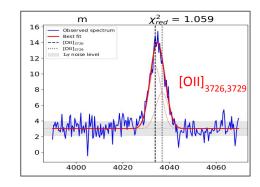
- Reduced the longslit spectroscopic data of Malin 1 from IMACS
 Magellan spectrograph.
- Extracted spectra from 16 different regions including a region at ~25
 kpc from center.
- Focussed on the Hα and [OII] emission lines => strongest of all
- Extracted a rotation curve for Malin 1 using Ha and [OII] emission lines.
- Estimated the local SFR surface density (Σ_{SFR}) from the H α line flux



An example spectrum from Malin 1 center

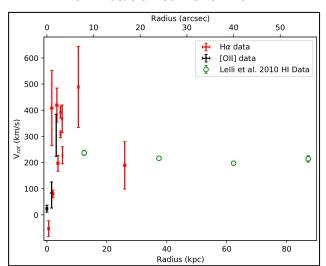


Observed Wavelength (Å)



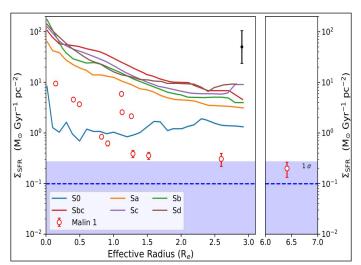
Results

A new Rotation curve for Malin 1



- First time to observe a steep rise in the rotation curve for Malin 1 up to ~400 km/s (inside ~10 kpc)
 - Created a new mass model based on the new rotation curve.
 - In the inner regions dynamics may be dominated by the stars (but our models couldn't explain the highest velocities)
- At large radii a massive dark matter halo remains necessary.
 - We need better quality data (e.g. IFU)

Star formation rate surface density estimate

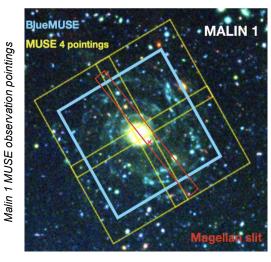


- \rightarrow Steep decrease in Σ_{SER} with radius similar to stellar profile
- → Inner region (< 1 Re): consistent with an early type spiral (S0/Sa)</p>
- → Outer region (> 1 Re) : similar to level found in XUV galaxies

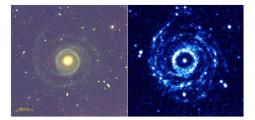
(The blue dashed line and shaded region indicates the typical $\Sigma_{\rm SFR}$ level found in the disk of XUV galaxies; Bigiel+2010)

Conclusions & Perspectives

- A better determination of dynamics and SFR of Malin 1 clearly requires large-IFU observations.
- Malin 1 was recently accepted for MUSE observation (PI-Gaspar Galaz, rank B observation in the cycle of 2021)
- Similar study could be extended to other giant LSBs & XUVs in a broader context with Malin 1 as a prototype.
- Already created a sample of 10 HI selected GLSB/XUV galaxies for follow up spectroscopic & UV observation.
- The upcoming BlueMUSE instrument, with its larger FoV and higher spectral resolution, will be crucial for LSB science.
- With SKA we will be able observe HI in GLSBs at higher redshifts (see Samuel Boissier's talk)
- With deep and more quality data in the future, we will be able to uncover the origin of these giant beasts !!



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GLSB galaxy from the sample

An XUV and

