

NIR IMAGING SPECTROSCOPY OF IRAS F10214+4724: EVIDENCE FOR A STARBURST REGION AROUND AN AGN AT $z = 2.3$

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RESUMEN

Presentamos espectroscopía en la banda K , con resolución de $1''$, de la galaxia IRAS F10214+4724, con $z = 2.284$. Encontramos que las líneas de emisión $H\alpha$ y $[N II]$ tienen diferentes distribuciones espaciales. Detectamos una componente ancha ($\Delta v_{FWZP} \approx 3500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ en $H\alpha$). Concluimos que F10214+4724 es una galaxia muy luminosa, con un núcleo activo y un disco de formación estelar y además está amplificada por una lente gravitacional. Tanto el núcleo activo como el disco de formación estelar, contribuyen significativamente a la luminosidad total de $\sim 10^{13} L_{\odot}$.

ABSTRACT

We report $1''$ K -band imaging spectroscopy of the $z=2.284$ galaxy IRAS F10214+4724. We find that the rest-frame $H\alpha$ and $[N II]$ emission have different spatial extents. Furthermore, we detect broad ($\Delta v_{FWZP} \approx 3500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) $H\alpha$ emission. We conclude that F10214+4724 is a very luminous gravitationally lensed galaxy, which intrinsically contains both a type 1 AGN and a more extended star-forming disk. The AGN and circumnuclear star formation both contribute significantly to the total luminosity of $\sim 10^{13} L_{\odot}$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The $z=2.284$ IRAS source F10214+4724 has been interpreted to be the most luminous galaxy in the universe ($\geq 10^{14} L_{\odot}$ for $H_0 = 75 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ and $q_0 = 0.5$; $1''0 = 5.3 \text{ kpc}$; e.g., Rowan-Robinson et al. 1991, 1993) being in an early superstarburst. The rest frame UV/visible emission lines resemble those of Seyfert II nuclei (e.g., Elston et al. 1994). However, recent imaging (Eisenhardt et al. 1995; Broadhurst & Lehar 1995; Graham & Liu 1995) strongly suggest magnifications between 5 and 100 due to a gravitational lens.

We observed F10214+4724 in the K -band with the MPE imaging spectrometer, $3D$, at the 3.5-m telescope on Calar Alto, Spain (see Weitzel et al. 1996). The total on-source integration time was 9000s, the spectral resolution was $R=500$ and the sampling 0.5 pixel. The seeing during the observations was $1''$ FWHM at $2 \mu\text{m}$.

2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Line and Continuum Maps: Differences in the Spatial Distribution. Figure 1 shows line and continuum maps obtained with $3D$ overlaid on the K -band image of Graham & Liu (1995; gray scale). Our key findings are the different spatial morphologies in all of these maps: $H\alpha$ and $[N II]$ line emission is restricted to the immediate neighborhood of the brightest source of the F10214+4724 complex (source 1 in Matthews et al. 1994). No significant line emission is found in sources 2, 3, or 4, anywhere in the K -band. The $[N II]$ emission is fairly compact and marginally extended (east-west), as concluded by Matthews et al. (1994). $H\alpha$ is also compact, but is significantly more extended east-west, following approximately the $1.5''$ – $2''$ arc structure of source 1 in the Keck K -band image. Line-free K -continuum is visible in source 1 as well, and has an extension north of it at the position of source 2 (Fig. 1, right panel). Source 2 is weaker than source 1 by a factor of 2. The integrated $1.95 - 2.4 \mu\text{m}$ map (not shown) is in excellent agreement with the Keck K -band image. Thus, we conclude that a significant fraction of the east-west extent in the K -band maps is due to line emission.

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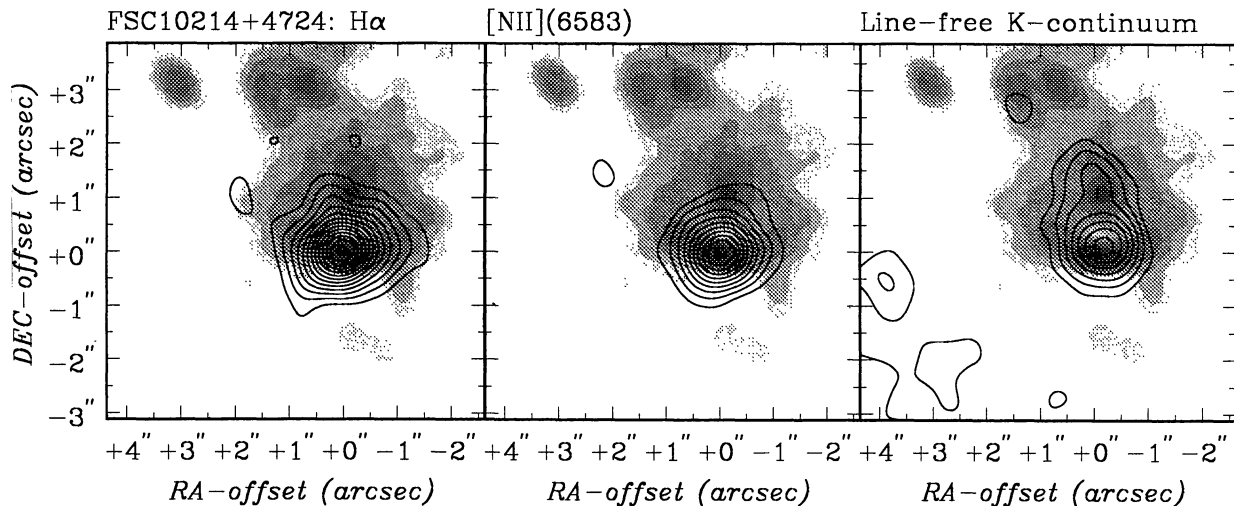


Fig. 1. 3D-channel maps (contours; linear scale) of three spectral regions ontop of the Keck K -band map of Graham & Liu (1995) (logarithmic grey scale). *left*: $H\alpha$. *middle*: $[N II]\lambda 6583$. Contours for both maps in 2σ steps, starting with 3σ . *right*: line-free K -continuum (98 continuum channels between 2.02 and $2.32 \mu m$). Contours are in 1σ steps, starting with 1σ .

Broad $H\alpha$ Emission. We have fitted multiple Gaussians to the $H\alpha/[N II]\lambda\lambda 6548, 6583$ spectra for different spatial regions: aperture sizes of $0''.75$, $1''.25$, $1''.75$ and $2''.25$, centered on the $H\alpha$ peak; two ringlike regions containing the flux from the $2''.25$ aperture, but not the central $0''.75$ and $1''.25$ aperture, respectively; and, finally, a region covering just the wings (more than $0''.7$ east-west distance from the center) of the $2''$ arc (source 1). Fixing the $[N II]\lambda 6583/[N II]\lambda 6548$ ratio to its theoretical value, results in a fit with unacceptably large residuals (Fig. 2a) for a fit with three Gaussians. It is necessary to add emission contributing blueward of the $H\alpha$ peak to account for the line wing to the blue of $[N II]\lambda 6548$. The most plausible such component is a broad $H\alpha$ emission line. As demonstrated in Figure 2 b-d, the fits using a fourth, broad Gaussian centered on the narrow $H\alpha$ line are very satisfactory. The contribution of broad $H\alpha$ to the total line flux of the $H\alpha+[N II]$ line system is 50% for the $2''.25$ aperture, the line width is 2400 km s^{-1} FWHM (FWZP= 3500 km s^{-1}) for all fitted regions, while the three narrow lines are unresolved (FWHM $600 \pm 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). Thus, we conclude that the nucleus of F10214+4724 contains a buried BLR and, therefore, is likely to have a type 1 (Seyfert I or QSO) nucleus.

Extended $H\alpha$ Emission: Circumnuclear Star Formation. The $[N II]\lambda 6583/H\alpha_{\text{broad}}$ line ratio does not vary with aperture size, which is consistent with a dominating compact AGN origin of both lines. Therefore, we finally constrained the fit by fixing the $[N II]\lambda 6583/H\alpha_{\text{broad}}$ line ratio and fitted six parameters to our data set: a narrow and a broad linewidth, two amplitudes, a wavelength position and a continuum level. In contrast, the $[N II]\lambda 6583/H\alpha_{\text{narrow}}$ line ratio shows spatial variation in our data; it drops from $1.66 \pm 0.06(1\sigma)$ in the peak-centered $0''.75$ aperture to 1.2 ± 0.16 within the $2''.25$ aperture. In the extreme wings of the $2''$ arc the ratio is 0.6 ± 0.2 . Thus, we find that 30% of the total narrow $H\alpha$ flux is in an east-west extended component, corresponding to the $2''$ arc in the Keck K -band image. For small apertures, the $[N II]\lambda 6583/H\alpha_{\text{narrow}}$ line ratio is consistent with a classical photoionized NLR. In the east-west wings that undiluted ratio is ≤ 0.5 and resembles that of an HII region galaxy ($[N II]\lambda 6583/H\alpha=0.2-0.5$, Osterbrock 1989, p. 346). We propose that this extended component is a starforming disk and may be associated with the zone of FIR continuum and submm CO emission. Although the S/N substantially decreases in the outer region, the main signature of the changing physical conditions, which is the change in $[N II]/H\alpha$ ratio, is a robust result. Even the fourth component ($H\alpha_{\text{broad}}$) is not critical at all for this conclusion; in fact just fitting three components without fixing the $[N II]\lambda 6583/[N II]\lambda 6548$ flux ratio would make the result even clearer because the $[N II]\lambda 6583/H\alpha_{\text{narrow}}$ line ratio would drop even more dramatically in the outer regions.

Energetics of F10214+4724: Contributions of AGN and Star Formation. From the observed broad- and narrow-line $H\alpha$ fluxes, estimates of their extinctions, and model gravitational lens magnifications, it is now possible to derive a first rough estimate of the luminosities of these two components. Lens models (Broadhurst & Lehar 1995; Eisenhardt et al. 1995) predict a magnification of 50–100 for the central ($0''.7$, intrinsic size

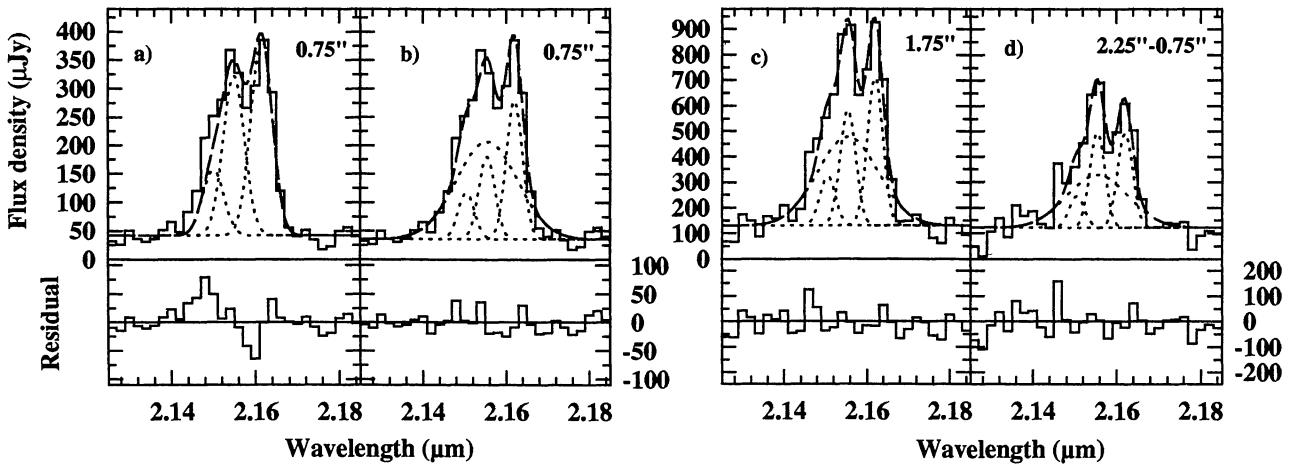


Fig. 2. Line fits to the $H\alpha$ + $[N\ II]\lambda\lambda\ 6548, 6583$ profile for different apertures: (a) : $0.75''$, three Gaussians; (b-d) : $0.75''$, $1.75''$, and Annulus ($2.25'' - 0.75''$), fitted by four Gaussians. Histogram represents the data, short-dashed lines the single Gaussian fits, and long-dashed line the sum. Lower plots are the residuals of the fits.

TABLE 1
DERIVED LUMINOSITIES OF VARIOUS COMPONENTS

Component	Observed Luminosity ^a	Extinction Correction	Magnification Factor	$L_{bol}/L_{H\alpha}$	L_{bol}
$H\alpha_{broad}$	16 ± 4	8	50–100	400–600 ^b	500–1500
$H\alpha_{narrow}$	5 ± 1	8	50–100	180 ^b	70–140
$H\alpha_{starformation}$	1.5 ± 0.5	10–100	5–10	200 ^c	300–6000

^aAll luminosities are in $10^9 L_{\odot}$.

^bNetzer 1990.

^ccase B recombination (e.g., Osterbrock 1989) and $L_{bol}/L_{Ly\alpha} = 8$.

$\sim 0.01''$ or 50 pc), bright component. For the more extended ($2''$, $0.4''$ or 2 kpc intrinsic), fainter arc visible on the Keck-image, the magnification is 5–10. This is probably also the size scale of the FIR continuum and CO emission region (Downes et al. 1995). In Table 1 we give an estimate of the BLR, NLR and starburst contributions to the $H\alpha$ flux. The visual extinction can be derived from the observed $H\alpha/H\beta$ ratio of 8.6 (Iwamuro et al. 1995). For an intrinsic ratio of 3.1 this results in $A_V = 2.9$ and an extinction correction of a factor of 8. For the circumnuclear region a mixed dust-gas model is more likely, leading to much larger values for A_V . The CO fluxes of Downes et al. (1995) convert to $A_V \geq 10^2$ in the circumnuclear star forming region and an extinction correction of at least 10 or even 10^2 . Finally, we estimated the $L_{H\alpha}$ to L_{bol} (case B recombination) for the star forming region, and for typical AGN NLR/BLR models (Netzer 1990) (see Table 1). While the details are still quite uncertain, the basic result is clear. Both a powerful AGN and a very luminous circumnuclear star formation region contribute to the total luminosity of F10214+4724. Thus, F10214+4724 has intrinsically similar characteristics as other luminous IRAS galaxies, although it is still one of the most luminous galaxies.

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